

Antelopes headed for regional tilt



'Lopes capture Bi-District Championship in 49-38 win over Hale Center
(See Page 6 for details)

Post Notes

School to be dismissed early Friday

Classes in the Post Independent School District will be dismissed early Friday due to the Antelopes' trip to San Angelo for the playoff game. Classes will be dismissed at 12:25 p.m.

Ms. Texas Senior breakfast Saturday

A coffee for individuals interested in being contestants of the Ms. Texas Senior - Panhandle/South Plains Pageant will be held Saturday, Nov. 21, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Hotel Garza. The pageant is open to ladies ages 60+.

MAD DADS garage sale continues

The MAD DADS garage sale will continue Saturday, Nov. 21, at the 4-H Barn from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. More items have been added so be sure to drop by and check it out.

Church to host Thanksgiving meal

The First Baptist Church will sponsor its annual community Thanksgiving meal Wednesday, Nov. 25, from 5:30-7:30 at the school cafeteria. The meal will consist of turkey and dressing and the trimmings and is planned for those who may not be having their own meal for Thanksgiving day. The community is invited. For more information, call the church at 495-3554.

Assistance available for energy needs

South Plains Community Action Association Inc. has received additional funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP). The primary intent of the program is to make funds available to enable SPCAA to respond to energy needs affecting low-income households. Priority will be given to eligible households containing one or more persons age 60 or above, a handicapped individual and families with young children under the age of six. For more information, contact Billie Williams or Ysabel Overton at 495-2329 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays.

National Education Week observed

November 16-20 is National Education Week. Teachers and staff members of the Post Independent School District will be recognized during the week by volunteers and room mothers. This week provides a good opportunity for local residents to show their appreciation to the staff of the school system for the job they do with the young people of Post.

Dispatch Thanksgiving deadline set

Deadline for The Post Dispatch's Wednesday, Nov. 25, Thanksgiving edition will be Monday, Nov. 23, at 5 p.m. "We will have to print on Tuesday," said Wes Burnett, publisher.

Church to host bake sale, fish fry

The Pleasant Home Baptist Church will have a bake sale and fish fry Saturday beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Victim program Nov. 19 meeting

The Garza County Victims Assistance Program will have a volunteer meeting Nov. 19 at 5 p.m. in the Citizens Bank Community Room. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer with the Victims Assistance Program is urged to attend. For further information, call Jayta Cravy at 495-2479.

Discount Bible, book sale scheduled

The Women's Ministries of the Church of God of Prophecy, 602 W. 14th, will sponsor a discounted Bible and Christian book sale Nov. 19, 20 and 21. Hours on Thursday, Nov. 19, and Friday, Nov. 20, will be from 4-9 p.m. Hours for Saturday, Nov. 21, will be from 9 a.m. until noon.

Head Start fund raiser under way

Post Head Start parents will be selling two-year pocket planners to raise money for the group's children's Christmas gifts. The pocket planners will be here soon and project organizers say they make the perfect stocking stuffers. The planners will come in four styles — footprints, angels, kittens and bears. To order, call 495-4037 or 495-3253 or contact any Head Start parent.

Cub Scout popcorn sales under way

Post Cub Scout Pack 314 is observing its annual popcorn sale. Orders must be placed by Friday, Nov. 20. Anyone interested in purchasing popcorn should contact Bill Short at 495-4104 or Will Morrow.

GED program continues in Post

The GED adult education program in its second month of educational service to the Post community. The program takes place in Room 210 of the elementary school each Monday from 4-8 p.m. To participate, you must be a Texas resident of at least 18 years of age and not enrolled in a public school or at least 17 years of age and officially withdrawn from school. The GED test will be given in Lubbock at Matthews Learning Center several times in coming weeks.

Santa Claus is coming to Post!

The Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau is planning a bigger than ever lighted Christmas parade for December 5 beginning at 6 p.m. A total of \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded to the best three lighted parade floats. Call for information about entering a float to 495-3461.

Church offers fish dinners on Fridays

The Holy Cross Catholic Church will offer fish dinner plates, featuring fried catfish and the trimmings, every Friday starting at 5 p.m. Cost will be \$5 per plate.

Holiday Fashion Fare set Dec. 9

A special event, the Holiday Fashion Fare, will be held Dec. 9 from 11:45 to 1:15 p.m. at the Algerita Arts Center. A meal featuring two types of soup, baked potatoes and holiday foods will be served. Fashions from La Posta will be featured and an auction of arts and crafts from the Post Art Guild members will be conducted. Cost is \$5 per person.

Post-parade chili supper planned

The United Methodist Youth will have a chili supper Saturday, Dec. 5, following the downtown Christmas parade. The supper will run until 8:30 p.m. and will be held at the Methodist Church. Cost will be \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 10. Donations are welcome.

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The Post Dispatch

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GHD board orders study on cost of continuing

Covenant System plans to cut back services at clinic

A study to determine what, if any, savings could be realized with the retention of the Garza Memorial Hospital District was ordered by the district's board members during their regular meeting Thursday morning.

According to minutes from the meeting, the board decided "a study needed to be done to determine whether or not a cost savings could be demonstrated by retaining the Hospital Board."

The group also ordered that the study should include a review of the financial impact the abolition of the hospital district would have on all local taxing entities. Hospital Administrator Maritta Reed was instructed to contact Mason, Warner & Co. to make arrangement for the financial study.

No timeline regarding the study was denoted in the minutes.

The board's move to request a study followed a presentation by Jason Markham of Covenant Health Systems (formerly Methodist Hospital). According to the minutes of the meeting, Markham visited with the board about the local clinic and the need to change the facility into a more "traditional" clinic. He said that many times when patients are coming to the clinic after regular business hours they are not being seen but are being sent to Lubbock. He also noted that the clinic is "not being used" in the after-hours time periods.

"The clinic has seen probably less than 12 patients after hours in the last month and... maintaining at 24-hour clinic is very expensive," the minutes state.

There have been problems recruiting physicians to cover the 24-hour clinic but that Covenant, under its contract with the local hospital district, would have no problems recruiting physicians for a clinic with "more traditional clinic hours, from 8 a.m. until 6 or 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, with (a) half-day clinic on Saturday," Markham said.

Board members were asked to consider amending Covenant's contract to reflect the hour changes. With these changes, he said, patients could call the clinic after-hours and the call would be answered

Post holiday events

Post and Garza County plan to ring in the holiday season in style with a flurry of activities scheduled the first weekend in December. The following activities are scheduled to take place that weekend:

- The Garza Theatre's rendition of "Steel Magnolias."
- An open house at the Garza County Historical Museum.
- An open house at the OS Ranch Shop.
- Regular visiting hours at the OS Ranch Museum.
- The annual Cowboy Christmas Ball at the Tower Theater.
- A Cowboy Christmas Tea featuring entertainment by Doug Smith at the Hotel Garza Bed & Breakfast.
- The annual lighted Christmas parade sponsored by the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau.
- The final Old Mill Trade Days event prior to the upcoming holiday season.

"It's a pretty full weekend of things," said the bureau's Wanda Mitchell.

In conjunction with the upcoming holiday season, the Commerce & Tourism Bureau is conducting an angel contest much like the scarecrow-contest held earlier this year.

In anticipation of the upcoming holiday celebrations, a Main Street workday has been scheduled for this Saturday, Nov. 21. All interested individuals are urged to come out and participate in the work day effort.

For more information on any of the events listed above, contact Mitchell at the Commerce & Tourism Bureau at 495-3461.

by an answering service who would then contact the physician on-call. The physician would then contact the patient and either instruct them on how to handle the situation until they could be seen in the clinic or advise them to travel to Lubbock where they could receive immediate medical attention.

The changes in the contract would allow for a reduction in the subsidy the hospital district pays to Covenant, Markham said, but noted that his organization could not provide expanded services (caring for nursing home patients, home health patients, detention center patients and patients from the soon-to-be-opened 1,000-bed prison) without a subsidy. He said a \$150,000-210,000 annual subsidy would be required to provide the "high quality care... that Covenant Health Systems wants to provide."

Markham said he has been in contact with the state representative who authored the legislation for the creation of the Level V Trauma and Stabilization Center designation and learned that is "doubtful if this designation will ever (be) approved." He said he has visited with a member of the committee that will set the rules

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Y2K seen as potential for Christian outreach

by Wes Burnett

A vision of Christian ministry in times of crisis was emphasized at the second community-wide Y2K preparedness meeting held Tuesday, November 10 at the Post Community Center.

Led by Tom Hurley, the meeting included background information about the depth and width of correcting date sensitive embedded computer chips and the enormity of the problem. Hurley, who has been studying and preparing for the Y2K problem for the past five years, emphasizes the "wonderful opportunity for churches to serve Christ" when people are in need.

"Most people will not be prepared to survive without electricity," Hurley pointed out, "they are in denial and will continue to be in denial until it's too late. That's why those few of us who see the potential devastation of this event must step up and be prepared to help others." Hurley then explained his vision for Christian ministry.

"This Sunday, we must all begin preparing to help others by taking a box or boxes of food to our churches, where they can be stored safely and be available when people are in need." Hurley reminded those in attendance that right now very few, if any, of Garza County's churches are even planning for the potential disaster related to Y2K.

"By January 1999," he emphasized, "every family should have at least four days of food and water and other necessities set aside... and by the summer of 1999 there should be from 10 to 14 days on hand." Beyond that, Hurley said, "we must be careful not to run afoul of anti-hoarding measures, and to avoid that, let's each bring our excess food to our churches, where it can be shared with others in need."

Hurley said that recent reports of government planning for martial law makes it imperative that individual families begin storing food now, "when the military takes over, there'll be no chance to store up additional supplies," he added. "No one family can do this alone, we must all work together if we are to survive."

Hurley emphasized the opportunity for Christians to use this potential crisis for God's purposes, and to demonstrate Christian love by sharing with others. "Am I my brother's keeper?" he asked... then smiling broadly, answered his own question, "Yes, you bet I am."



Ratliff wins Dispatch Football Contest... again

Janet Ratliff missed three games to claim this week's Post Dispatch Football Contest prize. Ratliff collects \$25 in Post City Bucks* redeemable at any of the participating merchants on the Football Contest.

See page 7 for the contest form and details.

Contest entries may be deposited at the following locations: Sonic, Town & Country and United Supermarket. Entries must be deposited before 5 p.m. every Friday.

• Weather in Post •

Date	High	Low	Precip
Nov. 11	63	37	—
Nov. 12	67	38	—
Nov. 13	67	39	—
Nov. 14	56	42	—
Nov. 15	74	42	—
Nov. 16	74	42	—
Nov. 17	76	42	—
November rainfall	— 0.60		
Year-to-date rainfall	— 9.861		
Records courtesy	Garza County Sheriff's Dept.		

Post Middle School Notes

by Nicole Gray

Club News — 7th and 8th grade STARS meeting Tuesday, 4 p.m. at MAD DADS. We plan to have Mr. Dean and Duchess there to talk to the students and play some games on helping them with their team work. STARS is also in the process of organizing its Christmas CARE deliveries with the student council. We plan for it to be very successful in helping others.

The student council successfully operated the concession stands during the junior high football season. Thanks for all those who participated and helped.

The National Junior Honor Society has successfully completed its fund raiser of angelic candles. All profits will go to their activities.

Sports, boys' football — A big congratulations to the 7th and 8th grade football teams for a great undefeated football season.

Sports, girls' basketball — The 7th and 8th grade girls have been getting ready for their first basketball games scheduled for Nov. 23 at Seagraves. Good luck, girls!

Something extra — Last week there was an assembly for Veteran's Day in the Middle School gym that went very well. A special thanks to Mr. Stone for organizing and making this program possible. There is a new club at Post Middle School. It is the 100 Accelerated Reader Club. There are students who have received a 100 on their report cards for their reading points in this class. Those students are Christin Collier, Donae Dalby, Dalle Foy, Ashlie Guerrero, Scott Zapert, Federico Reyna, Paula Voyles, Jennifer Reiter, Lisa Soto, Tayler Starkey, Xane Mason, Edgar Saucedo, Jessie Soto, Lyndee Strawn, Luz Reyes, Jerica Tyler, Diana Elizabeth, Elizabeth Serrano and Tana Starkey.

Also, Lesley Rutherford, James Soto, Martina Gibson, Amanda Workman, Erica Moore, Brice Easterling, Brandi Melton, Karla Contreras, Tony Garay, Patricia Hester, Kristy Shifflett, James Smith, Justin Williams, Callie Smith, Lacey White, Adam Nobles, Brody Conner, Tyler Bennett, Byron Mason, Felix Valdez, Kayla Dunn, Kaycee Gorman, Zach Lopez, Rosalinda Alaniz, Landly Couch, Corey Davidson, Kyle Gunn, Tami Heckaman, Kris Hernandez, Charles Huffman, Vanessa Leos, Zane Marts, Josh Payne, Tiffanie Tuttle, Alex Chapa, Cole Easterling, Logan Gregory, Jacob Lott, Amanda Morris, Steve Rivera, Hilary Smith, Jordon Tatum, Laura Ervin, Jerrad Grisham, Meagan Hoover and Eric Pederson.

Deadline for Next Week

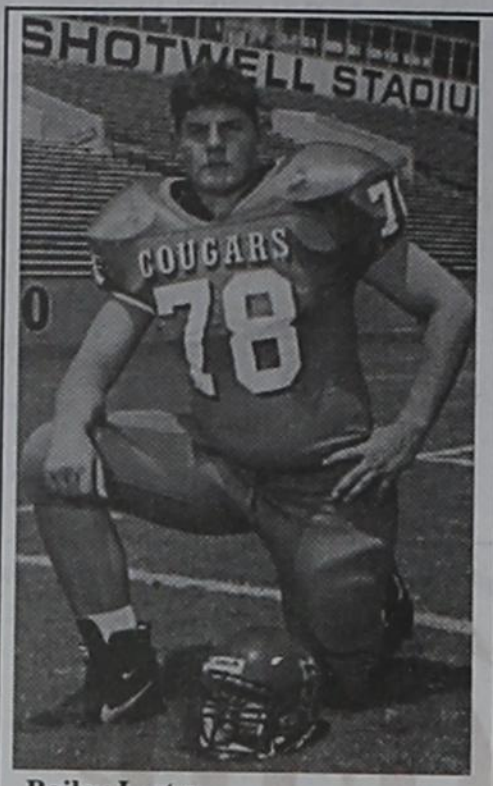
Monday, November 23rd., 5:00 p.m.
We will publish Wednesday, Nov. 24th
Dispatch will close Thursday & Friday

Abilene's Bailey Lester recognized for football achievements

A young man with local connections is one of the reasons the Abilene Cooper Cougars have attained their seventh straight postseason playoff berth.

Former Post resident Bailey Lester, son of Jackie and Chad McNeely of Abilene and the late Gary Lester and grandson of Dorris Lester of Post and Gene and Lorrye Lou Moore of Rising Star, plays left tackle on the front line. He and three other senior players have, according to their coaches, had a significant impact on the Cougars' march to the District 4-5A championship.

"Scholarship-wise, he's (Lester) got the best chance because of his size," said Cooper Assistant Coach Mike Patterson. "He's 6'7", 285 pounds. He has raw talent. He's developed into one of the great ones for us. He's done an outstanding job ad is probably our most physical lineman."



Bailey Lester

Post comedienne Gladys Blair entertains Amity Study Club

by Louella Bilberry

The Amity Study Club, during its Tuesday, Nov. 12 meeting, was entertained by Post's own First Lady of Comedy, Gladys Blair.

To fulfill a promise made to her dear friend, Lois Cook, Gladys entered the Senior Mrs. Texas Pageant in Abilene last year. It was her debut as a stand-up comedian. Since then, she has entertained at area clubs and meetings. Her biggest thrill so far was an appearance at the Roy Clark Club in Branson, Missouri.

Abilene? No, she didn't win but she brought a bigger prize home — the first ever South Plains/Panhandle Senior Mrs. Texas Pageant to be held

Jan. 29-31. Gladys encourages all ladies 60+ and proud of it to enter. No, no bathing suits! Judging will be based on a private interview with the judges, evening dress, philosophy of life and talent. Talents can be needlework, handcrafts, painting, quilts, knitting — not just singing, dancing or playing an instrument. Look around. We have neat, talented ladies in Post. Sponsor one!

Amity will again have its Christmas greeting in the Post Dispatch. We haven't raised the price, it's still \$3 for each family or an individual. Please, don't wait to be called! Call us! We are fewer in number this year and we don't want to miss anyone. This is our fund raising project for the scholarship we give each year to a Post graduate.

Members are reminded to bring their Toys for Tots to the next meeting. Club gift exchange is to be a Christmas ornament with a \$5 limit.

Our hostesses at First Methodist Fellowship Hall were Joy Dickson and Marian Wheatley. Other members in attendance were Sandra Alexander, Margaret Bull, Ginger Carlisle, Jane Davis, Iva Hudman, Naomi Matsler, Edna Owen, Joy Pool, Carolyn Sawyers, Ruth Ann Young and Louella Bilberry.

Shower honors Will and Crystal Osborn

A wedding shower honoring Will and Crystal Osborn was held Sunday, Nov. 15, from 2-3 p.m. at the Citizens Bank Room.

Guests were served from a table accented with crystal and the couple's chosen colors of navy and burgundy. Cookies, nuts and cranberry punch were served.

Special guests included Venita Price, mother of the bride; Joyce Smith, grandmother of the bride; Keith, Kelly and Keeton Rogers, brother-in-law, sister and nephew of the bride; Jerry and Wanda Osborn, parents of the groom; and Roxanne Osborn, sister-in-law of the groom.

Hostesses for the occasion were Sue Cash, Marge Tannehill, Willa Didway, Frances Craig, Kim Greer, Jimella Simpson, Kathie Rankin, Debbie Palmer, Dedra Adams, Jamie Cooper, Susannah Mercer and Pam Humble.

The hostess gift to the couple was a vacuum cleaner.

GCU&FWCD adopts rules

The Garza County Underground and Fresh Water Conservation District adopted rules and regulations for the district at an Oct. 6 hearing.

The newly-adopted rules require a drilling permit for all wells expected to produce in excess of 25,000 gallons of water per day (17.36 gallons per minute), district officials said.

Permit forms may be obtained at the county clerk's office at the Garza County courthouse. A \$100 deposit will be required on all permits. The deposit will be refunded upon return of all correctly completed enrollment forms and log of the well (if the well is completed), upon return of the drilling permit marked abandoned (if the permit location has been abandoned without having been drilled), or if the drilling permit has been denied by the district board of directors.

It is only the ignorant who despise education.
—Publius Syrus

Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

Well it is springtime again! Have you ever?? I am beginning to wonder if these farmers are ever going to get a freeze.

Special Message

I want to send a special message to Pat Ayala. You are in my thoughts as well as many more. May God shine his blessing on you and Anita.

Finally!!

I must let everyone know that I finally got to see my Dallas grandbaby Friday night.

My nice boss was kind enough to let me have a couple of days off and I tagged along with my sister (Jane Terry) to market in Dallas.

The kids met us at the motel and we all went out to eat and had a good visit. The only snag of the trip was it rained the whole time we were there!

Christmas Parade Time

To remind everyone, the annual lighted Christmas parade is coming up December 5th.

I don't know how many town merchants are entered but this is such a neat parade for everyone not just business folks.

Old Mill Trade Days will be going on that weekend with many out of town guests in Post.

If possible, take time to enter. Let's have the biggest parade yet and show off our town!!

Hat's Off

Those Lopes are something! I love this time of year when everyone is so excited about the football team.

I just want to wish each boy and the coaching staff good luck and say congratulations for the season thus far. Be safe!

Getting Better

I wanted to let everyone know that Glen Bratcher is home at last and doing much better. After eleven weeks in St. Mary's Hospital and rehabilitation center I know he is glad to be home.

Glad you are feeling better Glen! Get well soon.

Birthdays This Week

Birthdays for this week: Thursday 19; Kailie Harris and Jaden Wiseman.; Friday 20; Cissy Miller and Jimmy Morris; Anniversary, Chuck and Patricia Kane; Saturday 21; Suzi Clary, Edward Frausto, Angela Lopez, Javier Saldivar and Rachael Siewert; Sunday Nov. 22; Kelli Collier and Josh Hubble; Anniversary, Terry and Sandra Jarrett.

Monday 23; Allen Dolberry, Jordan Bratcher, Heather Fox and Kathy Hair; Anniversary, Tim and Renie Gaydos; Tuesday 24; Krisha Bush, Norma Crispin and Jason Ballard; Anniversary, James and Amy Easterling; Wednesday 25; Berry Tanner, Kyle Josey and Austin Fields.

Till Next Week

Guess that is all for this week. Call in your news and share with everyone. May God Bless each and everyone of you.

Go Lopes!

Christmas Lighting

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Local references

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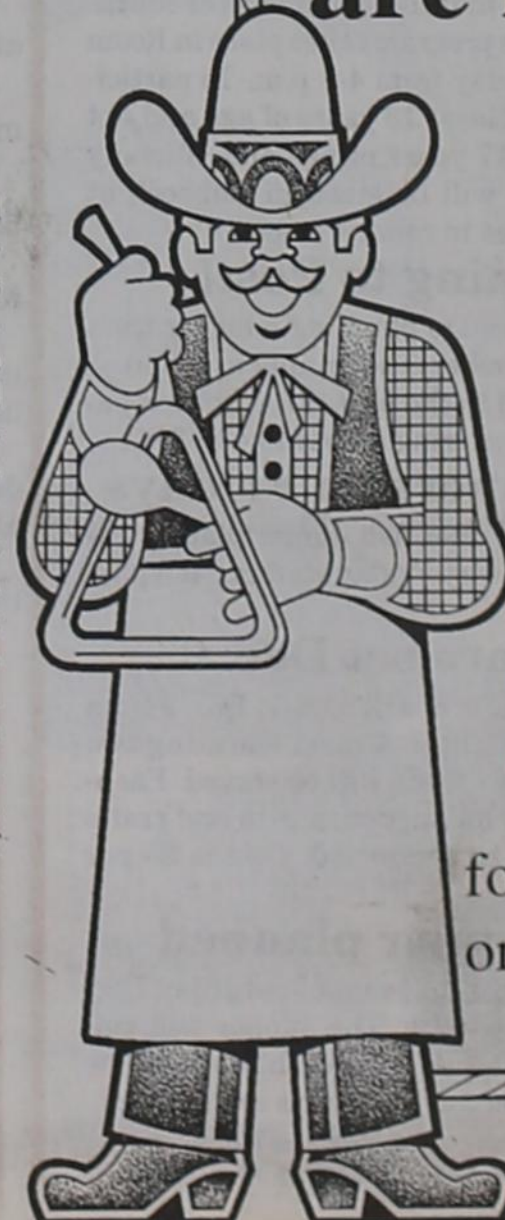
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For more information contact the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce (915) 728-3403 or P.O. Box 242, Colorado City, TX 79512

Marijuana possession leads arrests last week

Ten arrests were made during the past week in Garza County, most of them involving allegations of marijuana possession, according to sheriff's department records.

Six of the 10 arrests made involved charges of possession of marijuana, under two ounces. A seventh arrest dealt with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Arrests made Nov. 13 included that of a 20-year-old male, picked up for DWI/first (released the same day on \$1,500 bail bond); a 38-year-old male, possession of marijuana, no driver's license, no insurance (released the next day on \$1,500 bond); and a 36-year-old male, Ricky Don Mindieta, picked up for public intoxication and assault on a peace officer.

Arrested Nov. 14 was a 38-year-old male picked up for possession of marijuana, under two ounces (released the same day on \$1,500 bond).

Three arrests were made Nov. 15, including that of a 22-year-old male, DWI/first (released the same day on \$1,500 PR bond); a 29-year-old male, possession of marijuana, under two ounces (released the same day on \$1,500 bail bond); and a 26-year-old male, possession of marijuana, under two ounces (released the same day on \$1,500 bail bond).

A trio of arrests also came on Nov. 17, including that of a 20-year-old man picked up for possession of marijuana, under two ounces; a 20-year-old man, possession of drug paraphernalia (released the same day after paying \$246.25 in fine and court costs); and a 35-year-old male, possession of marijuana, under two ounces.

Fewer than 60 calls for service were received by the department over the past week, according to reports. Those calls for service included, on Nov. 12, a medical emergency in the 100 block of East 5th Street (transport made to University Medical Center, Lubbock).

Calls received on Nov. 14 included a gasoline drive-off at a South Broadway convenience store (\$12.02 worth of gasoline reportedly taken); three missing yearlings about 11 miles out on 380 east; an automobile accident, no injuries, in the 100 block of West 5th; and a report of the smell of marijuana in the area of the 500 block of West 6th Street.

Incoming calls fielded on Nov. 16 included a report of a vehicle on fire about 10 miles out on U.S. 84 north (fire department called); a medical emergency in the 800 block of 6th Street (transport made to Methodist Hospital, Lubbock); and a domestic dispute in the 100 block of East Avenue N.



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Garza County Church Directory

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First Assembly of God (Spanish) 407 May St.

Baptist
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First Baptist Church 402 W. Main, 495-3554
First Baptist Church, Wilson 628-6333
Pleasant Home Baptist Church E. 14th & N. Ave F
Templo Bautista 315 W. Main, 495-2416
Trinity Baptist Church 915 N. Ave O, 495-3038
Justiceburg Baptist Church Justiceburg, Don Blackcock, pastor
Pleasant Valley Hwy 84 & North 399 - (806) 828-4174

Catholic
Holy Cross Catholic Church Ave. K and Main St., 495-2791

Disciples of Christ
First Christian Church 812 W. 13th, 495-3716

Church of Christ
Church of Christ 108 N. Ave. M, 495-2326
Graham Chapel Church of Christ 5 miles W. Hwy 380, 2 miles south

Church of God
Church of God of Prophecy 602 W. 14th, 495-3644
Power House Church of God and Christ Pine Ave.
Lighthouse Christian Center Church of God 314 N. Ave I, 495-2237

Church of the Nazarene
Church of the Nazarene 202 W. 10th, 495-3044
Grassland Nazarene Church 327-5656

Non-Denominational
Church on the Go 113 W. Main, 748-7623

United Methodist
First United Methodist Church 216 W. 10th, 495-2942
Graham Chapel United Methodist Church 495-3492

Presbyterian
First Presbyterian Church 910 W. 10th, 495-2135

Time, Place, and Thanks
by Buddy Payne, First United Methodist Church, Post
Thanksgiving has traditionally become a time for giving thanks. It seems everyone considers giving thanks for something this time of year. Whether it is turkey, family, football or something more serious, we are thankful. I guess the only ones not thankful at Thanksgiving are the turkeys!
Psalm 100:4 says, "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise." In other words, we are literally brought into God's presence with Thanksgiving and praise. Paul tells us in I Thessalonians 5:18, "In every thing give thanks..." We are to be thankful in all things.
Frankly, this being thankful at all times a pretty tall order. However, perhaps we need to spread out our arena of thanks. Can you see? Give thanks. Can you walk, hear, breathe and talk? Give thanks. Do you have friends, a job a good outlook? Give thanks. Get the idea?
We can literally be thankful all the time, if we try.
Just think... we can walk closer to God and in His presence by just being thankful and not being turkeys.
Marantha.

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Tower plans Cowboy Christmas Ball
The second annual Cowboy Christmas Ball at the Tower Theater has been scheduled for Dec. 5 from 8-11 p.m. The evening's entertainment will include Rusty Hudelson's Knights of the West, Classic Country and Bob Wills Western Swing dance music with John Hartin (fastest guitar of the west), Rusty Hudelson's flying keyboard fingers, Tania Moody yodeling (joined by her alter ego Gaynelle Strawbuck, comedienne and cowgirl extraordinaire) and Schahara Hudelson's tributes to Patsy Cline and Buddy Holly. Holiday trimmings and eats and treats will surround those who attend this boot-scootin' event. The theater's no smoking/no alcohol policies will be in effect. Tickets are \$10. Reservations may be made by calling 806-894-3552.

Toys for Tots applications sought
Applications for needy children to receive "Toys for Tots" gifts will be accepted by the Post Lions Club through December 3. No applications will be accepted after that date. Anyone who knows of families in need may apply. Applications are available at the Garza County Sheriff's Department or at Fashion Cleaners. The Lions Club is also accepting donations and new Christmas items for the program.

Raffle to benefit injured firefighter
The Post Fire Department will be raffling off \$150 worth of groceries from United Supermarket Dec. 12 at their chili supper. Raffle tickets will be sold by firefighters for \$1 each; tickets may also be purchased from Delbert Rudd at 495-2618, Mark Short at 495-2355 or Darrell Reece at 495-02565. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit fellow firefighter Jo Ann Winters, a member of the Oplin Volunteer Fire Department who was severely burned Oct. 14 while fighting a brush fire.

United Way campaign seeks \$21,150
The Garza County United Way campaign is seeking a total of \$21,150 to fund 13 participating units. Donations may be made by mailing to Garza County United Way, P.O. Box 425, Post, Texas 79356. Last year the Garza County United Way was honored as one of the top units of its size in the nation.

County Swine Validation
All swine to be exhibited at 1999 major stock shows will be validated Monday, November 23, at 3:00 p.m. at the Post High School Ag Science Building. All hogs, exhibitors and a parent must be present. November 23 is the Swine ownership deadline for Garza County Jr. Livestock Association stock show exhibitors.

Total Home Health Care sets activities for home health month
Total Home Health Care, a division of the new Covenant Health System, will conduct an employee reception, contests and other special activities during the month of November to celebrate National Home Care Month.

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Obituaries

Charles W. Wood
Services for Charles W. Wood, 73, of Snyder were held Friday, Nov. 13, 1998, at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Darryl Smith officiating, assisted by the Rev. Jim Wright of Grace Lutheran Church of Snyder. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of the Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

He died Wednesday, Nov. 11, at his home in Snyder.
Born July 28, 1925, in Post, he was the grandson of pioneer family Charlie B. and Lillie Everett and was the third child of W.L. "Dick" and Gladys (Everett) Wood. He graduated from Post High School in 1942. He entered the Marine Corps in 1943, serving in the South Pacific in the 2nd Marine Raider Battalion. He was awarded the Rifle Marksman and was entitled to wear one Bronze Star with the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal for participation in the Marianas Operation. He was also entitled to wear the American Campaign Medal and the Victory Medal of World War II.

He married Myra Waggoner Dec. 3, 1949, in Clovis, New Mexico. He served on the Post Volunteer Fire Department along with his father, Dick Wood, who served 37 years as a volunteer fireman. He lived in Odessa and worked for Armo-Union Wire Rope as warehouse manager for 37 years. After retirement, he lived in Lubbock prior to moving to Snyder in November 1997.

Survivors include his wife, Myra Wood of Snyder; four sons, Jim William Wood of Denison, Richard Warren Wood of Snyder, Charlie Luther Wood of Midland and Kevin Ray Wood of Arlington; three brothers, W.L. Wood Jr. of Satellite Beach, Florida, Harry Wood of Odessa and Bobby Dean Wood of Lubbock; one sister-in-law, Lu Stockton of Lubbock; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the Big Spring Hospice or to Grace Lutheran Church of Snyder.

Kevin Morris
Services for Kevin Morris, 25, of Post were held Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1998, at 11 a.m. in the Post Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Jim Graham officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of the Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

He died Friday, Nov. 13, in Beaumont.
Born April 20, 1973, in Post, he attended Post schools and worked in the oil field construction business. He was a member of the Post Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include his mother, Trecia Morris of Post; his father, Wesley Morris of Post; his maternal grandmother, Pat Owens of Lubbock; his paternal grandparents, Harlan and Imogene Morris of Post; and two half-brothers, Rodney Tidwell of Post and Steve Tidwell of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Pallbearers were Eric Hair, John David Fields, Joe Baker, Craig Greathouse, Darrin Brown and Butch Greathouse.

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PRESCRIPTION FOR LONGEVITY - PART I

The baby boomers have arrived. There is someone turning fifty every 10 seconds in America today and this trend will continue well into the next century. While life expectancy continues to increase, a healthy middle and old age cannot be taken for granted.

Nearly half of older Americans suffer from arthritis; one third have high blood pressure, and over one tenth have diabetes. Cancer, osteoporosis and lung diseases, along with all the disabilities that frequently accompany them also are prevalent.

This week and next will be a "prescription for longevity". Lifestyle factors that are proven to increase longevity and delay onset of disabling illnesses.

ENDURANCE AND STRENGTH TRAINING - Walking, jogging or cycling along with light strength training improves cardiovascular and respiratory systems as well as muscle and bone. Exercise is the single most important anti-aging measure anyone can follow, regardless of age, disability, or general level of fitness. A sedentary lifestyle accelerates nearly every unwanted aspect of aging.

A HEALTHY DIET - Increasing fruits and vegetables in our diet cuts the risk of colon cancer in half and substantially reduces the risk of heart disease, diabetes and many other gastrointestinal problems. Switching from high fat to low, and in some people reducing sodium intake reduces blood pressure. Reducing the "beef and butter" in our diet can lower our cholesterol and the risk of heart disease.

Save this article and give it, along with next weeks, to someone over fifty that you care about. Maybe that someone is yourself.
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Opinions



Question: who are the indigents?

by Wesley W. Burnett

There's a letter to the editor on this page, which among other things, accuses me and this newspaper of printing bias (assumed to mean unfriendly) material about the Garza Family Health Clinic. Let there be no doubt about the inaccuracy of those charges... we have never, ever, printed editorials in this newspaper that were derogatory or "biased" about the Garza Family Health Clinic. We have, however, published letters to the editor and editorials raising questions about the obligations of the clinic related to its tax subsidy from the Garza Hospital District.

Actually, we are strong proponents of private enterprise, and since the Garza Family Health Clinic is owned and operated by a non-government corporation, it is none of our business how that clinic conducts its affairs... with the obvious exception, of course, as it pertains to the those funds which come from our taxes.

It is not our purpose to damage a private business... in our editorial last week, we simply used an example of a person who was turned away from the clinic, whether it be for an injury or for a case of the flu is not relevant... the fact is, the Garza Family Health Clinic, being privately owned and operated, is under no obligation to serve anyone it chooses not to serve, regardless of the reason... unless, of course, the person being denied service is a Garza County indigent.

Because the Garza Hospital District is charged with responsibility for the medical care of indigents in Garza County, and it has entered into a contract with Covenant Health Systems to provide those services, then by law and contract the Garza Family Health Clinic must provide care for the indigent. And, for that matter, that is the clinic's only responsibility in regards to its contract with the hospital district.

There is widespread misunderstanding in this community about the relationship of the privately owned clinic and the hospital district. The clinic is not responsible for opening its doors to just anyone who wishes to get service there. Many people have the mistaken belief that because our tax money is being used to subsidize the clinic, that the clinic then must take care of us. The truth is (yes, we do try really hard to print the truth) that the Garza Hospital District is not authorized by law to serve anyone other than those people who live in this county who are also declared as indigent.

If you aren't an indigent, you have no more right to demand service at the Garza Family Health Clinic than you would at any other business in town. There is no obligation by the hospital district, nor the clinic, to take you as a patient, unless you are an indigent. The truth is, the hospital district has behaved as if it had responsibility for everyone's health care for so many years, that most people, including hospital board members, are having serious difficulty accepting the fact that they are only responsible for the health care of the indigent.

When you narrow down the scope of the district's responsibilities to what it is lawfully authorized to do, it becomes obvious that the \$500,000 in tax money expended every year, is 60 percent more than is really needed. That is based on actual annual expenses for the few indigent cases in Garza County in recent years of \$20,000.

When people in Garza County finally realize that the hospital district is only authorized to care for the indigent... and that there is no requirement nor authority for government to take care of those of us who can take care for ourselves... then the demand for elimination of this tax will become even more virulent than it has been.

A lot of people think that if we keep a hospital tax, we will be guaranteed some kind of health care, and as it has been shown over and over again (and there are more examples like the one cited in the letter on this page which we have not detailed on these pages), neither the government nor the privately owned clinic are obligated nor authorized to care for anyone other than the indigent.

Which was the primary thrust of the editorial I wrote last week, using the example of the child being turned away from the clinic, not because of an injury, but because of the clinic's rules about payment. You see, if the purpose of the hospital district was to provide health care for everyone, then the question about payment would be moot... as in all socialized government programs... you'd simply go in and demand to be served.

What is creating such a fuss among the tax payers here is the misconception that the clinic is required to provide service to those of us who are not indigent. That's the central problem with so many people griping about the clinic, they completely misunderstand the role the government subsidized clinic plays in this community.

It is a private business, and in order for that business to survive, it must be economically sound... it must earn more money for its services than it pays out in expenses. It's very basic and elementary economics. And since the tax subsidy provided by the hospital district may not be used to supplement care for those not declared indigent, you can begin to see why certain people are turned away... because if they can't pay, and they aren't declared indigent, the clinic will lose money.

I am happy that we have a privately owned clinic in this town. I wish those people who work there could recognize that my editorials are designed to educate people here about the misuse of our taxes. It is none of our business how that clinic operates or how it enforces its policies, other than as it relates to care for the indigent.

Last year, when we demanded to be shown the constitutional authority for using tax money for services other than for the indigent, the hospital district's lawyer said, in effect, that all people in Garza County are eligible for services subsidized by the taxing authority... but when non-indigent Garza County folks get turned away from the clinic due to their inability to pay... it then becomes clear that not everyone is in fact eligible for the care.

And that is the truth. Only those who are declared as indigents are authorized to receive benefits from our taxes. All other expenses incurred by the hospital district are in violation of the law and a misuse of our money. We ought to demand that government adhere to its limited functions. The hospital district is not only unable to secure health care for the rest of us, attempting to do so is flatly none of the district's business. It is charged with caring for the indigent... and we, those of us who pay this tax, are basically setting aside our money to help those who can't help themselves. The hospital district was never authorized to subsidize private clinics, or to open the doors of its hospital to those who are not indigent.

It's time we accept this truth, and if you doubt the truth of what I write, I'll show you the original enabling legislation and the 1876 Texas constitution to support my claim. Those who disagree, have as yet not provided any evidence of constitutional or statutory authority to support the misuse of our tax money.

So, the next person who calls me to complain about the clinic not doing this, or doing that, please remember, unless the aggrieved person is an indigent, it is no business of mine.

Take it up with the owner of the business.

And thereafter, family debasement

by Walter E. Williams

Good economists always ask whether the benefits of a social policy outweigh its costs, and are there negative unintended consequences. Let's ask this question about Social Security, keeping in the back of our minds the biblical admonition, "Honor thy mother and father, as the Lord thy God commanded."

Dr. Jennifer Roback, a research fellow at the Stanford University-based Hoover Institution, penned an excellent article in the Oct. 5 Forbes Magazine titled, "Chopping the Family Tree." The article gives us some hints why parents are not honored as they were in the past. My summarization is simple: We don't honor our parents because, through the tax code, we can get somebody else to honor them. That might be a bit too cynical, so let's look at Roback's analysis.

Roback says, "Families are less likely to care for their aging members at home once socialized insurance schemes are in place." That is a terrible human cost. Many lonely old people languish in nursing homes or hospices, awaiting the grim reaper, because their care is paid for by government through Medicare. Social Security and Medicare make it convenient for children to forget about their parents' physical and emotional needs.

Roback also points to a geographical fallout from Social Security: "Without Social Security, it is unthinkable that so many elderly people would be living in Sunbelt retirement communities, so far away from their children."

Heightened isolation of older people produces other socially destructive consequences. Throughout most of human history, households included more than two generations, meaning they consisted of children, parents and grandparents. In cases where grandparents weren't actually in the household, they were in close proximity.

Their absence removes the accumulated wisdom of the elderly from the home. It deprives young mothers of assistance and instruction in child-rearing. Instead, they are left dependent on day-care centers, manuals and



nannies. These substitutes have nowhere near the value of loving grandparents living in the home or nearby.

Also, for most of human history, elderly people died in the homes and in the presence of their children. Grandchildren had a ringside seat and could observe old age and death close up and, at the same time, be taught their responsibilities toward the aged. When the elderly are kept at arms length, we're cut off from the lessons of this universal reality.

There's another fallout from Social Security. For most of human history, parents had to rely on their children in old age. Roback asks, "How many parents would stand for their adult children's avoiding work or responsibility if those parents knew they would have to rely on lazy kids for support in their old age?" Roback says, without government-guaranteed support in old age, parents would be less likely to permit their children to squander family resources to "find themselves." Parents who knew they would have to depend on their children would have greater incentive to assure that their children were productive.

Government programs of elderly assistance such as transportation back and forth to the doctor, home care and other senior-citizen services makes being inattentive to our parents' needs more convenient, but it comes at a huge cost to the structure of the family.

Another negative consequence of Social Security is the powerful political bloc of senior citizens seeking to enhance their entitlements at the expense of everyone else. Politicians love this, and to keep this constituency, they must demagogue about programs for the elderly and saving Social Security.

But we might ask just how much reverence we should have for a system that has severely weakened mankind's oldest institution — the family.

To find out more about Walter Williams, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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Letters to the Editor

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Dispatch didn't get all the facts in editorial

First of all, let me say, this newspaper tends to be biased in what it prints about Garza Family Health Center. I have yet to read anything positive concerning our facility and the medical services available.

Regarding last week's editorial, "Question: do we have a hospital?", the issue of an injured child being refused services is untrue. The adult with the child, came to the clinic and simply stated that the child needed to see a doctor, there was no mention of an injury of any kind.

She then presented a medicaid form that had expired on 10/31/98. She was told that her medicaid was expired and that we needed the current month's form which could be obtained at the Department of Human Resources; she still never mentioned an injury. This same procedure is followed at every other medical facility. The child would have been seen if we had been informed on an injury.

Later, a family member called Maritta Reed regarding the situation. Maritta told her to bring the child back to the clinic and they would be seen. They refused, stating that they were going to Lubbock. Maritta also informed them that the child would have been seen the first time if the clinic personnel had been told about an injury.

It is this clinic's policy to treat minor emergencies, the more severe emergencies have to be transferred to Lubbock. It is also our policy to collect payments, make arrangement for payment and/or collect insurance information for services rendered, as does the newspaper and every other business anywhere, which is only right since this is what you call business.

The person who called the paper with this complaint was not present at the time of this incident and does not know what actually transpired. Furthermore, I think that it would be in the best interest of this county if the editor would bother to at least attempt to check the facts before printing his editorials. Do you not feel a responsibility whatsoever to print the truth? Is this a newspaper or just another cheap tabloid?

Thank you for allowing me to inform you of the true facts in this instance. Joyce Teaff

Thanks to MAD DADS and Rodney Tidwell

I'm writing to express my thanks and appreciation to Rodney Tidwell and MAD DADS for Da' House. Not everyone realizes how important it is for many teens who live in Post. This is a place for teens to go to play games, spend time with friends, and do all of this in a healthy environment. With Post being such a small town, there aren't many things to do. I believe that Da' House keeps some teens off the streets and out of trouble.

I would also like to thank MAD DADS and Rodney for their support in everything that Post students participate in. Whether it be sports, band, U.I.L., Student Council, FHA, FFA or NHS, Rodney and MAD DADS are behind us all the way. That encouragement helps to do everything to the best of our ability.

We see Rodney at our games or activities, always telling us what a great job we've done and are going to do. Even though he may not be speaking directly to me, it still encourages me to do my best.

Many teens complain that there is nothing to do here in Post. Maybe these people need to just give Da' House a chance. I know that it is a fun place for me, and somewhere I feel safe. It's a place for me to go where my parents don't have to worry about me getting into trouble or getting hurt.

So, once again I thank you, Rodney, for being there for me and any other teen or adult who needs you. I also thank all the MAD DADS volunteers for help that they give us and Rodney. Without those volunteers, Rodney could not do all the great things he does for so many.

Stacy Morris

The strongest reason for people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government.

Thomas Jefferson Papers, P. 334 (C.J. Boyd, Ed., 1950)

Limits on government

Government shall never issue charters, licenses, certificates of competency, nor any form of recognition or registration for any organization or individual.

Article 2, Section 7 Texas Constitution 2000

Copies of the Texas Constitution 2000 are available at The Post Dispatch or Good News Bookstore in Lubbock. For a link to the entire constitution go to this web site: www.tcrf.com

Local Government Meetings

Monday, November 23

• Garza County Commissioners' Court, 9 a.m., 3rd floor court-house.

Tuesday, December 1

• Post City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.

Monday, December 14

• Garza County Commissioners' Court, 9 a.m., 3rd floor court-house.

Thursday, December 11

• Garza Hospital District board of directors, in the clinic building, 7 a.m. (Thursday after 10th of each month)

Offensive show brings Bi-District trophy home in win over Owls

by Wes Burnett

Last Friday night at Levelland, the Post Bold Gold Antelopes raced by the Hale Center Owls 49-38 to capture the Bi-District Championship and advance to the Area Championship competition. The Antelopes will meet the Sonora Broncos in the San Angelo Stadium Friday night at 7:30 p.m. (see related story on this page).

The Antelopes cruised to a 35-14 lead at halftime against the Owls, setting the pace early in the game by recovering the opening kickoff at the Hale Center 27, then scoring three plays later. A stout defense bottled up the Owls, and a precision offense showcased a championship team which obviously had winning on its mind.

It was the second meeting of the two teams this season, the Antelopes winning the September match-up 29-15.

Matt McCallister got things going for the 'Lopes on the opening kickoff, when Braden Conner's high kick fell in between Hale Center players, who stood motionless as McCallister raced to his left sideline and fell on the ball at the 27 yard line. Post fans, who were already highly motivated, burst out of their seats. Billy Crawford got the call around left tack, breaking through defenders to the 13, then Raymond Jefferson cut around his right end to the 12 and on second down Crawford blasted over left guard, knocking down defenders to the end zone for a 6-0 lead. Conner's extra point put the 'Lopes out front 7-0 with 10:50 on the first quarter clock.

After an exchange of punts, Hale Center put its first points on the board in a four play drive, tying the game at 7-7 with 5:12 on the first quarter clock. The Post offense ran out of downs on a seven play drive, and Hale Center faced second down early in the second quarter on a six play effort. The Hale Center quarterback dropped back and lofted a pass deep downfield, which Michael Ulm intercepted at the Post 44 yard line.

Five plays later the 'Lopes led 14-7 when quarterback Jay Gorman ran the option around his left end to perfection, dodging and faking defenders to the end zone for the final 20 yards. Conner's extra point was on the mark with 9:59 left in the first half.

The Owls were not fazed by the score, as they came back quickly to score on a three play drive, and with 8:56 on the clock the score was knotted one more time. But that was just the beginning for the Antelopes.

After the kickoff, the Antelopes racked up a five play, 49 yard touchdown drive, featuring heavy duty running by Jefferson and Crawford and a key pass reception by Clell Knight. The big play came on first down at the Hale Center 49 when Jefferson took the pitchout around his right end and outraced defenders to the 16 yard line. Crawford took it to the 14 and on second down Jefferson ripped over right tackle, leaving two defenders clawing grass as he went into the end zone. The extra point attempt was blocked, but the 'Lopes took a 20-14 lead with 7:20 left in the half.

The 'Lope defense made adjustments and forced a punt after three downs. Leading the defensive surge were Clay Ashley and Johnny Jefferson. The 'Lope offense took the ball at their own 46 yard line with 5:53 on the clock. On second down Gorman threw a pass to Crawford, who raced the distance to the goal line, only to be called back for a holding penalty. Jefferson took the ball to the 36, then on second down Gorman connected with Ulm on the fade pass near the goal line, who muscled his way into the end zone to give the 'Lopes a 26-14 lead. Going for two points, Gorman rolled to his right and hit Conner in the end zone with a pass. The 'Lopes took charge with a 28-14 lead and 5:18 remaining in the half.

Again the defense controlled the line of scrimmage. Ashley, Frank Reyna and Gorman played key roles in the effort, forcing a punt on fourth down from the Hale Center 32 yard line. The eight play touchdown drive that followed ate up most of the clock, with the fade pass to Conner coming on first down from the Hale Center 34 yard line. It was a great throw and catch, as Conner faked two defenders, racing the final 10 yards to the end zone. His extra point gave the 'Lopes a commanding 35-14 first half lead.

Hale Center's last ditch effort to score failed when a pass deep in Antelope territory was deflected by Conner and then caught by Rocky Gomez, who returned it to the Hale Center 35 yard line. An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty set the ball back to the Post 45. Two plays later Gorman's long pass intended for Ulm was intercepted by Hale Center and the clock ran down to zero.

Second Half Action

The 'Lopes fizzled in their first possession of the second half, and the fourth down punt was blocked, setting up the Owls at the Post 46 yard line. Six plays later the offense trotted back onto the field, following a strong defensive effort. Gomez and McCallister led the charge. Then on fourth down Hale Center lost the football on a high snap, which was recovered by John Radle at the Owl 17 yard line.

It took three plays to score, with Jeremy Baker catching the pass from Gorman and breaking through tacklers to the one yard line, then Crawford tried left to the one-half yard line for a first down, then on second down rammed into the end zone over left tackle. The extra point failed and the 'Lopes led 41-14.

The teams exchanged punts and with 2:42 left in the third quarter, the

Owls started an eight play touchdown drive, picked up the two point conversion and narrowed the lead to 41-22 with one second left in the third quarter. The 'Lope offense bounced back, scoring on a 10 play, time-eating drive, highlighted by Jefferson and Baker running. Jefferson ran into the end zone from the 11 yard line with 7:36 left in the game and Gorman threw the ball to Daniel Fluitt in the end zone for the two point conversion, to close out the Antelope scoring.

The Owls scored again late in the fourth quarter, then covered an onside kick and scored again with 50 seconds left in the game. The 'Lopes ran out the clock to preserve a 49-38 victory.

Sonora Broncos are champions also

Exclusive to The Post Dispatch by Tryon Fields

The 1998 Sonora Broncos are the current reigning District 2-2A champions. This season the Broncos have compiled a 9 and 2 overall record with an unblemished 5 and 0 record in district. The Broncos two losses were to 3A power houses Brady and Colorado City.

Friday night, the Broncos will field a team that is composed of 13 seniors, 13 juniors, and 10 sophomores. On offense, the Broncos have averaged 263 yards of total offense while scoring 22 points per game out of a wing T formation. Bryce Williams (175 lb. Sophomore) will handle the quarterbacking duties.

Anthony Renfro (170 lb. Senior), Tom Jacoby (185 lb. Sophomore), and Graham Bloodworth (155 lb. Junior) will handle the ground attack duties, while Williams favorite receivers are Demetrio Castro (150 lb. Senior), Brad Legan (205 lb. Senior), Breg Hughes (175 lb. Senior), and Tanner Fields (150 lb. Senior).

The offensive line will average 218 lbs. and is anchored by Brady Lock (235 lb. Junior) at center, guards Andy Sanchez (230 lb. Junior) and Jake Trainer (220 lb. Sophomore), Anthony Sanchez (205 lb. Sophomore) and Caleb Taylor (225 lb. Junior) will be playing the tackle position. The tight end duties will be shared by Lupe Ramon (205 lb. Senior) and Brad Legan (205 lb. Senior).

Defensively, the Broncos have limited their opponents to 8 points per game while only giving up an average of 177 total yards of offense per game. Using a 4-3 alignment and a 4 deep secondary, the Broncos are led by Senior linebacker Brad Legan (205 lbs.). The other two linebackers are Breg Hughes (175 lb. Senior) and Crispin Lira (160 lb. Sophomore).

The front four of the Bronco defense averages 204 lbs. with Lupe Ramon (205 lb. Senior), Reggie Glasscock (240 lb. Senior), Michael Castilleja (165 lb. Senior), and Anthony Sanchez (205 lb. Sophomore) making up this unit.

The Bronco secondary is led by Senior Tanner Fields (150 lbs.), Anthony Renfro (170 lb. Senior), Demetrio Castro (150 lb. Senior) and Graham Bloodworth (155 lb.

"They look like Seagraves..."

The Sonora Broncos are a strong running team, according to PHS coach Richard Gorman, who compares the Broncos to Seagraves. "They look and play a lot like Seagraves," he explained.

"We're really going to have play better and more consistent on defense," Gorman added, "we just won't have the luxury of giving up the big play."

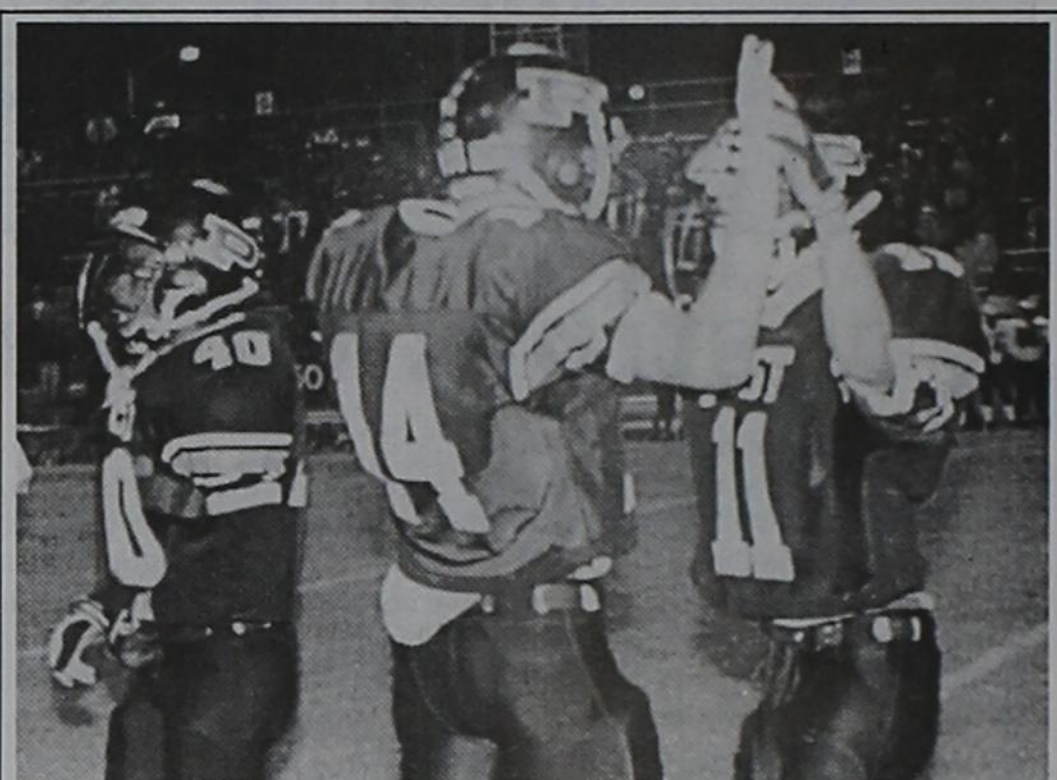
Gorman praised all the Antelope linemen, both offense and defense, for their outstanding effort in last week's win over Hale Center.

Sonora won the coin toss at the coaches' meeting last Saturday, and chose San Angelo for the site. The Antelopes will be the visitor.

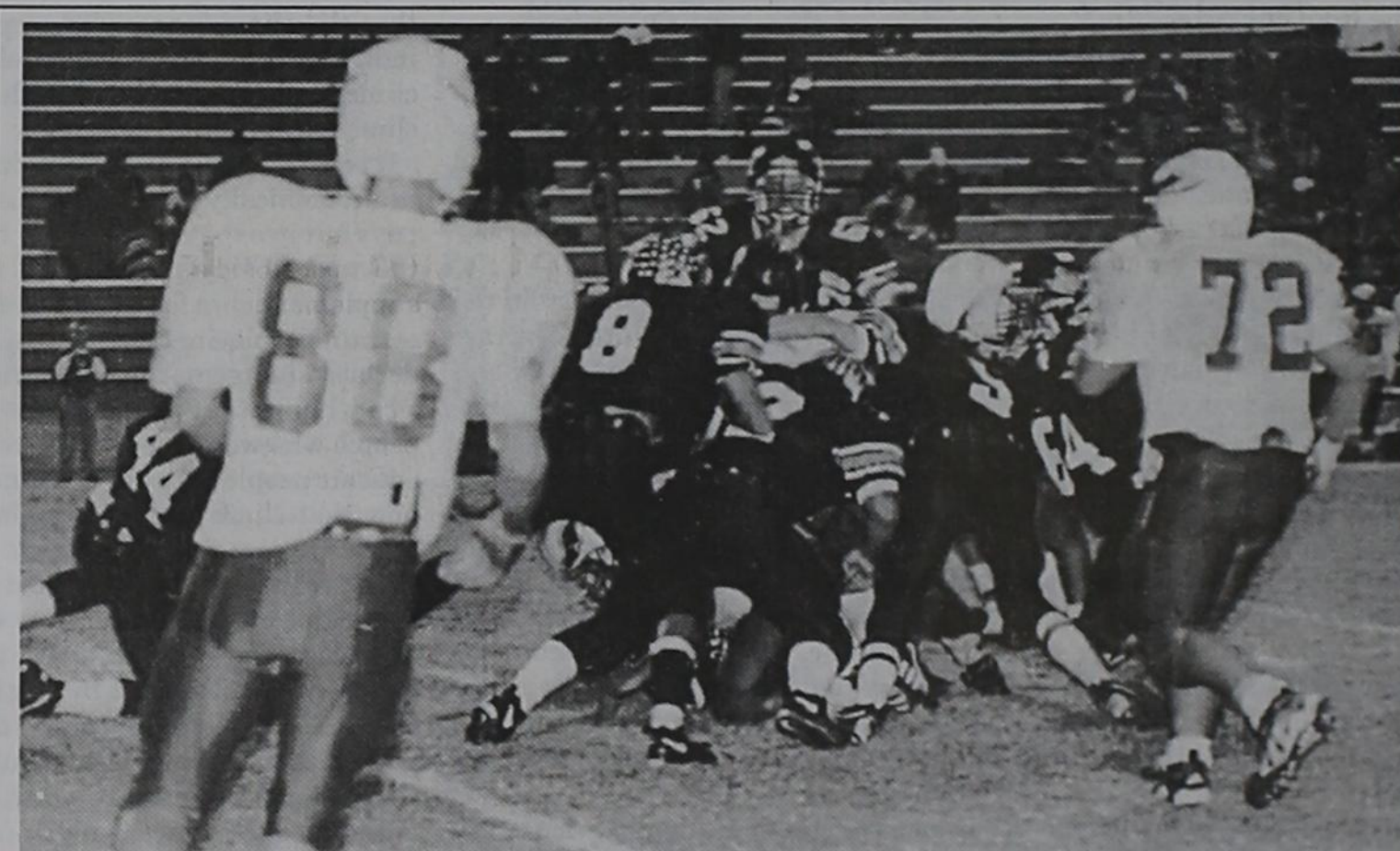
Game time is at 7:30 p.m. at Bobcat Stadium... which is just off Knickerbocker. Antelope fans should enter San Angelo on U.S. Hwy 87, head south to Knickerbocker, turn right and look for the stadium on the right.



Billy Crawford lunges over a Hale Center defender, stretching himself for another Post Antelope touchdown during the 49-38 Bi-District win at Levelland last Friday evening. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Justin Gorman (14) and Michael Ulm (11) celebrate another great defensive effort as teammate Johnny Jefferson (40) trots off the field. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



A host of Antelope defenders squashes a Hale Center running back in action at Levelland last Friday night. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Congratulations 8th Grade Antelopes Two Years Undefeated District Champions



Post Antelope 8th grade football team - (back row, left to right) Lance Curtis, Daryl Dissinger, R.C. Reed, Luis Zubia, Israel Estrada, Noah Gutierrez, Seth Redman, Brody Robertson, (second row from back) Brandon Bell, Brice Easterling, Tye Mason, Jordan Smith, Cody Fox, Brian Looney, Kenny Ratke, Joey Barrera, Tyler Bennett, Eric Alaniz, (second row from front) Ronnie Parrish, Traven Smith, Russell Eaton, Victor Soto, James Rudd, Alex Moreno, Will Reed, Adam Nobles, Manuel Saucedo, (front row) Matthew White, Byron Mason, Jeremy Ayala, Pablo Perez, Patrick Gonzales, Jordan Nelson and Chase Tatum.

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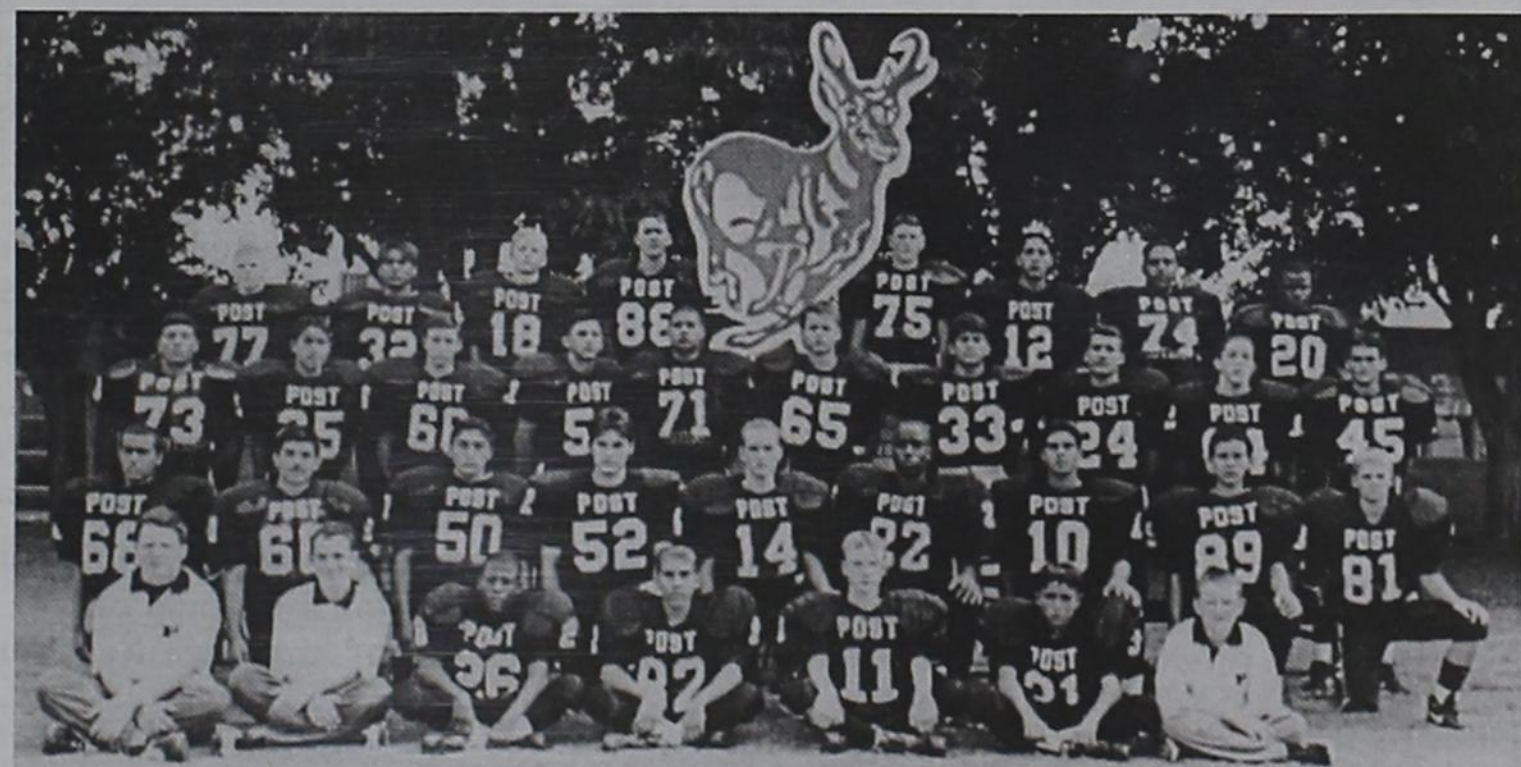
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
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SPS releases data on recent customer survey

Customers to SPS: Provide Us Plentiful, Low-Cost, Clean Power

The most important step Southwestern Public Service Company can take is to assure there is enough electricity to meet customers' needs now and in the future, consumers from four states insisted at the utility's recent "town hall meeting" on electricity issues, SPS reported today. Second in importance is providing service at the lowest rate.

Almost equally important is continuing to take care of the environment. Customers want sufficient new capability to generate power, but they are reluctant to see monthly electric bills increase by much. They are concerned about how electricity is produced, and greatly prefer future power supply sources that would have "steady operating costs" and that "would reduce customer electric bills in the long run."

They said that if they could direct SPS investment in future resources, they would select a mix of traditional fossil-fueled plants (natural gas and coal), renewable energies and energy-efficiency programs that reduce demand for power. "Our first reaction to these survey results is that customers are telling us to take a balanced approach — make sure the electricity is always there, keep costs down, continue to be good stewards of the environment, and invest prudently in new technologies for the future," said SPS Chairman Bill Helton.

The customers indicated they would like SPS to use more renewable energy sources — they especially favor wind-powered generation — if electric reliability could be maintained and their bills not go up much. They prefer the higher costs of generation from renewable sources be paid in part by those customers who volunteer to pay a premium price for "green power" and in part by spreading the higher costs across all customers' bills.

They are cautious about changing the way they are billed for electricity. They like energy conservation,

and want more energy conservation programs and more information from SPS related to conservation and other energy-related subjects. They are uncertain about the benefits of possible competition in the electric industry.

They said they would need to save 25 percent to 33 percent on their monthly bills to change from SPS to a different electric service provider. SPS reported the customers' opinions after reviewing questionnaires completed at the SPS Town Meeting on Electricity Issues held Oct. 2 and 3 in Amarillo.

A scientifically selected sample of about 250 SPS customers from Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas met and questioned panels of experts with differing views on a variety of subjects. This process is called Deliberative Polling. Dr. James Fishkin, director of the Center for Deliberative Polling, of the University of Texas at Austin, oversaw the poll and the Town Meeting.

"The Deliberative Polling process places participants under conditions where they can think about the issues," Fishkin said. "The sample in Amarillo was very representative and became well-informed. Their considered judgments deserve to be listened to." The results will be incorporated by SPS into its Integrated Resource Plan — its plan for supplying growing demand for power — to be filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas in January.

Chairman Pat Wood and Commissioner Judy Walsh of the Texas commission were panelists at the SPS Town Meeting, as was Chairman Wayne Shirley of the New Mexico Public Utility Commission. Other results included:

Competition
 Customers are divided over whether competition in the electric industry would be a good idea: 35 percent believe they would be a better off with competition, while the rest think they would be about the same or worse off — or are uncertain

of how they would be affected.

The biggest benefits they see from competition: development of new technology, better responsiveness to customers, and a greater range of products, services and rates. Their biggest fears about competition: receiving unsolicited telemarketing calls; having to deal with complex and confusing information in order to make a choice; being subject to deceptive trade practices by new competitors.

Alternative Energies, Conservation and the Environment

Customers are most concerned about conserving water and maintaining water quality in this area. Customers are moderately concerned about power-plant air emissions, but believe automobiles and other sources are greater contributors to pollution. Among renewable energy sources, wind by far was preferred by customers, with solar power second.

The customers were asked to consider "all the possible actions SPS could take" — such as adding renewable resources, providing efficiency programs for low-income customers, and improved practices to reduce emissions, and to report, "what is the greatest total amount you would be willing to pay per month above your current bill to have SPS pursue those actions you desire?"

The mean, or "average" response was \$3.13. The median (half of the customers willing to pay more; half less) was \$2.00.

Pricing options

Customers most liked the idea of "time-of-use" pricing — paying lower rates for off-peak hours in the evenings, early mornings and weekends, while paying higher rates during peak demand times. (On a scale of 10, this received an average rating of 6.9)

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- 1 state legislator
- Glenn who opposed the lottery in '91
- 5 Big Bend Ranch Natural
- 6 TX school test
- 7 Cybill of TX-filmed "The Last Picture Show" (init.)
- 8 TXism: "got a ___ of arrows in his quiver" (capable)
- 9 Cuban "two-step"
- 15 TX town
- 16 Marlon Brando heads for TX in this '66 film acorn product (2 wds.)
- 18 goodnight gal in song
- 22 TXism: "she has to sneak upon ___ to fix her hair" (homely)
- 27 TXism: "useless as patty ___ to a pig"
- 28 works bread dough
- 29 TXism: "up ___ without a paddle"
- 30 Dodger Carl who signed TX Nokona ball gloves
- 32 Gen. Zachary who fought in TX in Mex.-Amer. War (init.)
- 33 lineage
- 36 she sheep
- 37 Sidney ___ Howard wrote screenplay for "Gone With the Wind"
- 38 TX Willie's "Farm ___" was in Indianapolis, Ind.
- 39 TX Stone Phillips' ___ NBC

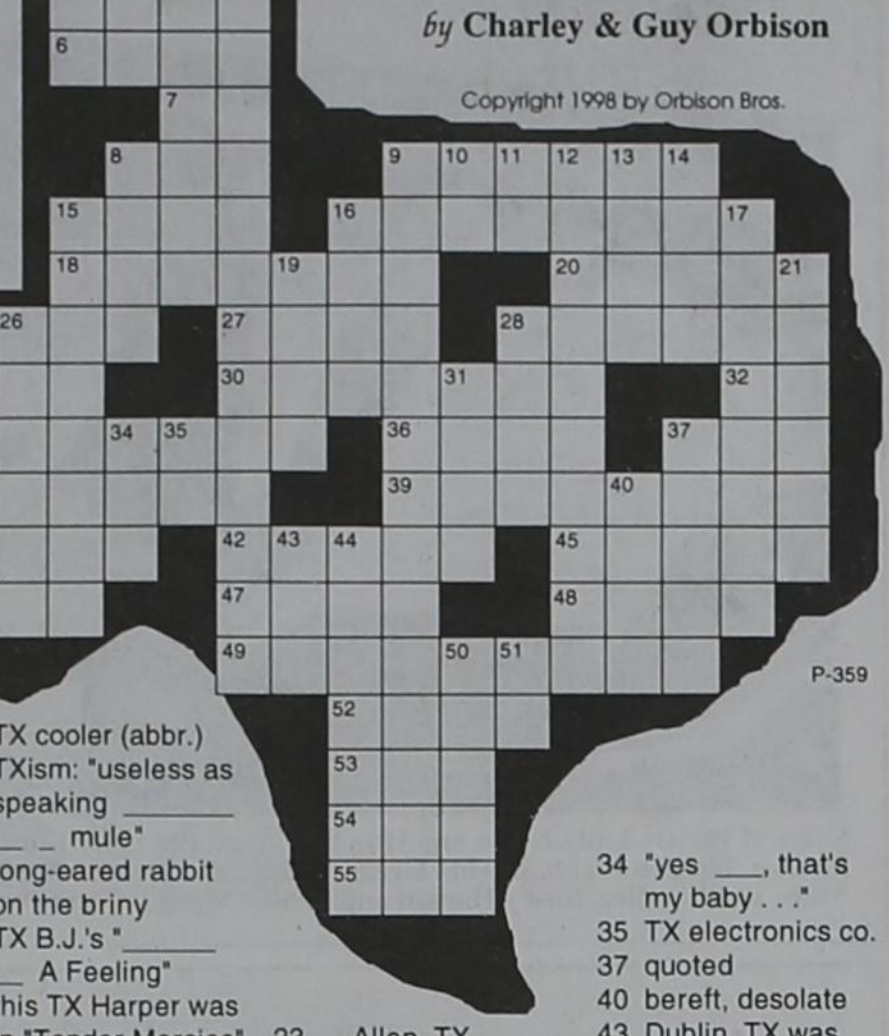
- 41 "believe ___ not"
- 42 TX H.L. Hunt aired his political ___ on "Life Line" in late 50s
- 45 Indian pole
- 46 spy novelist Deighton
- 47 humorist Bombeck
- 48 mined TX metals
- 49 official rebuke
- 52 TX youngsters learn 'em in school
- 53 business abbr. for complete loss

- 54 TXism: "active as a fox in a ___ house"
- 55 decades (abbr.)

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- 1 TXism: "smart as a bunkhouse ___"
- 2 historical period
- 3 TXism: "proud as a ___"
- 4 El Paso's early name meant "___ to the north"
- 8 TXism: "him and the truth ain't going steady"
- 9 Guadalupe River juniper thickets are habitat for golden-
- 10 TXism: "___ blazes a wide trail" (large)

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- 11 TX cooler (abbr.)
- 12 TXism: "useless as speaking ___"
- 13 long-eared rabbit
- 14 on the briny
- 15 TX B.J.'s "___ A Feeling"
- 16 this TX Harper was in "Tender Mercies"
- 17 Emmitt's favorite places
- 19 this Calhoun starred with TX Martha Hyer in "Red Sundown"
- 21 high respect
- 22 TX football class
- 23 Allen, TX
- 24 retirement nest egg
- 25 drive the spike again
- 26 to relate poetry
- 28 Palestine AM radio
- 31 TXism: "if ___ any better I couldn't stand it"
- 34 "yes ___ that's my baby..."
- 35 TX electronics co.
- 37 quoted
- 40 bereft, desolate
- 43 Dublin, TX was named after city of this country (abbr.)
- 44 identification with another's feelings
- 50 graphic computer symbols
- 51 Streep of TX-filmed "Silkwood" (init.)

Yesteryears
by Pat Burnett

**Nov. 20, 1988
10 Years Ago**

Syd Conner, County Extension Agent in Garza county, was presented the Texas Superior Service Award in ceremonies at Texas A & M University... The Green Thumb Garden Club met in the home of Ida Jones with Carlene Kyle as co-hostess. The ladies made wreaths for the holidays... Maxine Durrett Earl's most memorable Thanksgiving was in the mid 20's when natural gas came to the home of the J.R. Durrett family. Her mother didn't have to use the coal-burning stove for heating the entire house.

**Nov. 21 1978
20 Years Ago**

Happy Birthday today goes to Jan Olson, Elaine Copple, Pat Smiley, Teddy Jackson, Lloyd Barker, Kirt Robinson, Mrs. Dick Cravy, Steve Short and Kelvin Thomas... The flagpole at Post Middle School fell into the street last Wednesday morning. No one was injured, according to Principal Bud Davis... Karla Morris was honored with a birthday dinner in the home of her parents last week. Attending were Lisa Cowdrey, Nita Gunn, Kerri Pool, Melinda and Melissa Tatum, Jarita Norman and Donna Baumann.

**Nov. 21, 1968
30 Years Ago**

J.L. Hedrick is in Garza Memorial Hospital with a broken pelvis suffered when his horse fell with him recently at his ranch home here... Mrs. Nell McCrary was hostess for a Thanksgiving party for the Needlecraft Club in her home last Friday. Mrs. Joe Callis told a Thanksgiving story and closed the program with a prayer... The Post Antelopes, under new head coach Kenny Poole, will open their 1968-69 basketball season here Tuesday night against the Cotton Center Elks... Mr. and Mrs. Larry Duane Welch are the parents of a daughter, Duana Cheryl, born Nov. 14 in West Texas Hospital. The infant weighed six and three-fourths pounds at birth.

**Nov. 20, 1958
40 Years Ago**

Mitchell Williams of Tahoka officially announced today that he has resigned as district attorney for the 106th Judicial District, effective Dec. 1... Joan Chilcoat underwent an appendectomy last week. She returned home last Monday and is recuperating satisfactorily... Mrs. W.C. Kiker, Alice Fay and Diane, visited Saturday in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown, Jr... Judy Gossett had a birthday party at Antelope Alley Saturday. Everyone had a great time... At the Tower Theatre this week you can see "From Here to Eternity" with Burt Lancaster, Montgomery Cliff, Deborah Kerr, Frank Sinatra and Donna Reed.

**Nov. 18, 1948
50 Years Ago**

Eugene Ford was host in his home last Thursday night for a party for the football boys, their dates and other guests... All the girls in school are drooling over Roy Josey's beautiful eyes... Mr. and Mrs. Charles Daughtery have moved from the Power apartments to the Baker apartments, across the street on North Broadway... Allen Cash and Frank O'Neal of San Angelo are hunting deer in Mason County this

week. Mrs. Cash is visiting in San Angelo with relatives and friends... Claudia Ticer and two friends from Wayland College visited here over the weekend with Claudia's parents.

Ancient clipping tells story of Duckworth - Knox marriage

(Ed. Note: On Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. George Duckworth of Justiceburg, pioneer residents of Garza County, will hold open house at the Garza County 4-H Building here on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. The following article is from a 1908 edition of The Post City Post, telling of the Duckworths' marriage here. Since the journalistic style of the day was followed in both headings and article, we are sorry that the clipping was not in good enough condition for The Dispatch to reproduce in facsimile. However, we are running the write-up just as it appeared in Post's first newspaper 50 years ago.)

"Post City Wedding Was Grand Affair."
"Marriage Vows Were Solemnized by Judge Boren of That City."
"Sumptuous Supper Was Spread."
"Miss Elva Knox and Mr. George Duckworth Were Married at The Algerita Hotel November 18th—Thirty-One Guests Were Present at The Wedding."

"By far the most interesting affair, social or otherwise, that has occurred here during the autumn was the nuptial of Miss Elva Knox and Mr. George Durham Duckworth, on the evening of the 18th just, at the the Algerita Hotel.
"The bride is the beautiful and lovable daughter of Mr. Dock Knox, a prominent ranchman, who resides some miles southeast of this city.
"The groom is the manager of the Llano Cattle Company, who has large and important affairs entrusted to his care.
"This young couple number by the score their friends, who joyfully unite in wishing them a pleasant journey through life.
"The hotel, magnificent in apartments at all times, was especially prepared for the glad occasion.
"The parlor was decorated in white, trimmed with native cedar

boughs, the lobby gay in the natural colors, and the color scheme of the parlor was preserved in the dining room, but a bright tint added here and there.
"At 7:30 o'clock the bridal party, moving to the sweet strains of, "Call Me Thine Own", swept down the grand stairway, passed through the lobby and entered the parlor; aglow with warm and twinkling lights. Standing before the especially prepared altar, the attendants grouping themselves on each side, the groom and his fair companion heard the solemn words, delivered by Judge Boren, which unite them each to each for all time.
"The ceremony over, friends gathered around and showered congratulations, while, "O Promise Me", was softly played.
"A sumptuous wedding supper was served in the dining room, where covers were laid for 31 guests. American flags were places as favors.
"Mesdames Brown, Swartz, Conway, Gardner and Miss Brown assisted most gracefully and graciously at the punch bowls.
"The bride's costume was made of beautiful champagne colored silk elaborately trimmed with meadow-hen and lace. Orange blossoms nestled in her hair.
"The attendants were as follows: W. A. Duckworth, brother of the groom, and Miss Virgie Justice, V. A. Wilks and Miss Nichols of Colorado, Sam Wilks Jr. with Miss Annie Butler.
"A ball was given and the many dancers glided to the sweet music of the Colorado String band 'til a wee hour.
"As the happy people sought their homes, the watchful stars twinkled soft benediction; a gentle breeze flowed up from the south and its barwings bore a wonderful message, "Love, nought all else is, save love."

From The Post Dispatch, November 20, 1958

Norwest, Wells Fargo announce merger completed

Wells Fargo & Company and Norwest Corporation recently announced they have completed their merger, creating the new Wells Fargo, a diversified financial services company.
The new company is headquartered in San Francisco and has \$196 billion in assets, 15 million customers, 5,836 stores and almost 102,000 employees. It ranks seventh in assets and third in the market value of its stock at Sept. 30 among U.S. bank holding companies.

"We firmly believe this new company, which combines the best of both organizations, will become the premier financial services company in the United States and the leading banking franchise in the Midwest and Western United States," said Dick Kovacevich, president and chief executive officer of the new company.
"Our customers, communities, shareowners and team members all will benefit from this merger with greater convenience and a broader array of products and services.

"For our 15 million customers, nothing changes yet. Integrating systems is expected to take from six months to two years to complete. During the second half of next year, Norwest customers will begin seeing the Norwest name change to Wells Fargo on their stores, checks, statements and other materials."
"We're committed to the goal of doing it right so we can continue to provide outstanding customer service throughout the integration," said Paul Hazen, chairman of Wells Fargo. "Dozens of transition teams comprised of hundreds of team members are committed to making sure we begin every discussion with what's best for the customer and ensure the interests of our team members and shareholders are aligned. We're going to take our time. We're going to do it right."
The combined franchise has 2,859 banking stores and covers 21 states from California to Ohio.

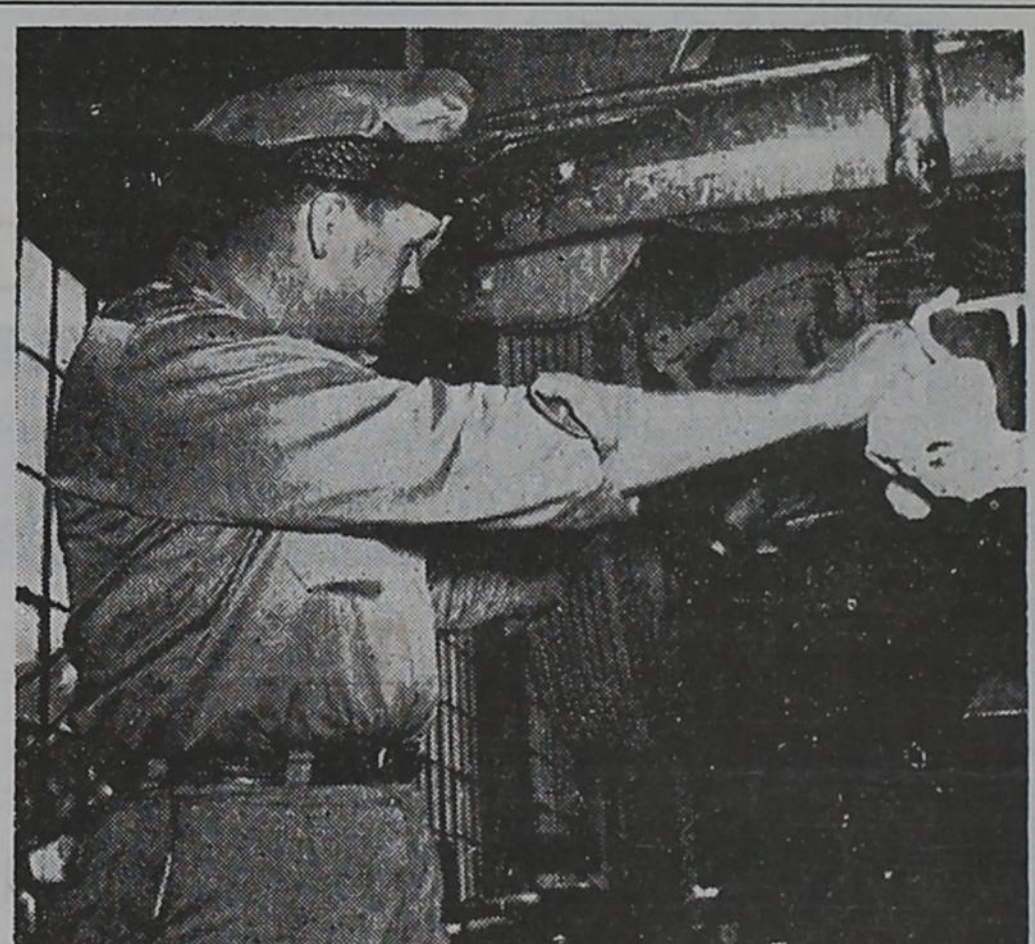


ORDER OF THE ARROW - Chris VanDeValde was awarded the Order of the Arrow, the Duane Parker Award, from Nakona Lodge at a banquet in Lubbock's First Presbyterian Church Saturday, November 5. Chris was one of five hundred scouts chosen for the award.

From The Post Dispatch, November 20, 1988

Give someone you love a special present:

A message from the Troopers of the Texas Department of Public Safety



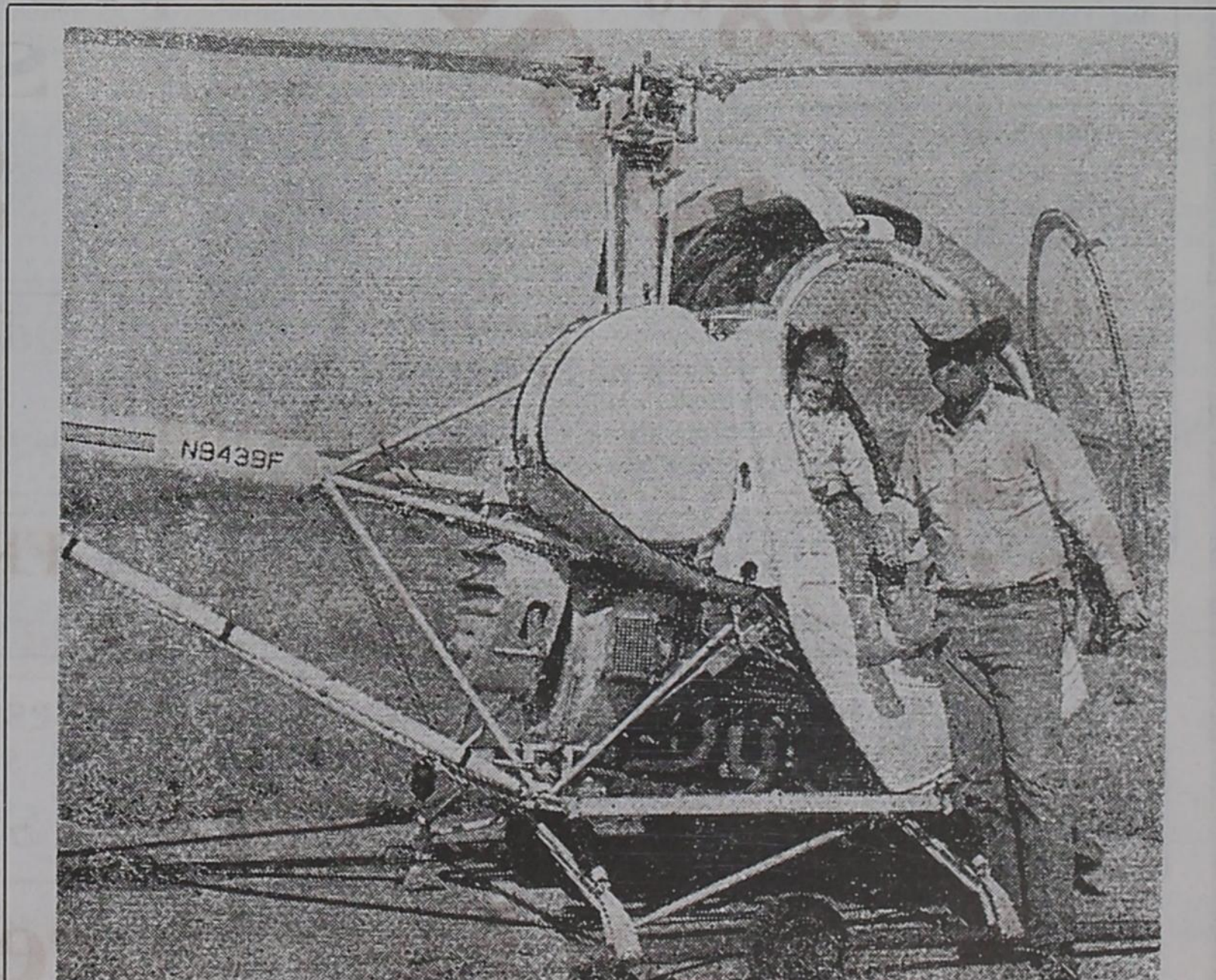
Marshall Reno, one of the mainstays in the "front end" department of Connell Chevrolet Company, is shown completing the lubrication of a car. He has

From The Post Dispatch, October 28, 1948



JUNIOR HILLBILLIES? — This scene is part of the Junior Play, "Feudin, Fussin' and Fightin'" which will be presented Saturday night, Nov. 18 in the Primary Auditorium at 7:30. Shown l to r, Chuck Black, Jimmy Pruitt, David Poole, Eddie Bass, Donna Baumann, Susan Strawn, Mark Short, Lea Ann Babb, Christy Workman and Susan Sawyers. — (Staff Photo)

From The Post Dispatch, November 16, 1978



Helicopter Added to Ranch Equipment
Rancher Bob Macy and his five-year-old daughter, Sharla, are shown with the Hughes 300 helicopter Macy recently purchased for observation work on his ranch and for other business purposes.

From The Post Dispatch, November 20, 1988

Gym filled to capacity for "Meet the Lady Lopes" night

by Barbara Hardin

The Post High School gymnasium was filled almost to capacity on Thursday night as parents and supporters of the Lady Lopes and Antelopes came together to get a glimpse of the 1998-99 Lady Lope basketball team.

Ronnie Gradine, president of the Antelope Booster Club, welcomed the crowd and introduced Coach Ron Taylor, director of girls athletics and head girls coach. Coach Taylor introduced the other girls' coaches — Coach Christi Daily and Coach Rito Hernandez, and then the seventh and eighth grade teams before presenting the junior varsity and varsity teams for this season.

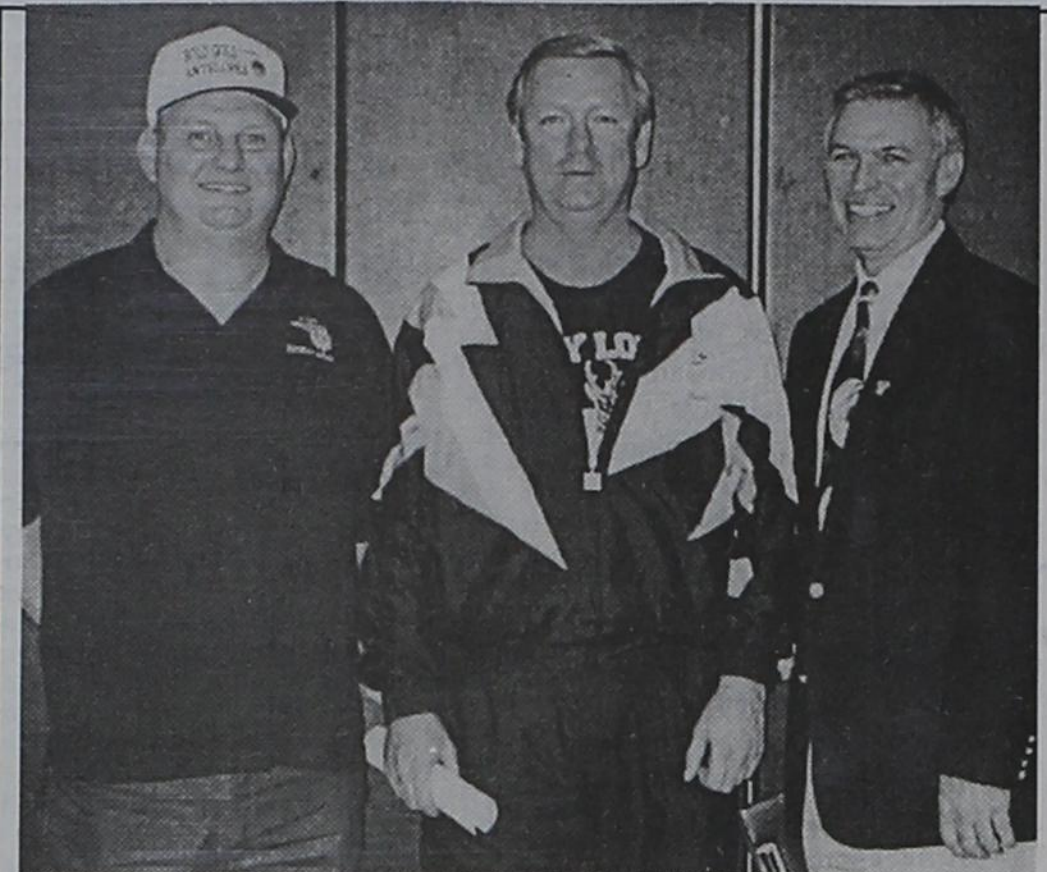
The Lady Lope varsity will consist of Kasey Hardin, senior; Rachelle Jones, senior; Becca Stelzer, senior; Jennifer Strawn, senior; Kristen Webb, senior; Erin Gregory, junior; Lauren Webb, junior; Davida Gregory, sophomore; Kenda Looney, sophomore; and Meagan Mills, freshman.

The featured speaker for the evening was Lyndon Hardin, head girls' coach for South Plains College in Levelland and a long-time acquaintance of Coach Taylor's. Coach Hardin spoke to a very receptive crowd about basketball and life, using the key phrase, "If not me — who? If not now — when?" The audience responded with a standing ovation.

Meet the Lady Lopes was followed by a mini pep rally to give support to the Bold Gold Antelopes as they prepared to meet the Hale Center Owls in the bi-district playoff game Friday.

The Antelope Booster Club would like to thank all those who attended and helped organize and support "Meet the Lady Lopes" and extend a special thank you to the Post High School Band and its directors, Erin Pederson and Bernie Tackitt, for providing music during the evening and for the great job they have done all year.

The music in my heart I bore
long after it was heard no more.
—William Wordsworth



Post Antelope Booster Club president Ronnie Gradine (left) and PHS girls' basketball coach Ron Taylor (center) welcome South Plains College girls' coach Lyndon Hardin during last week's "Meet the Lady Lopes" night. (Photo by Barbara Hardin)



Some of varsity Lady Lopes enjoying the "Meet the Lady Lopes" night last week are (left to right) Jennifer Strawn, Kristen Webb, Davida Gregory, Rachelle Jones, Lauren Webb, Erin Gregory, Vondi Gradine, Meagan Mills, Kelli Collier, Kasey Hardin and Ashley Mason. (Photo by Barbara Hardin)

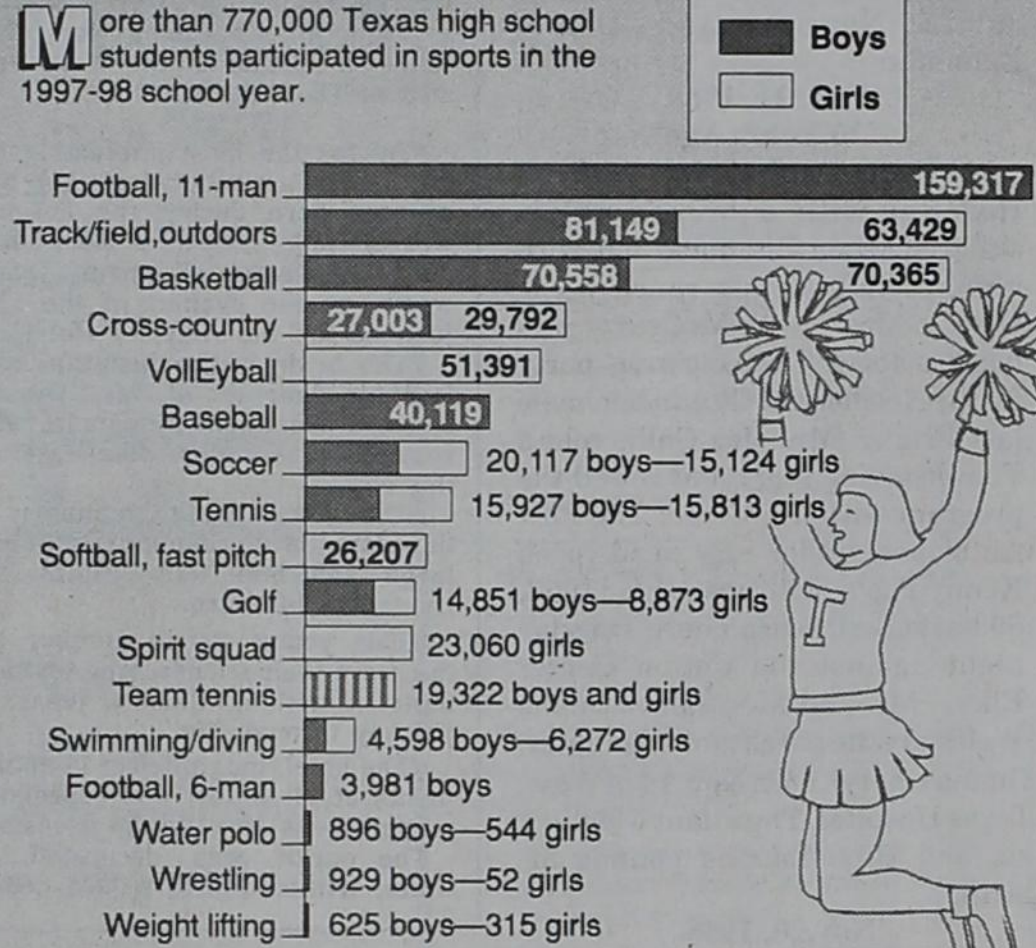


PHS Lady Lope junior varsity team members enjoy the fun last week at the "Meet the Lady Lopes" night. J.V. basketball players shown here are (left to right) Mandi Terry, Yvonne Lopez, Brandi Gunn, Kelli Moore, Heather Palmer, Miranda Hernandez, LaRinda Ledbetter, Tandi Humble, Sydnie Kinney, Manuela Hernandez and Emily Smith. (Photo by Barbara Hardin)

Keeping an eye on Texas

High school sports draw 770,000 kids

More than 770,000 Texas high school students participated in sports in the 1997-98 school year.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; and University Interscholastic League.

Post Volunteer Fire Department conducts raffle to help burn victim

The Post Fire Department conducted its semi-annual business meeting Monday to handle yearly business, elect officers for the 1998-99 year and vote new members to the department.

First order of business was to elect new officers for the upcoming year. New officers will be Darrell Reece, president; Milton Williams, vice-president; Dan Hodges, secretary/treasurer; Delbert Rudd, fire chief; Ronnie Metzgar, assistant chief;

Bobby Terry, assistant chief; Rodney Tidwell, chaplain; and Mark Short, public information officer.

The members voted Daniel Redman and Sam Zubia to fill the two vacancies in the department. New members are placed on a six-month probationary period before a final vote is made.

Another item discussed was the annual chili supper to be held Saturday, Dec. 12, starting at 6 p.m. and lasting until the chili is gone. This will be the fourth year the supper has been conducted and is the only fund raiser the fire department has each year. Several local businesses are supporting this year's chili supper with donations.

Those businesses include Reef Chemical, Strawn Transport & Acid Co., Jenkins Brothers Electric, H&M Construction, United Supermarket, Sonic Drive-In and Brady's Package Store. This is the second year several of these businesses have helped with the chili supper. Any business or individual interested in assisting with future fund raising events should contact any firefighter or Delbert Rudd.

The members also voted to have a raffle to benefit firefighter Jo Ann Winters, a member of the Oplin Volunteer Fire Department who was severely burned when she was thrown from a brush truck while

fighting a brush fire Oct. 14 in Callahan County.

Winters suffered severe burns to 45 percent of her body and has been in the UMC Burn Intensive Care Unit for the past 33 days, with a bill that could total more than \$250,000 before she is released. Winters was not insured through the Oplin Department.

The Post Fire Department will raffle off \$150 worth of groceries from United Supermarket. Tickets will be sold by firefighters for \$1 each or may be purchased from Delbert Rudd by calling 495-2618, Mark Short at 495-2355 or Darrell Reece at 495-2565. The local firefighters said they feel this is a very good cause and will appreciate any support they receive in this endeavor.

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—Bob Dylan

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