

Post Antelopes seek Quarterfinal Championship ...

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Post Notes

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Home for the Holidays Program

The Texas Cooperative Extension is sponsoring a Home for the Holidays program at 6:00 p.m., Monday, December 10 at the Post Community Center. The cost for the program will be \$6. You must call 495-4400 by Noon, Friday, December 7, to R.S.V.P. to reserve your seat and receive a cookbook.

Antelope Arena Open House

The Post ISD has announced the completion of the Antelope Arena and extends an invitation to the public to an Open House on Sunday, December 2 from 2-3 p.m. The new gymnasium is located at 4th Street and Avenue L.

Lighted Parade Saturday

The Lighted Christmas Parade is still set for Saturday at 6 p.m. The event, sponsored by the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau and features lighted Christmas parade floats and special sales downtown. The previously scheduled Santa Claus at the Community Center has been canceled.

Church sets building fund raiser

The Church of God of Prophecy, 602 W. 14th, is offering a taco plate Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at \$5 each. The plate includes three tacos, rice, beans and salad. Call Lydia or Norma Soto at 495-3644. Proceeds are used to assist with the church's building fund.

CCA awards banquet Dec. 4

The Caprock Cultural Association will host its Awards Banquet on Tuesday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. in Chapa's Family Restaurant. Food and entertainment will be offered and the announcement of funding for local organizations and new projects planned. Admission is \$12.50 per person, with R.S.V.P. by November 29 to the Caprock Cultural Association, P.O. Box 37, Post, Texas 79356 or call 495-4148.

Lord's Acre charity drive Dec. 2

The First United Methodist Church invites everyone to join the annual charity drive, the Third Annual Lord's Acre, set for December 2 at 6 p.m. in the Post Community Center. The event raised more than \$6,000 in the past two years, with proceeds going directly to local Post organizations. An evening of Christian entertainment, catered dining and silent auction is planned. Reservations must be made by November 26. For more information or to donate to the silent auction, contact Pixie Grisham at 495-2942 or Kim Lott at 629-4340.

Share the Warmth project

The First United Methodist Church is working in conjunction with Free 107 radio to "Share the Warmth" by collecting coats and gloves for area needy families. Drop donations by the church office at 216 W. 10th, or call 495-2942.

Toys for Tots applications

The Post Lions Club is accepting applications for families needing help with Christmas toys for children. Applications may be obtained at Post City Communications (CellularOne) at 208 E. Main Street or at the Garza County Probation Office on West Main. Deadline for applications to be submitted is December 3.

Donations sought for Toys for Tots

Post Lions Club members are seeking donations of new toys or cash contributions to support this year's "Toys for Tots" campaign. Last year approximately 100 needy children received gifts through the program. Contact Joe Duran at 495-5383 or mail cash contributions to P.O. Box 644, Post, Texas 79356 before December 3.

Community Christmas Sing Dec. 12

The annual Community Christmas Sing will be hosted again this year by the First United Methodist Church on December 12 at 7 p.m. Solo or group selections should be submitted to Patty Kirkpatrick at 495-2868 or at the church office by calling 495-2942 no later than December 8 for the program. Individuals, groups or choirs are encouraged to share one or two selections in this joyous occasion.

Santa Letters due Dec. 14

The popular "Letters to Santa" will be published in The Post Dispatch in its Thursday, December 20 edition, with a deadline of Friday, December 14. Mail to P.O. Box 490, Post, Texas 79356 or bring letters to the newspaper office at 123 E. Main.

Merry Christmas greeting ads

The Post Dispatch is accepting holiday greeting advertisement orders for the annual "Merry Christmas" edition, which will be published December 20. A wide variety of greeting ads are available, call Judy Bush at 495-2816 or 495-0277 to select a greeting.

Share the Warmth coats

Hannah Jackson is collecting coats for her home school winter project, "Share the Warmth." She is requesting new or used (but clean) coats for all children sizes. She hopes to collect at least 50 coats to share with children in need. Call her at 495-2367.

Dispatch sets holiday deadlines

Deadlines for The Post Dispatch for upcoming holidays are Monday noon (December 24) for the December 27 edition and Monday noon (December 31) for the January 3 edition.

Brick sales for scholarship fund

Post ISD is accepting donations for "paving bricks" at Antelope Arena, with the \$50 donations being used exclusively to fund scholarships for PHS graduates. Contact the school's business office at 495-3855 to purchase bricks for the project.

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Electrical problems at courthouse

Garza County commissioners made short work of a brief agenda Monday.

Members of the court discussed several items, including the elec-

trical needs of the courthouse facility, but took no action on these items. County Judge Giles W. Dalby said the court agreed additional information was needed on the items discussed.

A few weeks ago, commissioners learned the courthouse might have some problems with its electrical wiring. The problem was discovered when some electrical work was being done in one area of the building.

County officials have been working to determine how much of the building's wiring is inadequate and what the cost might be to rewire the entire structure.

Although there have been some additions to the building, the courthouse relies on the original wiring installed at the time it was constructed.

"Toys for Tots" needs funding help

The annual Post Lions Club sponsored "Toys for Tots" program is in trouble this year, desperately short of funds to purchase toys for approximately 75 local needy children.

"We just don't have any funds," Lions Club member Joe Duran commented, "and we've only got a couple weeks to give these children a special Christmas."

The Lions Club traditionally provides Christmas gifts for children who would not otherwise have gifts. "We have a strict application process," Duran added, "and we can assure our contributors that these children are definitely in need."

Donations may be made by calling Duran at 495-5383.

New research lab funded by Earls

Ribbon cutting ceremonies for the Earl Survey Research Lab, created earlier this year at Texas Tech University through the generosity of Post residents Lewis and Maxine Earl, were conducted Nov. 20.

The research lab's mission is to provide comprehensive, high quality survey research services to the Tech community and to agencies and organizations in the public sector. The lab also serves as a support resource for students, faculty and administrators involved in survey and social science instruction and research.

The lab offers services covering all aspects of the survey research process, including:

- Study design, which includes project planning, refinement of research questions, sample selection and methodological consultation.
- Questionnaire authoring, or writing questionnaires that will result in valuable and unbiased data.
- Data collection, which can be tailored in accordance to the focus of the research project, the sample population and time and

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CitizensBank announces expansion

E.W. Williams Jr., chairman of LubCo BancShares Inc. of Slaton, and Kenneth W. Fields, president of Shamrock Bancshares Inc., have announced they have entered into a definitive agreement for the acquisition for cash by LubCo, BancShares, of Shamrock Bancshares.

The First National Bank of Shamrock, chartered in 1904, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Shamrock Bancshares Inc. and Citizens Bank in Slaton, chartered in 1932, is a wholly owned subsidiary of LubCo Bancshares Inc.

The Shamrock bank will become a Citizens Bank branch, bringing together two of the oldest community banks on the South Plains.

The completion of the transaction is subject to state and federal regulatory approval. It is projected the transaction will be completed by the first quarter of 2002.

Blake Boyd, president of Citizens Bank, said the combined institution would have assets of more than \$100 million, capital of more than \$7 million and offices in Slaton, Post and Shamrock.

In addition to controlling interest in Citizens Bank, Williams is affiliated with HCSB, Plainview, and First National Bank of New Mexico, Clayton. Consolidated assets of the three banks total more than \$370 million.



Bo Jackson (left) and Martin Vera put up special Christmas lights on Main Street trees in preparation for the holidays and Saturday's Lighted Christmas Parade.



The Post Antelopes celebrate another victory and another trophy following last Friday evening's 34-28 win over Wall at the Regional Championship. The team is preparing for a Saturday encounter at Abilene Wylie, facing the Holiday Eagles for the Quarterfinal Championship. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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Lewis and Maxine Earl

Maxine, Lewis Earl establish research lab

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budget constraints. The ESRL also is equipped with an 11-station telephone interviewing facility and the latest in interviewing software to enable maximum efficiency and quality of data collection. Telephone surveys, conducted by staff members who have successfully completed the ESRL's training module, offer flexibility in customizing the questionnaire to suit a project's needs. Project-specific training can also be incorporated into any phone survey project. Mail surveys and focus groups are additional methods through which the ESRL can collect data. Fees are charged for all projects in relation to the resources required. Initial consultation with ESRL personnel is free of charge.

Stuff I've Heard

by Josiah P. Alexander

I'm sort of new to Post, so hope you won't be offended if I dabble a bit in some gossip around here.

When I read that "Judy's Jabberin'" had been discontinued, apparently for lack of local people bothering to call the writer of that most interesting and informative column, I decided to submit some stuff, in hopes that the ole editor would find it worthy of print (now that there is a bit of a hole on the page).

- Two local Neil Diamond fans came back with an armload of "goodies" from last Sunday's Neil Diamond concert in Dallas. Spies at the event report that the Post ladies were a bit "rowdy," but then, who wasn't? So, if you see Kay Hays or Pat Burnett, they'll probably still be smiling about seeing their favorite "guy" on stage.
- A former Post resident, now retired and living in Lubbock, had an interesting story to tell last week about his trip to the Lubbock airport. "I had tickets for a trip to Albuquerque, and I was all set to fly, until I drove up to the short term parking," he lamented. "Some guy in a uniform stuck his rifle at me and demanded to inspect my car. I told him to show me his warrant. He said he didn't need one, I told him to get out of the way and I'd be on my way. "I'll have to search you first," the guard told my friend. "Not without a warrant you won't, and I'm warning you, don't even think about getting into my car without a warrant," my friend replied. The guard was a bit perplexed, but my friend, who knows his constitutional rights, continued, "Who are you anyway?" The guard said that he was a member of the security detail for the airport. "Well, then, I'll take your word for that," my friend said politely. "Without asking for any identification, I'll just take your word that you are who you say you are. Now, I'm telling you that I have nothing in my car which is illegal, so will you take my word for it?" The guard shook his head as to say "No." My friend then said, "Look, if you'll get out of my way, I'll just take myself and my car out of this parking lot and be on my way. I had planned to fly today, but I am not going to be a part of this ridiculous charade." The guard stepped back, and my friend was allowed to drive off, but not before the guard got on his portable radio alerting someone about my friend's behavior. "I tell you what," my friend blurted out to me, a bit angry about the incident, "I'm not about to spend my money and subject myself to be treated like a criminal in my own country. And the airlines can forget about getting any of my money while they allow those goons to shake down good, law abiding citizens simply because they think they can get away with it."
- I saw Rodney Tidwell downtown Tuesday making sure all the Christmas lights are in good order on the buildings. Who else would take on such a task with that cold, bitter wind?
- Well, when the Lighted Christmas Parade starts Saturday evening, ya'll can say a big thank you to Rodney and MAD DADS Inc. for one more good deed for Post!
- Heck, while I was mostly all alone on Thanksgiving, I saw cars lined up around a lot houses in Post. I guess a lot of families were enjoying the holiday and the feasting. I'm not gripin' mind you, about being alone, 'cause really I wasn't alone, just didn't have a big crowd to share dinner with. I'll bet the ole editor could fill a whole page full of names if each family hosting a Thanksgiving dinner were to bother to send the names of guests to the paper.
- Have you ever seen so many cars as there were passing through Post last week and especially Sunday? Wow! It looked like a giant string of Christmas lights going up and coming down the caprock. There may be a "recession" going on, but you sure couldn't tell by the thousands of folks whizzin' through our hamlet.
- When Post Antelope assistant football coach Billy Kelso goes to scout Jacksboro and Van Alstyne Saturday, he'll of course be rooting just a bit for Jacksboro, seems his brother is a coach at that school. Hmm, wonder how that family feud will be settled when the Post Antelopes and the Jacksboro (Jack Rabbits?) square off for the semi-final championship?
- Well, take care now, and remember, "stuff" you're doing could be worth printing, if'n I hears about it.

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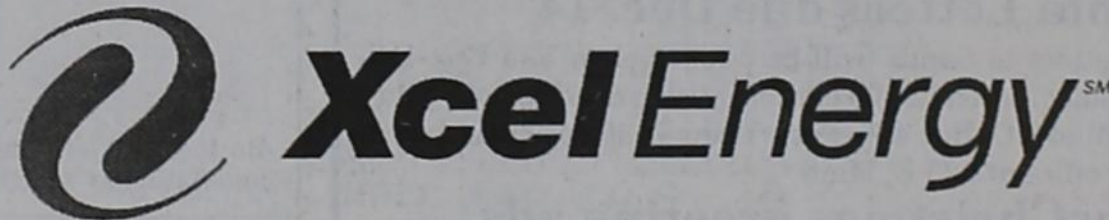
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quests, no matter how strange they are.

Once a man walked into Jim's office and introduced himself as the sales manager for a hospital supply company. He wanted to buy some sort of inflatable mannequin to put into his salesmen's kits to demonstrate a new product, a substance for bathing people who are bedridden.

The sales manager wanted these things in large quantities. Finding this particular item created a problem for Jim. He contacted several mannequin manufacturers and distributors, a few department stores, checked in all his catalogs, even the ones he thought would have CPR dummies.

He still couldn't come up with an inflatable mannequin. Then he solved the problem. He went to the adult book and cinema store.

The city where Jim lives is not very large and the adult book and cinema store is on the outskirts of town. It's called Randy's. Now Jim hasn't been in a porno house before, so he sat in his car for awhile.

When traffic slowed to a trickle, he went in. He didn't recognize any of his friends or neighbors and was glad. He told the manager he wanted to look at some inflatable dummies. "Male or female?" the manager inquired.

Jim replied, "I don't think it makes any difference." The manager told Jim he didn't have any asexual dolls. When Jim went back to his client and told him he had found what he was looking for, the client said he wanted to see the item.

Jim took him to Randy's and told the manager he might be interested in buying several hundred of them. The client said he would like to demonstrate the product on one. The manager inflated a doll. It was lifelike. Bigger than life in some areas.

It was anatomically correct. It had all the parts. In ample proportions. Very noticeable proportions. "Does this place have a back room?" the client asked. The manager said "No, just let me turn it over to see how it'll work with your product."

He turned the dummy face down while the client rummaged through his sample case and came up with a bottle of his product. He applied it and sure enough, the product would not make the plastic material lose any of its color.

He wiped off the dummy and was turning it over when the thing that makes it male sprang up. The store manager had taped it to the inside leg of the dummy to get it out of the way. It bounced right in the client's face.

He grabbed his sample case and walked out. "What'd you think?" asked Jim. "I think I'll wait," came the reply. Although Jim didn't make a sale, he's still batting a thousand in finding things his customers want.

Let early education be a sort of amusement, you will then be better able to find out the natural bent.

—Plato

Yesteryears

November 27, 1991
10 Years Ago

Garza County Judge Giles Dalby welcomes new county agriculture agent John Senter and his wife Ann to Post.

Fifty-two Y.E.S. Project participants attended a JR-SR Thanksgiving party in PHS Home Economics Dept., Thursday.

The Graham Chapel United Methodist Church will sponsor a "Community Christmas Tree" which will be lighted at 7:00 p.m.

Matt and Jennie Duncan are proud to announce the birth of their son, Dillon Lee, born Nov. 19, at St. Mary's Hospital.

November 23, 1981
20 Years Ago

Mario Luna, senior tackle, was named Pep Squad Beau during the recent pep rally for the Slaton game. Mario is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ascension Solis.

Contributions to the 1982 Garza United Fund campaign are now less than 15 percent away from the \$12,325 goal.

All Garza Memorial Hospital employees will receive a six percent "cost of living" salary increase, effective December 1st.

Garza Co. Senior Citizens elected new officers last Thursday. Elected were president, J. Q. Ward; vice-president, Roy Brown; secretary, James Mitchell; treasurer, Henry Wheatley; and directors, Zora Robinson, Raymond Young, and Joe Williams.

November 25, 1971
30 Years Ago

Mrs. Don Ammons and Mrs. James Sweeten were hostesses at a Thanksgiving supper Sunday evening the Sweeten home at 7:00 p.m. for the Jaycee-ettes and their husbands.

Melanie King was high scorer with 20 points in the Freshman game against Frenship. Others scoring were: Tina McAlister, Nan Bilberry, Carol Davis, Pat Davis and Sandra Dudley.

Joe Sanchez was named Friday as manager of Post's Piggly Wiggly store.

November 30, 1961
40 Years Ago

Harold Teal was elected head coach by the school board.

Friday night subscribers unanimously voted to have rural telephone service installed throughout the eastern half of Garza County.

Danny McWhirt and Lea Merri Cross were honored on their fifth birthdays with a joint party at the Justiceburg School, Saturday.

Dianna Pruitt was elected president of the Close City 4-H Club. Other officers elected were Anita Pruitt, vice-president; Nedra Childs, secretary; Marsha Tipton, reporter.

November 29, 1951
50 Years Ago

Investigations are still underway in an effort to apprehend the safecrackers who were thwarted in their attempt to dynamite open a safe in the Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber company office Saturday night. Sheriff Carl Rains said late Wednesday that no new clues had been found.

Post school queens are crowned at the recent Post School Fall Festival. Geraldine Graves and Rexene Welch were crowned queens of the senior and seventh grades respectively.

Mrs. R. B. Dodson, mother advisor of the local Rainbow unit took several girls to Lubbock Tuesday night for a Constituting ceremony. Those attending were Misses Glenda and Gayle Askins, Linda Mills, Wilma Jean Welch, Judith King, Anne Pierce, Freada Kennedy, Donna Kay Kennedy and Maxine Beall.

A daughter, Deborah Lynn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. (Dub) Gray in Slaton Mercy hospital, Nov. 17. She weighed six pounds and ten ounces.

Jack Kirkpatrick, Billy Taylor, L. W. Evans, Buddy Davis, and Cletus Graves were named to the All-District Team.

Nine arrests reported here

Nine arrests were recorded in the Garza County Jail logbook during the past week.

According to a sheriff's department report, a 22-year-old male was arrested Nov. 20 for driving while intoxicated.

Four arrests were made on Nov. 21, including that of a 19-year-old female for bond forfeiture; a 31-year-old male for felony DWI; a 20-year-old male on a pair of warrants; and a 48-year-old male for possession of a controlled substance/cocaine.

Two individuals, a 20-year-old male and a 20-year-old female, were arrested Nov. 22, both charged with possession of marijuana, under two ounces.

A 23-year-old man was arrested on warrants Nov. 24, while a 22-year-old male was picked up for disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

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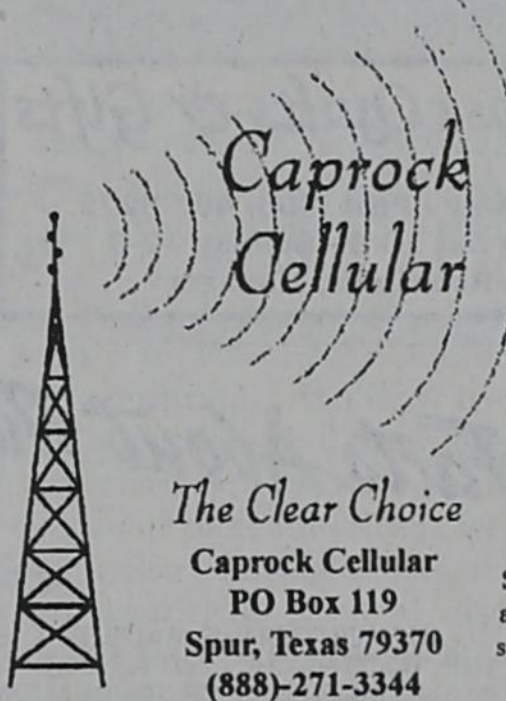
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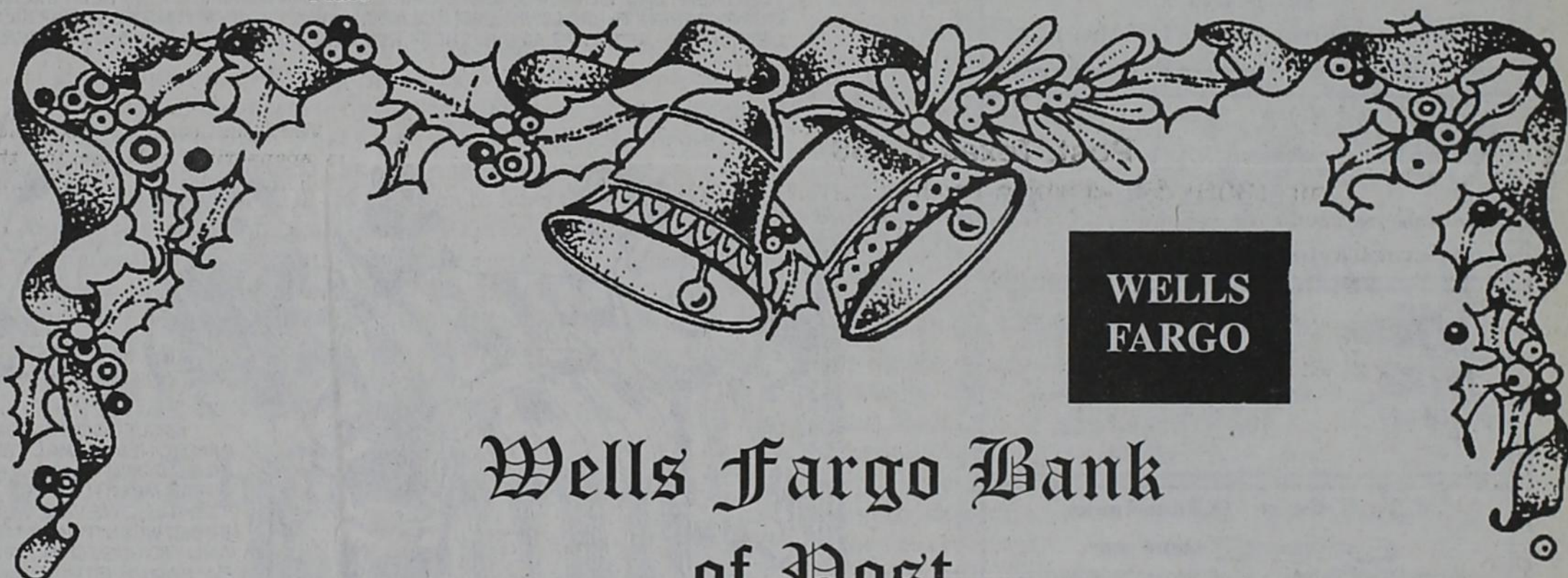


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Obituaries

Thelma Ward Cook

Services for Thelma Ward Cook, 81, of Slaton were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, 2001 in the Hudman Funeral Home with the Rev. Steven Campbell of the First United Methodist Church of Slaton officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery in Post.

She died Nov. 21 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Born July 6, 1920, in Garza County, she was a licensed vocational nurse and a Methodist.

Survivors include one daughter, Regina Spence of Slaton; one sister, Carolyn Norbury of Oklahoma City; one granddaughter, Debra Ann Fain of Stephenville; and three great-grandchildren, Caden and Braylin Fain of Stephenville and Tamran Hensley of Perryton.

She was preceded in death by one son, Michael Reece Cook, in 1979.

Lazaro (Poncho) Moreno

Services for Lazaro (Poncho) Moreno, 78, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2001, in the Holy Cross Catholic Church with Father Glen Rosendale officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

Rosary was said Thursday, Nov. 22, at the funeral home. He died Nov. 21 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born March 29, 1923, in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, he married Estella Abraham Feb. 20, 1956, in Laredo. He farmed in Garza County for many years and was a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife, Estella, of Post; two brothers, Nicholas Moreno of Monterrey, Mexico, and Tiburcio Moreno, also of Monterrey; one sister, Mercedes Lees of San Luis Potosi; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Lionel Juarez

Services for Lionel Juarez, 24, of Crosbyton were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2001, in the Holy Cross Catholic Church with Father Glen Rosendale officiating. Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

Rosary was said Monday, Nov. 26, at the funeral home. He died Friday, Nov. 23, in Crosbyton.

Born Dec. 13, 1976, in Snyder, he married was a Post High School graduate. He married Karen Castillo Oct. 1, 2000, in Crosbyton. He had lived and worked in Crosbyton, where he was employed by the Crosbyton Co-Op. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife, Karen, of Crosbyton; one daughter, Tyler Juarez of Crosbyton; his mother, Rosemary Juarez of Crosbyton; his father, Alfonso Juarez of San Luis Potosi; two brothers, Jesse Briones of Crosbyton and Roland Basquez of Fort Bend, Georgia; and three sisters, Irene Juarez of Cactus, Texas, and Josephine Poe and Luz Montonya, both of Post.

Nannie V. Bostick Litterell

Services for Nannie V. Bostick Litterell were held Wednesday, November 28, 2001, 2:00 P.M. at the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Keith Cooper officiated and the Rev. Billie S. Smith of the Trinity Baptist Church assisted. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mrs. Litterell died Sunday, November 25, 2001 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born October 24, 1917 at Lingerville to Frank Homer and Ruth Perry Lee (Perry) Bostick. She attended school at Flag and Sunnyside. She came to Garza County with her family in 1939. She married Bill Litterell in 1944, here in Post. He preceded her in death December 31, 1972. They made their first home in Lubbock where she drove a taxi. In 1948 they moved to Post and she worked for the Post Cotton Mill and then as a medication aid at Twin Cedar Nursing Home until her retirement in 1996. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include: one son: Randy Litterell of Post, two brothers: Billy D. Bostick of Amarillo and Earnest D. Bostick of Carlsbad, N.M. Also by one granddaughter: Susan Litterell and a sister in law: Ruby Bostick.

Pallbearers were Lance Bland, Jeremy Bland, Jarrett Bland, Mike Bland, Colt Vernon and Danny Vernon.

Govern a family as you would cook a small fish—very gently.

—Chinese proverb

Odessa McKamie

Graveside services for Odessa McKamie, 93, were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, 2001, in the Moody Cemetery in Moody with the Rev. Kenneth Stevens officiating.

She died Nov. 12 in Meridian. She was born March 17, 1908, in Moody.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Margie and Gerald Allen of Meridian and Patricia Ann and John Haberland of Goshen, Ohio; two sons and daughters-in-law, Billy Joe and Weaver McKamie of Post and Bobby Gene and Francine McKamie of Bryan; 15 grandchildren; and a number of great- and great-grandchildren.

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We Aren't Children

by Sheldon Richman

Theoretically this is the Land of the Free, but don't you believe it. In the Land of the Really Free, adults wouldn't be treated like children. Yet all levels of government treat us like the youngest, dumbest children you can imagine.

Here are some examples, all from one state (my adopted state of Arkansas) and involving only one thing: alcohol.

Just recently a majority of voters of the city of Pine Bluff (the few that voted) decided to continue the prohibition on restaurants' and hotels' selling alcohol on Sundays. Why anyone who does not drink on Sunday cares if anyone else does, I can't figure out. But that's me. Apparently, there are enough busybodies and ministers who can't stand the idea. As H.L. Mencken said, "Puritanism is the haunting fear that someone, somewhere, may be happy."

It isn't just run-of-the-mill busybodies and clergymen who would have an interest in stopping people from drinking in Pine Bluff restaurants on Sundays. Another group with an interest is the owners of restaurants in neighboring towns, such as Little Rock. I can't prove that these people aided the busybodies' cause, but they would be prime suspects in my investigation. Why? Because if people can't have a drink while eating out in Pine Bluff, they are likely to do so at a restaurant in Little Rock.

This is the phenomenon that economist Bruce Yandle calls "Baptists and bootleggers." It refers to the alliance inevitably struck between those who oppose some consensual activity for moralistic reasons and those who oppose it out of economic interest. Thus both the Baptists and the bootleggers favored Prohibition — the Baptists because drinking is sinful; the bootleggers because legal booze cut into their profits.

The second case is a state law permitting grocery stores and gas stations to sell wine — as long as it is made in Arkansas. The law goes back to the end of Prohibition and was in the news recently because for years the state's alcohol board refused to issue permits for the wine sales. Now it has resumed doing so. Limiting sales to Arkansas-made wine is blatant protectionism. What are the local wineries afraid of? But it is just one of the many restrictions on alcohol sales. Hard liquor may not be sold in supermarkets, but only in private liquor stores. Of course, in some states it may be sold only in state-owned stores. That's called socialism. And in Arkansas, as in some other states, counties can be dry.

Which brings me to my last example. In Faulkner County, where I live, alcohol sales are prohibited. There is one exception: special licenses for so-called private clubs are sometimes issued. This is a sham. There are eight private clubs with permits, two of them country clubs; a restaurant must charge \$5 annual dues just so it can call itself a club instead of a restaurant.

Anyway, the Outback Steakhouse company wants to open an outlet in the county (city of Conway) and has applied for a club permit. Naturally, Protestant ministers and others are campaigning against it. But leading the charge is the owner of an existing steakhouse, Baptists and bootleggers once again.

Now I submit that none of this is appropriate in the United States of America. At the very least, in a free country a grownup ought to be free to drink what, where, and when he wants so long as he doesn't harm anyone else. I didn't say offend. I didn't say bother. I said "harm," as in strike, assault, murder. Otherwise, it's no one else's business. (As for kids, I say the parents are in charge.)

Some good small-D democrats will say that as long as the people get to vote on these rules, there is no conflict with freedom. Wrong. Freedom is not some collective right. It belongs to individuals. If a majority can vote to stop a restaurant from serving me a drink on Sundays, I'm not free in that respect — and neither are the owners of the restaurants. Voting does not sanctify tyranny.

And speaking of voting, if we grownup Americans are so incompetent when it comes to making decisions about alcohol, why does anyone expect us to vote for the best people to hold political office? Either we are adults capable of regulating our lives or we are children. Make up your minds.

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Our unalienable rights?

"All men are born free and independent, and have certain natural, essential, and unalienable rights, among which may be reckoned the right of enjoying and defending their lives and liberties; that of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property; in fine, that of seeking and obtaining their safety and happiness." — John Adams

Opinions

DEAR EDITOR: I UNDERSTAND CONGRESS WANTS ALL AIRPORT SCREENERS TO BE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES: CAN'T YOU JUST SEE...



And thereafter, profiling needed

by Walter E. Williams

Standing in long lines to pass through airport security, I thought: Where's racial and sexual profiling now when it can benefit most, if not all, passengers? You say: "What's wrong with you, Williams? Everybody knows that profiling has been declared racist and sex profiling is no better?" Let's look at profiling as a principle.

Suppose you were chief of police seeking to apprehend some unknown gangsters involved in a recent drive-by shooting. Would you instruct your officers to include 80-year-old women as possible suspects to be detained and questioned? You probably wouldn't and why? It's not because you have affection or special respect for the civil rights of older women. Focusing police resources on 80-year-old women, and for that matter 80-year-old men, as suspects would be stupid and a gross waste of resources, because the chances that 80-year-olds would be involved in drive-by shootings is close to nil.



Criminals involved in the drive-by shooting would benefit if there were to be an anti-profiling law forcing police to view 80-year-olds just as likely to be involved in drive-by shootings as any other age group in the population. Doing so would waste police resources and give criminals greater opportunities to escape detection and apprehension.

Similar reasoning can be applied to airport security measures. Right now, part of enhanced security includes forcing all passengers to wait in long lines to have their tickets and ID checked, take off outer garments, be frisked and have their carry-on items searched for anything that might be used as a weapon — that includes fingernail files and clippers, cuticle cutters, knitting needles ... you name it.

Lines and passenger inconvenience could be reduced by applying profiling where less scrutiny is given to older women and men. While older women and men are not likely to be hijackers, they might be

used by hijackers to carry weapons — thus, a reasonable case can be made for requiring them, as well as any other passengers, to pass through metal detectors.

Who should receive more scrutiny, and who should receive less? This is an important question if we are to insure against hijacking. As a generality, women should receive less scrutiny. After all women have never been significant players in hijacking. Black Americans of either sex should receive less scrutiny for the same reason. Most security resources should be spent scrutinizing Caucasian males, particularly those with a Middle Eastern appearance. And why? It's simply that virtually all hijackings in the United States and elsewhere have been committed by men fitting that general description.

Some might say that it's unjust to single out some Americans for more security scrutiny than others. But it is also unjust, plus a waste of resources, to subject people to airport security harassment who pose absolutely no hijacking threat, such as old men, women of any age and young children.

There are security measures we can take that are far more effective than anything that we're doing now. There are tens of thousands of retired policemen and active duty policemen, as well as their counterparts in the FBI and Secret Service who fly. How about a program that allows them to fly half-fare if they carry their weapons and act as sky marshals? That would create considerable uncertainty for hijackers. They wouldn't know who or how many people were on the plane who would be in the position to blow their brains out.

Current government regulations give aid and comfort to hijackers. The Federal Aviation Administration has guaranteed hijackers that no one on the plane is armed but them. That must be changed.

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Turning over your money without a warrant

by Vin Suprynowicz

Las Vegas resident Irwin Schiff contends the IRS doesn't adhere to its own codebook of rules and procedures, but instead depends on the inappropriate application of the law as it struggles to keep America's workers and employers buffaloed into paying an "income tax" (actually a wage withholding tax) which is mandatory only for aliens working on these shores and Americans working overseas.

Most members of the burgeoning truth-about-taxation movement contend that when various IRS commissioners have said the flow of tax revenues is dependent on "voluntary compliance," they meant just that — we all "volunteer" to take part in a government Ponzi scheme promising us various benefits when we sign a W-4 form, requesting our employers to withhold from our paychecks ... and are thus equally free to "not volunteer," if we so choose.

Individual IRS employees seems to look at this a bit differently, of course, occasionally charging folks with "failure to file," while demonstrating a puzzling reluctance to point to the individual statute that makes it mandatory for any individual American, earning wages on these shores, to do so.

They'll even send your bank a "Notice of Intent to Levy," which any bank employee calling the IRS will be told means they're supposed to bundle up your money and send it to the IRS, because you "failed to pay your taxes."

But that's not true. All such a bank employee has to do is ask why "paragraph A" of the legal code citation is always deleted from the "authorizing" fine print on the back of the IRS' standard "seize-his-bank-account" Form 668W. The reason the citation instead starts with "paragraph B" is that paragraph A specifies that said law authorizes the use of such onerous methods only against employees of the federal government.

(See the Web site www.getawarrant.com/details.html#bolderrules — which contains a citation from Clark County Magistrate Victor Miller's historic opinion on this matter in the case *Williams v. Boulder Dam Credit Union*.)

Furthermore, in its wise decision in *Gould v. Gould*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled: "In the interpretation of statutes levying taxes it is the established rule not to extend their provisions by implication beyond the clear import of the language used, or to enlarge their operation so as to embrace matters not specifically pointed out. In case of doubt, they are construed most strongly against the government and in favor of the citizen."

And under Title 26 of the U.S. Code, the Social Security tax (now used to establish "accounts" for all payers of the so-called "income tax") is imposed in chapter 21, subtitle C, in which Section 3121 defines "employment" as "any service, of whatever nature, performed (A) by an employee for the person employing him, irrespective of the citizenship or residence of either, (I) within the United States" ... and then continues in Section 3121(e)(2) to declare that, for purposes of this specific statute, "The term 'United States' when used in a

geographical sense includes the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa" ... territories in which congressional authority is not nearly as constitutionally restricted as in the several states.

And that means, according to *Gould v. Gould*: "includes only."

So, under the bizarre definition of "United States" adopted to purposely mislead us in this part of the Internal Revenue code, this law could not possibly apply to wages earned by Las Vegas resident Irwin Schiff, if he is neither a resident nor a citizen of "Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa."

So, when Las Vegas IRS agent James Gritis sent a "Notice of Intent to Levy" to the local Bank of America, urging the bank to send him some \$8,000 contained in Irwin Schiff's bank account, and the bank did so, Mr. Schiff filed suit against the bank. He contended it had violated its fiduciary responsibility and private contract to hold his funds safe, turning them over to third party without demanding to see the court order as required by law before the government can take the property of a citizen.

Representing the bank, attorney Kirk Lenhard of the Howard Hughes Parkway law firm Jones Vargas, filed a motion to dismiss.

On Nov. 13, District Judge Allan R. Earl threw out that motion, instead stating he was anxious to see Mr. Schiff depose IRS Agent James Gritis to determine if such seizures really comply with the law, and whether Mr. Gritis has a proper, written delegation of authority from the secretary of the Treasury to grab people's bank accounts.

"I think they're going to ship him out of the country so I can't depose him," Mr. Schiff told me last week.

I asked Schiff how he believes the case will end up — don't our courts these days always find a way to prop up the IRS, no matter what the law actually says?

"I wouldn't be surprised if (the Bank of America) calls me, because if word gets out they took my money illegally, do you have any idea how much they've turned over in the past six months? Every one of those people can sue them. ..."

"Once I get the money I'll offer to sue the IRS on the bank's behalf because the notice of levy was a fraud. On the back of the form they purport to reproduce the authorizing statute but they leave out paragraph A; that's fraud."

No date has yet been set for the deposition of Mr. Gritis, who could not be reached for comment at his Oakey Drive office last Wednesday (he's away till the 28th). Multiple attempts to reach an attorney at the Jones Vargas law firm who could explain the bank's position also proved unsuccessful.

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Sports

'Lopes outlast Hawks for Regional Championship Trophy

by Wes Burnett

It was a "nail-biter" to the very end last Friday night at Colorado City, as the Post Antelopes pulled off a 34-28 overtime win over the Wall Hawks to capture the Regional Championship trophy. The game "see-sawed" back and forth, leaving fans on both sides of the stadium on the edge of their seats.

The Antelope defense, however, made the difference late in the fourth quarter, stopping the Hawks on fourth down at the one-half yard line. Jonathan Eilenberger plunged into the backfield, slowing down the Hawk runner long enough for defensive linemen and linebackers to seal off the play a few inches short of the goal line.

Among the defenders making the big play for the Antelopes were Eilenberger, R.C. Curtis, Patrick Gonzales, Justin Acevedo, Seth Redman, Mitchell Mills and Michael Huff.

In overtime, with the score tied 28-28, the 'Lopes won the toss and elected to take the defense. On Wall's first play from the 25 yard line, Jason Holik sliced over his left guard spot, was hit hard by Antelope R.C. Curtis, then Eilenberger stripped the ball loose and linebackers Mills and Acevedo went for the ball, with Acevedo coming up with the fumble recovery.

The offense trotted onto the field and three plays later Jonathan Curtis bounced into the end zone for the winning score. Fans flooded the field for an emotional and enthusiastic celebration, mingling with the players and coaches.

The game opened with Post taking the kickoff, setting up a first down at their own 47 yard line. Quarterback Michael Huff picked up a first down inside the Wall 50, then lofted a pass deep downfield, high over the head of Allan Bell, which was intercepted by Wall at the 20.

The Post defense gave up a first down, then Jaron Haney coughed up the ball, with Brody Robertson falling on it for the Antelopes at the Wall 34.

The 'Lope offense took charge and in 10 plays put the first touchdown on the board. Mitchell Mills, Jonathan Curtis and Huff led the charge behind an outstanding offensive line. The touchdown came on third down at the one half yard line when Huff ran behind Bryan Looney and Eilenberger over the left side. With 4:41 left in the first quarter, Looney's extra point put the 'Lope ahead 7-0.

The Hawks came back with an impressive 15 play drive, which started at their own 28 yard line. Josh Holik picked up the touchdown from the one yard line with 10:38 remaining in the first half. The extra point tied the game at 7-7.

Second Touchdown

The Antelope offense again mounted a strong drive to the end zone with a nine play drive, featuring Curtis, Mills, Huff and Brandon Bell picking apart the Wall defense. A key first down conversion on third down came when Bell ripped off a 20 yard scamper to the Wall 23.

The touchdown came on third down from the 26 with Huff rolling to his right and throwing the ball into the hands of Lance Curtis, who had slipped by a defender in the end zone. Looney's kick was too low, and the 'Lopes led 13-7 with 5:45 left in the second quarter.

Once again the Hawk offense went to work, scoring in 18 plays, converting two fourth down plays. The touchdown came on fourth down at the seven yard line when Haney took a screen pass from quarterback Trey Weishuhn into the end zone. The extra point gave the Hawks a one point lead at 14-13 with 30 seconds left in

the half.

Time ran out on the 'Lope offense and the teams went to the locker rooms at half time.

Second Half Action

The Hawks came out in the third quarter and scored on a three play drive, catching the Post offense by surprise with another screen pass play. This time Will Doyle got the ball and raced 74 yards to the end zone. With the extra point, the Hawks led 21-13 with 10:23 left in the third quarter.

The offense was in a hole at their own seven yard line after the kickoff return failed to get good field position. Not daunted by the score or the field position, the Post offense went to work on a 15 play scoring drive.

Third Touchdown

Curtis, Huff, Mills and Bell took care of the running chores, picking up six first downs. The touchdown was set up by Curtis taking a pitchout around left end and a clearing block by Mills, giving the 'Lopes first down at the two yard line. On second down Curtis got the call again, this time over right tackle and into the end zone.

Trailing 21-19, the 'Lopes went for the two point conversion, with Huff rolling to his right and throwing a pass to Mills in the end zone. With 3:55 left in the third quarter, the 'Lopes knotted the score at 21-21.

Fourth Touchdown

On Wall's next possession, Weishuhn tried the screen pass again from the Post 49 yard line, but this time the Post defense was ready, and the ball bounced off the hands of Jason Holik, and Roland Castaneda alertly caught the tipped ball and raced down his right side line to the end zone for the Antelopes.

With 2:39 on the third quarter clock, Looney's extra point gave the 'Lopes a 28-21 lead.

The Hawks weren't finished yet ... they came back with a nine play drive, capped by a fourth down pass from Weishuhn to Doyle in the end zone. With the extra point, the score was tied at 28-28 early in the fourth quarter.

The Post offense was unable to mount a sustained drive, punting the ball to Wall with 9:17 left in the game. The Hawks went to work on the Post defense, driving in 15 plays to the one half yard line.

Big Defensive Play

Mills stopped Haney at the three, Josh Holik was stopped at the one and again at the one half yard line, setting a fourth down play. Eilenberger slipped into the backfield, slowed down the runner with a glancing blow, as the defensive line and linebackers came up to bring the runner down short of the goal line.

The remaining 2:38 on the clock was not enough time for the 'Lopes to score, getting the ball out the Wall 46 before Huff's pass deep toward the end zone was intercepted and the buzzer sounded.

In overtime, the 'Lope defense took charge, recovering a fumble and setting up the winning score. Mills took the ball from the 25 to the 21, Curtis broke through tacklers to the seven, then took the ball into the end zone over left guard, knocking down defenders along the way.

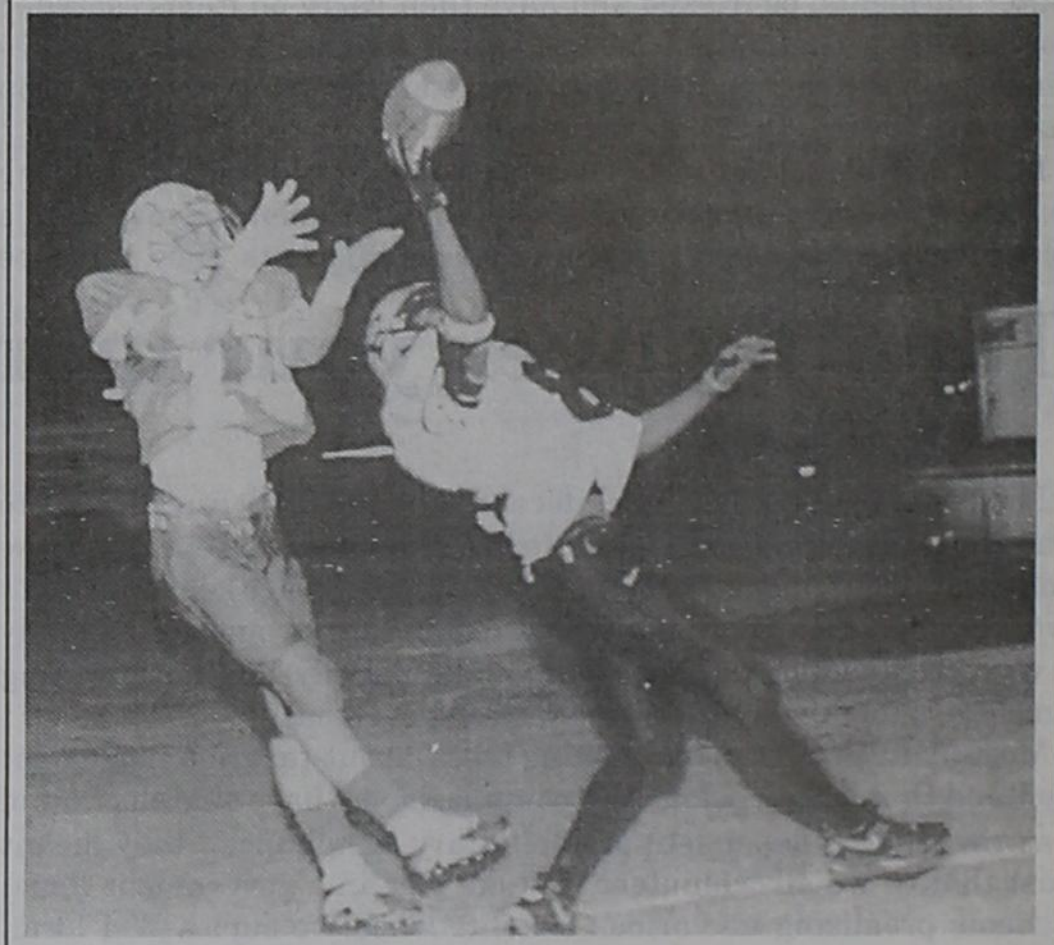
The 34-28 Regional Championship win sets up a Quarterfinal Championship game Saturday in Abilene against Holliday, which defeated Stinnett West Texas 45-6 last Saturday. The Quarterfinal game will begin at 2 p.m. at Abilene Wylie's Bulldog Stadium.



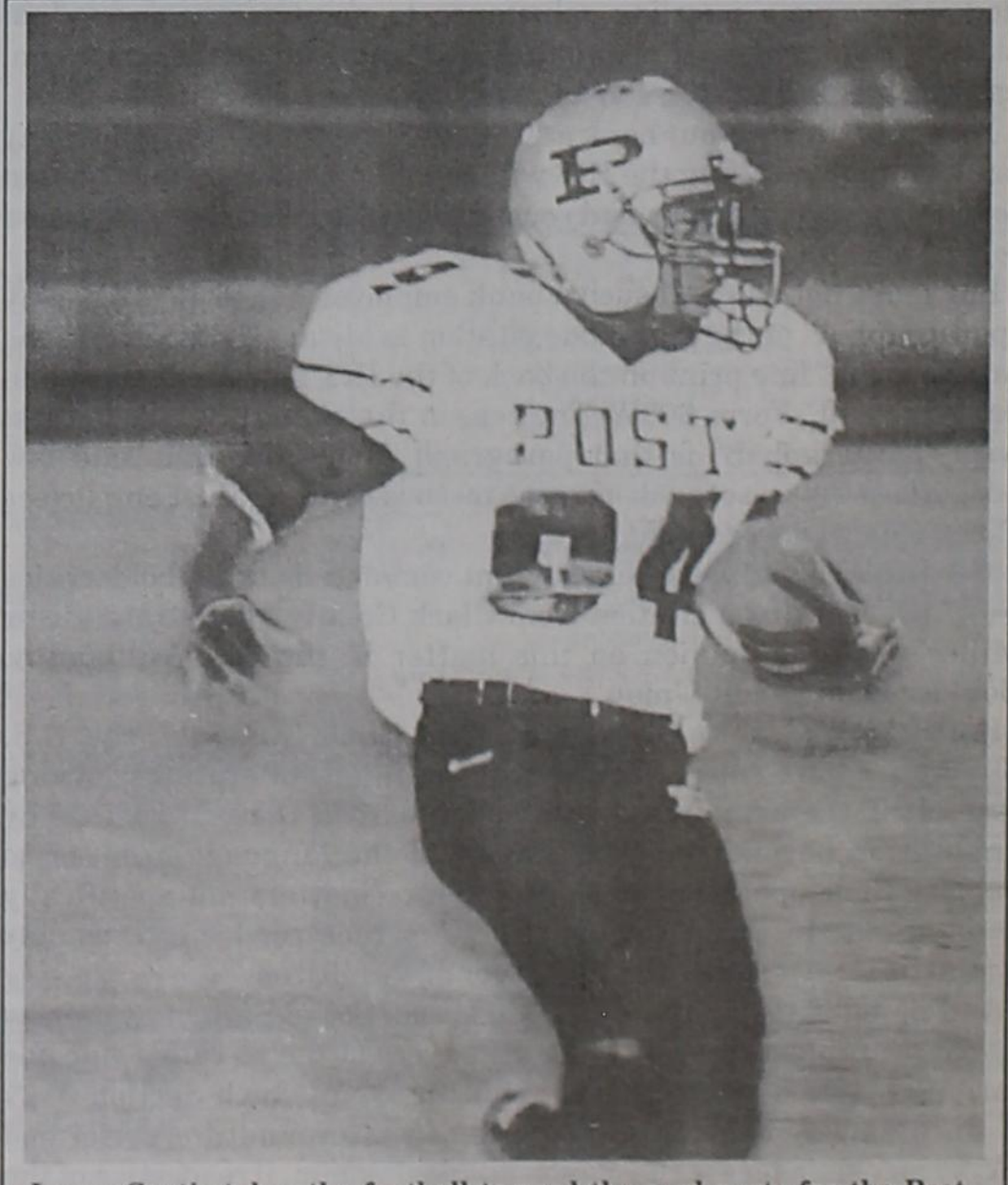
Jonathan Curtis (22) puts the stiff arm on a Wall Hawk defender on the way to the end zone for the Post Antelopes during the 34-28 Regional Championship win last Friday. Photo by Jerry Taylor



Post Antelope head coach Richard Gorman (left) gives defensive players a pep talk during a time out last Friday night at Colorado City. Photo by Jerry Taylor



If he were a half inch taller Lance Curtis would have had a pass interception to add to his achievements during last Friday's Regional Championship victory. The pass was deflected in the end zone. Photo by Jerry Taylor



Lance Curtis takes the football toward the goal posts for the Post Antelopes in action at Colorado City last Friday evening in the Regional Championship game against the Wall Hawks. Photo by Jerry Taylor



Noah Gutierrez (64) gets a block for Michael Huff (12) as the Antelopes march toward the end zone last Friday. Photo by Jerry Taylor



Offensive linemen (left to right) Jarrett Vickers, Noah Gutierrez, Mikey Gonzales and Bryan Looney get set to drive Wall Hawk defenders off the line of scrimmage during last Friday's 34-28 Regional Championship victory. Quarterback Michael Huff takes the snap from Looney. Photo by Jerry Taylor

Holliday Eagles next challenge for Antelopes

by Wes Burnett

The Holliday Eagles will bring a big offensive line and a high-powered running attack to the Region I Class AA Division I Quarterfinal Championship game at Wylie Saturday afternoon.

"We've got a chance to win this one," Antelope head coach Richard Gorman says, "but we'll have to play at our very best." The Eagles run the ball well, and mix up offensive action with effective passing. "They're a very good, solid football team," Gorman adds.

Holliday whipped Stinnett West Texas 45-6 in the Regional Championship last Saturday at Childress.

On defense the Eagles split with a 5-3 alignment. Eight of the Eagles start on both offense and defense.

Post is the home team, with a 2 p.m. kickoff.

Directions to Abilene Wylie's Bulldog Stadium:

On IH 20, at Tye exit on IH 20 Business, east to Hwy 277 (also known as the loop), south to Buffalo Gap Rd, exit right continue to Wylie, at traffic light, turn right at Antilley Road by the Methodist Church directly to the stadium. Second parking lot (paved) for home team.

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Ward One: Commencing at the north city limit where it meets the midline of Avenue M; thence south along the midline of Avenue M to the intersection of West 11th Street; thence east along the midline of West 11th Street to the West ROW line of the Santa Fe Railway. (Reservation 3); thence southerly along the Railroad ROW West line to East Main Street; thence east along the midline of East Main Street to the east City limit; and then northerly and westerly along the city limit to the beginning point.

Ward Two: Commencing at the intersection of the east City limit and the midline of East Main Street; thence southerly and westerly along the city limit to the centerline of FM 669, formerly FM 1313 on the south City limit; thence, northerly along the midline of FM 669, formerly

FM 1313 to the midline of West 3rd Street; thence west to the intersection of the midline of south Avenue N; thence north along such midline to the midline of West 5th Street; thence east along the midline of West 5th Street to the midline of South Avenue M; thence north along such midline to the midline of West 11th Street; thence east along such midline to the west ROW of the Santa Fe Railroad; thence southerly to East Main Street; thence east along the southern boundary of Ward One to the beginning point.

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Ward Five: Commencing at the intersection of the west City limit and the midline of West 10th Street; thence northerly and easterly along such city limit to the midline of Avenue M; thence south along such midline to the midline of West 12th Street; thence following the northerly boundary of Ward 4 to the beginning point.

Citizens of the City of Post are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting. Please direct questions to the City Secretary or the City Manager at 105 East Main in Post or by calling 495-2811. Questions may also be directed to Harvey Morton, Attorney at Law for the City of Post, by calling 762-0570.

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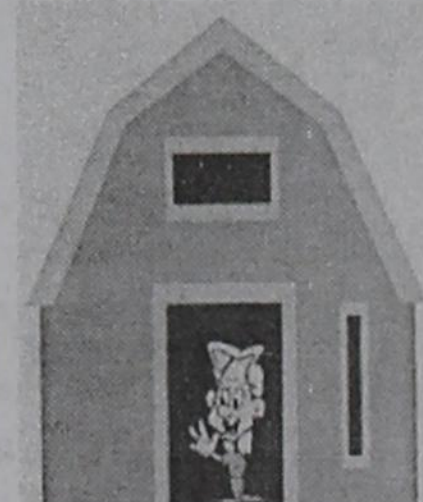
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Whew! Almost too much!

I'm glad its over. I ate too much, but it was good. My kids all came to see me, that was good. I got a circular today from Radio Shack. The sound and smell of Christmas is beginning to get in the air. I looked in the circular to see if there was a bathroom scale for large and tall men. I need one that tells me what I want to hear. The ones I have now only says "ding," so I guess I weigh somewhere over you know what. But I love food and this is only the second Thanksgiving that I was sober in a few years. I used to eat a little and drink a lot, now I eat a lot and drink nothing. Oh well, at least I know what I was stuffing myself with. It was wonderful just to set down and enjoy family. Its amazing how much better I feel without being a total fool among family get together. In fact, I enjoy just being anywhere with my head screwed on straight.

Being right here in Post for any occasion. We don't have to listen to the news or read the papers about whether we will have to pay for the city manager or the city attorney a half million dollars if they should get terminated.

We don't have to worry about a man trying to straighten his wife out and the cops coming over and shooting one another, or putting three or four hundred holes in our house - at least not yet anyway. Seems like the wheels of Post just keep on turning.

Looks like the Antelopes put Post on the map in a little bit bigger letters. I been hearing some gossip about Post in the last few weeks. Been hearing stuff besides "Don't go there, the cops will getcha," or "better go thru Big Spring."

Gasoline came down for a few days but shot right back up to the rip-off. At least we can say we got the most expensive gas in West Texas. But I would still choose Post over Lubbock, even if I could live up there for free. There just ain't no body got it like Post.

But I am still concerned one day Lubbock will control Post, just like socialism is slowly taking over our great America. Everybody is trying to run someone else's business. I hope I'm wrong but I am beginning to smell Lubbock fumes pretty strong like.

Nevertheless, I wouldn't trade Post for anywhere else. I just hope Post holds onto their britches and let Lubbock try to run what they got up there. And Go-o-o-o-o Antelopes. Have a good day, O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

7th grade girls pound Sundown

Post Middle School's seventh grade Lady Lopes pounded Sundown earlier this week in a 34-11 win.

Post jumped out to an 8-4 lead at the end of the first quarter in the Monday evening game, but allowed Sundown to match their second period scoring 4-4. In the third period, however, the Lady Lopes began to dominate, pouring in 12 points and limiting their opponents to three. The Post defense played tough in the final period, allowing no baskets while the offense added another 10 points.

Larissa Halford and Sarah Kirkpatrick led scoring with nine points apiece, followed by K'Nell Dalby, Jackie Hays and Rachel Gray with four points each. Gabby Paiz and Kylie Easterling each added two points to the Lopes' total.

The team's next game will be at home Monday against Tahoka.

8th grade girls drop one

The eighth grade Lady Lopes of Post Middle School dropped a game to Sundown Monday by a score of 30-18.

Post played a tight game against Sundown until the fourth period, when they were outscored 10-4.

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Lady Lopes whallop Sands 64-18

"We played much better offense," Post Lady Lope basketball coach Ron Taylor observes about last Saturday's 64-18 win over visiting Sands, "and our defense played very well, as we expect."

The Lady Lopes led Sands 29-9 at halftime, dishing out a strong dose of full court press and quick, fast breaks on offense.

Kelly Moore and Emily Smith hit several corner shots, with Meagan Mills and Manuela Hernandez forcing a number of turnovers. At the end of the third period, the Lady Lopes led 44-11.

Manuela Hernandez led the team with 15 points, followed by Smith with 11. Moore hit for nine, Kaycee Gorman got eight, Mills and Nikki Norman both were credited with five and Meranda Hernandez got six points.

Moore suffered a possible stress fracture in her foot. "We won't know for sure her condition until Thursday," coach Taylor says. "She may be out for a while, if so, we expect the team to pick up the slack, but of course she will be missed."

The team travels to Floydada Thursday to compete in the tournament there. Tip off Thursday is at 10 a.m. against Petersburg. A win will put the Lady Lopes into a 4 p.m. game Friday, a loss to Petersburg would set up a 10 a.m. game Friday.

"We won't be playing Saturday," Taylor said, "we're going to be headed to Abilene to support the Antelope football team at the Quarterfinal game."

The Lady Lopes will host Hamlin Tuesday (12/4/01) and compete in the Lockney Tournament December 6-8.



Emily Smith gets the rebound and brings the ball down court for the Post Lady Lopes in their lopsided win here over Sands last Saturday.



Manuela Hernandez (20) reaches up for a two-point fast-break layup for the Lady Lopes in action here last week against Sands.

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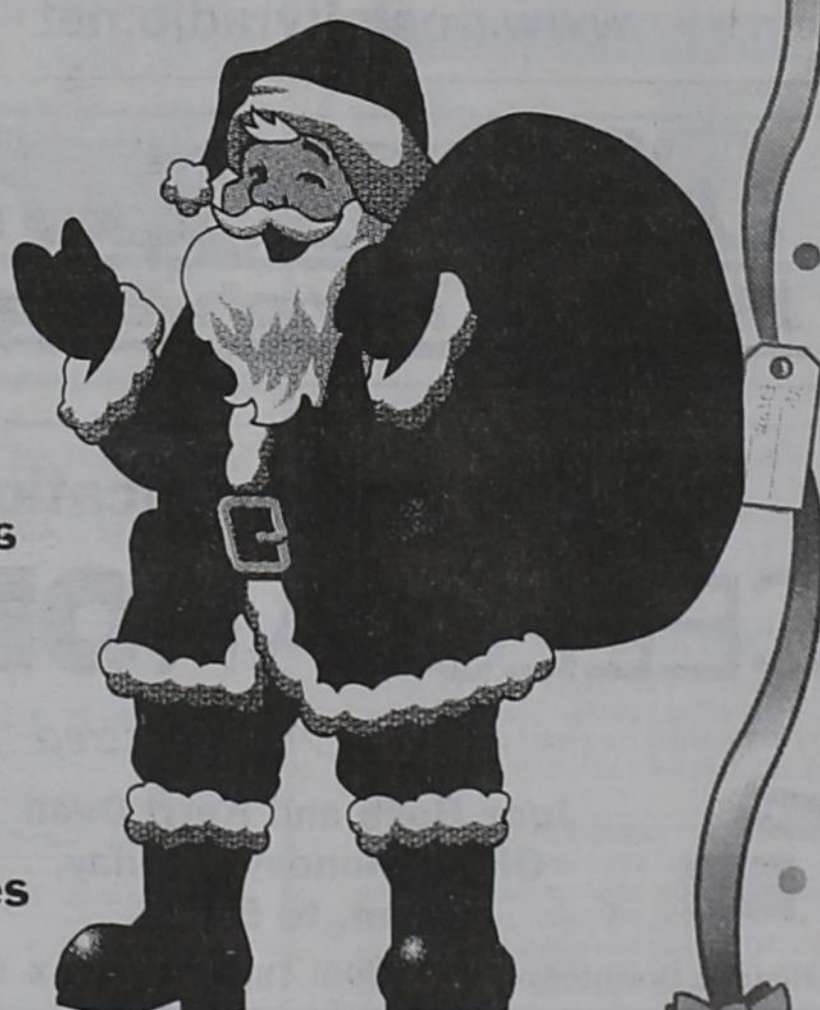
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