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School drug tests unconstitutional

A district court ruling handed down in Amarillo last week is receiving some attention from officials with the Post Independent School District.

On Monday, Superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain said he will be looking at the ruling, which dealt with random drug testing in schools, and will be contacting the Tulia school district superintendent to learn more about their student drug testing policy. "We're sure going to look at that," Bain said.

Drug testing for all local students in grades 7-12 involved in University Interscholastic League (UIL) activities has been re-

quired since the policy earned the approval of the Post Independent School District board of trustees at the beginning of the 1997-98 school year.

On Friday, U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson ruled in favor of former Tulia student Hollister Gardner, who claimed the school's random drug testing violated the Fourth Amendment which protects Americans against unreasonable searches and seizures.

Robinson's ruling states, "This Court concludes that the man-

datory random, suspicionless drug testing program... is violative of the Fourth Amendment."

The Tulia drug testing policy in effect at that time impacted students in grades 7-12 who planned to participate in extracurricular activities, or about 80 percent of the student body, according to reports.

The ruling is the culmination of a three-year case which began in January 1997 when Gardner, a Tulia High School student at the time, challenged his school's drug testing policy to the Tulia school board. The decision is subject to an appeal.

A similar situation is unfolding in another South Plains community — Lockney — where another school's drug test policy has led to a suit against that school district.

SantaFest ushers in holidays

SantaFest 2000 will help usher in the holiday season this Saturday at the Post Rodeo Arena.

Several activities are planned, including food booths, face painting, cupcake walk, tortilla toss and pie throw. Photos with Santa will be offered at a base cost of \$3 without frame, and Mrs. Claus will be on hand to read stories. A Santa letter writing area will be provided and Santa's Post Office will be open, operated by a few of St. Nick's elves.

Activity tickets will be four for \$1 or 25 for \$5.

Proceeds from the event, which is being sponsored by the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility, will benefit United Way of Garza County.



A green faced Santa, dressed as the Grinch (John Gearhart) waves to the crowd downtown during last Saturday's "Lighted Christmas Parade." The Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility float won first place. The float was created by the Security Department at the facility.

Dalby Correctional employees exceed United Way goals

Employees of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility are working hard to raise money for the local United Way campaign.

Funds raised for the campaign now exceed \$10,700, thanks, in part, to the "hair-raising" generosity of Warden Joe Rasbeary, Associate Wardens Larry Bond and James Frawner and Capt. John Gearhart. Rasbeary agreed that he would have his head shaved if the campaign reached the \$4,000 plateau; the associate wardens followed with a \$5,000 goal and the captain with a goal of \$6,000. None of the facility's officials realized that at the time they set their goals, the campaign already stood at \$6,800. Stewart Naron, hobby craft supervisor, gave haircuts all the way around.

Scott Marquardt, CEO and president of MTC, and Ron Russell Sr., vice-president of corrections for MTC, were on hand for the occasion. Sidelining the observance was a celebration of Marquardt's birthday, which included a reception with the staff.

Deanna Branham serves as the United Way committee chairman for the Giles W. Dalby unit. Funds to date have been raised via employee donations — "fair share" at an hour's pay per pay period. Money has also been raised through a large bake sale prior to Thanksgiving and tickets sold on a half-beef donated by area ranchers and processed by Jackson Bros. Locker.

In the meantime, the facility's employees are still working. They have organized a SantaFest carnival set for Saturday at the rodeo grounds, as well as a "kiss the pig" contest with money jars and an officers breakfast.

City gets good news on treatment plant improvement

by Wes Burnett

Post city manager Fred Stephens reported Tuesday night that the newly installed bar screens are functioning, providing much needed relief for the city's sewage treatment plant. The only part of the project left to complete is fencing, which is expected to take another two or three weeks.

City council member Dick Odom reported that the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility is conducting four cleanouts daily at the bar screen installed there. The other bar screen has been installed at the Garza County Juvenile Detention Center, which has taken the responsibility for regular cleaning also.

"This has really helped our IMHOFF system," Stephens said, "although we have a chemical imbalance, and we're going to have to do some maintenance to get the operation back in top shape."

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Associate warden James Frawner gets his head shaved by Stewart Naron, hobby craft coordinator (formerly a barber), during a "shaving" ceremony at the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility last week. It was all part of the celebration for exceeding the facility's United Way campaign goals.



Warden Joe Rasbeary manages to smile while accepting the special haircut he volunteered if the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility exceeded its United Way goals. Stewart Naron served as special barber at the ceremony. He also shaved Warden Larry Bond and Capt. John Gearhart, who volunteered their hair for the celebration. Word is out that Sheriff Kenny Ratke has made a similar promise for the Sheriff's Department United Way goal.

Post Notes

"I'll be Home for Christmas"

The musical drama, "I'll be Home for Christmas," will be presented by Slaton's First Baptist Church this weekend. Admission is free for the three performances at the church, located at 255 S. 9th St. in Slaton. Performances are Friday, December 8, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 7 p.m. and Sunday, 6 p.m.

Science Fair at elementary school

Post Elementary School will display student science fair projects on Thursday, December 7 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The displays are open for anyone to view.

'December In our Town'

"December In Our Town" will be staged by Post Elementary School fourth and fifth grade music students at the elementary school auditorium December 7 at 7 pm. An invitation to everyone has been extended for the program.

Community Christmas Sing Dec. 13

The annual Community Christmas Sing will be held Wednesday, December 13 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Groups, choirs or individuals interested in participating in this Christmas event should call Patty Kirkpatrick at 495-2868 or the church office at 495-2942. Please call before Friday, Dec. 8 with your Christmas song selections.

Ladies VFW Christmas Party

The Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW will host the annual Christmas Party December 16 beginning at 6 p.m. Members are requested to bring "Secret Pal" gifts and a gift to exchange. Members should also bring chips, dips, sandwiches, cookies, candy or punch. The party will be held at the VFW Hall on the Clairmont Hwy. The party will follow the Children's Party.

Children invited to Christmas party

The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW are inviting area children to the annual Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 16 at the VFW Hall. The party will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. and will include Christmas socks, fruits, punch, cookies and a visit with Santa Claus.

Trail blazer bake sale Dec. 16

The Garza County Trailblazers will hold a bake sale Saturday, December 16 at United Supermarkets in Post to assist with funding for the inside of the new building.

Merry Christmas Greetings

The Post Dispatch annual "Merry Christmas" edition is now being prepared. Area businesses are encouraged to call Judy Bush to reserve an attractive "Merry Christmas" greeting for the special edition. Advertising rates are being discounted 20 percent for the special event. All advertising will also be aired on Post City Radio.

'Toys for Tots' applications

The Post Lions Club is accepting applications for this year's "Toys for Tots" program. Applications to receive the gifts may be obtained at Cellular Etc., Sheriff's Department or Fashion Cleaners. The deadline for completed applications is Dec. 15. There will be no exceptions to the deadline.

Donations needed for 'Toys for Tots'

The Post Lions Club needs donations for this year's "Toys for Tots" campaign. Send contributions to Post Lions Club, Box 694, Post, Texas. There are many young children who will not have Christmas gifts without our help.

Santa Letters deadline Dec. 15

The annual "Merry Christmas" edition of The Post Dispatch will be published Thursday, December 21, with a deadline for "Santa Letters" on Friday, December 15.

Christmas Eve service

A Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be held at the First United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 24 at 10 p.m. The community is cordially invited.

GCRT offers \$100 in gas

The Garza County Response Team is selling tickets for a drawing to award \$100 of Phillips 66 gasoline to the winner. The tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and may be purchased from any GCRT member or call 787-5613. The drawing will be held December 23.

SantaFest Saturday, Dec. 9

SantaFest 2000, a project to support Garza County United Way, will offer a wide variety of events and fun on Saturday, December 9 at the Post Rodeo Arena. The event will open at 9 a.m. and continue until dark. Events include story reading by "Mrs. Clause," Santa letter writing, Santa's Post Office with his elves, photos with Santa, food booths, face painting, cupcake walk, tortilla toss and pie throw. Tickets are \$1 for four activities or \$5 for 25 activities. The event is sponsored by the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility.

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Births

Jarett Daniel Zachary

Lana and Thomas Zachary are proud grandparents. We would like to announce the arrival of Jarett Daniel Zachary.

He was born September 30, 2000 at 1:26 A.M. in Hanau, Germany. His mother Tracy Zachry is a Spec 4 in the Army and is stationed at Hanau, Germany. Tracy is the daughter of Thomas, this is his third grandchild, but his first grandson.



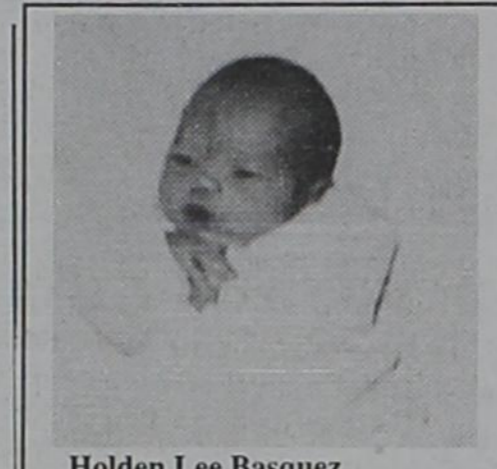
Jarrett Daniel Zachary

Holden Lee Basquez

Jesse and Misty Basquez and brothers Heath and Hunter Fellhauer would like to announce the arrival of their beautiful new baby boy.

Holden was born at 12:49 pm November 29, 2000, weighing seven pounds, five ounces and 18 and 3/4 inches long.

Maternal grandmother is Bert West. Paternal grandparents are Candy Basquez and the late Toby Basquez.



Holden Lee Basquez



Brooklyn Landa takes a moment to discuss important matters with Santa Claus during last Saturday's downtown celebration. Brooklyn is the daughter of Phillip and Amanda Landa.

Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

Hope all of you attended the Christmas parade. It really was a pretty sight. There is just something about this time of the year. Huh?

Sympathy

To Jerry and Lynette, Ronald and Nancy. What a wonderful person L.G. was. I will miss that big smile he always had for everyone. All of you are in my prayers.



"Holiday Plans"

An elderly man in Phoenix calls his son in New York and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough." "Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams. "We can't stand the sight of each other any longer" the old man says. "We are sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her," and he hangs up.

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like heck they're getting a divorce," she shouts. "I'll take care of this. She calls Phoenix immediately and screams at the old man, "You are not getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing. Do you hear me?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone too, and turns to his wife. "Okay", he says; "they're coming for Thanksgiving, now what do we tell them for Christmas?"

Santa Letters

Ok all you little and big kids out there. The time is here. Get those Santa letters in to the Dispatch, no later than December 13.

We have to have time to get them to Santa, so don't forget.

Birthdays

Friday, December 8: Our daughter, Amanda Bush Quisenberry, Richard Tucker, Brian Barfield, Amy Pedersen and Robbie Williams.. Saturday, December 9: Brock Foster and Edgar Witt. Sunday, December 10: Edward O'Brian, Gwen Estep and Dr. V.C. Spear; anniversary, Ricky and Eva Quinonez. Monday, December 11: My mom, Fannie Ballentine and our son, Kevin Crispin, Debra Cullinane, Gloria Taylor and Max Haney. Tuesday, December 12: Lupe Ramos and Janet Dean. Wednesday, December 13, Angela Hester, Roella Britton and Robin Taylor. Thursday, December 14: Anda Criswell, and Ricky Morris; anniversary, Wayne and Kika.

For the Guys:

Are you a hormone hostage? The following are hints on safer things you might say.

- Dangerous: Whats for dinner?
- Safer: Can I help you with dinner?
- Safer: Would you like to go out for dinner?
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- Safer: Could we be overreacting?
- Safer: Here's fifty dollars.
- Dangerous: Should you be eating that?
- Safer: You know, there are a lot of apples left.
- Safer: Can I get you a glass of wine with that?
- Dangerous: What did you do all day?
- Safer: I hope you didn't overdo today.
- Safer: I've always loved you in that robe!

Looking for Barney

A four year old was at the pediatrician for a check up. As the doctor looked down her ears with an otoscope, he asked, "Do you think I'll find Big Bird down here?"

The little girl was silent. Next, the doctor took a tongue depressor and looked down her throat. He asked, "Do you think I'll find the Cookie Monster down there?" The little girl stayed silent. Then the doctor put a stethoscope to her chest. As he listened to her heart beat he asked, "Do you think I'll hear Barney in there?" "Oh no!" The little girl replied. "Jesus us in my heart! Barney's on my underpants!"

Till Next Week

Guess that is all. Shop happy this weekend. See ya next week. May God bless each of you.

Call Judy's Jabberin' with your "jabberin" 495-2816

SP Christmas Arts festival

The 10th Annual South Plains Christmas Arts and Crafts Festival will be held Dec. 9-10 in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will fill the main exhibit hall with original art and handcrafted items from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

There will be no admission charge. Mel Prather, organizer of the two-day event, said the upcoming festival will feature a number of newcomers and expanded categories.

"First-time exhibitors will offer items such as mixed media mosaic wall hangings, coloring tees, sports quilts, barbed-wire baskets, wood bowls, porcelain dolls, outdoor Christmas ornaments, hair accessories, pencil drawings, oil paintings, metal art, personalized prints and homemade salad dressings," he said.

A myriad of other new items also will be offered.

Returning exhibitors will offer a wide assortment of items, ranging from seasonal decorations to jewelry.

Methodist women study Gospel of Matthew

The First United Methodist Women met on Tuesday, Nov. 28, in the home of Mary Lynn Bell with Linda Couch as co-hostess.

The group continued its study of "Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: Who Do You Say I Am?" by Carter & Kelly.

The following officers were elected: Mary Edwards, chairwoman; Linda Couch, vice-chair; Jo Ann Miller, secretary/treasurer; and Mary Lynn Bell, program chairwoman.

Love gifts were given to help Kelsey Wimmer attend a gathering of United Methodist Young Women in December.

The group agreed to adopt the Lubbock Interfaith Hospitality

Network as a monthly mission. Items such as detergent, diapers, etc., will be collected and delivered to the Day House in Lubbock where homeless families receive assistance.

It was announced that the women will conduct the worship service at the First United Methodist Church on Jan. 21. Rhonda McCarty of Midland will present the message.

Attending were Carolyn Black, Mary, Welborn, Janie Middleton, Katherine Johnson, Marion Wheatley, Joy Dickson, Jo Ann Miller, Sue Shytles and the hostesses.

The group's next meeting will be Dec. 19 in the home of Patty Kirkpatrick.

VFW ladies host Christmas party for children on Dec. 16

by Lana Comer

The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW will host its annual Children's Christmas party with Santa Claus on December 16.

Santa will arrive at 5 p.m. and stay until 6 p.m.

We would like for all children who want to visit with Santa to come out to the party. While Santa is taking Christmas wish lists, there will be Christmas socks, fruit, punch and cookies to hand out for the children.

Santa says see you there!

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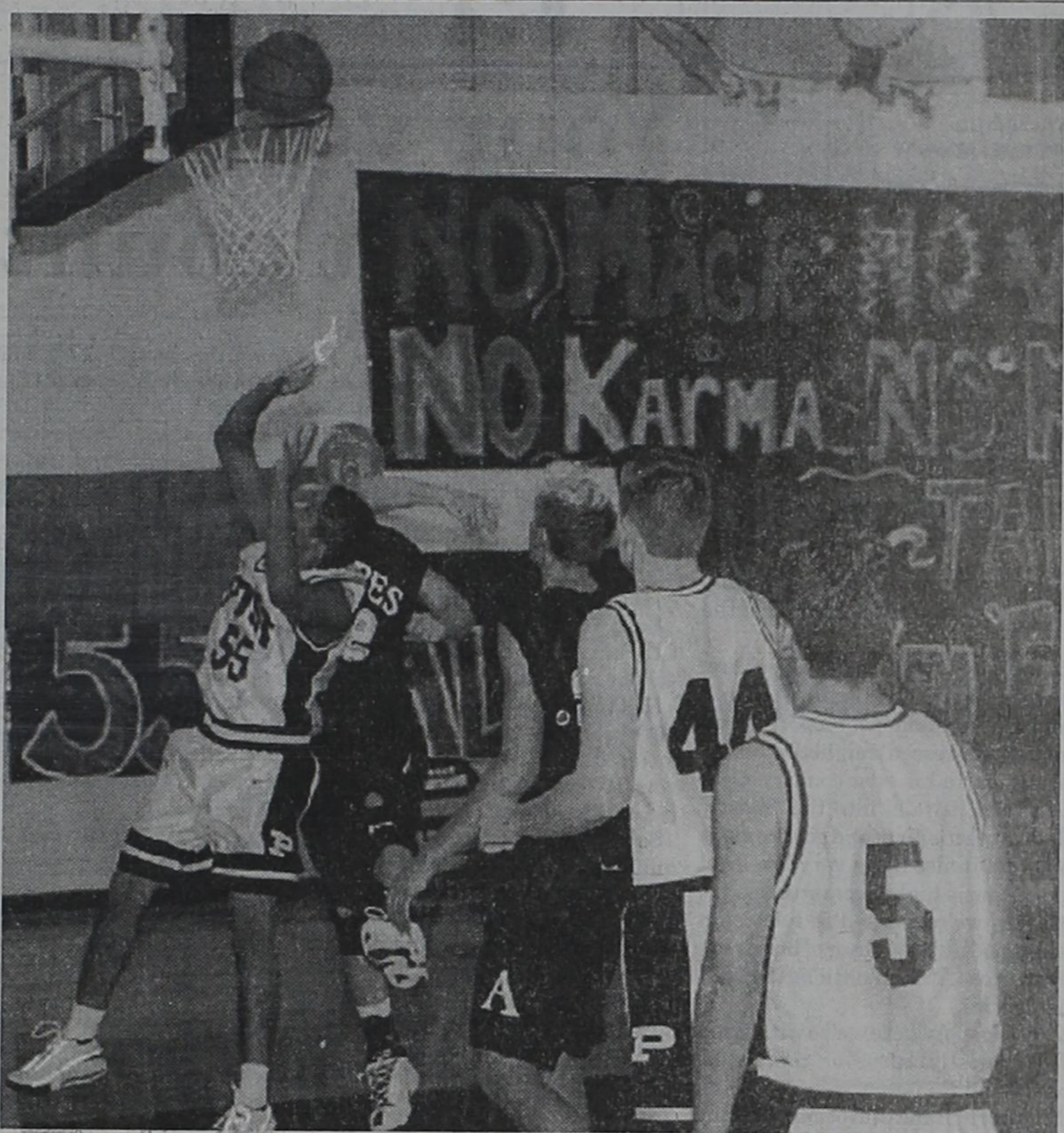
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Lady Lopes win three

Manuela Hernandez and Meagan Mills were named to the All Tournament Team following last weekend's Floydada Basketball Tournament. The Lady Lopes won one, but lost two games in the tourney. "Kelly Moore turned her ankle in the second quarter of the Lockney game Friday," Lady Lope coach Ron Taylor said, "and that changed the team momentum." Moore, who continues to recover from the bruised ankle injury, is expected to be out of action until next week. "We played well enough to win in that Lockney game," the coach adds, "it was only in the final 30 seconds that Lockney got some breaks to take the lead."

Tournament action opened Thursday with a 70-23 win over Crosbyton. Emily Smith led the team with 18 points, followed by Davida Gregory with 10, Yvonne Lopez (9), Kenda Looney (9), Mills (8), Moore (8), Vondi Gradine (4) and two each by Tandi Humble and Hernandez. The Lady Lopes slipped to Lockney Friday 55-57, with Smith hitting 15 to lead the team in scoring. Others credited with points were Hernandez (10), Lopez (7), Gradine (6), Looney (6), Gregory (5), Moore (3) and Mills (3). Smyer took the Saturday consolation game 59-47, with cold shooting by the Lady Lopes. Looney led with 15 points,

followed by Gradine (9), Gregory (9), Mills (7), Smith (4) and Lopez (3). Earlier last week the Lady Lopes blasted Abernathy 50-32. Hernandez led with 12 points, followed by Gregory (11), Moore (8), Looney (7), Smith (6) and three each by Mills and Lopez. The Lady Lopes travel to Lockney Thursday for the Longhorn Classic, opening up Petersburg at 2 p.m. in the "old" gym. A win Thursday will pit the Lady Lopes with the winner of Hart/Guthrie on Friday at 3:30 p.m. in the "new" gym. A loss Thursday will put the Lady Lopes up against the loser of the Hart/Guthrie game at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the "new" gym. Other team at the vent are Panhandle, Roosevelt, Spur, Lockney and Kress.



Clinton Curtis (under the basket) takes a shot for the Post Antelopes in their win over Abernathy. Joining in the action are Justin Norman (44) and Hector Reyna (5). (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Kelly Moore (21), Davida Gregory (20) and Manuela Hernandez fight for the basketball during the win over Abernathy here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Antelopes edge Abernathy

The Post Antelope varsity basketball team surprised top rated Abernathy earlier last week in a 34-30 game here. "The impressive thing about how we played," coach Dane Vickers comments, "is that we held a very good basketball team to zero points in the second period and single digits in each of the second half periods." Michael Huff took the point lead with 15, followed by Justin Norman (8), Jarrett Vickers (5) and four each by Mitchell Mills, Tyrone Jefferson and Clinton Curtis. At the Floydada Tournament last weekend, the 'Lopes opened up with a

54-40 loss to Crosbyton, but came back to win the final two games to take fifth place.

In the Crosbyton game coach Vickers said that the team was in good shape at the end of the third period, but couldn't keep the pace in the final period. The coach reported that Mitchell Mills and Tyrone Jefferson were unable to play. "Mills has a cast on his right hand (broken during the football season), and the rules prevented him from playing, and Tyrone had a leg injury," coach Vickers explained.

Raul Ortiz led the team scoring with 14 points, followed by Vickers with

13, Huff at five, Clinton Curtis (4), Jaime Collazo (3) and Justin Norman (1).

On Friday the team took a 58-42 win over Lockney, with Huff scoring 20 points and Ortiz getting 16. Others scoring were Vickers (8), Collazo (5), Curtis (5) and Norman (4).

Smyer was no match for the 'Lopes in their 51-27 win in the final tournament game. Huff led with 21 points, followed by Curtis (9), Vickers (7), Collazo (6), Norman (4) and Ortiz (4).

The team stands with a 4-3 season record and opens up Thursday at Lockney's Longhorn Classic with Petersburg at 2 p.m.

8th grade boys take 3rd

The Post eighth grade boys finished in third place in the recent All-Saints Tournament.

The squad downed Sundown in a game played Nov. 28.

Jett Lott led scoring in the 30-14 game, scoring 14 points. Jarred Grisham had seven points, followed by Randon Blacklock with five points and Tony Garay with two points.

The team played good defense, according to their coach.

On Nov. 31, the team squared off against Crosbyton and came out on top by a score of 45-39.

Lott led scoring again with 16 points, followed by Grisham and Blacklock with nine apiece, Tony Garay with six points and Koko Valdez, four points.

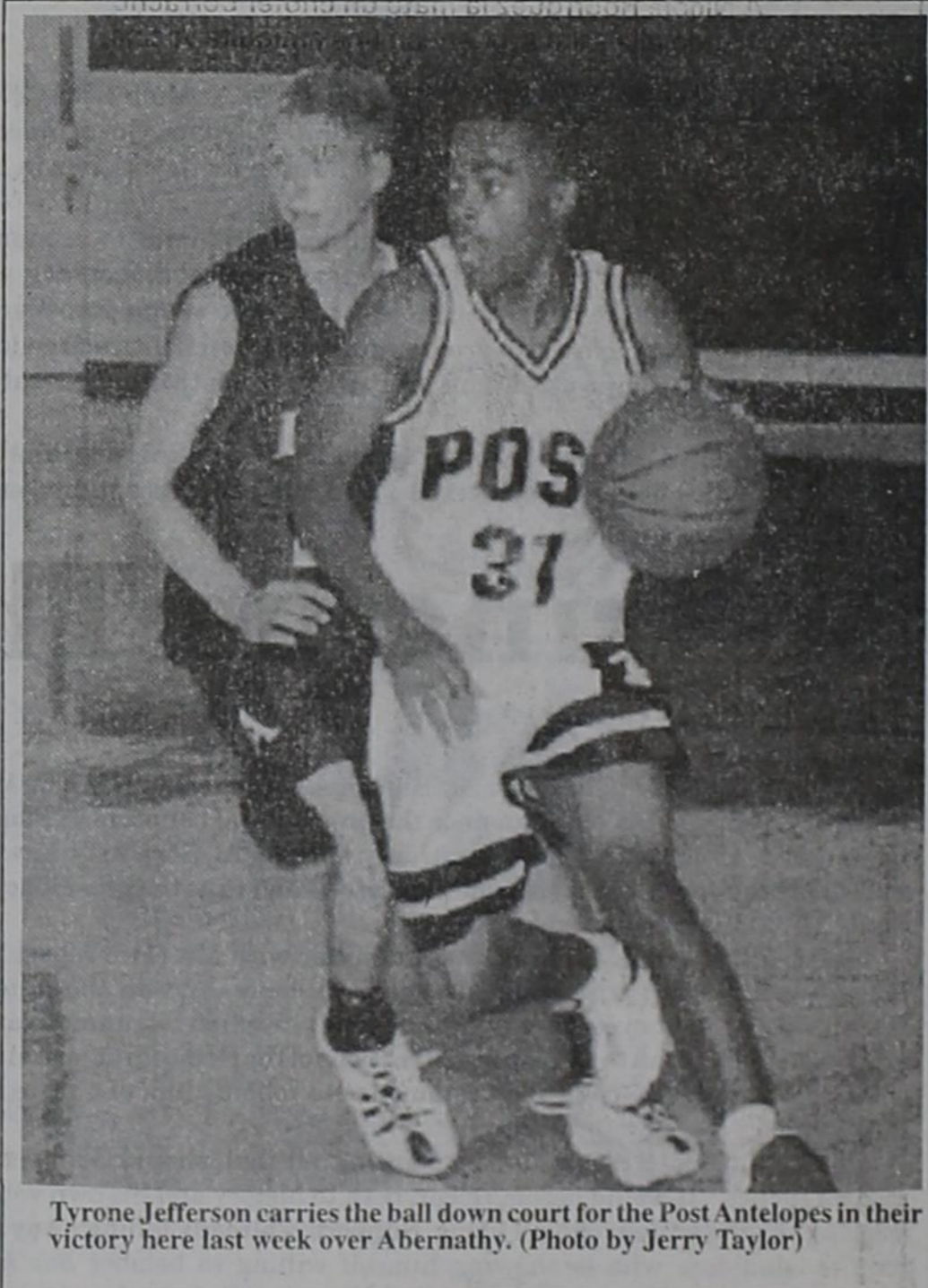
Post dropped their third game of the tournament on Dec. 2, with Lubbock Christian outscoring the 'Lopes 42-24.

Garay led scoring for the local team with eight points, followed by Grisham with six, Lott and Blacklock with four each and Valdez and Josh Hair, one point each.

"Our bench played well at key times," the coach said, citing the play of Trent McDonald, Cody Marts, K.C. Williams, Jake Lott, Cole Easterling, Jordan Tatum and Josh Hair.

In the final game of the tournament, Post won 41-32 over All-Saints.

Grisham led scoring with 12, followed by Lott with 11, Garay with eight, Valdez with seven points and Blacklock with five.



Tyrone Jefferson carries the ball down court for the Post Antelopes in their victory here last week over Abernathy. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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Meagan Mills protects the basketball for the Lady Lopes during the Abernathy contest here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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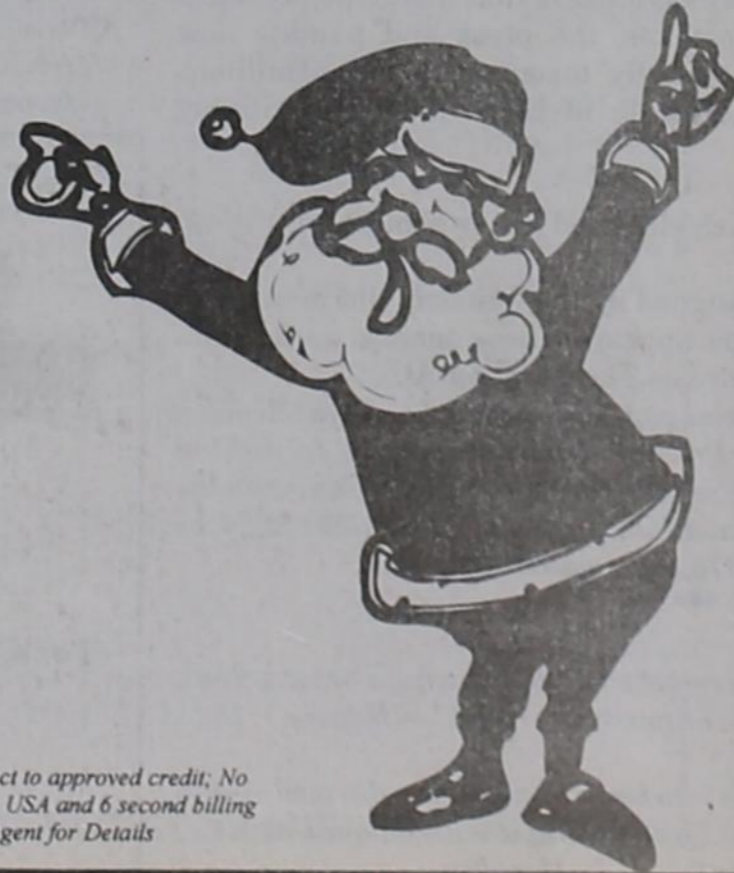
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JV boys win 2nd at Ira

Post's junior varsity squad captured second place in the Ira Tournament last week.

The team lost their first game of the tournament, falling to Abernathy by a score of 64-15 in a game played Nov. 28.

"They were just a bit bigger and a more physical team than we were that day," the coach said.

Leading scoring for the 'Lopes in the game was Ty Mason with six points, followed by Seth Redman, three points, and Mitch Holly, Brandon Bell and Noah Gutierrez, two points each.

In the second game of the tourney, the 'Lopes roared back for a 56-22 defeat over the host team on Nov. 30. "The guys played good defense and moved the ball well on offense, which opened things up," the coach said.

John Eilenberger led scoring for Post with 11 points, followed by Brody Robertson and Bell with eight points

each. Kenny Ratke had seven points. Others adding to the scoreboard included Redman with four points, Mark Norman and Mason with three points each, and Holly, Brice Easterling and Francisco Duran with two points apiece.

In their second game of the day, Post downed Colorado City 50-35.

Ratke led scoring with 18, followed by Bell with 15 and Eilenberger with eight. Other scorers included Robertson with five and Easterling, Duran and Holly with two points each.

"Again, they played well on the offense and defense," the coach said. "You can't ask for more."

The 'Lopes dropped their final game of the tournament to Cohoma by a score of 38-33.

Robertson scored 13 points in the Dec. 2 game, followed by Bell with 12, Ratke with five and Eilenberger with three.



Michael Huff puts another two points up for the Post Antelopes in their win here last week over Abernathy (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Emily Smith stretches out to lay up a two-pointer for the Post Lady Lopes in their win over Abernathy here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

\$100 in gas offered by GCRT in drive

by Arnold Fry

The Garza County Response Team will be hosting a Gasoline Giveaway. Some lucky winner will receive \$100 credit toward the purchase of Phillips 66 gasoline.

Thanks to Mr. Richard De Leon the local Phillips 66 owner, operator. Mr. De Leon operates one of the few remaining full service stations in the area. The winner will receive a credit voucher for \$100 to use for the purchase of the Gasoline.

Proceeds from the Gasoline Giveaway will be used by the Team to offset expenses for preservation and renovation of the old Santa Fe Railroad Depot. The Team has been given use of the Depot for office space by the Post Chamber of Commerce.

Arnold Fry the Post and Garza County Emergency Management Coordinator will also be operating an office in the Depot as well. The drawing will be held December 23 at noon at the Phillips 66 station, you do not have to be present to win. Tickets are on sale now at \$1 each or 6 for \$5 the Team members will be selling tickets.

If anyone has not been asked to purchase a ticket and would like to purchase one, please contact a team member or call 787-5613 and a member will deliver the ticket.

The Team would like to thank Mr. De Leon, The Post Chamber of Commerce, The City of Post, Garza County and everyone involved in helping make the Team successful.



A Nicole Rodriguez la mató un chofer borracho cuando ella salía a jugar con una amiguita vecina.

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Wells Fargo Stagecoach rolls into Post Dec. 13

The Wells Fargo stagecoach, one of the nation's most visible corporate symbols, will roll into Post on Wednesday, Dec. 13, for the annual Wells Fargo holiday party.

Charles Hardin, managing officer, and Jana Bullard, store manager, invite the public to explore a piece of American history and sit in the coach Mark Twain described as a "cradle on wheels."

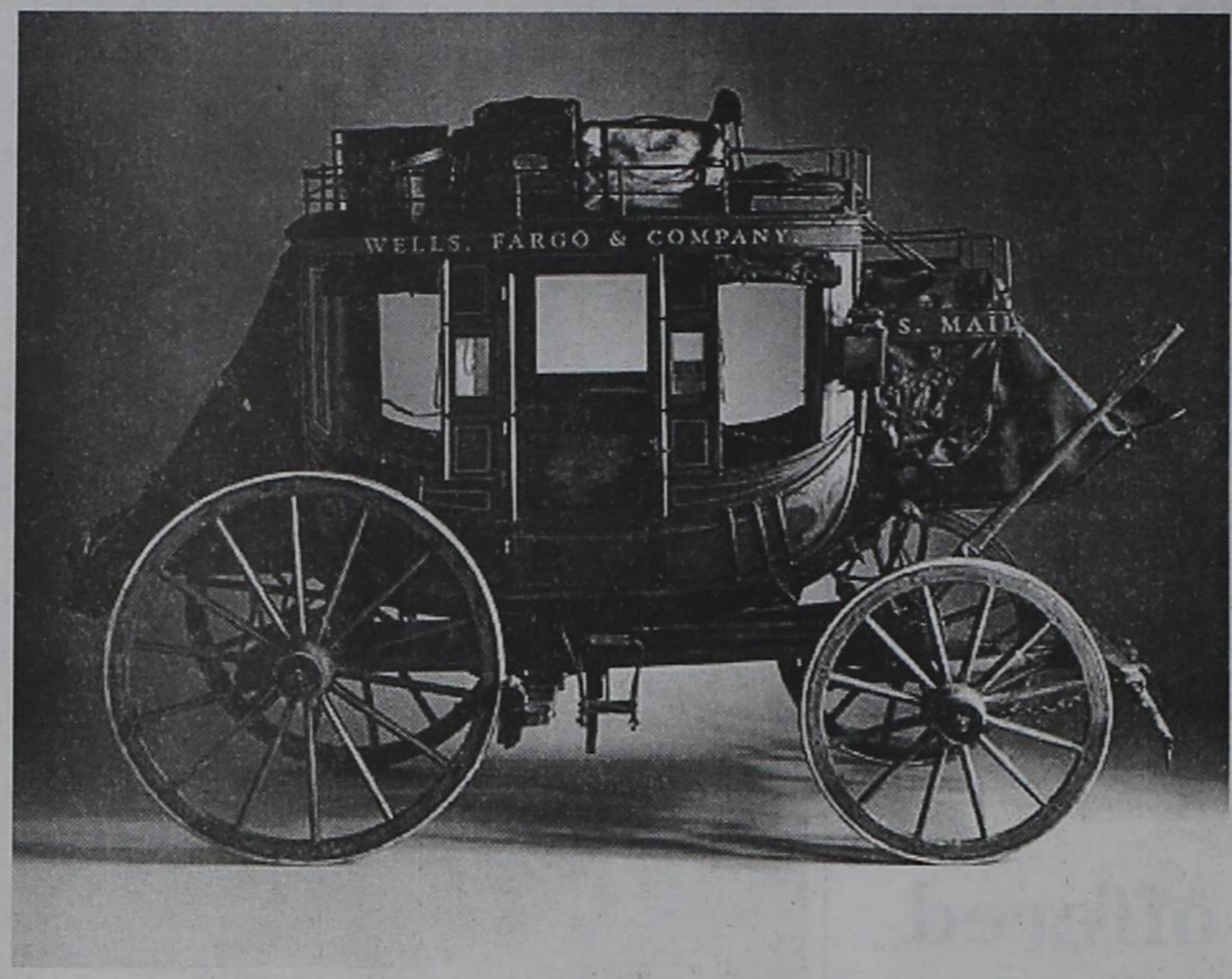
Festivities begin at 9 a.m. in the Wells Fargo lobby at 216 W. Main St. and will include refreshments and prizes. Stagecoach rides and free photographs with the stagecoach will be available.

In the heyday of overland staging, the 1850s and '60s, Wells Fargo boasted a line of 1,500 horses and 150 Concord coaches that carried mail and passengers from the Mississippi to the Pacific Coast. Stagecoaching was the backbone of the early express companies, and Wells Fargo was the largest express company of the time.

Concord coaches were built by the famed Abbot-Downing Company of Concord, N.H. Stylish enough to project the elegance of a carriage and sturdy enough to take relentless pounding, the Concord coach was considered the finest passenger vehicle of the time. Traveling at an average five miles an hour, the coach changed horses at swing stations every 12 miles and stopped for meals at home stations every 45 miles.

Today, Wells Fargo stagecoaches are built using Abbot-Downing blueprints and many of the same tools that were used more than 100 years ago.

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The Wells Fargo Stagecoach

PHS, SP College team up for learning

Post High School, in conjunction with South Plains College, will offer two classes in the Interactive Television Lab beginning in January.

College Algebra, MATH 1314, will be offered from 2:30-3:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, while American Government Fundamentals, GOVT 2302, will be offered Mondays from 7-9:30 p.m.

The algebra course will begin Jan. 16, while the government course is slated to start Jan. 22.

Cost for one course is \$171, plus the cost for the book. The fee for two courses is \$309, plus book costs.

Registration will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, in the high school commons. Payment is due at the time of registration. To be eligible for registration for the SPC courses, the student must have passed his or her TASP test or be exempt.

Western Texas College will offer two classes in the Criminal Justice Certificate program beginning in January. Classes will be conducted at the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 16. Cost for each class is \$135, plus book fee. To participate in these classes, an individual need not take the TASP.

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Three Rs' of education reform

Outlining what they call "The Three Rs of Education Reform," a group of education reform advocates recently unveiled a series of legislative proposals to raise the quality of education in the state even further.

The Texas Education Reform Caucus, a group of classroom teachers, school administrators, parents, policy makers and business leaders, spent the past nine months reviewing the state's education system, debating new ideas and coming up with a list of suggestions to build upon the recent successes of Texas public schools.

Noting that significant progress has been made, but saying that the state must do even more, the caucus pointed to the numbers of students in low-performing schools, teacher shortages and retention problems as some signs that additional work is needed.

"We have the country's best education accountability system," said State Rep. Kent Grusendorf of Arlington, founder of the caucus. "We have students who are outpacing their peers nationally. But we shouldn't let the progress of our recent past leave us complacent. As Texans, we can do even better."

"The fact is, the reforms we've implemented during the past decade are now shining a bright light on the work we now need to do," said Grusendorf, a member of the House Public Education Committee who has carried every major school accountability measure in the House since 1989.

The three Rs — recruit, report and reward — offer new approaches to help ensure that Texas students get the best education possible. The initiatives allow restructuring of low-performing schools; reward teacher and school academic improvement; provide sign-up bonuses for teachers who transfer to low-performing campuses; and support a statewide math initiative designed to improve student math scores.

Chief among the proposals are those that offer schools a chance to ease teacher shortages, which this school year will reach an estimated 45,000 out of a total teacher workforce of 250,000, according to the State Board of Educator Certification.

"There is no question that we have proposed strong measures for improvement," said Will Davis, a member of the State Board of Education. "Some may argue with the approach, priority or method of 'The Three Rs of Education Reform.' For us, the bottom line is we can do even more for our students, teachers and community."

"The Three Rs of Education Reform are aimed at building on the educational progress we've made in Texas," Grusendorf said. "They are designed to help schools address some of the problems they grapple with daily. Our objective is to give educators more local control of their schools and to help them further enhance the quality of education that our kids receive."

The proposals will be presented to members of the Legislature for their consideration during next year's session.



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A day which will live in infamy!

It was a "day that will live in infamy"! Forty-nine years ago those words were spoken by Franklin Delano Roosevelt as he addressed the assembled Congress and declared war on the Japanese empire.

Prior to the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, there were many people who felt that we in America should not enter into the fighting going on in Europe and the Far East. Both were far away.

It had not been that long since fighting the last war, the "War to End All Wars" as it had been called at the time. Besides, the country was just starting to climb out of the depression. There were many things that needed to be done at home before getting involved in other peoples problems.

The glamorous and honorable image of battle had died with the end of WWI as well. Technology had fine tuned the art of carnage. The ability of doctors to help those poor soldiers wounded by gun fire was negligible.

Time and again men were asked to charge directly into a crossfire of machine guns. (Ironically, the machine gun had been invented by an American Physician during the Civil War. He had the notion that a weapon so terrible and destructive would put an end to war.

He was not the last person to make that mistake, I'm afraid.) It is a sad fact that the fighting of wars has historically provided the background for tremendous advances in Medicine. By the time WWII was underway, a system of getting soldiers off of the battlefield and transported to advanced field hospitals was in place.

Of course, we all know about the mobile advanced surgical hospitals, or MASH units, that were developed during the Korean War. (I know, I know; it was never actually a declared war, but a conflict...tell that to my Dad and the other men that fought there.)

By the time of the Gulf War, field hospitals that were more sophisticated than civilian hospitals in most third world countries provided state of the art surgical care to our "boys." Oh yes, this time our "girls" were over there as well.

So much for the medically related part of today's piece. Now, back to December 7, 1941. Imagine the shock and surprise when those seaman who happened to be on deck realized what was happening. Imagine the horror.

President Roosevelt, by this stage in his life unable to stand due to the ravages of polio, was able to project that terrible image out over the radio waves to people all over the country as they huddled around their radios listening.

No one spoke as they strained to hear the Presidents voice. When he finished there was a silence across the entire land. It was probably the quietest moment in American history. Probably for the last time in the history of our country there was almost unanimous support for the Declaration of War by the President.

For the next four years that support would be unwavering. There were no demonstrations of protest. It was clear to all that this was the war that would decide whether men around the world would have the opportunity to rule themselves, or, as had been the case throughout history, be ruled by the powerful.

Remember, the concept of self rule and individual liberty as practiced in the USA was relatively new, less than 200 years old. We had even fought a terrible war among ourselves to determine whether a "nation so conceived can long endure," as Lincoln had put it.

Now the concept of liberty was at stake on a global scale. Unfortunately, things were looking none to good for lady liberty as the end of 1941 approached. Then, just as the surprise attack at dawn had jarred open the eyes of any sailor who overslept that Sunday morning, so too was awakened the resolve of the people of the United States.

Many of us too young to have been alive during those times think of WWII as a great victory for the United States and its allies. Indeed it was. What must be remembered, however, is that winning the war was not a foregone conclusion. The outcome was very much in doubt, especially on that day in December.

But somehow, the greatest army in our history was soon assembled. It was made up of ordinary men: teachers and bankers, fathers and sons, and boys right out of high school. All of these men postponed their lives for 4 years, displaying the resolve of their generation, and pressed on to victory. "Rosie the Riveter" was born out of necessity and women's place in the workforce has never been the same since. Here then, is my health suggestion for today.

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Dalby Correctional Facility spearheads Christmas project

The staff of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility is working with local schools to provide toys, clothing and food boxes for needy families this

holiday season. Staff members have created an "angel tree" and are working with school counselors in hopes of

identifying families in need, said Warden Joe Rasbeary. Additionally, security employees have adopted several families to whom food,

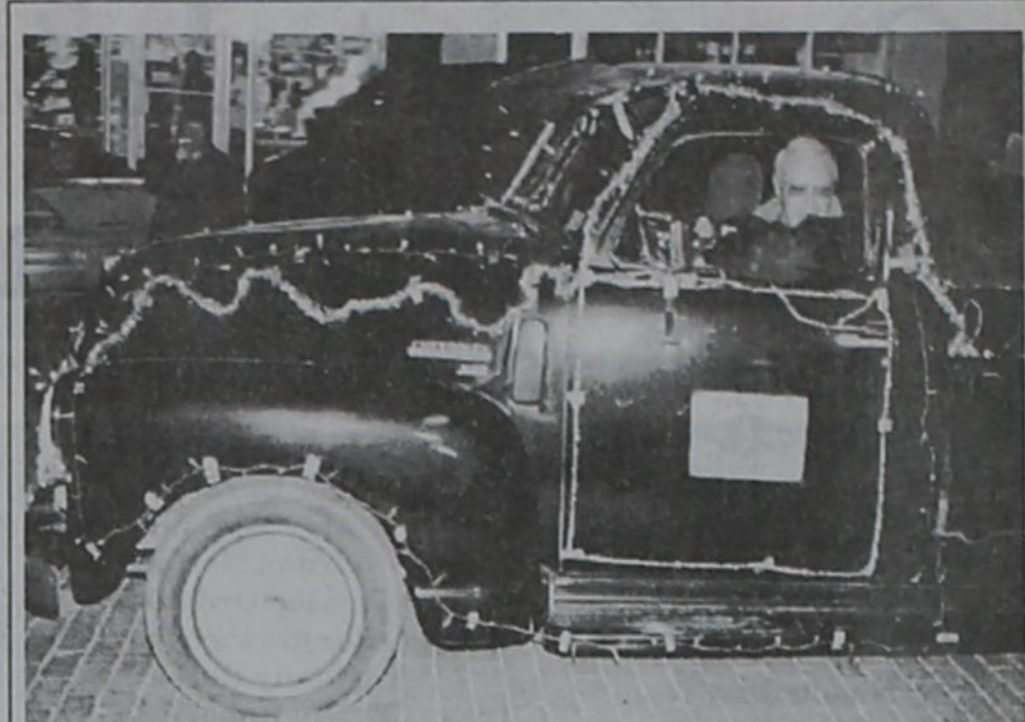
clothing and toys will be provided. "We want to really be a part of the community, and we want to help in any way we can," Rasbeary said.

To boost their efforts, the facility's employees created a pair of floats that participated in last weekend's lighted Christmas parade. The Grinch-themed float, which featured Capt. John Gearhart as the primary character, was constructed by the Security Department. That float captured first place in the float judging. The other float, which carried out a Toy Story theme using a tank, a jeep and soldiers, was designed by Programs & Administration. It won second place in the float competition.

The first and second place wins earned the facility's employees a total of \$800 in prize monies, which Rasbeary said will be used to help needy families.

"We want to try to reach 100 kids at the local school," he said. "Of course, that's just a starting point. We'd like to do more, but we've got to start somewhere."

The Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility currently has a total of 234 employees, many of whom are local residents.



Arnold Fry waves to the crowd downtown from the cab of Herb Walls' 1951 Chevy pickup, all decked out with lights.



The sirens blared and crowds cheered as Santa made his way down Main Street last Saturday night, leading the annual "Lighted Christmas Parade." Riding on top of the Post Volunteer fire truck was Rodney Tidwell, decked out as Post's own Santa Claus.



The Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility's "Toy Story" float took second place in last Saturday's "Lighted Christmas Parade." The float was created by the Programs and Administrative Department at the facility.



Post Girl Scouts and their float were warmly greeted during last Saturday's nippy but delightful "Lighted Christmas Parade" downtown. Girl Scouts on the float were (left to right) Timothy Crenshaw, Alex Cruse, Sabrina Sanchez, Troop 415 leader Marilyn Crenshaw, and not shown Marla Crenshaw, Crystal Sanchez, D'Nae Johnson, Rhiannan Yochum and her sister Sydney, assistant leaders Kim Johnson and Tammy Bland.



During his entire 47 years in office, Herbert Hoover turned over each of his Federal salary checks to charity. He had become independently wealthy before entering politics.



PHS Band members shared their time and talents to brighten up last Saturday's "Lighted Christmas Parade" downtown. The parade was sponsored by the Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau.

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Tiny telescope improves vision

A tiny telescope implanted in the eye during cataract surgery could significantly improve the vision of those suffering from age-related macular degeneration. AMD is a degenerative retinal disease and leading cause of blindness in people over the age of 50.

Baylor College of Medicine is one of three sites in the U.S. participating in a clinical trial to test an implantable miniaturized telescope in patients with central vision impairment due to AMD.

"Using a telescope to help patients with AMD is not new, but prior to this clinical trial, the telescope had to be worn as an external spectacle lens," said Dr. Bowes Hamill, an associate professor of ophthalmology at Baylor and one of the study's chief investigators. "Unfortunately, a spectacle frame with a telescope can be quite heavy and difficult to use."

"The advantages of the implant are that the telescope is always with you, and if necessary, additional magnification can be achieved with the spectacles."

At the time of the surgery, the IMT is implanted in only one eye to provide central vision. The other eye controls peripheral vision. The procedure lasts between 30 and 45 minutes under local anesthesia and is performed on an outpatient basis.

To be eligible for the study, candidates must have stable AMD, be 60 years of age or older with vision no better than 20/80 and no worse than 20/400 in either eye, and have no other major eye disease except for cataracts.

Hamill said the IMT, if successful, could be a breakthrough for patients with AMD.

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vision, but it could allow the visually handicapped AMD patient to function better, whether it's eating, watching television, reading or recognizing people's faces," he said.

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 Kayla Dunn
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 Brant Guthrie
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 Coco Valdez

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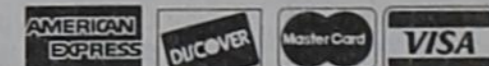
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