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# The Post Dispatch

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## Council rejects curfew

The proposed juvenile curfew for the City of Post failed to survive a second and final reading before the city council Monday but city officials didn't discount the possibility of resurrecting the issue with a revised proposal.

The council voted unanimously against the second reading of proposed ordinance, which called for the establishment of a curfew applicable to individuals ages 16 and under. Council members cited numerous reasons, including concerns about the curfew's daytime limitations and the impact it would have on local businesses, in turning down the ordinance.

Under the proposed curfew, parents of juveniles ages 16 and under and operators of public places or business establishments where these youths might visit would have been held responsible for curfew violations. Curfew restrictions would have prohibited such youths from being in public places between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. when school is in session, as well as between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. of the following day. Exceptions have been allowed for Friday and Saturday nights when the hours would have ranged from midnight to 6 a.m.

Parents who allowed their children to violate the curfew, as well as the owner or operator of businesses or public places who allowed violations, would have been subject to fines of up to \$200 per conviction.

"It was said we needed a nighttime curfew. Somewhere along the line we got off base," Councilman Archie Gill said. "I agree that a nighttime curfew might be beneficial... but at the same time there's a lot of parts of this (ordinance) I can't along with."

"The simple curfew we started out with ended up a lot different than we planned," said Councilman Emmett (Andy) Stelzer.

"I can't go along with it period. I don't think our kids are that bad," said Councilman Marion Cruise Jr., whose comments were interrupted by applause from the audience. "I think we have laws on the books that can take care of the problems."

"We have laws to back up he problems and situations we are facing," Mayor Jim Jackson said. "We need to carry out and implement the laws on the books."

Stelzer also expressed concern over what he dubbed a "misstatement" made following last month's meeting. At the November session, City Attorney Harvey Morton commented that the curfew, through fines assessed of violators, was likely to generate some revenues for the city.

"We're not looking at it (the curfew) as revenues for the city," Stelzer said. "If we need money, we can raise taxes or raise water rates, as far as I'm concerned."

### Two dozen citizens speak out

About two dozen local residents crowded into the council chambers for the meeting. Unlike previous meetings on the issue, the majority of those present were in opposition of the proposed curfew.

Several audience members addressed the council, including a handful of local youths. One student, Dereck Cowley, told city officials the curfew would severely impact several businesses near the schools that rely heavily on the student lunch trade. Freda Harper, who said she was speaking on behalf of her son, said the curfew "infringes upon the rights of the person and hinders the rights of parents." And James Dawson said, "I don't think Post is that bad a place to live... and I don't see what the curfew's gonna do about the tire cutting and the window breaking."

In this and previous meetings, city officials have pointed to incidents of vandalism and thievery as possible motives for adopting a juvenile curfew.

Jerry Martin told the council the issue is one involving parental rights and responsibilities.

"I don't feel like City Hall should be dictating to me what time my daughter should come home at night," he said, adding that curfews adopted by at least two other U.S. cities have recently been overturned by the courts as being unconstitutional.

If young children are roaming the streets late at night, there are undoubtedly other problems in the home, Elizabeth Martin told the council. "A fine won't solve the problems. Slapping a \$200 fine on a parent is not a compassionate way to handle it," she said.

Gary and Denece Bilbo, who have been strong supporters of a juvenile curfew, were again on hand to voice their concerns.

"I personally think we need a night curfew," said Gary Bilbo. "Just for the record... the daytime curfew never was meant to be...."

"Until you're 18 years old, you don't have the rights of an adult. I don't believe it's right for a parent to let their kids roam the streets at 12 (o'clock), 2 (o'clock) or 3 (o'clock) in the morning and I don't think good parents will do that."

"There are parents who don't keep up with their kids," Denece Bilbo said. "There are kids out there raising all kinds of Cain.... I'm not saying we have bad kids in our community. We have a few. I don't know what all the stir is about. The good parents are going to have their kids at home anyway."

Denece Bilbo also reminded the council of tentative plans to require the parents of habitual curfew violators to attend parenting classes.

Following comments from the audience, the mayor encouraged local parents and youths to "cooperate and help make this community a better place to live."

When asked by Gary Bilbo is the curfew issue was dead or if the council would consider rewriting the curfew to cover only nighttime

hours, Jackson said the council will "work on it and talk about it." Individual council members were asked to discuss their feelings on the issue with City Manager Rick Hanna, who, in turn, will provide an overview of the council's ideas on the curfew issue at an upcoming meeting.

In other business, the council:

\* Authorized the city manager to begin the process of relocating the city's animal control holding facility. The facility's relocation, which was budgeted for this fiscal year, was requested by local resident Alicia Foreman whose residence is nearby the current animal holding area. Foreman told city officials that her neighborhood is subjected to foul smells and flies due to the facility's current location. Plans call for the site to be relocated to an area east of the scale house near the recycling center. The holding area will be constructed by city employees as a means of saving tax dollars.

\* Adopted, on second reading, an ordinance allowing restricted prior service credit for municipal employees.

\* Received a report on the progress of Garza County's move to acquire 40 acres of land from the city for the construction of a juvenile detention center. The project's investors have requested a waiver of surface rights and clearance is currently being sought.

Also, city council members were invited to participate in the Dec. 10 local meeting between juvenile detention center project investors and architects and Garza County officials.

\* Appointed Carolyn Halford to a vacant position on the Housing Authority Board.

\* Authorized the city manager to advertise for bids for the re-roofing of the Tower Theater. The project is needed, according to several recommendations received by the city, and was included in the current year's budget.

\* Awarded the contract for the construction of a new 22,000-yard cell at the landfill to Joe Marks Construction at a cost of \$17,975. Only one bid was received on the proposed project.

## Jury gets Jerry Smith murder case

A three-man, nine-woman jury was selected Monday to decide the state's case against local resident Jerry T. Smith, who stands accused of the murder of Edna Laverne Blodgett of Post who has been missing since June 1993. Closing arguments were heard Wednesday afternoon.

*Editor's Note: At presstime there had been no decision by the jury.*

The jury panel was selected Monday afternoon from a pool of 80 jurors who reported to the courthouse's district courtroom. With District Judge George H. Hansard presiding, District Attorney Ricky Smith and the defendant's court-appointed attorney, James Napper of Lamesa, sifted through potential jurors during the voir dire process.

With the missing woman's daughters, Martha Vaughn and Loretta Adams, seated before the jury pool, the district attorney explained that despite the fact that Blodgett's body has never been recovered, the prosecution plans to present evidence to show the woman was murdered and that Jerry Smith, the last person to have seen Blodgett alive, burned the woman's body to cover up the crime.

"I'm not going to produce the body of Edna Laverne Blodgett, or any part of her body," Ricky Smith said, "but in Texas the law says I don't have to."

The prosecutor also promised the jury would hear evidence of "multiple issues of domestic violence."

The defense attorney queried potential jurors as to information they had read or heard about the case through the local news media. Almost all of the jury pool's members indicated they had been exposed to some degree of pretrial media coverage.

A handful of potential jurors were dismissed after they admitted to knowing the defendant or the victim.

Blodgett, who was 76 at the time of her disappearance, was last seen on or about June 3, 1993, walking along a dirt road off of U.S. 84 northwest of Post. She was declared missing in mid-June 1993 after Mental Health and Mental Retardation employees, during a routine check, were unable to locate Blodgett, who had been diagnosed as being in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease.

Following Blodgett's disappearance, Jerry Smith allegedly attempted to cash a \$100 check on the missing woman's bank account. In April 1995, he was convicted of forgery in the check cashing incident and was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

In September 1995, a grand jury indicted Jerry Smith for Blodgett's murder following an investigation by the local sheriff's department and state lawmen.

This week's trial is expected to run about three days. If convicted in the first degree felony case, Jerry Smith could receive up to life in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

## Post Notes

### G.C.J.L.A. Meeting

The Garza County Junior Livestock Association meeting will be tonight at 7 p.m. in the Garza County courthouse. (In case court is still in session, we will move to the show barn.)

### Nazarene church to hold revival

It's revival time again! The Nazarene Church of Post Texas will hold a revival December 6-15. Evangelistic Rev and Mrs Pat Burkhalter can be heard weeknights at 7 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

### Coca Cola Classic Art Show

Kids 'N' Art will have a Coca Cola Classic Art Show at the Garza Museum now through December 14. The Museum is open Tuesday thru Saturday 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1-5 p.m.

### Deadline for Santa letters for Dispatch

Letters to Santa Claus for the Post Dispatch must reach our office by Friday, December 13 in order to be included in our 'Merry Christmas' edition that will be out Thursday, December 19.

### Benefit for Steve Davila

A benefit dance will be held on behalf of Steve Davila on Saturday, December 14, 1996 at the Post Community Center. Music will be provided by Mi Gusto Conjunto. Proceeds from the benefit will go towards a liver transplant for Davila, who is the brother of Rosemary Tuck, Martha Martinez and Dora Rodriguez. For ticket information call 495-2631.

### Commodities date set for December

The commodities will be given out a week early this month because of the Christmas holidays. The date for distribution is Friday, December 20, 1996. The commodities for Post and Southland will be given out at the Multi-Purpose Barn on the Snyder Highway from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Dispatch holiday schedule

The Post Dispatch wishes to announce their holiday schedules for upcoming editions. Our 'Merry Christmas' edition will be Thursday, December 19 with a regular Tuesday at noon deadline. A Monday noon deadline on December 23 for the Thursday, December 26 edition. Also a Monday noon deadline on December 30 for the Thursday, January 2, 1997 edition.

### Benefit for Soria

A benefit dance will be given to alleviate the hospital costs for Mr Soria and his son who were involved in a car accident several months ago. The benefit will be held at the VFW Hall on December 7 from 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. BBQ plates will be sold from 3-5 p.m. at the cost of \$5 per plate. Anyone wishing to assist with the plates or dance is more than welcomed. Please call 495-2160 for more information. We are also accepting free will donations for the Soria family.

### Merry Christmas greeting ads

Area businesses are urged to take advantage of The Post Dispatch annual Merry Christmas edition to express special season's greetings to the community and to customers. The special edition will be published December 19, including the ever-popular "Letters to Santa" from area children. Call 495-2816 to select a unique and customized Christmas greeting ad, with a special 20 percent discount from regular advertising rates. Deadline for this special edition is Friday, December 13, 1996.

### Telephone sales not a VFW project

A recent telephone sales effort by an organization calling itself "South Plains Veteran's Association" is not connected with the VFW, according to VFW member and former state commander Andy Stelzer. "We've been getting calls from people who want to know about this sales effort," Stelzer said, "and we want everyone to know this has no connection to us."

## 'Little Women' opens at Garza Theatre Friday

Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women" will come to life in nine local performances set to begin Friday at the Garza Theatre.

Performances are scheduled for Dec. 6-8, 13-15 and 20-22. Curtain times are 7:45 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. for the Sunday matinees.

Several Garza Theatre favorites are slated to participate in this production, which is being directed by Christy Morris. They include Emily Hataway, Linda Ellis, Anne Sims, Ruth Longtin Bryant, Amber Conoly, Bill Lyon, Trey Stoffregen, Mike Morgan, Anna Wilson and Marlee Plummer. New faces to the theater's stage will include Jeff Connor, Micaela Eagle, Jenny Conoly, Jennifer Hubble, Terry Sackett, Briann Wilson, Lacey Hodges, Linda Self, Daisy Breedlove, Jerrica Tyler and Nicole Gray.

"It's a great family show," Morris said. "We'd like to invite everyone to make it a part of their Christmas holiday activities."

Tickets to the performances are available at the Garza Theatre box office Monday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m., except on show weekends when tickets may be purchased from noon until curtain time. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12.

Season tickets for the 1997 theater season are also currently available at a cost of \$50. The 1997 season will kick off in February with "Noises Off," followed by "Nonsense" in late March.

## Jones celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

Mr and Mrs Bernie Jones of Post celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Thanksgiving Day with a family gathering and dinner in the home of their daughter Oneita Gunn.

The event was also hosted by their son and daughter-in-law, Darrell and Ruby Jones of Post, and daughter and son-in-law, Reta and Norman Settlemire of Lubbock.

Barnie and the former Evelyn Sanders were married December 4, 1936 in Snyder.

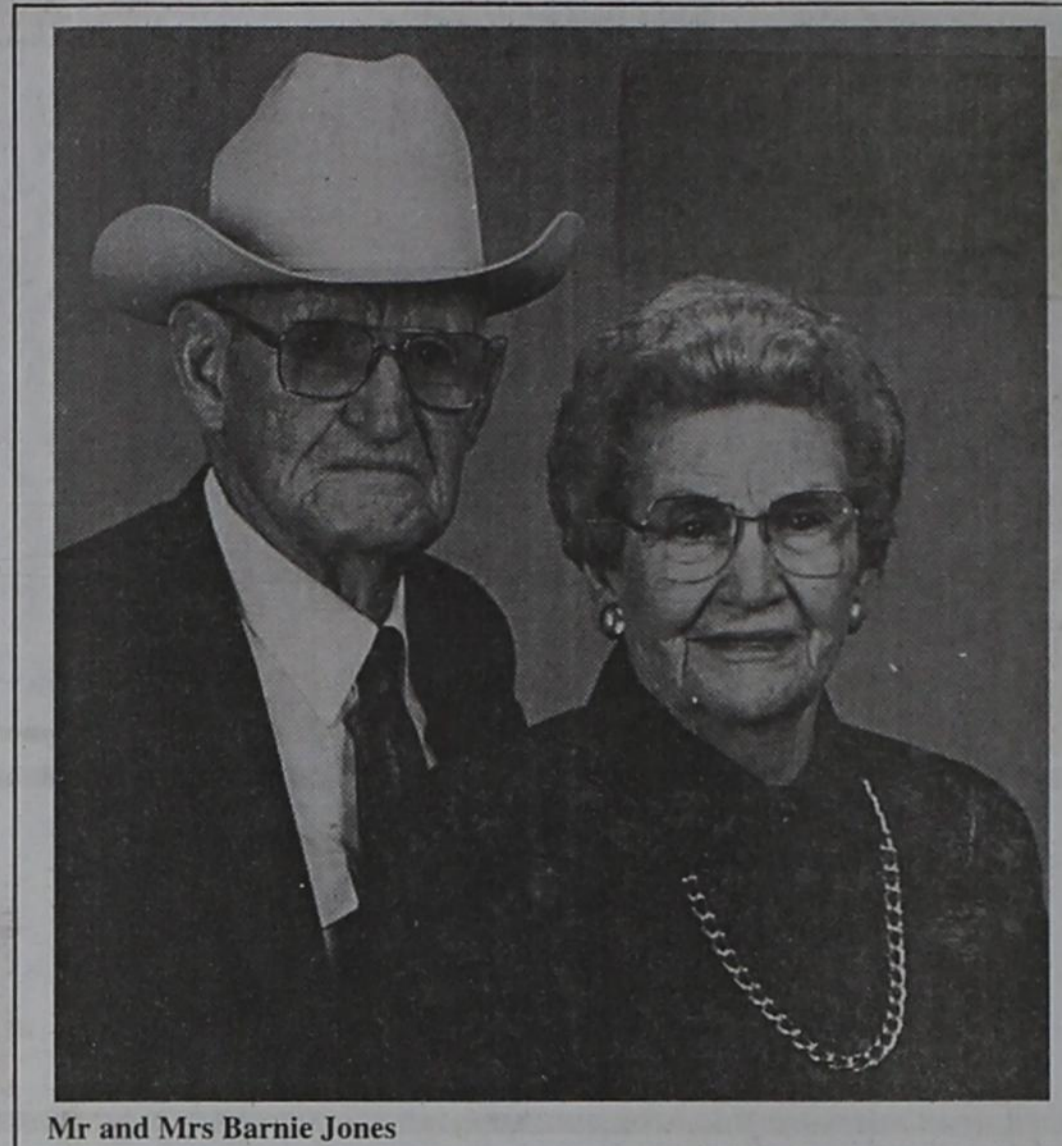
They have eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Grandchildren attending were: Gary and Darlene Speck, Scot and Jessica of Eden; Bobby and Nita Jo Heckaman, Breann, Diana and Allen of Post; Danny and Melinda Gunn, Tatum, Garrett and Brady of Lamesa;

Mike and Carol DeLeon, Renee and Brittane of Lubbock; Mark and Amy Finch of Colorado City; Janell and Labeth Jones and Becky Settlemire of Lubbock.

Other family members present were Arthur and Virginia Jones of Seminole; Ida Jones of Post; and Obie and Pat Kelly of Rotan.

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Mr and Mrs Bernie Jones

## Cooper, Eagle announce engagement

Amber Cooper and Heath Eagle wish to announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

The couple will marry January 4, 1997 at 2 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Post.

Amber is the daughter of Steve and Jamie Cooper of Post.

Heath is the son of Joe and Toni Harris of Post.

## Golden Plains enjoys Thanksgiving

by Zula Didway

Thursday evening, November 21st Golden Plains Care Center was the scene of a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings.

The dinner was enjoyed by the residents, family, friends, staff and volunteers. The meal and fellowship was enjoyed by all who came.

Golden Plains welcomes anyone anytime to come and visit.

## Division 18 LVNAT announce meeting

The Licensed Vocational Nurses Association of Texas will meet Monday December 9, 1996 in the Arnett room at St. Mary Hospital from 7 to 9 p.m.

The program will be "Pastoral care in the hospital setting", presented by Chaplin Sister Martha Schwertner, C.R.

Division 18 meets the 2nd Monday of each month. For further information please call Bulah Beeler at 806-675-2663 or 806-675-2382 ext. 286.



Southland ISD honor roll students, superintendent and principal express appreciation to Norwest Bank's Charles Hardin for the bank's support of the school's honor program. Thanking Hardin are (back row, left to right) superintendent Berhl Robertson, principal Shirley Weaver, Hardin, Amanda Willson, (front row) Holly Butler, Justin Dobitas and Kassie Garlick with special pens from Norwest Bank.

## VFW Ladies Auxiliary

by Lana Comer

Christmas is almost upon us and you can get your pies, cakes or cookies homemade. Yes, the Ladies VFW are having another bake sale December 21st at United Supermarket from 8 a.m. till 7 p.m. Be sure to stop by and visit for a good homemade cake or pie. Not only will you get a good cake but the proceeds help to feed the hungry.

We will use the proceeds to fix Christmas baskets. Also on that date if you have any can goods, or sugar there will be a box for Meals on Wheels and a can for money donations.

Also discussed and voted on was making up bags of fruit and candy for the nursing homes for Christmas. Everyone be sure to try to stop by and visit the nursing homes. It can be a lonely time for some of these people. Plus we are

going to help with sacks of fruit for Meals on Wheels, these are for the elderly that are shut in or can't help themselves.

Children be sure and come see Santa on Dec 14 at the VFW Hall at 5 p.m. We will have snacks, punch and a goodie bag.

Plus on that date of December 14 the Ladies Aux will have their Christmas party. So ladies remember to bring a gift and your can goods or dry food goods. After our party there will be the VFW monthly birthday party. In addition ladies if you haven't brought your things for the Women's Protective Service please bring them by the 9th of December.

If anyone knows of a family who needs help on Christmas for food you may contact Shirley Williams at the VFW or leave word with some VFW member. The VFW phone number is 495-3785, or contact Alva Shepherd at 495-2470.

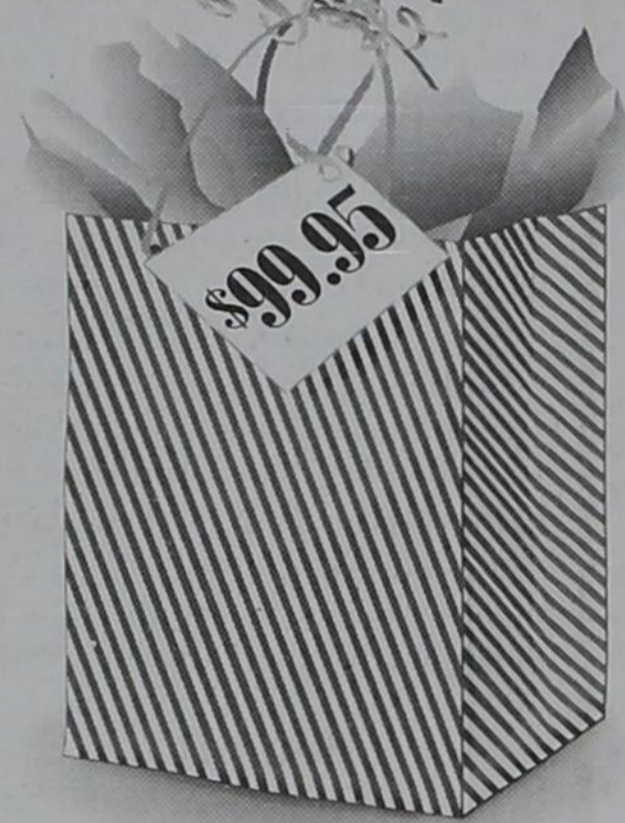
Members present were Shirley Williams, Alva Shepherd, Carrol Jean Light, JoElla Sparlin, Viola Strawhecker, Maleeey Johnston,



Monica Schooler has been chosen the 1996-97 Post Lions Club Queen. Monica is the 17 year old daughter of Jim and Karla Schooler. She will compete in the District Lions Club Queen contest to be held in Lubbock in the spring.

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## Ayala, Valadez united in marriage

Lesley Ann Ayala and Matthew Aaron Valadez were united in marriage in a civil ceremony November 5, 1996. Lesley and Matthew repeated their wedding vows in a religious ceremony Saturday, November 30, 1996 at Post Church of the Nazarene with Bill Jernigan of Slaton officiating.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Honor attendants were Matron of Honor, Hope Nava of Post, aunt

of the bride.

Maid of Honor was Veronica Valadez of Slaton, sister of the bridegroom.

Best man was Joseph Valadez of Slaton, brother of the groom.

Flower girl was Amber Valadez of Slaton, niece of the bridegroom. Ringbearers were Zachary and Adrian Nava of Post, cousins of the bride.

Guests were registered by Amanda Valadez of Slaton, sister of the bridegroom.

Parents of the bride are Victor Ayala of Post and Patti Ayala of Jonesville, Wisconsin.

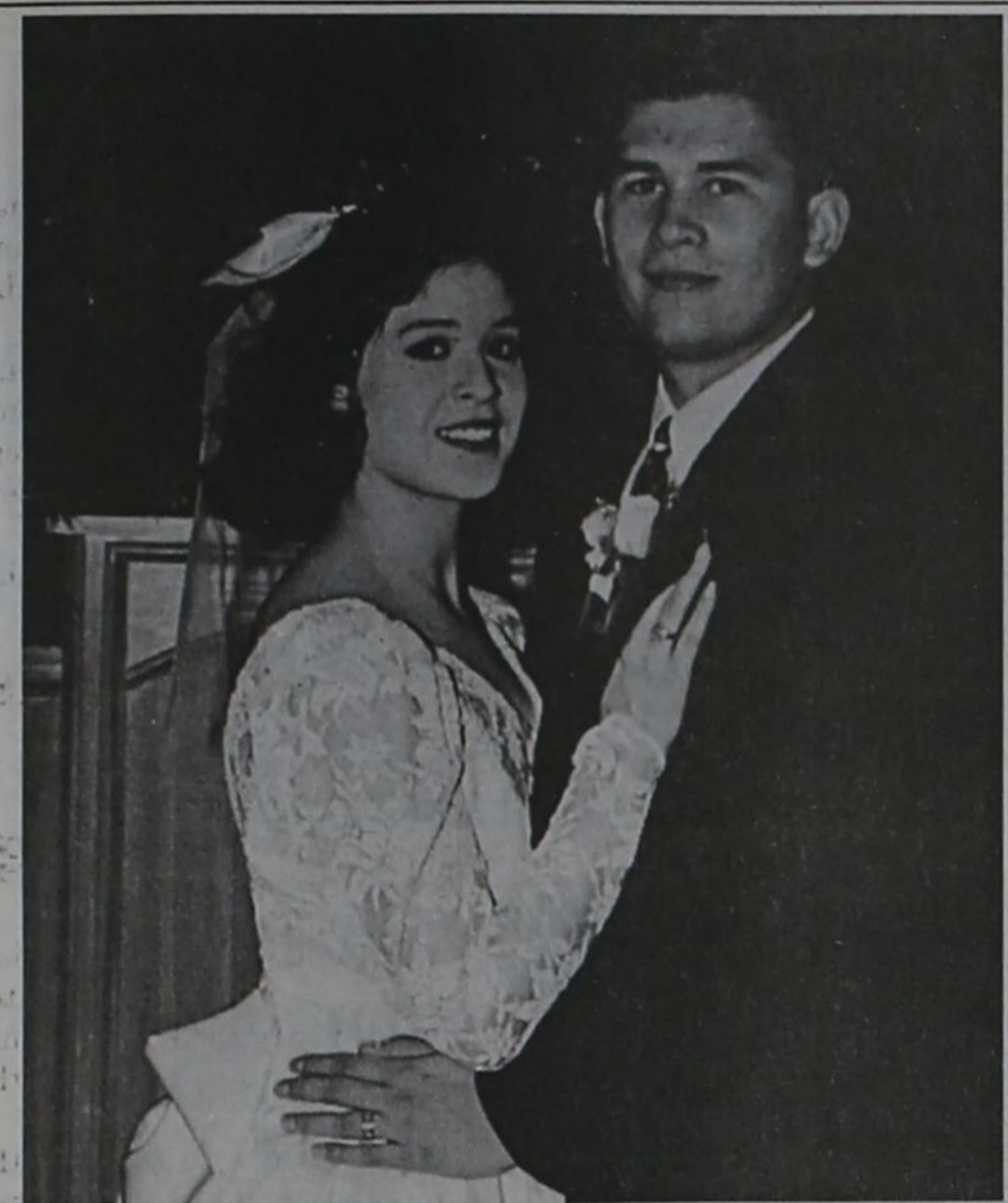
Parents of the bridegroom are Ronnie and Penny Valadez of Slaton.

The bride, a graduate of Southland High School is currently employed by Alco. The bridegroom, a graduate of Southland High School, attends Lubbock Christian University and is employed by United.

Lesley is the granddaughter of Francesca Ayala and Margaret Romero of Post.

Matthew is the grandson of Llawana Johnston and the late Bryan Joynston, and Juan and Josephine Cruz of Slaton, and the great-grandson of Clay and Cordia Johnston of Post.

The couple will make their home in Slaton.



Mr and Mrs Matthew Valadez

## The Women in Agriculture

This program was developed for farm and ranch wives working on or off the farm, as well as women who run their own farm and ranch business. Its focus is on helping participants gain insights into and a broader understanding of the business management issues involved in running a farm or ranch operation.

A few of the topics that will be covered include Income Tax Management, Personnel Management, Estate Planning, Business Transfer Issues, Commodity Marketing and Agricultural Policy. The program is divided into three Units, each involving two full days of instruction. The units are designed to be taken in successive years.

The programs will be offered in two locations: College Station on January 29-31, 1997 and in Lubbock on February 19-21, 1997.

For more information and a registration form, contact Danny Klinefelter or Tami Tesaro at 409/845-7171 or write to them at the Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University, Blocker Building Room #458, College Station, Texas 77843-2124.

## State senate run-off election set for Tuesday

A special election for the state senate position vacated by former Senator John Montford will be held Tuesday, December 10 with candidates David Langston (Dem.) and Robert Duncan (Rep) contesting for the position.

Voting will take place at regular polling places, which will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



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## Channel 31

Thursday, Dec 5, 1996

8 a.m. Gospel Music  
10 a.m. School Board  
12 noon Sky warn weather.  
2 p.m. Commissioner's Court.  
4 p.m. 8th grade football.  
6 p.m. Gospel music.  
8 p.m. Bold Gold Football.  
10 p.m. 1st Baptist Church.  
12 a.m. Post on screen.

Friday, Dec 6, 1996

8 a.m. Gospel music.  
10 a.m. Tower theatre.  
12 noon Gospel Music.  
2 p.m. J.V. Football.  
4 p.m. Flag Football.  
6 p.m. Gospel music.  
8 p.m. Miss Texas  
10 p.m. Gospel music.  
12 a.m. Post on screen.

Saturday, Dec 7, 1996

8 a.m. Gospel music.  
10 a.m. J.V. Football.  
12 noon Train rides.  
2 p.m. Bold Gold Football.  
4 p.m. Freshman Football.  
6 p.m. Gospel music.  
8 p.m. Meet the Lady Lopes  
10 p.m. Flag Football.  
12 a.m. Post on screen.

Sunday, Dec 8, 1996

8 a.m. Gospel music.  
1 p.m. Church of Christ.  
2 p.m. Church of the Nazarene.  
4 p.m. 1st Baptist Church.  
6 p.m. Gospel music.  
8 p.m. Bold Gold Football.  
10 p.m. Gospel Music  
12 a.m. Post on screen.

Monday, Dec 9, 1996

8 a.m. Gospel music.  
10 a.m. Tower Theatre.  
12 noon Church of the Nazarene.

2 p.m. Health Matters.  
4 p.m. Miss Texas  
6 p.m. Gospel music.  
8 p.m. Meet the Lady Lopes  
10 p.m. Church of Christ.  
12 a.m. Post on screen.

Tuesday, Dec 10 1996

8 a.m. Gospel music.  
10 a.m. Bold Gold Football.  
12 noon Church of Christ.  
2 p.m. Women's Culture Club.  
4 p.m. Flag Football.  
6 p.m. Gospel Music.  
8 p.m. Harley Davidson Motorcycles  
10 p.m. Post on Patrol  
12 a.m. Post on Screen.

Wednesday, Dec 11, 1996

8 a.m. Gospel Music.  
10 a.m. City Council.  
12 noon 1st Baptist Church.  
2 p.m. Bike Safety Rodeo  
4 p.m. Kid's Special.  
6 p.m. Gospel Music.

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## Hub City Cruisers win parade honors during Saturday's event

The Hub City Cruisers captured the first place cash prize in the Post lighted Christmas parade Saturday.

The Cruisers were judged as the top entry in the parade, which earned an "excellent" review from Wanda Mitchell of the Post

Chamber of Commerce. Second place went to the Citizens Bank parade entry, and third place was awarded to the Methodist Children's Bell Choir.

The parade, along with several downtown activities, a program at the Tower Theater and the

final Old Mill Trade Days session before the holidays, marked the official beginning of the Christmas season in Post.

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by Terri Cash, CPA

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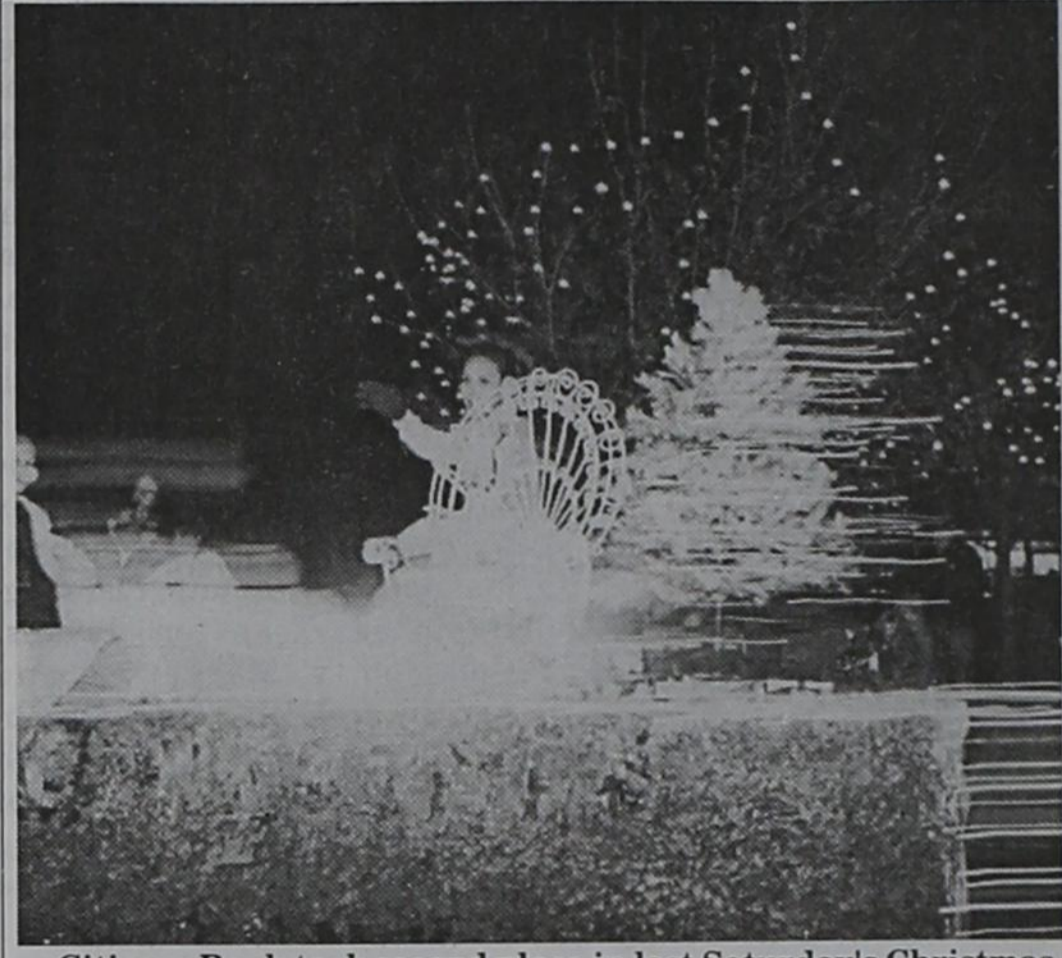
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Sonic "Blast" team members celebrate their Post Flag Football championship last week. The team was coached by Cain Abraham, Jeff Lott and Jay Lott. Team members are (back row, left to right) Bryan Looney, Brodie Robertson, Tye Mason, (middle row) Garrett Chapman, Javen Abraham, Jett Lott, Brandon Bell, Eric Alaniz, Patrick Gonzales, Mitch Holly, (front row) Brady Wuensche, Hilary Smith, Zac Lopez, Chelsi Goodman, Jake Lott, Kyle Gunn and David Lee Rivera. Coaches and players expressed their appreciation to Adam and Heather Fox for sponsoring and supporting the team.



Citizens Bank took second place in last Saturday's Christmas Parade. Stephanie Looney topped off the handsomely decorated float. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

## United Way campaign seeks help for drive

Contributions to the 1996-97 campaign for the Garza County United Way have slowed somewhat.

As of last week, the campaign had almost reached the halfway mark of its goal of \$13,500, according to Carol Tobias, United Way president. Slightly more than \$6,000 had been contributed to the United Way campaign but incoming contributions have waned in recent days.

United Way officials are encouraging local residents to make their annual United Way contribution a priority this holiday season.

Local agencies benefiting from the Garza County campaign include the Garza County Mental Health Association, Trailblazers, the Boy Scouts, the Garza County Child Welfare Board, Meals on Wheels, My Special Place, Salvation Army, the American Red Cross, Women's Protective Services, Post Satellite School, Post Girl Scouts, Post Junior Girls Basketball, the summer baseball program and the United Way. Allocations range from \$200 to \$3,000.

United Way contributions may be mailed to P.O. Box 425, Post, TX 79356.

## Eagles cap season with 44-32 loss to Panthers

Billy Salone rushed for 186 yards and two touchdowns Friday night but it wasn't enough as the Southland Eagles fell to number one ranked Whitharral 44-32, capping off a championship season.

The Panthers blanked the Eagles in the second half after falling behind for the first time all season. Whitharral's defensive effort proved to be the difference in the game as they came from behind, scoring 16 unanswered points for the win.

Whitharral drew first blood in the state 6-man quarterfinal game when Brandon Rodgers caught a 30-yard scoring pass from Michael Lopez. The extra points kick failed and the Panthers led 6-0. Southland roared back when Billy Salone raced 54 yards for a touchdown to open the scoring for the Eagles. Sigala's kick was good and Southland led by a score of 8-6. There was more to come from Southland in the first period as Jimmy Gatica punched in from 4 yards out. Sigala remained perfect on the night and the Eagles led by a 16-6 count.

Whitharral came back with an impressive drive to start the second quarter that saw Rodgers score from one yard out. His PAT was good and the score was Southland 16, Whitharral 14. The Eagles came back with another drive that was capped off by a 2-yard run by Gatica. Sigala's kick was good and the Eagles led 24-14. The Panthers decided to turn the game into a scoring contest as they drove for another score and this time Rodgers pranced in from 3 yards out. His kick was perfect again and it brought the Panthers to within 2 points. Southland wasn't through for the half as Salone sprinted 56 yards for another Eagle score with 49 seconds left. Sigala's kick was good and the score stood at 32-22. Southland. Whitharral came right back with five ticks left on the clock and cut the score to 32-28 when Rogers hit Jason Dobrovoly for a five-yard TD pass. Rogers' PAT was successful.

The second half was when the Panthers' defense went to work and shut down the talented Eagles. Whitharral managed two scoring drives to put Southland away. In the third quarter Michael Lopez hit Dobrovoly with a 50-yard scoring strike to put the Panthers up for good 34-32. Rodgers kick was good and the score as 36-32.

The final score came on a 5-yard TD run by Rodgers and a successful kick to make the score Panthers 44, Eagles 32. Southland did not give up as they were attempting to score late in the game, but Jaime Anaya's pass was intercepted by Rodgers with four minutes to go in the game to give the Panthers the win.

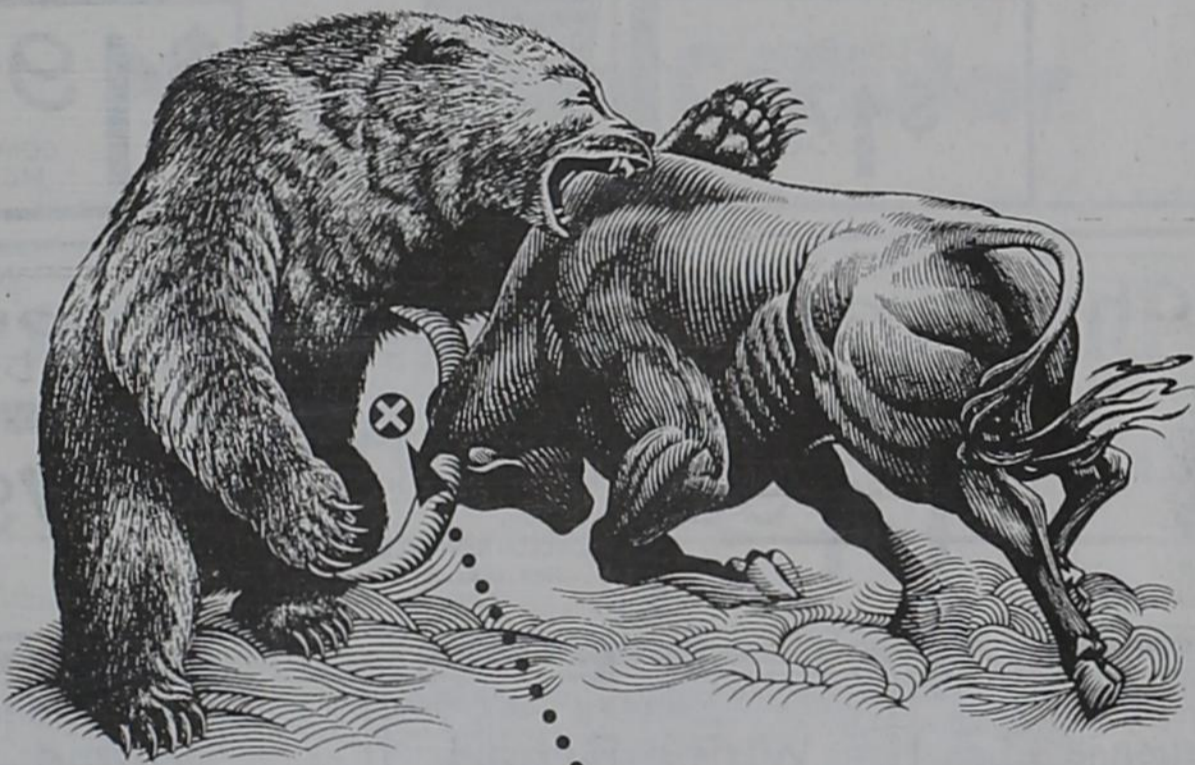
Southland finished the year 11-2, with their only losses coming at the hands of the Panthers. Whitharral will face Chilicothe Friday night in the state semi-final game.

The Panthers are 13-0 for the year.

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Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

—Will Rogers



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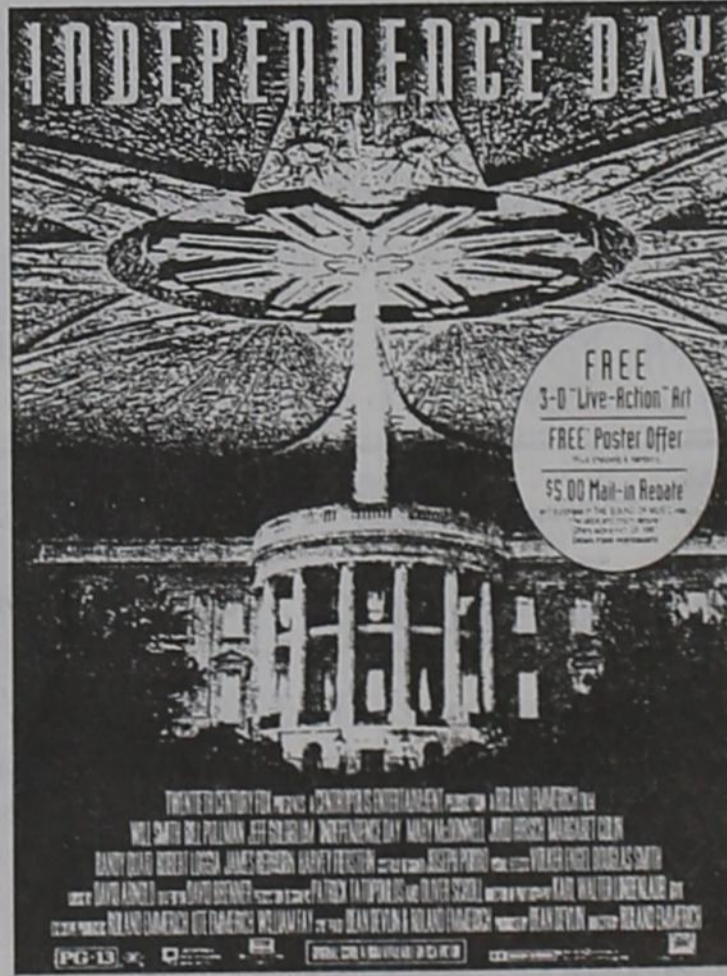
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# Opinions

## Time to count our blessings and take stock of our liberties

by Wesley W. Burnett

At least we have a semblance of freedom and liberty in Texas, unlike other places in the world, so I thought it might be a change of pace to tick off some advantages of living in the land of the "free" and home of the brave.

Let's see... we are free to write and speak openly, on any subject... if we are prepared to pay the consequences. Of course, one of the prices of freedom is being responsible for one's own actions. So, thankful as we are for our freedom of expression... we must not libel or slander others. Oh, there are a few other exceptions to this inalienable right:

If you write or speak against the powerful and mighty, especially those in government... be prepared to become a target. You know, like the warning I get almost weekly from friends and family... "watch out, you better slow down, hold on, don't get too feisty, you know, they'll smash you like a beetle." That's the price of speaking out against the powerful... according to examples I've seen recently.

Take for instance Stefan Jeffries. While a passenger in another person's automobile, he was arrested, jailed and charged with... get this, "failure to identify." That was last April... and he has since been moved from Travis County to Cooke County, where he is still sitting in prison, denied even the holiest of all our liberties... the habeas corpus. No, actually it wasn't denied... it was ignored. What was the reason the automobile was stopped by authorities? It was the dastardly crime of displaying an unauthorized license plate.

Now the reason this license plate was so offensive to the arresting officer is that it was actually a vehicle identification tag, more like a decorative plate actually, with a bright star on a blue field, with red stripe, with the words, "Republic of Texas." My, my, my, my... the man is in jail because he was riding in a vehicle which had a political (and historically correct but politically incorrect) statement. I don't know, but it seems to me this would be like having a bumper sticker on your car.

His misery was compounded by the fact that when requested to identify himself (produce a driver's license), Jeffries presented an identification card which apparently really rattled the arresting officer. Even though it had his photo and other identification information, it did not qualify and of course he was whisked away in the paddy wagon.

So, I guess freedom to express oneself in this land of the "free" has its limits... but then, if we'll just toe-the-line and behave like good little slaves, there'll be no problem.

Then there's the sanctity of our property. Everyone knows that in Texas your property is your "castle," your sovereign domain... except when government agents have some suspicion that your property has been involved in some crime or other. That's when ownership of property becomes a "privilege" and the inalienable right we believed was so fundamental is not so sacred after all... especially if you have become a target and some government agency has decided to teach you a lesson.

That's what happens every day, really, hundreds, maybe thousands of times a day in Texas and all across America. It's called the civil seizure process... where the accusing government agency does not even have to give you due process or a hearing or charge you with any crime.

Then they sell your property and dare you to challenge them in courts which are stacked in favor of the government, and any how, none of those government agents can be held accountable for their "official" actions while on duty.

Oh, but if you'll only just keep your nose clean and not rock the boat, you'll be just fine... just behave like the good little slave you are and don't question authority... and you'll have the privilege of keeping all that is yours (on loan of course).

We're "free," as long as we don't get to uppity about our freedom.

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## Unwrap the black hoods, here come the 'anonymous juries'

Vin Suprynowicz

In Los Angeles, Municipal Judge Dan Oki is concerned that jurors - who traditionally have to state their names, home towns, and places of employment in open court - might be afraid to bring back "guilty" verdicts against members of youth gangs, out of fear the defendant's associates might seek vengeance.

So, Judge Oki has convinced California state Sen. Richard Mountjoy, R-Arcadia, to introduce a bill in Sacramento this winter which would allow identification of jurors only by a randomly-assigned number, not by name. But there is a good reason why jurors must say who they are. The primary guarantee of justice for the accused is his right to be tried by a randomly-selected jury of his peers.

This right has already been seriously eroded in many jurisdictions by intrusive "voir dire" questioning designed to weed out the well-informed, or those honest enough to admit they might have to struggle with their conscience before sending someone to prison for some consensual transaction that wasn't even a crime 80 years ago.

In Texas earlier this year, an upstanding member of the community was held in contempt of court because she refused to answer just half-a-dozen out of more than 100 questions on her juror quiz form, including what church she belonged to and what model car she drives. Remember, it's the government, not the defense, that completely controls the pool of potential jurors.

What if prosecutors in future decided to "stack" that pool even further, by including only relatives of shooting victims for "illegal firearm" cases, just as they now allow only drug-control zealots on most marijuana juries? Once jurors become anonymous, such a subterfuge would be almost impossible to discover.

Courts already have considerable discretion to protect jurors in rare cases where they're in perceptible danger. Where the court has concrete evidence of threats, some additional screening may be justified in rare and extreme cases. But a blanket shift to anonymous juries is absurd and dangerous.

Our system of justice is the best in the world because all can see that the defendant is judged by 12 common citizens. Change the jury to 12 hooded strangers, and we would be drawing on a very different precedent, indeed.

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On a different subject, a couple of my Internet correspondents have argued recently that the government can't possibly give up requiring some degree of government-approved education: After all, "Our growing jails and welfare lines are undeniable evidence of irresponsible parenting," this argument goes.

These parents, left to their own devices, "are very likely to put their kids to work pumping gas or pushing drugs or prostituting themselves." Since "education is vital, if we stop requiring it, we risk dropping back to Third World status."

Well now... every inmate on death row today grew up in a nation that requires 10 years of government schooling - schooling which, let's not forget, has increasingly sacrificed the traditional academic "core curriculum" to concentrate more on "self-esteem" and "socialization." The sacrifice of academics has reached the point where cashiers at McDonald's now ring up a cheeseburger by pushing the button with the picture of the cheeseburger on it.

At least in our urban centers, I'd argue we've already "dropped to Third World status." But I guess it's all worthwhile, given how well all this "socialization" is working out. Government control of education was seen as a vital prerequisite for the other schemes of all our great "social engineers," from Lenin to Hitler. And government little cares who's allowed to pose as schoolmaster. So long as it gets to define what education is, it will control the lesson plan.

As to the notion that we can't afford to turn responsibility for education back to parents because they're not "ready," this is precisely the argument used in the 19th century to explain why slaves were not "ready" to be free, because they had no experience of living in freedom. The great British abolitionist Thomas Macaulay answered that argument as follows (I lift the citation from Libertarian presidential candidate Rick Tompkins): "There is only one cure for evils which newly acquired freedom produces, and that cure is freedom. When a prisoner first leaves his cell, he cannot bear the light of day, he is unable to discriminate colors, or recognize faces. The remedy is, to accustom him to the rays of the sun."

"The blaze of truth and liberty may at first dazzle and bewilder nations which have become half blind in the house of bondage. But let them gaze on, and they will soon be able to bear it...."

"Many politicians of our time are in the habit of laying it down as a self-evident proposition, that no people ought to be free till they are fit to use their freedom. The maxim is worthy of the fool in the old story, who resolved not to go into the water till he had learned to swim. If men are to wait for liberty till they become wise and good in slavery, they may indeed wait forever."

## Texas constitutional committee meets first and third Tuesdays

The South Plains Texas constitutional draft committee meets the first and third Tuesdays monthly in Lubbock at Home Plate Diner, South of Loop 289 on University Ave., beginning at 7 p.m.

The committee is debating and outlining a new constitution for Texas, which will be presented for a vote in the fall or winter of 1997. The South Plains committee is expected to complete its draft in early June and elect delegates to the Texas Constitutional Convention, scheduled for July 4, 1997.

All Texas citizens are urged to participate in the committee work, either by personally attending the meetings or by expressing particular articles to active committee members.

In Garza County current active committee members are Charlie Duncan and Wes Burnett.

For more information contact Duncan at 495-4164 or Burnett at 495-4135.

## 'Voluntary' consent and other judicial fantasies

by Stephen Chapman

Today, we start with a quiz. Let's say you're driving too fast one day, and a police officer pulls you over. After he has checked your license and registration and issued you a warning, he asks if you're carrying any illegal contraband. You say "no," whereupon he asks if he may search the car to make sure. Which answer would you choose? (a) "Certainly! Go right ahead," (b) "Well, I guess so," (c) "Actually, pal, I'd rather not. I'm running kinda late already, so I'll be going now."

If the answer is (c), you will probably encounter serious difficulties with your local police, but you may be eligible for a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court, the only institution in America where that response is considered advisable.

We deduce this from a decision issued by the court last week. Robert Robinette found himself in just the situation described above. The cop who stopped him acknowledged in court that he had no cause to be suspicious but said it was his routine practice to ask to search the cars he stopped - something he had done 786 times just in that year.

When the officer made the search request, Robinette testified later, he was shocked and automatically agreed, even though he had a small amount of marijuana and methamphetamine in the car. Their discovery led to his arrest and prosecution.

Under the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution, he had a right to refuse, since the cop had no reasonable grounds to search the car. In fact, Robinette didn't have to answer the question about contraband and - according to the Supreme Court, anyway - could have walked away, gotten in his car and driven off. But for some odd reason, he did what the officer wanted.

The Ohio Supreme Court had no trouble understanding why - because he didn't think he had a choice. "Most people," said the court, "believe that they are validly in a police officer's custody as long as the officer continues to interrogate them. The police officer retains the upper hand and the accouterments of authority. That the officer lacks legal license to continue to detain them is unknown to most citizens, and a reasonable person would not feel free to walk away as the officer continues to address him."

In effect, Robinette was coerced into giving up rights he wasn't even aware he had. To prevent such abuses, said the Ohio Supreme Court, the Constitution obliges the police to follow a simple rule.

When a cop has stopped a car and wants to search it even though he has no grounds for suspicion, he has to first tell the person stopped, "At this time, you are free to go." Then, he's free to ask about contraband or request permission to search.

This would be a boon less to criminals than to innocent citizens who have done nothing to warrant suspicion. The U.S. Supreme Court, however, sees no reason to complicate police work by giving people dangerous notions about exercising their constitutional rights. By an 8-1 vote, the justices said the Constitution doesn't require informing a citizen of anything. The key question, the court insisted, is whether the search is voluntary. By the court's weird reasoning, you can "voluntarily" consent to a search even if you think your cooperation is compulsory.

The court's view of what's voluntary has always been highly eccentric. In a 1991 case, it said that one Terrance Bostick did not have to comply with armed officers who stopped and boarded the interstate bus he was riding, closed the door behind them, blocked the aisle and then asked if they could search his bag. He apparently went along only because he was feeling guilty for carrying drugs and wanted to be caught.

In 1980, the court said that a citizen would feel free to walk away from a police officer who was asking her questions unless there were unusual circumstances, such as "the threatening presence of several officers, the display of a weapon by an officer, some physical touching of the person of the citizen" and the like. What a relief. Apparently, the cop doesn't actually have to have his gun pointed at your forehead or his hands wrapped around your throat for you to feel coerced.

The rule suggested by the Ohio Supreme Court would have done what the U.S. Supreme Court did in the historic Miranda case requiring that anyone placed under arrest be informed of his rights. That mandate has done little to impede law enforcement or reduce the number of confessions, but it has promoted better police work by forcing officers to acknowledge their legal obligations.

A similar requirement for vehicle searches would be another valuable protection against law enforcement abuses. But the Supreme Court thinks the only way we can tolerate the existence of constitutional rights is if no one ever dares to exercise them.

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## Economics of ordinary things

by Walter E. Williams

Why do only children tend to be more spoiled than those with siblings? Economic theory suggests one explanation: Only children have monopoly power. They use that power to exploit parental affection. Since they're not faced with competition from brothers and sisters for parental affection, they can extract higher "prices" (greater indulgence and privileges).

Only children, and first-born children, who are only children for a while, benefit another way: They get more parental time. That additional time contributes to future achievement. It's no accident that only children and firstborn children are disproportionately represented among National Merit Scholars and other indicators of achievement.

Parents might protest, saying, "I gave each of my children equal attention." There's a way to at least partially evaluate that claim. Just ask your parents to bring out family photos. I bet there'll be more photos of the first born than of the second, third or fourth. That's just the tip of the attention iceberg.

I deliberately held off this confession until after the election: I don't vote. Before you condemn me, keep in mind the fight to vote also implies the right not to vote. But that's not my reason: It's a simple cost/benefit calculation. Most people derive great benefits from simply participating in the political process. It makes them feel as though they have a say in things. The sole benefit for me (stressing, for me) is if my vote can change the election's outcome. That can happen only if both candidates receive 50 percent of the vote. That probability is just about zero. So my expected benefit from voting is zero.

This election, Clinton received 45,628,667 votes and Dole 37,869,435. Adding my vote to either man would have made no

difference in the outcome. There are costs to voting such as: registering, studying the issues, traveling to the polling place, waiting in line, and possibly later being embarrassed by my choice. Therefore, for me, the costs to voting are greater than the benefits.

"Williams," you say, "suppose everybody felt that way?" If literally everybody felt that way, then I'd vote. In that case, my vote would determine the election's outcome. Before you condemn me as a bad citizen for not doing something where the costs exceed the benefits, be advised that I do more for our country than most. My taxes not only pay my share of national defense; they support four American families who don't even send me a Father's Day card.

Thirty-six years ago, I married the lovely Mrs. Williams. As in any marriage, we had arguments and disagreements. Mrs. Williams used to accuse me of "using" her. That was an understandable accusation, particularly since she was working to put me through college. On one of those emotional outbursts, I decided to give her some economic learning and said, "Of course, I'm using you!" I explained to Mrs. Williams that if I didn't have a use for her, I wouldn't have married her in the first place. After all, who'd marry a person for whom they had no use - a useless spouse. Marriage is a contractual arrangement, like any other. The parties mutually use one another. What Mrs. Williams should have argued is "Hey, dude (a nicer rendition of the names she used), I don't agree to be used that way."

When people say they can't find a marriage partner or a job, that's the same as saying they can't find someone to use them. Of course, the solution in either case is to lower prices or do what amounts to the same thing - increase quantity and quality of the services offered.

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# Sports

## Bulldogs bite the 'Lopes with a loss

by Becky Warren  
The Tahoka Bulldogs handed the Lopes a loss last Tuesday, November 26 by a score of 61-47.  
Tahoka outscored the Lopes for all the game and Post never could catch up.  
"Josh Grisham scored 20 points in his return from injury and did a great job breaking Tahoka's press. Tahoka was a playoff team last season and returns four starters. We played with them most of the game and outscored them 16-7 in the final quarter. Turnovers were a problem again. We have a couple of guys playing new positions and we have some growing pains," said Coach Thornton.  
Lead scorer for the game was Josh Grisham with 20 points. He was followed by Jerry Crawford with eight, Jeremy Josey with six, Todd Terry and Jamie Hernandez with four each, Jay Childers and Kip Wilks with two each and Seth Pennell with one.  
"I was pleased with the improvement that the guys have made and I look forward to seeing more improvement on a daily basis. We will play in the Aspermont tournament this weekend (Dec 5-7) and play Rotan at home next Tuesday (Dec. 10)," Thornton said.



Post Lady Lopes' Cassie Short brings the ball down court in action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

## JV Lady 'Lopes win two-out-of-three

by Becky Warren  
The Post JV Lady Lopes played Seagraves on November 19, and lost 28-44.  
Seagraves had the lead from the beginning and the girls could not stop them.  
Seagraves led the first quarter 10-6 but Post tightened the reins in the second quarter 6-4 making the halftime score 10-16 in favor of Seagraves. Seagraves came back in the third quarter 15-13 and clobbered Post in the fourth quarter 14-5.  
Lead scorer for the game was shared by Kendly Jefferson, Torrie Foster and Lauren Webb with eight points each. They were followed by Jodi Gregory with four points.  
"They were a very good, physical team. We have to learn to execute better," said Coach Christi Daily.  
**November 22**  
The JV Lady Lopes outplayed Plains on November 22 to capture a win 39-23.  
The Lady Lopes were out front in all the quarters.  
Lead scorer for the game was Torrie Foster with 17 points. She was followed by Kendly Jefferson with 10, Shelley Shifflett with four and Lauren Webb and Jodi Gregory with two each.  
"They all played well," said Coach Christi Daily.  
**November 26**  
The Lady Lopes outdid themselves in a contest on November 26 against the Tahoka Bulldogs in a 42-39 victory.  
In the first quarter the Bulldogs pulled ahead of the Lopes 16-15 and again in the second quarter 8-4. The halftime score was 24-19. But that was all the 'dogs' could muster as the Lopes came back and outscored them the rest of the game, 13-6 and 10-9 respectively to pull the game in their favor.  
Lead scorer for the game was Kendly Jefferson with nine points. She was followed by Erin Gregory, Torrie Foster and Jodi Gregory with eight each, Shelly Shifflett with six and Pam Chapman with three.  
"This was a very exciting game. The girls really hustled," said Coach Christi Daily.



Antelope varsity players Jaime Hernandez (32) and Jeremy Josey (42) scramble for a rebound in action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

## Wildcats edge young 'Lopes

by Becky Warren  
The Idalou Wildcats edged out the 8th grade Lopes by a score of 40-37 in a contest played November 25.  
The first quarter ended with a tie 8-8 but Idalou came back in the second quarter outscoring the Lopes 13-9 making the score 21-17 at halftime. In the third quarter the Lopes outscored the Wildcats 11-10 and tied them in the fourth 9-9 but the second quarter was the one that made the difference in the final score.  
Lead scorer for the game was Jamie Collazo with nine points. He was followed by Raul Ortiz with eight, Tyrone Jefferson with seven, Eric Smith with six, Ryan Wulfjen and Ricky Halford with two each and Jeremy Payne with one.

## JV 'Lopes send Bulldogs home with their tails tucked

by Becky Warren  
The JV Lopes sent the Tahoka Bulldogs home Tuesday, November 26, with their tails tucked after sustaining a loss by the score of 63-58.  
Lead scorer for the game was split between Joey Ward and Kris Kagey with 15 points each. They were followed by Jay Gorman with eight, Jerry Graham with five, Russ Moore, T.J. Gaydos, Billy Dozier and Michael Ulm with four points each, Slade Bevers with three and Josh Busch with two.  
"Overall the team broke Tahoka's press often leading to many fast break points in a fast paced game," said Coach Hernandez. "The team showed a lot of solid team work leading to their first win."

## Wildcats trample young 'Lopes

by Becky Warren  
The Idalou Wildcats trampled the 7th grade Lopes in a contest on November 25 by a score of 32-18.  
The Lopes were in trouble from the word go not outscoring the Wildcats through the entire game.  
In the first quarter the Wildcats outscored the Lopes 9-0 but the Lopes managed to tie them 8-8 in the second quarter making the score 17-8 at halftime. The third quarter was in Idalou's favor again 10-5 and the Lopes again tied the fourth quarter 5-5.  
Lead scorer for the game was Michael Huff with eight points. He was followed by Hector Reyna with five, Roland Casteneda with two and Waylon Strawn, Brandon Massey and Matt Leininger with one each.

## Wildcats give 7th grade Lady 'Lopes a run for the rim

by Becky Warren  
The Idalou Wildcats 7th grade girls basketball team gave the 7th grade Lady Lopes a run for the rim November 25 in a contest that ended 25-32.  
The Lady Lopes carried the first quarter 6-4, but the Wildcats came back in the second 4-8 making the score 10-12 at halftime.  
From then on Idalou keep the score in their favor. The third quarter had them with an eight point advantage, 2-10 but the Lopes came back in the fourth and outscored the Wildcats 13-10 but it was too late to pull out a win.  
LaRinda Ledbetter was the lead scorer for the game with nine points. She was followed by Emily Smith with six, Kelly Moore and Manuela Hernandez with four each and Stacy Morris with two. Others playing but not scoring were Meagan Mills, Heather Palmer, Meranda Hernandez, Tracy Morris and Tandi Humble.  
"We just didn't play as good as we are capable," said Coach Bill Gordon. "I hope we learned from it."

## 8th grade girls take Abernathy to the cleaners

by Becky Warren  
The 8th grade Lady Lopes took Abernathy to the cleaners Monday, December 2, in a contest that ended 34-11.  
The first quarter found the score tied at 4-4 but the Lady Lopes came back and took the rest of the game in their favor. The score at halftime was 14-6 in favor of



PHS Antelopes selected to the All-District football team are (back row, left to right) Sam Zubia honorable mention offense (guard), Chad Williams honorable mention offense (tackle), Sam Woods second team defense (secondary), (front row) Roy Perez honorable mention defense (secondary), Todd Terry honorable mention defense (secondary) and Steve Gonzales honorable mention defense (end).



PHS Antelopes selected to the All-District football second team are (back row, left to right) Jeremy Josey (offense guard), Jerry Crawford offense, defense (end), Israel Perez offense and defense (back), (front) Todd Terry offense (back), Sam Woods (punter) and Russ Moore offense (tackle).

## 8th grade boys lose to Abernathy

by Becky Warren  
The 8th grade Lopes lost to Abernathy Monday, December 2, by a score of 35-43.  
The first quarter found the teams tied at 8-8 but Abernathy came back in the second and outscored the Lopes 8-10 making the halftime score 16-18.  
Abernathy did not slow up any in the remaining quarters outscoring Post 8-13 and 11-12 respectively.  
Lead scorer for the game was Raul Ortiz with 21 points. He was followed by Ryan Wulfjen with six, Jamie Collazo and Tyrone Jefferson with four each. Others playing but not scoring were Ricky Halford, Jeremy Payne, Justin Norman, Gabriel Silva and Kevin Hart.

## Freshmen girls win first and only game

by Becky Warren  
The freshmen Lady Lopes won their first and only game of the season against Idalou on November 25 by the score of 28-26.  
The girls just barely pulled the game off. They were behind in the first quarter 6-10 but pulled the second quarter 10-2 making the halftime score 16-12. But Idalou came back and claimed the third quarter 4-5 and again in the fourth 8-9 but it was not enough to stop the Lady Lopes.  
Lead scorer for the game was shared by Courtney Bratcher and Lauren Webb with 10 points each. They were followed by Amy Line with four, Callie Johnston and Camie Payne with two each.  
"These young ladies played well and really hustled," said Coach Christi Daily. "Everyone got to play and help the Lady Lopes win."  
This turned out to be the last game for the 9th grade team because of a lack of interest from the other schools and the amount of girls who are playing. The freshmen girls all play on the JV team now.

## Freshmen 'Lopes lose to Abernathy

by Becky Warren  
The freshmen Lopes lost to Abernathy Monday, December 2, in a contest here at Post that ended 44-56.  
Post held the first quarter 17-9 but Abernathy came back and decided the rest of the game was theirs. Halftime score was 21-27 and the last quarters fell to Abernathy 35-41 and 44-56 respectively.  
"The kids did a great job coming off holiday break and facing a good Abernathy team," said Coach Postell. "The second quarter did us in."  
Lead scorer for the game was Johnny Jefferson with 12 points. He was followed by Billy Crawford with eight, A.T. Todd with seven, Raymond Jefferson with six, Braden Conner with five, Justin Gorman with four and Michael Saldivar with two.

## 8th grade boys take Abernathy to the cleaners

Post Post carried the rest of the quarters, 12-4 and 8-1, respectively.  
Lead scorer for the game was Kenda Looney with 10 points. She was followed by Vondi Gradine with eight, Yvonne Lopez with four, Brandi Gunn and Jenny Jones with three each and Davida Gregory, Brailey Feagin and Jamie Dawson with two each. Others playing

## 'Lope and Lady 'Lope basketball schedule

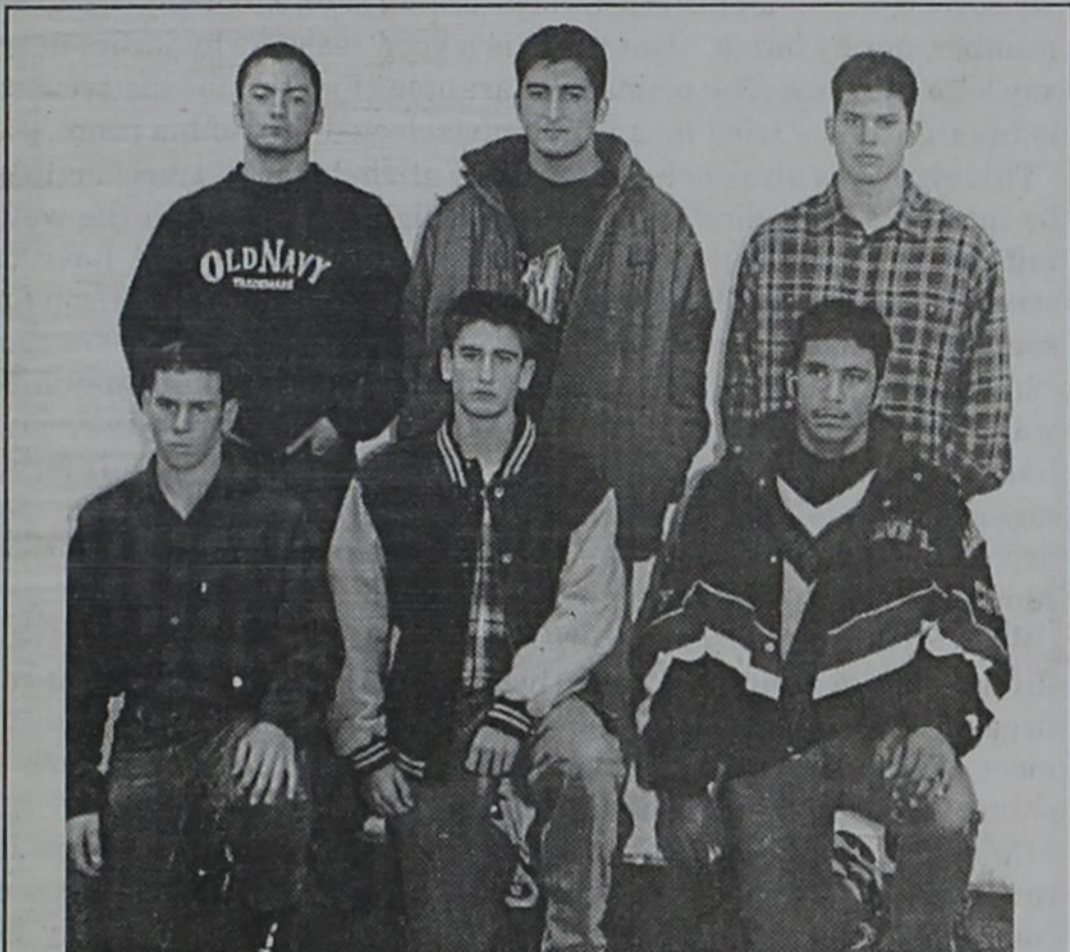
by Becky Warren  
The following is the basketball schedules for the coming week.  
**Varsity**  
Dec. 5-7 Aspermont Tournament; Dec. 10 Rotan; Dec. 12-14 Borden County Tournament.  
**Junior Varsity**  
Dec. 5-7 Lubbock Cooper Tournament; Dec. 10 Rotan; Dec. 12-12 (Girls) Colorado City Tournament & (Boys) Plains Tournament.  
**Freshmen**  
Dec. 9 (B-T, G-H) Crosbyton & Dec. 12-14 All Saints Tournament.

**Middle School**  
Dec. 5-7 (8th grade boys & girls) All Saints Tournament; Dec. 9 (B-T, G-H) Crosbyton.  
**8th grade Lady 'Lopes send Wildcats home**

by Becky Warren  
The 8th grade Lady Lopes sent the Wildcats home Thursday, November 25, with their heads hung low in a contest that ended in the Lopes favor 40-28.  
The Wildcats carried the lead the first two quarters, 4-6 and 4-11, making the halftime score 10-15 in their favor but not to be outdone the Lady Lopes came back in the last two quarters and outscored Idalou 12-8 and 20-3 respectively.  
Lead scorer for the game was Vondi Gradine with 14 points. She was followed by Davida Gregory with 10, Kenda Looney, Brailey Feagin and Yvonne Lopez with four each and Jenny Jones and Jamie Dawson with two each. Others playing but not scoring were April Line, Brandi Gunn and Mandy Terry.

**Abernathy sweeps 7th grade girls**  
by Becky Warren  
The 7th grade Lady Lopes traveled to Abernathy and was swept under the floor in a contest on Monday, December 2, that ended with a loss 19-33.  
"The girls are playing hard for the most part - we just have to improve our fundamentals - especially our shooting," said Coach Gordon.  
The first quarter showed Abernathy in the lead 12-5, but the Lady Lopes tried to come back in the second quarter winning it 8-7 making the halftime score 13-19. It was all down hill for the Lady Lopes from there with Abernathy outscoring them 0-2 and 6-12 in the final quarters.  
Lead scorer for the game was Emily Smith with seven points. She was followed by Kelly Moore with four, Manuela Hernandez, Meagan Mills, LaRinda Ledbetter and Stacy Morris with two each. Others playing but not scoring were Heather Palmer, Meranda Hernandez, Tracy Morris and Tandi Humble.

but not scoring were April Line and Mandy Terry.  
"A good job by the girls. We started slowly - it took awhile to get over the Thanksgiving break but was a good effort by all," said Coach Gordon.



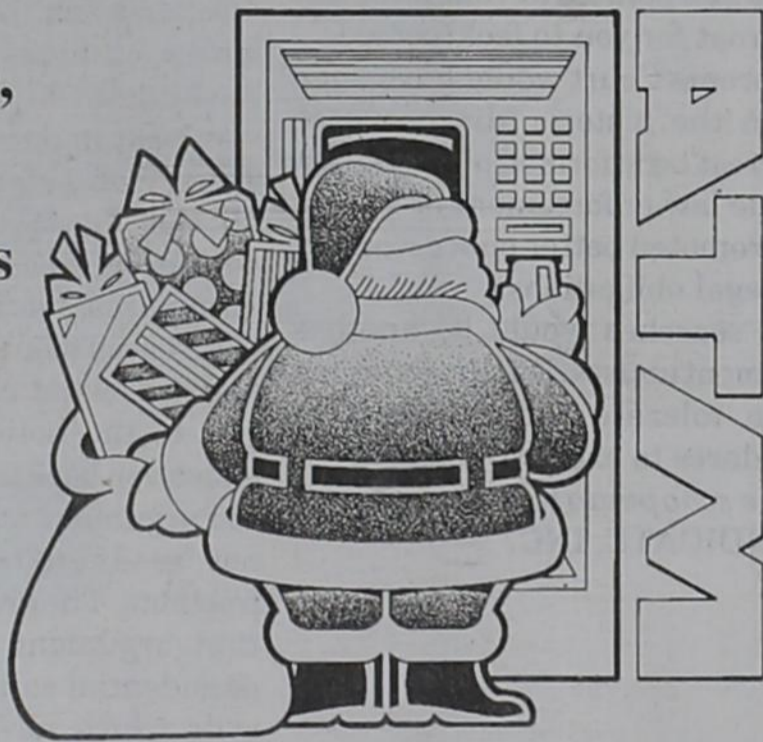
PHS Antelope first team All-District football players are (back row, left to right) Josh Grisham (most valuable player), Jaime Hernandez (quarterback), Orlando Castillo (back), (front row) Wayne Line (defense tackle), Jay Gorman (receiver) and John Barbosa (defense linebacker). Daniel Powers (defense linebacker) was not available for photo.

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# Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

## December 3, 1986 10 Years Ago

Angela and Ron Graves, daughter and son of Ronnie and Diane Graves, were honored with the Gold Star Award. The awards were presented in Lubbock at the District 4-H Banquet.

The Amity Study Club met Tuesday night in the home of Sue Shytles. Anne Leake was co-hostess for the evening.

The first week's winners in the PMA drawing were Lois Walls, Edna Owen, Fannie Ballentine, Margaret Alaniz and Mary Lou Gonzales.

The Garza County Historical Commission is selling 1987 calendars depicting different pictures of early Post City, Tx.

## December 2, 1976 20 Years Ago

Thurman Maddox pullets are laying four-ounce eggs.

Elected as class favorites of PHS seniors this year are Karen Williams and Matt Allison.

Between 450 and 500 received the swine flu shots last Tuesday.

Mr Jurd Young celebrated his 85th birthday on Nov. 29.

The Post Does defeat Floydada 62 to 59 in their home opener. Coach John Morrow is the coach of the girls team.

Sandra Bostick is working as a teacher's aide in the primary building. She is employed under the HECE program.

## December 1, 1966 30 Years Ago

Kirk Robison, son of Mr and Mrs Johnny Robison celebrated his third birthday Nov. 21, with a party in his home. Children guests were Tim and Melissa Tatum, Lisa Potts and Jeff Sharp.

Happy Birthday today goes to Melinda Sue Presson, Barbara Sue Parrish, Carolyn Boren, Donna Kay Short, Merle Jenkins and Kenneth Barnes.

The Iowa Park Hawks outscored the Post Antelopes 41 to 14 in their drive toward a state class AA championship Friday night in Wichita Falls.

Andy Torres, 4th grade student here, suffered a broken leg a week ago while playing football.

Mrs Lucy Cunningham visited Sylvia and Onnie Reed recently. They took her to Amarillo to visit her granddaughter, Naomi, and children.

## December 6, 1956 40 Years Ago

Mr and Mrs Jack Dale and Don, and Mrs C.P. Jones spent Sunday in Odessa visiting Mr and Mrs Bobby Greene and baby.

Mr and Mrs Jim Sexton held open house on their silver anniversary last Sunday. Sexton and the former Miss Hazel White were married Nov. 30, 1931 in Kermit.

R.K. Green, superintendent of the Post schools, and son Bob were in Houston last Friday and Saturday where Green attended a meeting of the Texas State Teachers Association.

The going wage paid laborers for third cotton pulling in Garza County on November 28 was \$1.50 per hundredweight.

## December 5, 1946 50 Years Ago

Music pupils of Mrs Elmer Long will be presented in piano recital Friday night. The following pupils will be presented: Leslie Nichols, Linda Lou Lott, Wilma Jean Welch, Hazel, Patsie and Mary Ann Shults, Tommye Lou Scott, Janice Gordon, Mrs N.C. Outlaw, Billie Louise Nichols, Barbara Norris, Joyce Short and Mrs Mohota Allen.

C.B. Trice and Jim Tidwell returned Monday from a deer hunt at Uvalde.

Mr and Mrs T.J. Myers and their three children were Thanksgiving dinner guests of their neighbors, Mr and Mrs Raymond Blue.

At the Garza theatre this week you can see "The Crime Doctor's Warning" with Warner Baxter, "Lonesome Pine" with Jimmy Wakely, "The Strange Love of Martha Ivers" with Barbara Stanwyck, Van Heflin and Elizabeth Scott, "Faithful in my Fashion" with Donna Reed and Tom Drake and "Rebecca" with Laurence Olivier and Joan Fontaine.

## Sheriff's office receives 77 calls

by Becky Warren

On Tuesday, November 26, a 39 year old female was arrested for issuing a bad check and for traffic violations. She was released on a \$300 bond for the check charge and a \$400 bond for traffic violations.

On Wednesday, November 27, a 29 year old male was issued on a bench warrant. He is still being held.

On Saturday, November 30 a 35 year old male was arrested on a warrant. He was released after he laid out his fine of \$195.00 for fines and court costs. A 21 year old female was arrested for driving while license suspended and city warrant. She was released after she laid out her fine and posted a \$1500 PR bond. Also a 33 year old male was arrested on a protective custody charge. He was released to the MHMR.

## State Capital



**HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN —The Texas Board of Medical Examiners adopted a position statement that those who administer managed-care health plans — who make decisions affecting the treatment of Texas patients — must have a Texas medical license.

The statement is meant to allow physicians to decide what sort of treatment is appropriate for their patients, according to the TBME board chairman William Fleming III.

The statement also would allow the board to investigate a complaint and recommend legal action for practicing medicine without a license, particularly if an out-of-state managed-care provider were to decide a treatment was not necessary in a Texas case.

But Tracy King of Texans for Quality Health Care, a coalition of managed care plans, said that determining whether a plan will pay for a particular treatment is not practicing medicine. And, she said, the statement would "gut the way we manage costs."

### Wanted: Pre-release Hearings

State Rep. Peggy Hamric, R-Houston, has filed a legislative proposal that would require hearings for all prisoners in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice before they could be released.

The hearings would be conducted by the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Hamric said it is wrong to release prisoners without first considering whether they pose a danger.

Gov. George W. Bush said he would make Hamric's bill a priority. "The parole board, not some mathematical formula, should decide whether a prisoner is still a threat to society," Bush said.

Jim Harrington of the Texas Civil Rights Project said, however, that Hamric's proposal may be illegal because it could change the length of some prisoners' sentences.

Under present law, prisoners must be turned over to community supervision when their time is served and their time credits for good behavior equal their sentences.

### Free Tuition Proposed

In a letter to Gov. Bush and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, Comptroller John Sharp proposed that teachers who stay in their jobs for 10 years should be rewarded with free Texas public college tuition for their children.

Sharp's \$20.3 million proposal is part of his Texas Performance Review. The proposal would be paid for by at least \$1 billion in savings outlined in the review, he said.

"I believe any responsible corporation in the state would look at this as a solid, cost-effective way to hold on to valuable employees,"

## Other Capital Highlights

■ Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry unveiled an exhibit showing 22 Barbie dolls and one Ken doll outfitted in Texas fibers. The exhibit opened in September at the state fair in Dallas, as part of the "naturally Texas" marketing program to promote the fiber and leather industries in Texas.

■ The so-called Republic of Texas has issued another claim that the state government is illegal and that it had taken over the state's bank accounts. Ward Tisdale, a spokesman for the attorney general's office, said, "There's absolutely no truth to this. It's a joke as far as we're concerned."

■ Texas' "150 Years of Statehood" commemorative license plate has been named the best-designed new plate of 1995 by the Automobile License Collectors Association. County tax offices issued 1 million pairs of the plates, beginning Dec. 29, 1995, the sesquicentennial anniversary of Texas' statehood.

## Community Calendar

**Friday, December 6, 1996**

7:45 p.m. — Garza Theatre "Little Women"

**Saturday, December 7, 1996**

7:00 p.m. — Tower Theatre "Christmas Show"

7:45 p.m. — Garza Theatre "Little Women"

**Monday, December 9, 1996**

9:00 a.m. — Commissioners Court, 3rd floor Courthouse.

7:30 p.m. — Post ISD School Board meeting, Administration building.

**Tuesday, December 10, 1996**

12 noon — Rotary, Rotary Room Community Center.

**Thursday, December 12, 1996**

7:00 a.m. — Lions Club, Chaparral Restaurant.

## Menus

### Post I.S.D.

**Friday, December 6, 1996**

Breakfast: Cereal, homemade bread, toast, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Sandwich, sandwich salad, French fries, orange, milk.

**Monday, December 9, 1996**

Breakfast: Malt-O-Meal, sausage, homemade bread/toast, fruit, milk.

Lunch: B-B-Que on bun, pinto beans, peaches, cake, milk.

**Tuesday, December 10, 1996**

Breakfast: French toast sticks, syrup, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Pizza, tossed salad, corn, fruit cocktail, milk.

**Wednesday, December 11, 1996**

Breakfast: Biscuits 'n gravy, ham, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Grilled chicken pattie on bun, sandwich salad, broccoli, blackeyed peas, ice cream, milk.

**Thursday, December 12, 1996**

Breakfast: Waffle sticks, butter'n syrup, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Nachos supreme, refried beans, tossed salad, corn bread, cookie, milk.

## Trail Blazers

**Friday, December 5, 1996**

Roasted chicken, scallop potatoes, spinach, tossed salad/French dressing, wheat roll, chocolate cake, choice of beverage.

**Monday, December 9, 1996**

BBQ chicken, corn, green beans, tossed salad/French dressing, biscuit, mince or raisin pie or cobbler, choice of beverage.

**Tuesday, December 10, 1996**

Salisbury steak, green peas, cauliflower, cheese sauce, wheat roll, pears, gingerbread, choice of beverage.

**Wednesday, December 11, 1996**

Baked ham, navy beans, carrots and zucchini, tossed salad/French dressing, cornbread, pineapple cobbler cake, choice of beverage.

**Thursday, December 12, 1996**

Chicken livers, rice, white gravy, green beans, wheat roll, fruit salad, sugar cookie, choice of beverage.

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—Marvin Minsky

## Grandparents' Corner



Granny Karen Jones spends time warming her granddaughter Sydney Lane after swimming. Sydney is the daughter of Lane and Christina Jones.

Bring your favorite grandparent photo to The Post Dispatch to be included in this weekly feature. Photos will be published "first come, first served."



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## Extension Extras

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

### G.C.J.L.A. Meeting....

.....tonight, 7 p.m., Garza County Courthouse. (In case court is still in session, we will move to show barn.)

### F.C.E. Christmas

The Family and Community Education Club will hold its annual Christmas party Monday, December 9. The group will meet at the Extension Office at 5 p.m. to go to Lubbock to see Christmas lights, eat out and exchange gifts. Please bring a \$5 gift for exchange.

### Marketing Meeting Moved

The December Garza County Marketing Meeting will be Tuesday, December 10, 7:30 a.m. at the new Extension Office at 102 South Avenue L.

### 4-H & Youth Committee Meeting

The Garza County 4-H and Youth Committee will meet Thursday, December 12, at 7 p.m. at the Extension Office.

### 4-H Hoof Trimming....

.....has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 4-6 p.m., at the show barn. All 4-H steers are expected to attend to weigh and trim neck hair prior to January. Those who miss this trimming will not get their hooves trimmed prior to the county show and it will be the owners responsibility to trim the neck hair.

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To most men, experience is like the stern light of a ship, which illumines only the track it has passed.  
—Samuel Taylor Coleridge

**Last Puzzle Solution**

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**ACROSS**

- TXism: "went to the well \_\_\_ too often"
- TX Minyard's is a \_\_\_ store chain
- TXism: "get your ducks in \_\_\_"
- \_\_\_ Grange, TX evergreen tree door openers
- Padre Island beach surface
- Bill Moyers was LBJ's press
- TXism: "when \_\_\_ (never)"
- Paris is its seat
- TX Kenny sang "Don't Fall in Love With a \_\_\_"
- Cowboys & Oilers must protect stars under \_\_\_ B
- in Young Co. on 79 alma mater of Oilers Dishman
- town on Trinity Bay
- Santa \_\_\_ TX
- TX Ernie Banks hit this 12 times in the majors (2 wds.)
- state Apiary organization (abbr.)
- TX Willie's Farm \_\_\_
- TX Dersch swam \_\_\_ stroke leg of '92 Olympic relay
- in Henderson Co. on 175
- NYSE symbol of TX Oryz Energy Co.
- TX Lake \_\_\_ del Rey (The King's Salt)

**DOWN**

- TXism: "he's three pickles short \_\_\_ full barrel"
- TXism: "couldn't find hide \_\_\_ hair of him"
- in TX, cars need an AC \_\_\_ system
- Sonora is on the western slope of this region (2 wds.)
- State \_\_\_ of TX
- Ann Richards gave a famous one at '88 DNC (2 wds.)
- Mrs. Connally (init.)
- TXism: "knocked down a peg \_\_\_ two"
- TX "Bandit Queen"
- Cullen Davis was found not guilty in death of this Farr targets of TX DPS
- TXism: "noisy as \_\_\_ crying for mamma"
- "me casa \_\_\_ su casa"
- TXism: "hot as \_\_\_ of mesquite coals"
- tears or rips
- secondhand autos (2 wds.)
- branding or shootin'
- flowerless plant
- TX Sly Stone's "Everybody \_\_\_ Star"
- TXism: "dot the i's and cross the \_\_\_" (finalize)
- TXism: "I'll \_\_\_ you a new hat size!"
- Paul Quinn College rel. affiliation (abbr.)
- character Thiola in "Wild Texas Wind"
- 365 days (abbr.)
- San Antonio's "Fiesta \_\_\_ beau"
- TX drink slangily
- TXism: "\_\_\_ rat" (toddlers)
- \_\_\_ is human
- TXism for small amount (2 wds.)
- TX Fawcett's character Jill in "Charlie's Angels"
- ex-Rocket Thorpe
- San Antonio's \_\_\_ Jimenez Thanks-giving dinner
- "Too Tall" Jones
- jazz instrument of TX Ornette Coleman
- blue jeans inventor Levi (init.)
- TXism: "fits like sardines in \_\_\_"
- TXism: "he's holding all the \_\_\_"
- units of measurement at Luling's Watermelon Thump (abbr.)
- TXism: "sling it on the wall and \_\_\_ sticks" (try)
- Sinatra in "Four for Texas" (init.)
- Comanche's court-house: "Old \_\_\_"
- former gov. Richards

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**COW POKES** By Ace Reid

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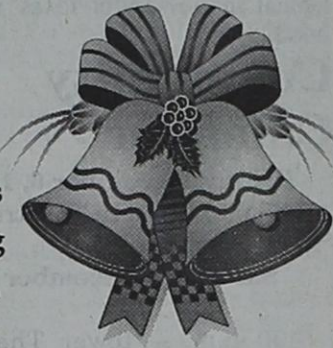
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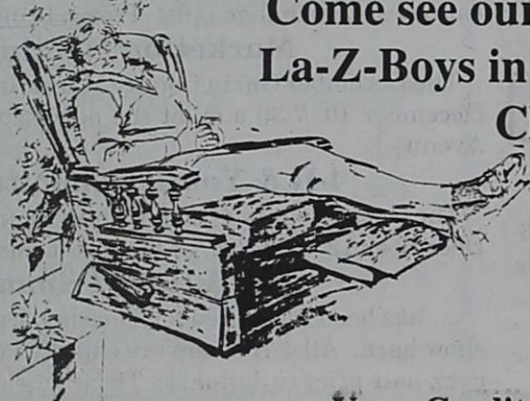
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