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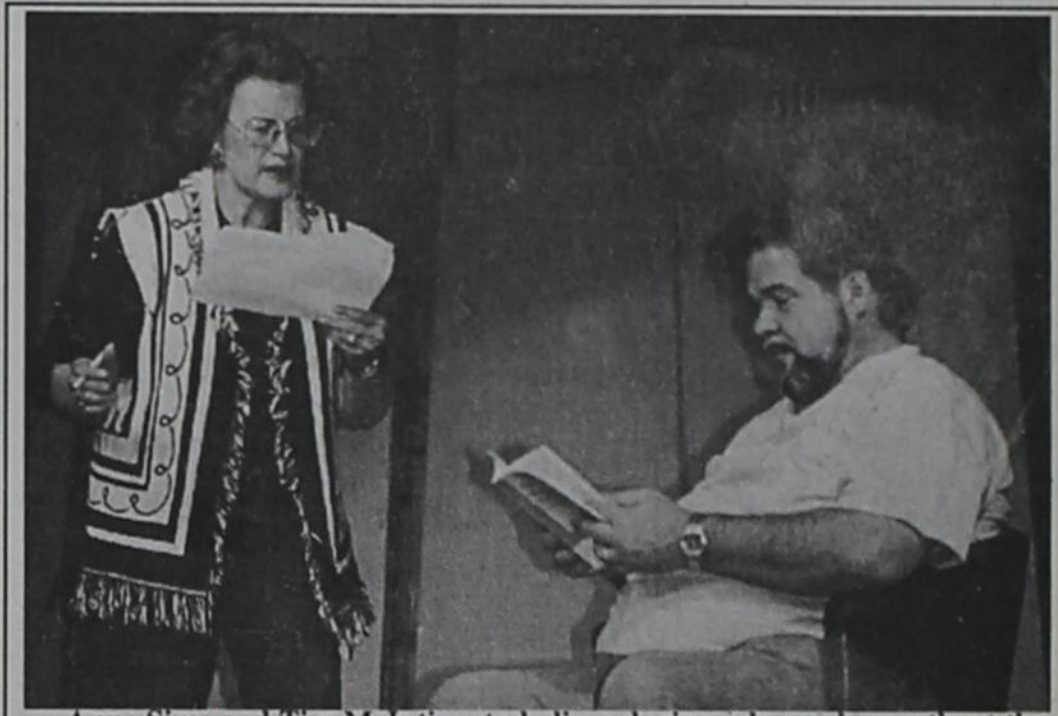
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'The Man Who Came to Dinner' opens Jan. 26 at Garza Theatre

The Garza Theatre kicks off the 1996 season with "The Man Who Came to Dinner," opening January 26 for a three weekend run. The Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman comedy is a C.A.T.S. production, directed by Ric Wells. Tim McIntire, Steve Sever and Laura "Mac" Bryan star in the show. Other cast members are Post favorites Anne Sims, Anna Wilson, Amber Conoly, Kenneth Shronk and Christy Morris. Tickets for the shows are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students ages six to 12. Tickets may be purchased at the box office Monday through Friday noon to 5 p.m. or on show nights, noon until curtain time. Reservations may be made by calling the box office at 495-4005. Special group rates are also available.



Anne Sims and Tim McIntire study lines during rehearsal recently at the Garza Theatre in preparation for the January 26 opening of "The Man Who Came to Dinner." (Photo by Christy Morris)

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1996 Stock Show opens today

116 4-H and FFA youth entered



Chris Metsgar tends to his hogs, getting ready for the swine show tonight at the 4-H barn. (Photo by Barbe Bevers)

by Wes Burnett
The 1996 Garza County Junior Livestock Show and Sale, which opens at 6:30 p.m. today with the swine show, is the culmination of months of preparation by 116 Garza County 4-H and FFA members. The young people, with help from parents and friends, are showing 30 steers, 162 hogs, 52 lambs and 13 rabbits. The swine show tonight will be judged by New Home Vo-Ag teacher Dale Shaftner. Tomorrow the sheep show begins at 6:30 p.m. with judging by Lynn County Extension Agent Bryan Reynolds. Jeff Howard of Sweetwater will judge the beef cattle show Saturday and Jennifer Beckman of Plains will judge the rabbit show. The rabbit show begins at 9 a.m., followed the highly popular steer show at 10 a.m.

The concession stand at the show barn, located just off U.S. Hwy 84 north of Post, will be hosted by the Garza County 4-H Thursday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. The Post FFA will operate the concession stand Friday and the Post Lions Club plays host at the snack bar Saturday before and after lunch. The Saturday lunch will be catered this year by L.D.'s Daughters, with \$5 per plate for the meal. Lunch will be served from noon until 1:30 p.m.

The annual sale, which is an important ingredient of the stock show, will begin at 2 p.m., following the awards presentations at 1:45 p.m. Syd Conner is serving as announcer again this year. GCJLA officers, who have devoted too many hours to count preparing the barn and helping youth, are president Steve Cooper, vice president Milton Williams, recording secretary Royce Hart, corresponding secretary Diane Graves; superintendents Ronnie Dunn, swine; Rusty Morris, sheep; Junior Stelzer, rabbits and Milton Williams, beef cattle.

Council hears committee report on sales tax increase plan

by Wes Burnett
Members of the Mayor's quality of life committee met with the Post City Council Tuesday evening, presenting the committee's report for consideration by the council. No action was taken at the "work session," which was called for the sole purpose of hearing the committee's report. Mayor Jim Jackson introduced committee chairman Lewis Earl, who briefed the council on the purpose of the committee and how the one-half cent sales tax funds could be spent for economic development. He then introduced subcommittee chairmen Pat Walker, Marita Jackson, Jim Plummer and JoAnn Mock. Walker gave a brief history of previous attempts at economic development in Post, beginning with a 1960s effort called the Post Industrial Foundation, which collected more than \$180,000 in private funds, resulting with no additional industry. Walker said that experience led to a review of the city's assets by an expert from the state, who surveyed Post and criticized the city's

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Trey Conner scrubs his hog in preparation for the 32nd annual GCJLA Livestock Show and Sale, starting today. (Photo by Barbe Bevers)



Brooks Conner brushes his steer during pre-stock show work at the 4-H barn this week. (Photo by Barbe Bevers)

'Jury' trial teaches Nolan County man lesson about equity courts

by Wesley W. Burnett
Roger Tinnin of Nolan County, a man whom I believe is strong on principles and Constitutionally well informed, has paid an \$88 fine in Justice of the Peace Precinct 1&2 court following a jury trial, in which he was found guilty of violating Transportation Code 545.413.

If you are not familiar with this portion of Texas legalese, you might know it better as the "seat belt law."

It seems Tinnin discovered the difference between common law and equity courts, and it "was a valuable lesson," he says, "even though it cost me \$88 plus time and travel." It all started on December 13 when Tinnin was driving north of Post on U.S. Hwy 84, on his way to visit customers in Lubbock. Between Post and Southland, Tinnin stopped in response to the flashing red lights on top of Texas DPS trooper Chris Wischkaemper's patrol car. Wischkaemper ticketed Tinnin for not wearing a seat belt. According to Tinnin, the highway patrolman was traveling southbound (in the opposite lane) and spotted Tinnin going northbound. "I'll say one thing," Tinnin comments, "you have to respect his keen eye to have been able to spot me across the median without a seat belt."

After going through the routine of computer checks to see if there were any outstanding warrants, Wischkaemper issued the citation and Tinnin was on his way to complete his sales calls.

Measured options, pled not guilty
On December 15 Tinnin stopped in Post to visit Justice of the Peace Sheila Melton about the incident.

"When I first met with Judge Melton," he says, "we discussed my various options that I could do on the ticket. That was when I decided to challenge the citation and the fine Judge Melton wanted me to pay. I asked for a jury trial. She said that the trial might be in early January, due to the impending retirement of the county attorney, but she would let me know."

"Then I stopped by The Post Dispatch, delivering a letter to the editor. I guess that may have been the reason that the trial was moved up to December 27. Judge Melton had called me on December 18 to tell me about the trial date. I called back to ask for a continuance, and her secretary said she didn't think that would be a problem. I needed a continuance because we were leaving on a family Christmas trip December 19 and would not return until December 25, giving me only one day to prepare for the trial. On Tuesday, December 19 Judge Melton called to inform me that she would not grant a continuance."

"I got a note later, dated December 21, which said that the fine would be \$62 including court costs, but that the county attorney would recommend to the jury a maximum fine plus court costs if the jury found me guilty. She said she had mailed jury cards notifying potential jurors of the December 27, 2 p.m. trial date."

"On the day of the trial I showed up for court, got there a little early, and wasn't sure what I was supposed to do. The jury was there, they were brought in for selecting the jury panel. There were, I think, 21 people who were in the jury pool. I was seated at the front table and was introduced to county attorney Preston Poole. We began to discuss the procedures and he explained some of the protocol to me. He was friendly and cordial."

"I told him what I wanted to do and what my plan of action was, to give the jury a copy of an article from The Post Dispatch about trial by jury. I wanted the jury to know that they could judge my actions as well judge the law. I also had some statistics that I had gleaned from the 1995 World Almanac, with rates of death for various causes. I was going to compare and extend the seat belt law to the extreme, like comparing it to the situation with health hazards. I gave the example of the high rate of death due to heart attacks, brought on by excessive consumption of cholesterol."

Not allowed to inform jury
"Mr Poole told me he would not allow me to do that, because it didn't have anything to do with the case. He said he would ask the jury during the selection process whether or not they agreed or disagreed with the seat belt law, and if they disagreed, he would strike them from the jury panel."

"That's when I told Mr Poole that if only the people who agree with the law are chosen to serve on the panel, then it nothing more than a kangaroo court. Well, he got really upset, turned red in the face, and told me that he would have me held in contempt of court. So I apologized and emphasized that I did not mean to offend him or the court, I was just trying to voice my opinion that

if you don't get any dissenting opinions from the juror about the law, then basically the jury is stacked against the defendant."

"The trial began and Mr Poole addressed the jurors, telling them who he was and that he had been county attorney for 30 years and this would be his last case. His presentation lasted about 15 minutes. He told them about some of the rules they would have to go by and them to answer yes or no as to whether or not they agreed or disagreed with the seat belt law. There were about three people in the first 12 that answered yes and they were scratched. "Then I was allowed to speak and I told them that I was restricted from giving them a copy of the article, but that didn't mean that I couldn't read it... so I began reading the article which was written by Lysander Spooner in 1852. Before I got past the first paragraph, Mr Poole jumped up and interrupted me, telling the jury that he had talked to the publisher about that, and there was a difference of opinion. Poole said it would be the same as putting drunks on a DWI case. I was told that I could not continue with that reading."

Decided not to testify

"My part of the jury selection went rather quickly after that and we went directly to trial. I had been told before the trial began that if I wanted to testify, I would have to ask myself questions and then answer them, and then

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Local man arrested for robbery of Allsup's

By Becky Warren
On Thursday night, at approximately 11:50 p.m., Garza County Sheriff's office received a call that a robbery had taken place at Allsup's located on Highway 84 North.

According to the clerk, Steve Farris, a man entered the store wearing a stocking over his face. The subject then threatened the clerk and demanded money. After giving the man the money he left the store and drove off in a white Camaro with a hood scoop. The clerk gave a vehicle and physical description to Deputy Randy Johnston.

The sheriff's office released the information to the surrounding towns. Approximately 40 minutes later they received a call from Slaton stated that they had the car stopped on Highway 84 North.

The subject, 26 year old Augustine Soto, was identified through a photo lineup.

Upon receiving information from Slaton Garza County Sheriff Kenny Ratke along with Deputy Clint Schoonover and Reserve Deputy Bobby Dean went to Slaton to bring Soto back to Post.

At approximately 9:30 - 10 a.m. on the morning of January 12, the District Attorney agreed to take the case and a warrant was issued against Soto for robbery.

Soto is still being held in Garza County jail on felony robbery and bond has been set at \$250,000.

Sheriff Ratke advised that a second subject, who has not been identified, is still at large.

Approximately \$300 was taken with only a partial recovery.

On January 10, a 24 year old male was arrested on a warrant. He was released after paying \$133.50 in fines.

On January 11, a 31 year old male was arrested on a DWI charge. He is still being held.

On January 12, a 45 year old female was arrested for parole violation. She is being held for Lynn County. A 21 year old female was arrested for DPS warrants. She was released after laying and paying her fines. Also a 42 year old male was arrested for DWI commitment. He was released after he laid out his fine.

On January 13 at 35 year old male was arrested for DWI (2nd offense). He was released on a \$2,500 bond.

On January 14 a 28 year old male was arrested for PI. He was released after paying \$230 fine.

On January 15 a 32 year old male was arrested on a warrant. He is still being held.

Post Notes

Liberty Forum meets January 25

This month's Liberty Forum, hosted by the Garza County Libertarian Party, will be held Thursday, January 25 at the Hotel Garza, beginning at 7 p.m. Topics for discussion include the party platform, libertarian principles and Constitutional issues. For additional information call 495-3884.

Recycle center open Wednesdays

Remember to recycle by taking computer paper, newspapers, tin cans, and aluminum cans to the recycle center on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

New date for singing at Trailblazers

The monthly singing at the Senior Citizens has been moved to the third Thursday of each month. Come join us the 18th for an enjoyable evening, of good singing and fellowship. Public is invited.

TDH clinic operated by TTUHSC

As of October 1, 1995, the Texas Department of Health transferred operation of their Post clinic to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center who will manage the clinic under a contract with the Department. The clinic's office will remain in the same location and many of the same health care staff have been retained by Texas Tech. For more information, please call the clinic at (806) 495-3586.

Mental Health Group to meet Jan. 25

The family support group sponsored by Garza County Mental Health Center will meet again on Thursday, January 25th from 5:15 to 6 p.m. at the Mill Conference Room, Postmill, East 7th and Ave. C. The H. Stephen Glenn video: "Empowering Others" will be viewed. This is an excellent video for parents. For more information, call Sheri Cannon at 495-2813.

Meeting for Little Dribblers

There will be an organizational meeting of the Post Girls Little Dribbler's organization January 25th at 7 p.m. in Norwest Bank's Community Room. There has been some interest in trying to organize a boys group as well. All interested parties are invited to attend. Your input is necessary.

Old Mill Trade Days weekend Feb. 2-4

The next Old Mill Trade Days weekend will be February 2-4. Gates open Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 9 a.m. and the park closes at 6 p.m. For additional information call 495-3529.

Harold Gordon to be honored

Harold Gordon will be honored on January 31, 1996 from 2-4:30 p.m. in the Regional Supply Center located at 709 South Broadway on the occasion of his retirement from the Texas Department of Transportation. All friends and family members are urged to attend.

Drawing set for February 14th

We are selling tickets at the Garza County Trail Blazers on a beautiful afghan made by Mrs Runkles, and donated to the center. The drawing is set for February 14th. This would make someone a beautiful Valentine gift. Tickets are \$1 each.

Primary election candidate directory

Democratic and Republican party candidates for the March 12 primary election will have the opportunity to post their names in a candidate directory to be published in The Post Dispatch beginning February 1. The directory will list each office on the ballot with names of candidates by political party. The directory will be published weekly through March 7 at a cost of \$5 per name per week. Payment in advance is required.

Rotary Club hosts "chili supper" Feb. 23

The annual Rotary Club "chili supper" will be held February 23 at the school cafeteria, featuring "all you can eat" chili with cornbread, onions, drink and desert. Tickets are \$3 for children and \$4 for adults and the supper will be served from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Contact any Rotarian for tickets or additional information.

Woman's Culture Club to meet

The Woman's Culture Club will meet Wednesday, January 24, at 2 p.m., in the Woman's Clubhouse. Hostesses are Dorace Wilson and Katharine Trammell.

David Cisneros receives promotion

David M. Cisneros has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of Master Sergeant. He is the son of Mike and Delores Cisneros of Post. David is a 1976 graduate of San Jacinto Community College High School in Houston.

Cisneros is a communications-computer planning and implementation chief at McClellan Air Force Base, Calif.

Up and Down Main Street

by Wanda Mitchell, Post Chamber of Commerce

Stock Show Time! Great fun and a lot of work for the kids participating. It is always so much fun to go out and watch the kids getting their animals ready to show and to see the Daddy's running around helping and giving orders. I don't mean that Mother's aren't involved, too. They get all the errand running and are the getters for they have to go get everything from oil to clean pants and shirts.



It is really a family affair and this is one reason it is so good. Another reason to go is because of the wonderful snacks at the concession stand.

This year a different group will run it each night so there should be a big variety of food and something to please everyone. L.D.'s Daughters are catering the meal for the sale on Saturday. That should bring out a lot of people because we all know it will be great.

Sounds like I just want to go and eat. That isn't true. My own children started showing here years ago and now I am watching my grandchildren do the same. Anytime grandchildren are doing something, it brings out the whole family. Good luck to all the exhibitors.

The Tower Theatre is hosting a show for the children and adults as well on Monday, January 22nd. Cavalcade of Cartoon Stars starts at 6:30 p.m. and features among other things the Mighty Power Rangers. It should be a fun show for all the kids so come out and enjoy it.

Have you called any of the big companies lately that have the automatic answering machine that says, "Hello, this is Timbuckto, if you want to talk to customer service, press 1, if you want to place an order, press 2, if you want to return merchandise, press 3, if you want the manager of Dept. 1, press 4, if you want the manager of Dept 2, press 5, if you want to speak to personnel, press 6, if you want to ask about a claim, press 7, if you want accounts payable, press 8, if you want accounts receivable, press 9, if you have the wrong number, press 10 and hang up. Now is this aggravating or want?

By the time they get through the list of categories, you have forgotten what to press or if you are like me, you have forgotten why you called in the first place. What happened to the personal operator that wants to help you find whomever you need and if you don't know, she can usually tell you?

I want to jerk the telephone out of the wall when I get one of these long winded monologues. I want to talk to a real human when I call for information, not a robot.

But I guess in this age of technology, we might as well get used to it. I know now why my mother thought she was too old for microwaves.

Be sure to make the Stock Show especially the sale on Saturday, support the basketball teams, and don't forget the show at the Tower Monday evening and above all don't forget to... Take Pride and Take Part in Post!!!

Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

Children and tantrums - understanding and coping

You are in the grocery store check-out line. Your normally good-natured toddler asks for a candy bar. You remind your child that you will be eating dinner when you get home.



Suddenly, your child falls on the floor and starts crying. You and everyone else in the store are witnessing your child throwing a tantrum. A case of the "terrible twos?" Perhaps.

About 20% of all 2 and 3 year olds throw two or more tantrums each day. The number tapers off to about 10% by age four.

Are tantrums signs of a bad child or bad parent? No, tantrums are simply a normal child behavior related to a lack of skill in handling frustrations. Children become frustrated when their needs for independence and freedom are limited by their abilities, size, strength, or lack of personal control. As a parent or care-giver, it helps to understand some of the reasons that tantrums may occur.

Frustrations build up causing a need to be released. Help your toddler avoid a temper release through a tantrum by silently giving a helping hand when the toddler shows signs of failure. Don't take over the activity, simply give the child "just enough" help to succeed.

Control-too much or too little can lead to a tantrum. Setting limits for a child help them to understand what is expected and the parent or care-giver has to say "no" less often.

Tantrums may be a sign that a child needs to feel important or needs attention. The child may not be able to express his or her need verbally.

Tantrums are sometimes brought on by hunger, tiredness, boredom or excitement. Regular routines help avoid tantrums. Keeping snacks on hand (in the car) can help make the trip from day care to home easier, especially if it involves running errands.

Advise and counsel him; if he does not listen, let adversity teach him.

—Japanese Proverb

Sometimes health or developmental problems may cause children to have tantrums. If you suspect a problem, check with your child's doctor.

Recognize that a parent's problems with work, divorce, illness, finances, etc. can become a problem for children.

Understand the age and maturity of the child. Children need to learn skills for recognizing and dealing with their emotions.

Be a role model. Children learn the most from their observations of adults.

Head off tantrums by distracting the child. Suggest alternative activities or choices.

Don't give in but look for "win-win" situations. Giving in encourages other tantrums.

Stay calm. Don't raise your voice. Keep your child safe. Don't let them hurt themselves or damage property.

Don't try to reason with a tantrum or try to argue with one. A screaming child is not in the position to listen to logical choices.

If the tantrum happens in public, pick the child up and carry them outside, to the car or to a rest room. The goal is to get somewhere reasonably quiet and private. Talk to your child softly as you leave. This allows you to exit and may even calm the child down. Keep the child safe and avoid public activity until the tantrum is over.

Unless there is some special stress, ignoring the tantrum may be the best alternative.

After the tantrum, don't scold or punish children. Remember, this is normal. Reassure your children that they are loved. Reason and consistency are important and children need to know that a tantrum is not a workable strategy for dealing with frustration and anger.

Harper brothers file in Republican primary

Garza County Republican chairman Carolyn Chapman has reported that Mike Harper filed as a candidate for the Republican primary election for sheriff, and his brother John B. Harper has filed as a candidate for Constable, Precinct 3 and 4. The primary will be held March 12, 1996.

Births



Trent Nettles

Douglas Trent Nettles

Scott and Golden Nettles of Amarillo are proud to announce the birth of their son, Douglas Trent, born December 7, 1995 at Northwest Hospital in Amarillo.

Trent weighed 6 lbs. 12 ozs. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandmother is Eydie Capps of Post.

Maternal great grandmother is Inez Capps of Post.

Zachary Kelly Bush

Krishna Bush is proud to announce the birth of her son, Zachary Kelly, born January 3, 1996 at 11:15 p.m. at Methodist Hospital in Levelland.

Zachary weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Ricky and Judy Bush of Post.

Maternal great grandparents are Fannie Ballentine and Lucille Bush both of Post.



Wendy Teague

Wendy Teague graduates from UTPB

Wendy Michelle Teague graduated December 16, 1995 from the University of Texas Permian Basin in Odessa.

She received a B.A. in Speech and a minor in Theatre with a grade point average of 3.52.

Wendy is a 1990 graduate of Southland High School. She is the 23 year old daughter of Chris and JoAnn Stelzer of Post and Cecil and Jean Davenport of Tyler.

Kim Reiter named to Dean's List

Kimberly Reiter has been named to Sul Ross State University's Dean's Honor List for the fall semester 1995 with a grade point average of 3.333.

Criteria for selection include enrolling as an undergraduate for at least twelve semester hours and achieving a grade point average of at least 3.30 during the semester.

Kim is the daughter of Chris and Glenna Reiter of Post and a former graduate of Post High School.



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Trevah Bush honored with wedding shower

A wedding shower honoring Trevah Bush, bride-elect of Daniel Yarbro, was held Saturday morning in the home of Mrs. Jennie Cowdrey.

Receiving guests were the honoree, her mother, Judy Bush, Jennie Cowdrey and Dorothy McCook. Special guests were the brides' grandmothers, Lucille Bush and Vada McCampbell.

Approximately 70 guests were registered by Nancy Morris. The register table featured a Precious Moments bride and groom. Serving at the refreshment table were Amanda Bush, cousin of the bride, and Traci Bush and Salli Bush, sisters of the bride.

The refreshment table was covered with a teal cloth with white lace runners and centered with an arrangement of fresh purple Liatris. Purple napkins with the couples' names in silver were used with silver and crystal appointments. Assorted muffins, breads, sausage balls, spice tea and coffee were served.

Hostesses for the event were Rebecca Haney, Cerretha Rose, Jean Morris, Jamie Cooper, Joyce Tatum, Eydie Capps, Janey Middleton, Sherry Dorner, Sherry Jones, Bessie Strawn, Jane Mason, Theona Josey, Nancy Kemp, Doll Haire, Ruby Jones, Willa Didway, Cindy Johnson, McCook and Cowdrey.



Lorene Voyles celebrated her 89th birthday January 15 with family members in the home of her daughter and son-in-law Pat and Wes Burnett. She was joined Sunday with a birthday cake by three of her great grandchildren, (left to right) Alyssa and Callee Dolberry of Lubbock and Morgan Weaver of Hobbs, N.M. Also visiting for Mrs. Voyles' birthday were her son and daughter-in-law Rex and Johnie Voyles of Hobbs, grandson Don Voyles and his wife Veda of New Deal, grandson Tim Burnett of Denton, granddaughter Kimberly Dolberry and daughter Whitney of Lubbock and great granddaughter Dawn Quisenberry, her husband David and their son Nathan of Amarillo. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Irene Fry announces candidacy



Irene Fry

Irene Fry has announced her candidacy for the Democratic Party March 12th primary election for the Garza County Tax Assessor/Collector.

Irene is a lifetime resident of Post and is the daughter of Herbert and Lois Walls. She is married to Arnold Fry and has one son, Jayson, who is a senior at Post High School.

Irene has worked in the Garza Central Appraisal District since January, 1991 where she works in the areas of appraisal and collections.

She has attended schools and is working toward her Registered Tax Collector Certification with the State Board of Tax Professional Examiners.

Irene has served 4 years on the Post City Council. She has training in Friends in Crisis for community service.



Freda Harper

Freda Harper announces candidacy

Freda Harper has announced her filing for the office of Constable Pct. 1 and 2 in the Democratic Party primary election.

Freda was born and raised in Post, the daughter of James and Dora Halford. She is a 1974 graduate of Post High School and is married to Mike Harper. They have two children, Kenneth Schronk, age 18, (a 1995 graduate of PHS and now a student at Texas Tech) and Kyzandre Harper, age 11 (attending Post Elementary).

Freda is a Texas Licensed Jailer and Certified Reserve Peace Officer and served as a correction officer for the Garza County Sheriff's Office and as a reserve peace officer for the Tahoka Police Department.

Mrs. Harper has enrolled at Wayland Baptist University obtaining her Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

"I believe the office of Constable is a very important position that can be utilized in diversified ways to serve the people of Garza County. Possibly implementing a youth program to educate our youth against drugs and crime as well as getting tough with the repeat offenders. If elected I pledge to work very hard to earn the respect and support of the citizens of Garza County," Freda stated.



Melvin Britton

Britton files

Melvin Britton has announced that he has filed his candidacy for the position of sheriff.

Britton has lived in Garza County for 42 years. His wife, Barbara, was born and raised in Post.

He graduated from Post High School and has two children who also graduated from Post High School.

Britton is a certified peace officer with six and a half years experience. He has also been in the Army reserves for 23 years and holds the rank of a Sgt. First Class.

"Having lived here, I believe I know what the people of Garza County want in a sheriff's department and I believe I can give them what they want," said Britton.

"If I am elected, I will be a 24-hour working sheriff. My door will always be open and my telephone number listed. My goal is to be a multi-term sheriff, not a one term sheriff. I can only achieve this goal by working for and listening to the public. I ask for your support come election day," states Britton.

Council hears committee report

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quality of life... specifically pointing to the south lake and calling it a "cesspool."

Walker emphasized the need for social programs to benefit "all the people," and said the committee's plan fits "our democratic government... and call it socialism if you like... through the collective will of the people."

Mrs. Jackson outlined plans for developing youth related activities, including the concept of a community garden project. The project would take an initial investment of \$20,000 and an annual maintenance cost of \$10,000. She also explained several volunteer projects for youth, including one already underway which encourages young people to volunteer time with the elderly.

Plummer, president of the Post Chamber of Commerce, presented the views of the business community, which overwhelmingly favors an economic development plan that uses the one-half cent sales tax increase for specific expansion of new businesses to create jobs or for reduction of property taxes. "Business retention is a big factor," Plummer emphasized.

Mock outlined accomplishments of the Caprock Cultural Association (CCA) and the importance of art and culture, not only for quality of life, but for economic vitality. She announced that Post will be included in a new book of the top 100 best little art towns in the U.S.

Council members expressed appreciation to the committee for its work, and Mayor Jackson announced plans to include the one-half cent sales tax proposals on the agenda for the February 6 regular meeting.

Attending the meeting were Mayor Jackson, council members Bill Pool, Juanita Pantoja, Archie Gill and Dan Lamb, city manager Rick Hanna and city clerk Mary Neff.

'Was anyone endangered?'

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I would also have to answer the prosecuting attorney on cross-examination. I had not prepared to ask myself questions, and did not know how to go about doing that, so I decided to not take the stand on my own behalf. I later discovered that my decision not to testify was a factor in the jury's decision to find me guilty.

"After the jury was impaneled, Texas DPS trooper Chris Wischkaemper was called to the stand by the prosecuting attorney. The trooper answered yes to all the questions put to him by Mr. Poole, essentially going through the complaint form step by step... was the defendant driving a passenger vehicle, was he wearing a seat belt, is the defendant over 15 years old, was the violation on a Texas roadway... etc. The witness verified that I was driving northbound and the officer was driving southbound.

"When it came my turn to cross-examine the trooper, I presented the questions I had prepared, including establishing his name and personal information. I asked him if he knew how the seat belt law came to be, and he said the legislature voted it in. I asked him if he voted for it and he said no, and no to the question did he know anyone who voted for it or were even contacted by any legislator about it. He agreed with me when I asked if he understood that the rule was forced on the people by the federal government threatening to withhold highway funds.

"I then asked the trooper if he knew why we had this seat belt law. He said the law was to save lives and that it saves money. I then pointed out to him that the number one killer in America is cardiovascular disease, or heart attacks. I also asked if he was aware that there are 22 times as many people die from heart attacks as do those in vehicle accidents... he said he could believe that.

Objection your honor, objection sustained

"Just then Mr. Poole objected, saying that I was asking the officer medical questions, for which he had no expertise. I told the judge that I was not asking medical questions, but seeking the opinion of the witness about statistics. She said it didn't matter, that I could not continue with that line of questioning.

"I then asked a series of questions relating the day of the accident: (1) Did you notice anything suspicious about my truck? He said no. Was I speeding? He answered no. Was I driving dangerously? He repeated, no. Were there any warrants out for my arrest? He again said no. Then I asked him he had seen his mom and dad on a drive down from Lubbock to Post and they weren't wearing their seat belts, would he have written them a ticket? He said he couldn't answer that question.

"My last question to the trooper meant to settle the issue of intrusion into people's private lives... I asked him, would you be willing to accept a government agency or a person who works for the government to come into your house and write you a citation if you weren't eating the right kinds of food or eating foods that might cause you some day to have a heart attack? He never answered the question, Mr. Poole objected and the judge upheld the objection.

Closing arguments... more of the same

"Mr. Poole told the jury that he had proved all the points in the complaint and then I was allowed my summation. I reminded the jury that more people are killed by heart attacks every year than are by motor vehicle accidents. But before I could get out the point that we don't allow the government to order us to eat the right foods, Poole interrupted me again. He informed the jury that it was not their ability to judge the law, that they were not on the jury to judge the law. Then he used the drunk on a DWI case again. After his five minute interruption, I completed my summation.

"I reminded the jury that I was not speeding, I wasn't endangering anyone else's life, there was no one on the highway who was endangered by my driving. I broke no law that day, and that was the end of my statement.

"The jury returned in about 15 minutes, asking the judge what was the maximum fine and then came back and announced their finding that I was guilty. The judge fined me \$88.

"After it was over, Mr. Poole told me he hoped that I had learned a lesson from this... he was nice, but I don't think he understood the impact of this lesson. I learned something, that's for sure, and what I learned is not to expect Constitutional guarantees of a fair and impartial trial in a court of equity."

Deputy was unhappy with letter

An interesting side note to this trial was Tennen's recollection of comments made by the deputy escorting the jury in and out of the courtroom. "He told me that he did not appreciate the letter to the editor I wrote, and was angry at the publisher for printing it. Later, while the jury was deliberating, he made a little joke with the judge about how the 20 people who died over the Christmas holidays would have wished that the trooper had stopped them and gave them a ticket."

"I paid my fine, but I still don't feel it is right for the law to pull people over and issue tickets for not wearing seat belts. It's also not right to issue tickets for not wearing helmets or for not having life jackets in boats. I know they are trying to save lives, but to fine people for not doing those things is basically an attack on our Constitutional rights to privacy and it's none of the government's business if people choose not to follow these silly rules."

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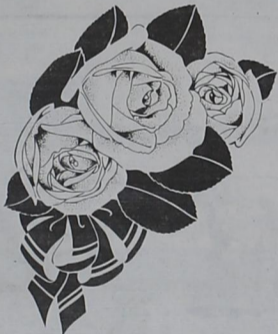
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Opinions



What we don't know about the budget battle

by Stephen Chapman

With \$1.6 trillion at stake, the federal budget is perfectly designed to foment bitter disagreement among the American people. That explains the ongoing standoff between President Clinton and congressional Republicans, who have deep policy differences that may never be resolved.

Despite all the quarreling, there are some basic propositions on which most people seem to agree. Unfortunately, they are all badly mistaken. Impeding our understanding of the budget battle are three popular myths:

The plans to balance the budget will finally restore fiscal discipline. Actually, experts say that if the budget is balanced in 2002, it will quickly go into deficit once again. "We talk a great deal about balancing the budget by 2002, but nary a word about how to keep it in balance," says economist Michael Boskin, who chaired the Council of Economic Advisers under President Bush. "We'll need a huge tax increase to pay for Medicare after 2002."

The problem is that entitlement spending, the real source of our current budget gap, will continue to grow faster than our ability to pay for it. Susan Tanaka, vice president of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget in Washington, says that such expenditures on the elderly, currently 35 percent of the budget, would rise to at least 40 percent under the Clinton plan and 42 percent under the Republican plan. The Medicare cuts they envision are too small to head off the next budget crunch.

None of the blueprints deals with an entitlement system that is out of control. A presidential commission reported in 1994 that at the rate we are going, entitlements and interest payments will consume every nickel of federal revenue — leaving nothing for defense, national parks, highways, Head Start or anything else. The competing budget plans put off all the hardest decisions until the next century.

The fight is no longer about whether to balance the budget; it's about how. Since 1982, presidents and Congresses have reached five different agreements to balance the budget. None has achieved that goal, and no deal struck now will achieve it either.

The perennial pitfall lies in the spending and revenue estimates used to map out future budgets, which often turn out to be far rosier



than reality. This time, relying on projections made by the Congressional Budget Office, both sides assume we won't have a recession anytime in the next six years — even though we are nearly five years into the current economic expansion. Since the end of World War II, no expansion has lasted as long as nine years; the average is three.

The Rockies may not crumble and Gibraltar may not tumble, but sometime between now and 2002, the economy will stall. When it does, spending will rise, revenues will fall, the chance to balance the budget will vanish over the horizon — and the politicians will say it isn't their fault. It is.

The Republicans are mounting a major attack on spending. Liberals think this is catastrophic and conservatives think it is wonderful, but both are misinformed. Last spring, House Budget Committee chairman John Kasich of Ohio unveiled an ambitious proposal to reduce federal expenditures. It called for eliminating more than 300 programs and three Cabinet departments — Energy, Education and Commerce. Those departments survived. Most of Kasich's plan didn't.

Kasich wanted to abolish programs. He realized that cutting them is like mowing dandelions: They just grow back. The only way to reduce federal spending for good is to pull them out by the roots.

But most of his GOP colleagues, particularly in the Senate, were not so bold. They decided it's politically easier to trim a program than to kill it. Under Congress' plan, only a handful of programs would get the guillotine they deserve. One GOP target after another endures: the National Endowment for the Arts, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Amtrak, the Legal Services Corp., the Small Business Administration and more. (Forget the Defense Department, where Republicans never even tried to cut spending.)

This is the Republican Revolution? So far, it looks like nothing more than a bargain-basement Great Society.

All three myths contribute to a still greater misperception — that our leaders have finally discarded the habits that produced 25 years of growing expenditures and chronic red ink. Those habits are alive and well.

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White people are divine...

by Walter E. Williams

You've really got to hand it to white people, particularly white men. Ask any race expert why blacks, as a group, earn less income than white people. Five will get you 10, the answer will be racism. Given black history and the everlasting "legacy of slavery," racism is a plausible answer. But racism doesn't affect all blacks the same way. The fact that white people exempt some blacks from the burdens of racism and do it in ingenious ways, leads me to the conclusion that they have divine powers. "Williams," you say, "we proudly accept your divinity conclusion, but how do you reach it?"

According to one study, as far back as 1969, black males who grew up in homes where there were magazines, books and library cards had incomes identical to whites from similar homes and education. The obvious conclusion is whites discriminate against blacks from homes without magazines, books and library cards. How they do it is a mystery to me. I haven't seen any white people at least not that many — peeking into the windows of black houses to see who had books, magazines and library cards.

Another study points out that in the 1970s, black husband-and-wife families outside the South earned as much as white husband-and-wife families outside the South. Then by 1981, black husband-and-wife families, in which both had a college degree, earned slightly more than identical white husband-and-wife families, and that was true nationwide. I can understand how God might know that a black man is married to white man with a college degree, but it's mind-boggling how white employers would have the same information.

Racism is a two-way street, and blacks are also guilty. You ask: What's the evidence? Race experts teach us that wherever there's disparity there's racism. Look at the announcement and photos of the starting lineup of any professional football or basketball game. It's so much of a tragedy that, cherishing equality of opportunity, I become ecstatic when a photo of a white player comes up on the screen. What else, other than racism, can explain how blacks, who are 13 percent of the population, are 66 percent of professional football players and 80 percent of basketball players? Some people might try genetic explanations like white men can't jump or black guys run like monkeys. I don't buy it; it's racism.

You never see Chinese or Japanese football and basketball players,



at least not in the starting lineups. Again, a disparity, and again, racism. Initially, one might think of it as an injustice, but it just as soon could be payback. Everybody knows that blacks have a higher infant mortality rate than whites, and it is caused by racism. It turns out that whites have a higher infant mortality rate than Chinese, Japanese or Filipinos. This can only be chalked up to some mysterious Far Eastern form of racism, particularly when coupled with the fact that Asians receive less prenatal care than whites. Another disparity is seen in the fact that the proportion of Asian American students who score over 700 on the math portion of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is double the number of whites.

There are many racially rooted disparities resulting from one form or another of group wonderfulness, but the most bothersome one to me is a sex disparity. Men are 50 percent of the population, and so are women, but men are struck by lightning six times as often as women. I want to know what whoever is in charge of lightning strikes has against men.

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Wisdom

"The jury has an 'unreviewable and irreversible power... to acquit in disregard of the instructions on the law given by the trial judge... The pages of history shine on instances of the jury's exercise of its prerogative to disregard uncontradicted evidence and instructions of the judge; for example, acquittals under the fugitive slave law."

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Preamble to Amendments

The conventions of a number of the States having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government, will best insure the beneficent ends of its institution.

ARTICLE XXIV

Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote in any primary or other election for President or Vice President, for electors for President or Vice President, or for Senator or Representative in Congress, shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State by reason of failure to pay any poll tax or other tax.

Section 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

"None of our rights ... are absolute."

by U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

I write in response to your December 28, 1995 editorial which criticizes my support for a constitutional amendment to ban desecration of the American flag. I respectfully — and emphatically — disagree with your view that flag desecration is purely a matter of freedom of expression.

You took particular exception to my statement that, "None of our rights, including our First Amendment rights, are absolute." The Supreme Court has long held that there are limitations on the First Amendment's guarantee of free speech. Absolute freedom of speech is demonstrably (sic) not what we have in the United States, nor what our Founding Fathers intended. Obviously, we have no right to cry "fire" in a crowded theater; such speech is not constitutionally protected because it has the potential to cause others harm, and government has a duty to prevent that. In a similar vein, no rational person would defend the tragic bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City as constitutionally-protected political expression — even if it had been empty.

The Supreme Court has recognized limitations on speech to children,

obscene speech, on commercial speech, and on speech that forms a criminal conspiracy, among others. Furthermore, limitations on constitutional rights are not confined to the right to free speech. The Constitution says that the right to bear arms shall not be infringed, but that doesn't mean we can carry a loaded pistol onto a commercial airplane. These are illustrations to back up my statement regarding "absolute rights," with which you so violently disagreed.

My view is that our constitutional right to free expression should not extend to flag desecration. Destroying the American flag is an act of violence that assaults our patriotic sensibilities and is a special outrage against the memory of those who have given their lives in our Nation's service.

Given the overwhelming support of the American people for constitutional protection of our flag, I believe it is appropriate for Congress to approve a constitutional flag protection amendment, and send it to the States for ratification.

I respect your right to have a point of view different from mine. However, labelling my position "near treason" strikes me as a peculiar way to go about arguing your notion of absolute, unlimited freedom of speech.

If we have no absolute rights... then we are doomed as a constitutional republic

by Wesley W. Burnett

It saddens me to read Senator Hutchison's pathetic rebuttle to my December 28 editorial, in which I pointed out that she fails to comprehend, or perhaps does comprehend and chooses to ignore, the importance of those unalienable rights specified by the Declaration of Independence and guaranteed by the Constitution for the United States.

In response to Senator Hutchison's recent letter, let me point out that she seems to misunderstand the thrust of my original editorial. It was not designed to stifle her freedom of speech concerning the proposed constitutional amendment to restrict that free speech when it comes to "desecrating the flag." The intent of my earlier comments was to point out that Senator Hutchison, by her own words, believes that "none of our rights, including our First Amendment rights, are absolute."

I must emphasize that her comment about how I so "violently" disagreed with her is not supported with fact. Anyone who knows me and knows how I behave, knows that I may be lots of things, but violent is not one of them.

Was I guilty of violence?

I re-read that editorial, and I could find no distinguishing words that met the definition of "violent." I trust the Senator is not implying that my words are examples of "criminal conspiracy."

Also, Senator Hutchison's use of the bombing in Oklahoma City as some sort of example of First Amendment right is not only foolish, it is downright irresponsible. It takes no Constitutional genius to recognize that violence against people or property are clear violations of the rights of the victims. That has absolutely nothing to do with the issue, and shame on her for dragging that destructive event into the discussion.

But, let's get back to the real issue that she attempts to avoid. I quote from the Declaration of Independence:

"We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed."

Notice the inclusiveness of this statement... "that among these are..." In other words, "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" are not the only absolute rights... they are merely among the rights to be guaranteed by the Constitution.

What are our absolute rights?

So, then, what are these absolute rights, the ones Senator Hutchison brushes aside with such ease by saying the government may place "limitations on constitutional rights."

Among them are **Life**... living, the act of living, the day-to-day sustenance of one's life, the ability to live, work, play and be who one wants to be... without interference from any government, as long as one does not violate the rights of another.

Among them are **Liberty**... do we need a definition of this? To be liberated, to be free to do as one chooses, to go and come and not to do as one chooses... to speak, and act and live without the interference of government or the use of force by anyone else. No restrictions may be placed on one's individual liberty... as long as one does not violate the rights of another.

Among them are **Pursuit of Happiness**... and for each person happiness has its own definition... for you it might mean the pursuit of a career, for me it might mean the pursuit of a hobby... for someone else it might mean the pursuit of religion... freedom to pursue one's own interests, without the interference of any government or force by anyone else... as long as one does not violate the rights of another.

Surely Senator Hutchison does not believe that any of these rights should or could be restricted? If so, then I continue to urge her resignation from office, for if she still believes that "none of our rights, including our First Amendment ones, are absolute," then she cannot possibly uphold the oath of office which she took to serve us as our senator.

For if she believes, as she has said in her letter, "that the right to bear arms shall not be infringed, but that doesn't mean we can carry a loaded pistol onto a commercial airplane," then she obviously is willing to violate her oath of office.

Is it right to keep and bear arms?

The act of carrying a weapon anywhere, even in church, is not a violation of anyone's Constitutional rights... the act of using that weapon against another except in self defense, that is a violation of Constitutional rights.

Senator Hutchison is caught up in that socialistic and fascist world of "prevention" of evil through government controlled edicts... none of which ever actually produce prevention, but do in fact create the illusion of prevention.

Examples of crazy people walking into crowded churches and other places, shooting and then killing themselves, is frequently in the news. Yet those people caught in the crossfire, who believed that no one would ever burst through the doors of a church, shooting innocent people, are either dead or survived to wonder why the law did not protect them from this violence.

False sense of security

Law does not protect anyone... nor does it prevent violations of Constitutional rights... it only gives "law-abiding" people a false sense of security. Meanwhile, had at least one of the members of the church congregation, or passenger in a hijacked airplane, had the courage to exercise his or her Constitution right to keep and bear arms, the murderer might have been cut short of hurting or killing others.

Fundamental rights, those specified in the Declaration of Independence and those guaranteed by the Constitution for the United States, including those in the first 10 amendments, may not be restricted nor limited. To do so violates the very basis and foundation of what was once a constitutional republic.

With political leadership as indifferent to our Constitution as is Senator Hutchison, our once proud Constitutional Republic is merely a shadowy figure lurking behind the ugly curtain of mass hysteria, commonly known as democracy... As my friend Norman McCoy of Amarillo said recently, "democracy is just like a lynching mob, the crowd roars for the hanging, and the minority gets strung up..." all in the name of "majority rule."

The senator talks about how most Americans want this or that... and justifies unconstitutional acts as somehow okay because it is the will of the people... and then calls infringement on our rights as legal, and quotes Supreme Court rulings to back her belief.

Does making it (il)legal make it right?

Well, I remind the senator that the Supreme Court held for more than 100 years that slavery was legal... but we all know that it wasn't right and it wasn't Constitutional... I won't take the space to list all the other "legal" absurdities which have been maintained over the years in the name of "democracy" and at the expense of the minority. Germans know what I mean... in the 1930s it was legal to murder people for their religious beliefs... but we know that it wasn't right.

A law may be legal, and something might be illegal in the eyes of a law, but neither of those conditions make the law right... the true test is the Supreme Law of the Land... and that is not the U.S. Supreme Court's idea of what is right or wrong... it is the Constitution itself... and it is clear, it is unequivocal and it is common sense. It is the common law of the land.

There is more, but for the sake of brevity, I urge readers to pick up a copy of both documents and read it with care. If you can't find a copy handy, call me or come by my office, I will be happy to share one with you.

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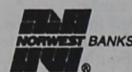
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Sports

Lopes fall to Rotan

by Becky Warren
The Post Lopes lost to Rotan on Tuesday, January 2 by a score of 43-65.
Scores by the quarter were 12-19, 8-9, 8-21 and 15-16.
Lead scorer for the game was Alvin Reed with 14 points. He was followed by Seth Pennell with eight, Jeremy Josey with six, Travis Hair with five, Todd Terry with four, Josh Grisham and Jake Loreda each with three and B.J. Hart with one.
Seagraves send Lopes on tidal ride
Seagraves seem to have sent the Post Lopes on a tidal ride on Friday, January 5, by a score of 73-47.
Scores by the quarter were 10-12, 4-24, 12-23 and 21-14.
Lead scorer for the game was Travis Hair with 18 points. He was followed by B.J. Hart and Alvin Reed each with 10, Seth Pennell with four, Jeremy Josey and Josh Grisham with two each and Jake Loreda with one.

JV Lady Lopes win over Crosbyton 38-23

by Becky Warren
The JV Lady Lopes won over Crosbyton on Friday, January 12th by a score of 38-23.
"The girls played well as a team. We only had 13 turnovers which was good for us. We are getting better with taking care of the ball. Also they are playing smarter making better choices. Also their defense is getting better. This is a solid team. We still need to work on our shooting percentage," said Coach Shana Matthews.
Lead scorer for the game was Becca Stelzer with 12 points. She was followed by Kendy Jefferson with 10 points, Pam Chapman and Kasey Hardin with six each and Jodi Gregory with four.
Others playing were Shanna Pennell, Jennifer Strawn, Rachel Reiter, Shelley Shifflett, Tammy Mathies and Torrie Foster.

JV boys win over Idalou 53-43

by Becky Warren
The JV boys won over Idalou January 9 by a score of 53-43.
The JV Lopes won the first quarter 14-6 but Idalou tried to make a come back in the second quarter outscoring the Lopes 13-12. But the Lopes came back in the third and fourth quarters to help cinch the win.
Lead scorer for the game was Jamie Hernandez with 21 points. Following him was Sam Woods and Russ Moore with 12 points each, Roy Perez, Jerry Graham, Freddy Pena and Anthony Gomez with two points each.
JV boys beat Crosbyton 36-26
On January 12 the JV boys won over Crosbyton 36-26.
The Lopes won the first two quarters 11-2 and 12-3 but then Crosbyton came back in the last two quarters 8-12 and 5-9 but not with enough steam to make a difference in the final score.
Lead scorer for the game was Jamie Hernandez with 13 points. He was followed by Russ Moore with 10, Anthony Gomez with five, Tye Haney with four and Jerry Graham and Sam Woods with two each.



Alvin Reed goes for two points for the Post Antelopes in action last week. (Photo by Terry Taylor)

Lopes lose two

by Becky Warren
The Lopes seem to have problems returning after the holiday break. They lost to Idalou 43-66 on January 9.
Lead scorer for the game was Travis Hair with 11 points. He was followed by Josh Grisham with 10, Alvin Reed with nine, Jeremy Josey with six, David Perez, B.J. Hart and Jay Childers with two each and Todd Terry with one.
On January 12 the Lopes lost to Crosbyton 58-63.
Lead scorer for the game was Josh Grisham with 16 points. He was followed by Alvin Reed with 14, Travis Hair and Jeremy Josey with seven each, David Perez with six, Todd Terry with four and B.J. Hart and Jerry Crawford with two each.

JV Lady Lopes slip by Idalou 33-27

by Becky Warren
The JV Lady Lopes barely slipped by Idalou on Tuesday, January 9 by a score of 33-27.
"This was not the girls best effort, but they still pulled it out. It was one of those games that nothing seemed to work. I was proud of their effort. It wasn't very pretty, but it will go in the win column. Rachele Jones did a good job on offense leading us with 15 points," said Coach Shana Matthews.
Scoring for Post behind Jones was Torrie Foster with eight points, Pam Chapman with six and Jennifer Strawn and Becca Stelzer each with two points.
Others playing were Shanna Pennell, Kasey Hardin, Rachel Reiter, Shelley Shifflett, Tammy Mathies and Jodi Gregory.

7th grade boys place third in tournament

by Becky Warren
The 7th grade boys placed third in the tournament January 11-13.
In the first game the boys barely slipped by Trinity by a score of 34-33.
"This was our first game after the holiday break and we didn't play very well, but we won with a team effort," said Coach Lane Tannehill.
Lead scorers for the game were Raul Ortiz and Clinton Curtis each with 11 points. They were followed by Tyrone Jefferson with seven, Ricky Halford and Jamie Collazo with two each and Aaron Cooper with one. Others playing were Kevin Hart, Eugene Bell, Brant Whisenhunt, Gabriel Silva, Ryan Wulfjen, Justin Norman, Stephen Montoya, Brooks Conner and Casey Short.
In game two the 7th grade boys lost to Plainview 18-49.
"We just didn't play very good. The only good thing that happened is that we kept after them and didn't give up," said Tannehill.

Lead scorer for the game was Clinton Curtis with six points. He was followed by Tyrone Jefferson with four, Ricky Halford with three, Jamie Collazo and Raul Ortiz with two each and Aaron Cooper with one. Others playing were Kevin Hart, Brant Whisenhunt, Gabriel Silva, Ryan Wulfjen, Justin Norman, Stephen Montoya and Brooks Conner.
In game three the Post team beat Lubbock Christian 30-18.
"We played much better in this game. We played hard and some shots fell that helped us win. LCHJ beat us the first game of the season, so this was a game in which we evened the series," said Tannehill.
Lead scorers for the game were Tyrone Jefferson and Raul Ortiz with 10 points each. They were followed by Ricky Halford and Clinton Curtis with four each and Stephen Montoya with two. Others playing were Kevin Hart, Brant Whisenhunt, Gabriel Silva, Aaron Cooper, Ryan Wulfjen, Jamie Collazo, Justin Norman and Brooks Conner.

7th grade girls win two out of three in Christ the King tournament

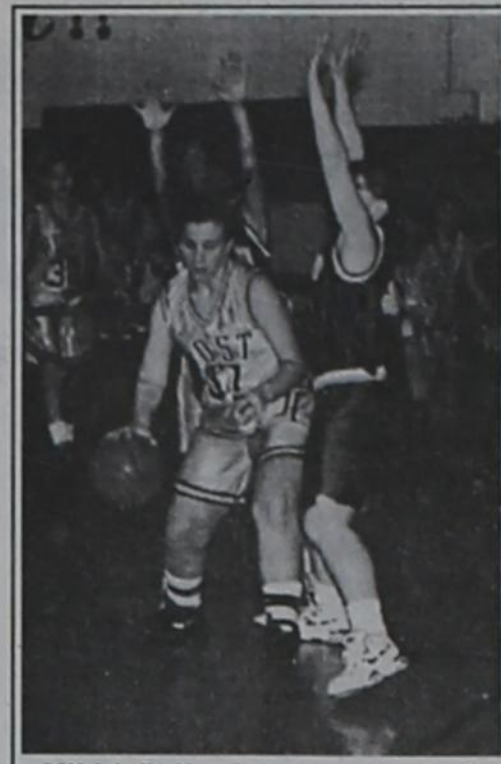
by Becky Warren
The 7th grade girls ran right past Plainview in the first game in the tournament 43-7 on Thursday, January 11.
"We were a little rusty coming off the Christmas break but we got much better as the game went on," said Coach Gordon.
Lead scorer for the game was Kenda Looney with 11 points. She was followed by Vondi Gradine with eight, Yvonne Lopez with seven, Davida Gregory and Brailey Feagin with six each, Mandy Terry and Jamie Dawson each with two and Kelsi Wimmer with one.
Others playing were Jenny Jones, Lindsey Rudd and Ashley Mason.
In the second game the girls beat All Saints on Saturday, January 13 by a score of 35-23.
"It was a good effort by everyone. These early morning games are tough," said Coach Gordon.
Lead scorer was Kenda Looney with 10 points. She was followed by Vondi Gradine and Jenny Jones, each with eight, Brailey Feagin with four, Davida Gregory and Jamie Dawson with two each and Yvonne Lopez with one.
Others playing were Kelsi Wimmer, Mandy Terry, Lindsey Rudd and Ashley Mason.
In game three played later on Saturday, January 13 the girls lost to Christ the King 23-28.

"The girls played really hard. I couldn't be prouder of them, they are a great bunch of young ladies," said Gordon.
Lead scorer for the game was Kenda Looney with nine points. She was followed by Jenny Jones with six, Ashley Mason with four, Vondi Gradine with three and Davida Gregory with one.
Others playing were Yvonne Lopez, Kelsi Wimmer, Brailey Feagin, Mandy Terry, Lindsey Rudd and Jamie Dawson.

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Nikki Pollard brings the ball around for the Lady Lopes in action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

8th grade boys play in All Saints Tournament

By Becky Warren
The 8th grade boys played in the All Saints Tournament December 7-9.
In the first game the boys won over Christ the King 42-36.
The scores for the periods were 7-6, 6-10, 13-8 and 16-10.
Lead scorer was Billy Crawford with 14 points. He was followed by Johnny Jefferson with 11 points, Raymond Jefferson and Luis Leos with seven points each and Braden Conner with three points.
In the second game the boys lost to Crosbyton 34-36.
Lead scorer was Luis Leos with 13 points. He was followed by Johnny Jefferson, Raymond Jefferson and Billy Crawford with six points each and Braden Conner with three points.
In the final game the boys lost to Lubbock Cooper 40-42.
Lead scorer was Billy Crawford with 12 points. He was followed by Raymond Jefferson with 11 points, Luis Leos with 10, Johnny Jefferson with four and Braden Conner with three points.

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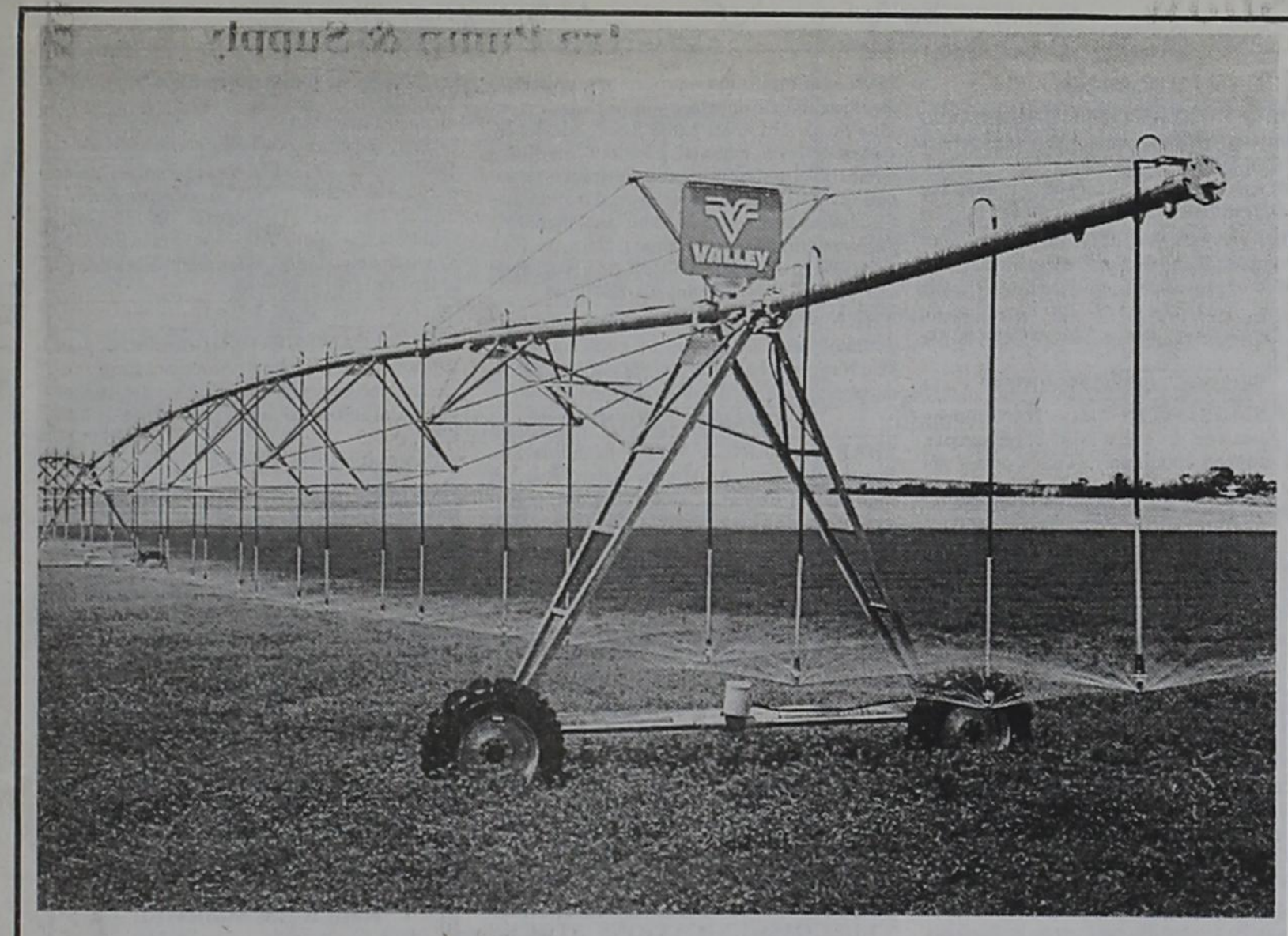
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The family of Petra Martinez

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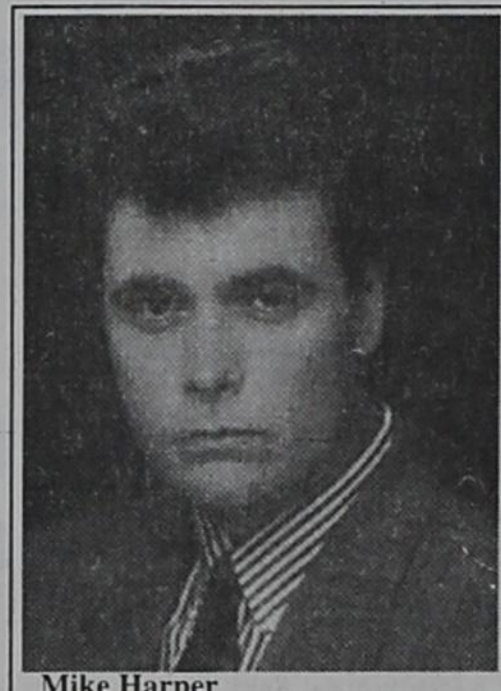
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Mike Harper

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by Pat Burnett

10 Years Ago January 15, 1986

The engagement of Donna George and Kevin Craig has been announced. They will be married March 15, 1986.

The Woman's Culture Club met Jan. 8th with Sue Traw and Lillian Potts as hostesses. Boy Scout Freddie Bob VanDeValde is working toward

the Eagle Scout honor with a community service project of restoring the Cactus Garden at the intersection of US Hwys 380 and 84.

20 Years Ago January 15, 1976

Mrs. Della Ticer was honored for her recent retirement from Postex Plant. She was an employee from December 10,

1926 til December 19, 1975.

Kraig Peel underwent an appendectomy last Friday. Bryan Davis is the Editor for the "PHS Publications".

Happy Birthday today goes to Mrs. B.A. Norman, Jana Lou Middleton, Johnny Paul Torres and Beth Short.

30 Years Ago January 20, 1966

Poll tax receipts at a low ebb here.

Mrs. Roscoe Kropp of Justiceburg, mother of Mrs. Jim Jackson, is recuperating satisfactorily after surgery Monday in Lubbock.

Billy Jack Hodges, member of the Post High School Choir, participated in the regional choir concert at Big Spring, Saturday. The Methodist Kindergarten and Pre-School will go on a train trip to Slaton next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackey Fluitt stayed at the home of her parents while they were in Hominy.

40 Years Ago January 19, 1956

Miss Joan Rogers spent the weekend in Seagraves with Mr and Mrs Dolan Dempsey and family.

Mrs. Imogene Roberts and Deena Carol spent Saturday night and Sunday with the Paul Prestons in Sweetwater.

Mrs. J. Lee Bowen has returned home after spending a week in Shreveport, La. with her daughter and family, the Max Wards.

The story of the Postex Cotton Mill was told Sunday afternoon on the "Plainsman Parade," a television program of KDUB-TV, Lubbock.

50 Years Ago January 17, 1946

Mrs O.D. Cardwell sells her beauty shop and retires after serving Post women for thirty-two years.

Mr and Mrs R.R. Jones celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec 25. They were married at Decatur, Texas.

Dannie Cockrum was honored with a party on his sixth birthday. Sugar rationing may end by June. W.A. "Billy" Hays arrives home with a discharge from the Army. David Eaton, War II Vet,

State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
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AUSTIN — After spending \$1.5 billion to increase prison capacity from 48,000 inmates to 146,000 over the last five years, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice is now launching a first-ever project to pin down what works and what doesn't work in reducing recidivism.

Soon after he took office Jan. 1, TDCJ's new executive director Wayne Scott promoted division director Dimitria Pope to a new position as his executive assistant with a high priority mission of designing a statistical analysis program to track ex-offenders to discern which prison rehabilitation treatments produce the best results.

Prison officials say recidivism numbers now available leave a lot to be desired because they aren't refined to track and correlate critical factors that heavily influence an offender's chances of staying straight, such as prison rehab programs by type and amount of time spent in them.

Pope's project will complement TDCJ's on-going recidivism reduction studies, an agency-wide effort which has been largely unheralded, but ranks as a high priority with TDCJ's governing board.

Board chairman Allan Polunsky of San Antonio says that "with more prison capacity and longer terms, we are taking violent offenders off the streets as never before, but for the long-range, Texas cannot afford to rely on incarceration programs with those offenders who will benefit and lead crime lives, and that effort starts with building a dependable statistical foundation."

Is It, or Is It Not a Duck?

The Texas Lottery Commission approved proposed rules that would allow bingo operators to install machines that dispense a 50-cent

Grandparents' Corner



Ashley Nichole Fouquet is the first great grandchild of Lois and Herb Walls. Ashley is the daughter of Leslie and Bobby Fouquet of Claude.

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pull tab game, in accordance with HB 3021 passed by the state Legislature in 1995.

But the commission made it clear that the dispensers should be the manual variety, and not the casino-style slots with video display terminals that have an internal switch which converts the game from bingo to poker, blackjack or keno.

"If it looks like a duck and walks like a duck, the thought is that it probably is a duck. We need to define what is the device and keep sight of the legislative intent," said Keith Elkins of the Lottery Commission.

Three weeks remain for public comment on the proposed rules before a vote will be taken. Meanwhile, some bingo parlor operators have threatened to sue if they don't get the type of machines they want.

Epley home scene of Garden club meeting

The Green Thumb Garden Club met Thursday night in the home of Thelma Epley with Irene Mitchell as co-hostess.

Ida Jones read the minutes of previous meetings, and, as there was no business to take care of members were served delicious refreshments. Special guest, Janie Davis presented a book review, "The Saga of an American Family" or "The Kennedy Women".

We learned that Bridgett Murphy left Ireland to sail to America and while on board ship met Patrick Joseph Kennedy and the two married a short while later after reaching America.

As the story unfolds leading to the marriage of Rose Fitzgerald and Joseph Patrick Kennedy, who were parents of nine children.

Members present other than the hostesses were, Margaret Barley, Luella Bilberry, Gladys Blair, Fleta Caffey, Sybil Cockrum, Annie Laura Francis, Maureen Hudman, Ida Jones, Shorty King, Carlene Kyle, Edna Owen, Jewell White, Marion Wheatley and Iva Hudman.

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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "jumpy as on ice"
- 5 TX-made '61 film: "Two Together"
- 6 Guthrie is its seat
- 7 Gov. " Ferguson
- 8 TXism: " Katy bar the door"
- 9 Dolly of TX-made "Wild Texas Wind"
- 15 h.s. class for small TX town (2 wds.)
- 16 income units for many TX landlords
- 18 Four Seasons Resort in Los Colinas
- 20 TX drug & grocery chain: " Osco
- 22 TXism: "high back" (costly)
- 27 used with a rod on TX lake Tawakoni
- 28 TX-based H-E-B Foods
- 29 Indian wanderers of early West TX
- 30 Nick Nolte film: "Prince
- 32 "Alley Oop" artist TX " Hamlin
- 33 TX cowboy subject of "Eight Seconds"
- 36 TXism: "raining and dogs"
- 37 "Texas Tea"
- 38 utensils for eating Blue Bell products
- 39 "for (example)
- 41 TXism: "don't give a hoot holler"
- 42 TXism: " the ball game" (over)

DOWN

- 1 Neiman-Marcus '70 X-mas gift: Noah's
- 2 chili " carne
- 3 Sam Houston was by Cherokees
- 4 film: " River"
- 8 TX quaint stopovers
- 9 reason for TX Scott Joplin's "The Crash at Crush" (2 wds.)
- 10 "news wrangler"
- 11 " Thornton Freeway in Dallas
- 12 Mission Historical Park in Houston County
- 13 teamed cart pullers youngster Dobbs in TX McMurry's "Lonesome Dove"
- 15 TXism: "you're, buying dead horse"
- 16 LBJ sang a with his dog, Yuki
- 17 TX Tower's Senate Armed Committee
- 19 TXism: "got two feet" (clumsy)
- 21 in extreme NW Atascosa Co.
- 22 TXism: "sneaky as egg-sucking dog"
- 23 TX wheeler dealer: Billy " Estes
- 24 assoc. for doctors in TX (abbr.)
- 35 TXism: "raised concrete" (city boy)
- 37 TXism: "mosey to the trough" (join in)
- 40 TXism: "there's between his ears" (not smart)
- 43 in Brewster Co.: Egg Mountain description of TX Janis, and for a time, B.J. Thomas
- 50 cowtown: Fort dir. to San Marcos from San Antonio

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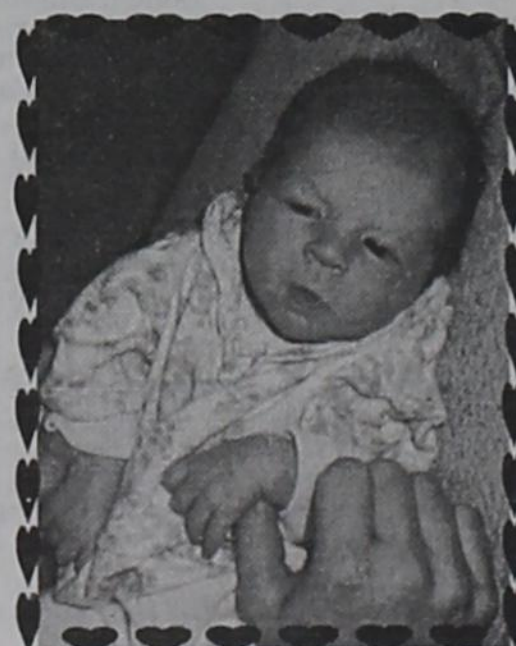


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