

Post Notes

Moms in Touch in Post

Women who would like to stand in the gap for children and schools are encouraged to become involved with "Moms In Touch International." There will be an informational meeting Thursday, January 10 at 7 p.m. at the CitizensBank community room. For more information, call Debbie Brownlow at 495-1919 or Kellie Macy at 495-2861.

Former PHS choir members sought

If you were a member of the Post High School choir during the years Mr. Georgie Willson served as choir director, please contact Margie (Harrison) Maestas at 495-0225 or e-mail to maestas@nts-online.net.

Free Texas Forum January 15

The first monthly meeting to discuss a new Texas constitution will be held Thursday, January 15 at Chapa's Family Restaurant beginning at 6 p.m. The "Free Texas Forum" will include answers to questions about Texas Constitution 2000 and plans for its ratification. Call 495-0122 for more information.

Barbara Reece scholarship fund

The Barbara Reece Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established with an account at Wells Fargo Bank in Post. The scholarship fund will be used toward the advanced education of a PHS graduating senior. Those interested in contributing to the scholarship fund should call Carol Short at 495-2804.

Grandma Brag Pages

Grandmothers are reminded that the annual "Grandma Brag Pages" will be published this year in the February 14 edition of The Post Dispatch. The deadline for photos is Friday, February 8. Entries may be dropped in the front door mail slot at the newspaper office at 123 E. Main. The cost is \$10 per photo, with a limit of two children in each photo. Please include names of grandchildren and grandparents and a phone number of submitter.

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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Post celebrated big events in 2001

Editor's Note: 2001 was packed with significant events affecting us at the national, state, regional and local level. The following is a recap of highlights from the pages of The Post Dispatch.

January

Johnny McGregor, who has 29 years of educational experience, was tapped to serve as Post High School's principal. McGregor replaced longtime PHS principal Joe Giddens, who retired.

A class action lawsuit filed was filed in U.S. District Court in Lubbock by 16 federal prisoners held in the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility. The suit, filed Jan. 16, alleges the plaintiffs are segregated from other federal prisoners and are "submitted to harsher conditions of confinement solely by reason of their nationality."

February

The Millennium Commission, in addressing its city-commissioned duties to survey the community efforts of local organizations and agencies, recently recognized several area groups. More than 30 local organizations were lauded for their efforts to serve the community in a ceremony conducted Feb. 6 at City Hall.

Three employees of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility were

recognized this month. Diane Brockman, property coordinator for the facility, was named Employee of the Year. Freda Harper, who now works as human resource assistant, was tapped as Correctional Officer of the Year. Alan Alexander, lieutenant, was named Supervisor of the Year.

The Post Convention and Tourism Bureau had its annual awards banquet and silent auction Saturday in the community center with a "West Texas Mardi Gras" theme.

Two Post High School students qualified for the University Interscholastic League (UIL) State Cross-Examination Meet. Russell Eaton and Kenda Josey qualified by placing second in a tightly contested round with Idalou in the Feb. 8 district competition.

March

No municipal election will be conducted this spring. Under state guidelines, a governing body may opt to save tax dollars and avoid the election process when there are no contested races. In the May 5 election, which was to have filled the open council positions for

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Post ISD approves improved lighting at new gym parking lot

The parking lot north of the new high school gymnasium will be better illuminated in coming months thanks to a decision made by Post Independent School District trustees during their regular December session.

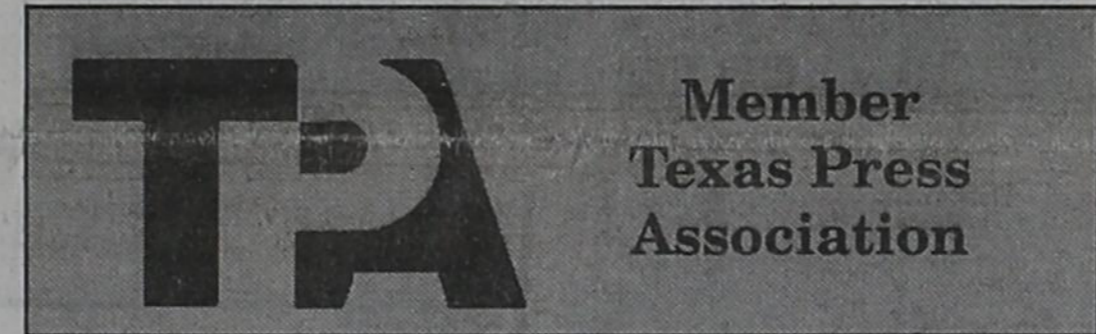
The school board voted in favor of erecting additional lighting in the lot, located just west of the ag building, for added security. Superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain said district officials hope to get the lights in place as soon as possible.

In other business, trustees:

- Heard a favorable report on the district's Academic Excellence indicators.
- Voted to install a sprinkler system and to sow Bermuda grass at the new arena site.
- Awarded the district's property casualty insurance to the Texas Association of School Boards.
- Opted to continue using First Care for employee hospitalization insurance, but noted the state will require the school district to

switch over to Teacher Retirement Insurance in coming months. Bain said approximately 800 of the state's 1,040 school districts will be forced to make the change, which is based on district size. The changeover will mean higher premiums, he said, but the state is expected to absorb some of that burden.

- Awarded two tax refunds to individuals who had received double assessments.
- Voted to donate a bus to the Texas Guard. Bain said the bus to be donated was to have been removed from the district's bus fleet and sold.



The cold wintry weather may send most folks inside, but our foul weather friends at South Lake seem to be in their element this time of year. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Monkey business in the court room

Double Jeopardy leaves teen in jail while judge takes ten days off for Christmas

Editor's Note: Although the following outrageous contempt for the law took place in Lubbock, examples of abuse by judges such as these bounds all over Texas.

by Daniel New

A young man is enjoying jail food this holiday season, after having been tried twice for the same crime, given probation the first time, then sentenced to jail the second. That happens to be against the law. It's called "double jeopardy."

Three different Lubbock judges became hostile when a private citizen recently attempted to get legal relief through habeas corpus, and one even made a joke about the law and the system, then went home to begin his Christmas vacation.

Habeas corpus is the most powerful remedy provided by both the U.S. and Texas Constitutions, designed to protect citizens from an over-ambitious judiciary. For almost a thousand years, it has been the most powerful and exalted remedy in all of law.

Habeas Corpus is, among other things, intended to protect citizens from an erroneous judiciary which has wrongly restrained a person's liberty in violation of law. It is one of several "checks and balances" which allow one judge to review and even suspend the sentence of another judge.

What few citizens know, and apparently too few judges seem to know, is that (1) any citizen can present a petition for habeas on behalf of a person whose liberties have been suspended, and (2) no judge has the discretion to ignore that petition!

Tell it to the judge.

And get mocked for your pains.

On Friday, Senior District Judge Mackey Hancock remarked in a stern voice and with a scowl, "You're asking me to grant a writ of habeas corpus in regard to a case tried by another judge in this courthouse? Look, we have a rule around here, and it's this: 'One monkey doesn't monkey with another monkey's monkey business.' You get my meaning. Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm busy. You can straight up to road 132 miles north of here to the Court of Appeals in Amarillo." He rose dismissively, and left the room.

Judge Hancock seemed oblivious to the fact that he does not have the option to reject such a petition out of hand, indeed, that he has a legal obligation, under Texas statute, to grant the application for the extraordinary writ of habeas corpus. He may, upon review, deny the petition. But, by law, he may not properly refuse to look at

The background to this story includes the fact that Albert Nicholson Brann plead guilty to burglary of a habitation in open court. No sympathy there from the public or the court, nor should there be. On May 1, 2001, District Judge Cecil Puryear sentenced the de-

pendant to three years probation, without jail, it being his first felony conviction. The gavel fell, the documents were sealed, the file folders were closed, and sent to the District Clerk. The case was closed. Now a probationer, he was sent across the street from the court house to report to the Probation Office and fill out the paperwork to fulfill the sentence. This is the way the system works.

What happened next is not.

The Probation Officer read the order, administered a standard test in order to build a file and a profile on the probationer before her. At the end of the test, a woman said, in effect, "You failed the test and it shows that you probably will not be able to serve probation without some added offense."

The Probation officer then suggested that, despite the Judge's probated sentence, Brann should be locked up, and reported that fact to the District Attorney, to Brann's privately hired Attorney and to Judge Cecil Puryear.

Puryear then, promptly convened a new hearing, considered the new evidence and the recommendations of the Probation Officer and the District Attorney and then re-sentenced Brann to be locked up in the Lubbock County Community Corrections Facility for a period of not less than 30 days and not more than 24 months to be followed by Brann serving the remainder of his three year sentence on community supervised probation.

This case is typical of a major problem in Texas, and the United States. Judges often do not know the laws they are supposed to enforce, and even when they do, if they have to decide between protecting a defendant's rights and the perception by the public that they are "soft on crime," the defendant is "short on luck." Nearly 250 days later, Brann is still behind bars.

This writer was simply along for the ride. I knew little of the case when I accepted an offer to ride to Lubbock, in exchange for some stimulating conversation and an opportunity to see from the inside how our judicial system works.

I was prepared to witness some resistance from a mere citizen — a non-lawyer — daring to approach the bench of a lofty judge, but I was not expecting to see that kind of hostility toward someone simply doing what the law not only allows, but considers the sacred duty of both citizens and judges to carry out. I had no intention of writing an article about the courts of Lubbock, Texas.

The hostility was palpable, and it was almost instantaneous. Judge Puryear was gone for the holidays. Well, that was reasonable. After all, it was already 11:30 on a Friday morning! And he was intent on turning Christmas into ten days of leisure time, by virtue of his ability to write his own schedule and docket. He reacted by telephone with anger, saying, "See me after the New Year. I'm gone for the holidays."

Next to be approached was the work-horse of the District Court, Judge Jim Bob Darnell, a man well-known for his strong work ethic,

and for being both friendly and approachable. Darnell was the only district judge practicing in the entire court-house, all the others either gone, or clearing their desks to leave.

After all, Christmas was a scant four days away. But Darnell came back from lunch to handle a long line of over a dozen jail inmates shackled together, all hoping for the Christmas spirit to extend to them.

Judge Darnell seemed all business, neither jovial nor stern, until he looked at the nature of the document before him. Within seconds his demeanor changed to a frown, and he tossed short questions to the petitioner. "Who are you?" "What do you do for a living?" "What is your relation to this case?" He didn't like the answers.

When reminded that he has the "jurisdiction" to receive and grant habeas corpus applications (which was a polite term for "duty"), Judge Darnell replied incorrectly, "I also have the discretion to deny it (review)." Petitioner then placed a copy of Texas Code of Criminal Procedure to the appropriate Article 11.05 and placed it in front of the now increasingly unhappy judge.

The passage was marked up like some people's Bibles. It said, "The District Courts, or any Judge of said Courts, have power to issue the writ of habeas corpus, and it is their duty ... to grant the writ under the rules prescribed by law."

Darnell read it quickly and silently, handed the book back to the citizen, and said, "Well, I'm not going to do it," and the interview was concluded. Another irksome citizen summarily dismissed, the law subverted, and back to business as usual. But maybe one or two of them are going to be home for Christmas.

The root of the problem, as so wittily summed up by Judge Hancock, is that judges have to work with one another. They have to rub shoulders at the country club, on the golf course, at the fund-raising dinners they throw for one another, in the cafes and restaurants around the court-house.

They develop a working relationship, and when some irritation comes along to interrupt that harmony (even if it is legal), they don't want to see it. Far better that an injustice occur than that the harmony of the office be disrupted. Far better than the Constitution be violated, than the ego of a peer be violated.

It is as if they are thinking, "After all, we have to work with one another on a daily basis. We only occasionally have work with the Constitution from time to time. Now go away, you bother me."

There is a growing distance between The People of this country and those who are invested with the authority to act as elected public servants, but who have become instead incumbent public masters.

There is a strong feeling that justice is as irrelevant to our courts as is honesty in politics. Maybe they are right. But if they are,

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Wards 1 and 2 and the mayoral seat, three individuals filed. Ward 1 City Councilwoman Juanita Pantoja filed for reelection, as did Ward 2 Councilman Dick Odom. Mayor Archie Gill also filed for reelection. Four candidates filed to fill two open positions on the upcoming Post Independent School District election. Guin Miller, Brad Mason and incumbents

Alexa Collier and Jeff Lott will serve as candidates in the May 5 trustee election. The Post High School one-act play earned the right to advance to the area level of competition after winning the district championship. The traditional Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony was conducted March 22 in the Post City Park.

Moms in Touch to hold informational meeting

Moms in Touch International is a non-denominational group of women, mothers, grandmothers and other women willing to pray for a specific child and school, including students in college. Two or more women meet for one hour each week to pray for their children, their schools, their teachers and administrators. These are women who believe that prayer makes a difference. Anyone interested in taking part in this praying support group is invited to an informational meeting on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. at Citizens Bank. For more information, contact Debbie Brownlow at 495-1919 or Kellie Macy at 495-2861. For those unable to attend but willing to participate, please call for prayer group information.

April
A \$1.55 million settlement should pave the way for the complete development of Lubbock's Lake Alan Henry, which is located in Garza County. Garza County Judge Giles W. Dalby, who served as a mediator between the property owner and City of Lubbock officials, said attorneys will continue working toward a final agreement; however, after the financial aspects of the agreement have been satisfied, a request for dismissal will be filed in district court which, in turn, will clear the way for the 2,800-acre reservoir's development.

State District Judge George Hansard of Lamesa retired effective April 6, just six months prior to reaching the mandatory retirement age of 75. According to stories published in The Dallas Morning News, Hansard penned a let-

ter to Gov. Rick Perry dated April 5. "It is time to retire," the letter read. Two local residents lost their lives early in a house fire in the 400 block of West 10th Street. Gregorio Rodriguez Jr., 46, and his 45-year-old brother, Jose L. Rodriguez, were pronounced dead at the scene of the fire. The fire department was notified, and lawmen were dispatched to the scene. The first sheriff's deputies arrived within a minute of the 9-1-1 call, but the wood frame structure was already engulfed in flames. Contested races have developed for all three vacant seats on the Garza Hospital District board. Voters will be asked to choose from the following list of candidates to fill the open board positions: 1) At-large candidates — Leon Miller, Carol Davies Tobias; 2) Precinct 3 candidates — Maria Berta Fuentes,

Danny Guthrie; and 3) Precinct 4 candidates — Zoe Kirkpatrick, Charlie "Bill" Duncan. The annual MTC Excellence Awards were distributed at the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility. Named Community Supporter of the Year was County Judge Giles W. Dalby. Dalby, Correctional Officer of the Year was Lt. Alan Alexander. Staff Support Person of the Year was Charla Miller, human resource manager, and Programs Person of the Year was Bert Crisp, CMC. The Post LULAC Youth Council #1013 was recognized for its achievements as a new council at the League of United Latin American Citizens 45th annual District I convention held in Amarillo. Cornelio Saldivar Jr., a former Post resident, was elected district director. He also was honored as Man of the Year.

Old Mill Trade Days celebrated its seventh anniversary this month. More than 80 people attended the opening of the first Post High School Student Art Show at the Algeria Arts Center. Sales totaled more than \$150, and \$380 in prizes was awarded. Best of Show recognition went to Keley Wimmer's "Portrait on a Rainy Day." Lubbock artist Betty Blevins captured the annual Post Art Guild Spring Show's top honors, winning Best of Show and the People's Choice awards. The Post FFA Horse Judging Team completed a successful season by qualifying for the state competition at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Aaron Cooper was fifth high individual at the state contest.

Glenda and Harold Childs celebrate 50th wedding anniversary in San Angelo

Glenda Mae Young Childs and Harold Thomas Childs celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 30 in San Angelo. The party was hosted by their children and grandchildren. The couple was married January 1, 1952 in Post. Mrs Childs' parents were Ray and Dovie Young. Mr Childs' parents were Bryan and Eva Childs. Their children are Cindy Geron of San Angelo, Jon Childs of San Angelo, Brad Childs of Brady, Kris Childs of San Angelo, Mandi Childs of Graham and Lynn Clarke of San Angelo.

Recent legislative action could be the first step toward the creation of a dam and reservoir east of Post on the Brazos River. House Bill 3096, which pertains to the development of a water reservoir six miles east of the community, became law this month.

Post's Garza Theater was the site of the locals finals of the True Value Country Showdown, the biggest talent showcase in the world. Area amateur country music singers and bands competed for an opportunity to advance to the state finals and ultimately a chance at a \$50,000 national grand prize. Amber Peebles of Post advanced to the Twentieth Annual True Value Country Showdown West Texas/New Mexico State Final at Lubbock's Panhandle South Plains Fair in September. The local competition is hosted by Post City Radio.

Graduation ceremonies for area high school seniors were conducted. A total of 56 graduates, including valedictorian Jennifer Morgan, salutatorian Kelsey Wimmer and historian Davida Gregory, received their diplomas from Post High School. Southland High School had 15 graduates led by Corina Rodriguez, valedictorian, and Eric Valencia, salutatorian. Borden County High School had a dozen graduates. Valedictorian for the graduating class was Trent Pepper, and salutatorian was Rebekah Hensley.

The League of United Latin American Citizens hosted its 72nd annual state convention in Laredo. Former Post resident Cornelio Saldivar Jr. received two honors — LULAC Man of the Year for Texas and the Texas LULAC Civil Rights Award.

The Garza County Trail Blazers celebrated the grand opening of their new facility with a barbecue.

Negotiations initiated in hopes of avoiding a lawsuit involving the development of Lake Alan Henry collapsed thanks to disagreements concerning the valuations of land in the lake area. The meeting, held in Garza County Judge Giles Dalby's office, was conducted to allow for the negotiation of a settlement between Billy Huddleston, Jim Boren and John Boren and the City of Lubbock.

Birth

Lillian Grace Lashaway

Jeff and Marilyn Lashaway of Lubbock are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Lillian Grace "Lily", born on Thursday, December 20, 2001, at 6:08 p.m.

She weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Her grandparents are Jeanette Bell Edwards of Post and Ray and Sharron Lashaway of Lubbock. Her great-grandmother is Martha Culpepper of Lubbock. She is also the niece of Ken Bell of Post.



Lillian Grace Lashaway

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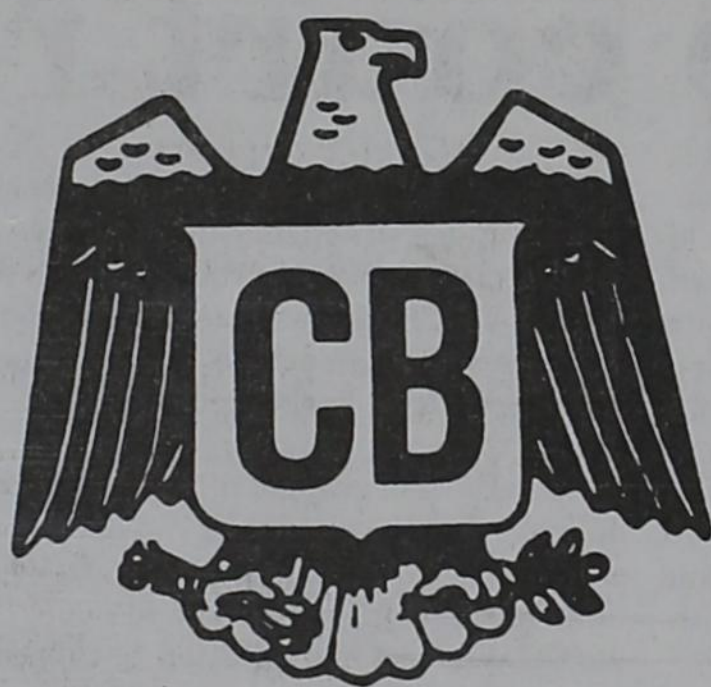
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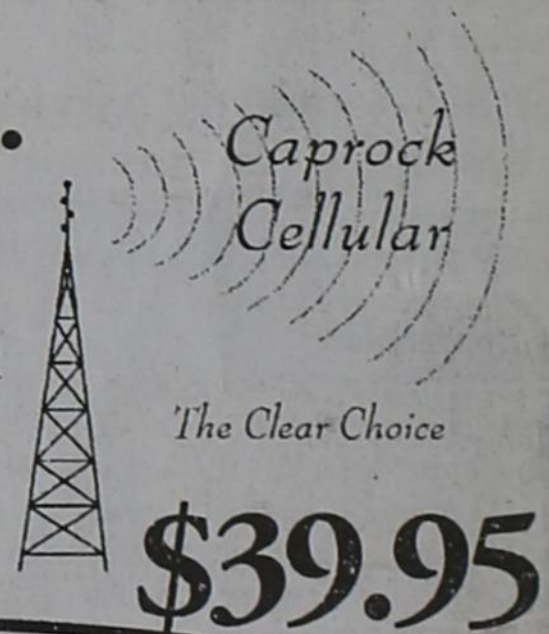


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ner and looked surprisingly authentic, according to authorities.

The Garza County Hospital District conducted a random survey of district residents in the hope of exploring different options available for local health care. The survey included six "health care expansion options."

Board members of the White River Municipal Water District met with representatives of each of the district's customers cities — Post, Crosbyton, Ralls and Spur — to discuss a needed upgrade of the district's 35-year-old water treatment plant. Tommy O'Brien, the district general manager, reported that approximately \$3.6 million is needed for the upgrade, which is required to bring the plant into compliance with new federally-mandated Safe Drinking Water Act regulations.

Local Department of Public Safety Trooper Chris Wischkaemper was recognized recently by MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving). Wischkaemper was named as the Lubbock/South Plains MADD's annual Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

August
Post LULAC Council #1013 received recognition from the City of Lubbock when it was honored during the District I LULAC quarterly meeting. The accolades were made for the group's role in the formation of the LULAC Youth District.

The 61st Annual Post Stampede Rodeo was held.
Enrollment on the first day of school in the Post Independent School District showed an increase over numbers reported on the same day last year. First day enrollment figures were at 963 for the Post ISD, up 26 students over last year's day one enrollment of 937.

Post Independent School District board members received some good news in the form of Texas Education Agency (TEA) accountability reports. The TEA's accountability rating for Post High School was "exemplary," while ratings for the elementary and middle schools were recorded as "recognized." Overall, the Post ISD was awarded a "recognized" status.

Suspects in a string of burglaries that cost local businesses thousands of dollars in losses and damage were identified. A 21-year-old man from Post and a 23-year-old male who recently moved to the community from Anton have admitted to their involvement in eight burglaries of local retailers. Each will likely face eight counts of burglary of a building for the burglaries, which began in mid-July and continued throughout August.

September

The Post Volunteer Fire Department did its part to help "Jerry's kids" by raising \$900 in the annual Fill the Boot fund raising drive to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The local MAD DADS facility, now in its fourth year, received a facelift over the summer. The front portion of the teen center underwent remodeling. About 1,200 square feet of ceramic tile was installed, the facility's office was reworked, and furniture and games in the front area were relocated to make best use of space. With an outpouring of community support, both financially and with in-kind services, the project was completed at a cost of about \$2,300.

The Garza County courthouse recently joined the list of more than 30 local sites marked with a Texas Historical Marker. During dedication ceremonies, the courthouse marker was unveiled by Linda Puckett, chairman of the Garza County Historical Commission, and County Judge Giles W. Dalby.

Post Elementary School students took time out from their studies to lend a hand to the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance effort. Led by fourth grade teacher Pam Gorman and her class, elementary school students used their hand print to create a large U.S. flag, complete with stars, stripes and a special message — "God Bless America." The sign was displayed in Antelope Stadium during the Post-Abernathy football game, and a moment of silence was observed in remembrance of the tragic events that occurred on Sept. 11.

Without significant rainfall, cities relying on White River Lake for their water supply — including Post — could find themselves high and dry. City Manager Fred Stephens said White River officials have indicated to him that in slightly more than 12 months, the lake will be unable to furnish water to Post, Ralls, Crosbyton and Spur except through a limited number of water wells. That is, of course, if no substantial rains fall in the lake's watershed area. Post stands to be one of the major losers in such a situation, as White River officials say that Post uses approximately 40 percent of the total water used by the four member cities.

Six local youths captured honors at the MAD DADS and Texas Cooperative Extension-sponsored NFL Gatorade Punt, Pass & Kick Competition at Antelope Stadium. Earning first places were Brooke Morris, Mysty Ayala, Ashley Wilson, Allen Duran, Kamron Shumard and Timothy Crenshaw, all of Post.

October

Drew Kirkpatrick was elected to the

Garza Soil & Water Conservation board of directors. Kirkpatrick will represent the district's Zone 5, the southeast part of the county. The purpose of the Garza SWCD, which is headquartered in Post, is to promote sound soil and water conservation programs on agricultural lands within the district.

Shattered Dreams, a program used to teach teens about the dangers of drinking and driving, was enacted locally. Students from Southland and Post volunteered to play a part in this staged three-car accident. The call to 9-1-1 and all the rescue crew, including sheriff's deputies, DPS officers, firefighters and EMS, arrived at the scene to "rescue" the students and performed their job as if it were a real tragedy.

Post city officials met with Slaton City Council members to discuss the possible purchase of water from Slaton. Terms of a sales agreement between the two cities, including the amount of water made available, cost, a policy regarding peak usage and the length of contract and possible contract renewals were items discussed by representatives of the municipalities.

Garza County may face a huge financial hurdle in coming months if it is determined that the entire three-story courthouse needs to be rewired. County Judge Giles Dalby said a potentially dangerous electrical problem was discovered when some electrical work was being done in the courthouse. County officials are working with an electrical engineer to determine how much of the building's wiring is inadequate.

The new gymnasium was officially dubbed "Antelope Arena" at the October meeting of the Post Independent School District board of trustees. Board members agreed on the name, which was one of many suggestions made by the PHS Student Council.

Judicial Monkey Business

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then the Vision of the Founding Fathers has failed. What happens next is up to The People.

Individuals desiring to report judicial misconduct in Texas may find more information at www.Jail4Judges.org or send a message to abuse@judicialwatch.net.

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Antelope Arena, Post High School's newly-constructed gymnasium, got its first workout when the Lady Lopes took to the court to try out the new facility. While the "punch list" has not yet been addressed, the building is substantially complete and should be finished by the end of October or early November. Work on the "punch list" may take until close to the end of the year. The 29,000-square-foot structure will end up costing close to the estimated \$2.6 million allotted for the project. The gym has a capacity of about 950.

John William Redman Sr., a member of the Post City Council, died Oct. 16. The 64-year-old had served in his city post for three years and as a volunteer EMT-paramedic with the Post Ambulance Service for the past 21 years. An instructor for numerous EMT training classes, he served as EMS administrator for many years and was an ordained minister.

The community of Southland celebrated its 90th anniversary in October with a week-long series of special events and activities.

United Supermarkets, which operates a store in Post, was named the 2001 winner of the National Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics, a national honor determined by the Council of Better Business Bureaus.

Post Middle School kicked off its annual Red Ribbon Week observance by decorating the town and school red. Red Ribbon Week marks a unified and visible commitment to create a drug-free community and state.

A woman was killed near Justiceburg after an apparent blow-out prompted the vehicle in which she and her family were traveling to roll. Three members of the Elemento family — a man, his wife and an infant — were traveling from Dallas to Lubbock when the accident occurred. The Toyota 4-Runner appears to have sustained a blow-out tire, which caused the driver to lose control and the vehicle to roll. The woman was ejected and died at the scene about 16 miles south of Post on U.S. 84.

A Post woman and her 5-month-old infant survived a vehicle-train collision at an East Main Street railroad crossing. Shanna Bradley sustained a broken pelvis and collarbone in the accident, while her baby received only a

Sanchez announces candidacy

Garza County Commissioner Mike Sanchez has announced his candidacy for reelection as Precinct Four commissioner in the March Democratic Party primary election.

scratch on the back, according to sheriff's department reports. The woman was injured when the 1991 red Pontiac Bonneville four-door she was driving was struck on the driver's side by an oncoming train traveling at approximately 39 mph. Upon impact, Bradley's vehicle slid to the right and did a half roll onto its side.

November

A raid on a Little Assissi trailer house produced evidence of what is believed to have been an operating methamphetamine lab, according to a Garza County Sheriff's Department report. Seven individuals, including two of the house's residents, were arrested after authorities found evidence of illegal activity. Those arrested were all between the ages of 18 and 23. The raid, which took place about five or six miles west of Post, was the result of a tip authorities were able to verify.

Patty Kirkpatrick and Bob Macy, both of Post, were tapped to serve on the board of overseers of the Lubbock-based Raising Heritage Association. Kirkpatrick and Macy join 46 other area residents on the board, which is responsible for representing the Raising Heritage Association in the area while developing support for the National Raising Heritage Center in

Lubbock.

Emily Smith of Post has been appointed to the Wrangler High School All Star Rodeo Team, the first corporate-sponsored youth rodeo team. Smith was appointed to the group by the leaders of the National High School Rodeo Association and earned a position on the team based on leadership qualities, academic eligibility and athletic achievement.

The Post Flag Football Association had its annual Superbowl competitions at Antelope Stadium.

An arctic front moved through the region in late November, setting the stage for snow and the season's first hard freeze. Post officially received four inches of snow, but totals in some areas were reported as high as six inches.

December

The annual awards banquet of the Caprock Cultural Association saw the distribution of \$11,347 to help open the doors of opportunity of art and history development in Post.

The Post Antelope football team won the Class AA Division I Quarterfinal Championship and advanced to the Semifinal Championship game, losing to Van Alstyne but marking another historic chapter in Post High School athletic competition.

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Obituaries

Glenda Sparlin Hewitt

Services for Glenda Sparlin Hewitt were Friday, December 28, 2001 at the Graham Chapel Church of Christ. David Joyner, minister officiated and Bobby Cowdrey assisted. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home of Post.

She died Tuesday, December 25, 2001 at her home. The former Glenda Sparlin was born to Jake and JoElla (Cowdrey) Sparlin June 24, 1949 at Lubbock. They lived in Smyer and she attended school at Graham Chapel, Lubbock, Tulia and Odessa. She moved to Post in 1994 to be with her family. She enjoyed her children and grandchildren as well as reading the bible. She was a member of the Post VFW Ladies Auxillary for 20 years and a member of the Graham Chapel Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by a son: Bill Hewitt, her father: Jake Sparlin and a sister: Brenda King.

Survivors include two sons: Nicky and Brent of Post, her mother: JoElla Sparlin of Post. Two brothers: Bud Sparlin of Snyder and David Sparlin of Post. Two grandchildren: Brandi and Kali Hewitt also survive her and a special friend Jo Brown of Odessa.

Pallbearers were Linford Warren, Noah Sweeten, Curtis Sparlin, Curtis Haynes, James Rudd and Sonny Storie.

Memorials are suggested to the Graham Chapel Church of Christ building fund or to the Graham Chapel Community Center Building Fund.

Robert Duff I

Services for Robert Duff I, 59, of Slaton were held at 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, 2001, in the Slaton Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Terry Reeves officiating. Burial followed in the Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Friday, Dec. 28, at his home. Born in Lockney July 13, 1942, he married Doris Parrish Feb. 14, 1982, in Lubbock.

He was a millwright and a member of the Assembly of God Church in Slaton. He moved to Slaton from California in February 2000.

Survivors include his wife, Doris, of Slaton; five daughters, Connie Hough of Cashmere, Wash., Marilyn Umbarger and Carla Duff, both of Cortez, Colo., Donna Baker of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Kay Parrish Bounds of Lubbock; five sons, Curtis Duff of Salt Lake City, Cecil Duff and Robert Duff II, both of Houston, Walter Duff of Saugerties, N.Y., and Bobby Vitth of Santa Maria, Calif.; three brothers, Harold Duff and David Hill, both of Lubbock, and James Hill of Canyon; three sisters, Linda Fisher of Princeton, Texas, Letha Holmes of Wolfforth and Barbara Killen of Amarillo; his stepmother, Ruth Edwards of Amarillo; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a stepson, Gary Parrish, in July 1999.

Kim Condon

Services for Kim Ann Condon were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002, at the First Baptist Church in Forney with the Rev. Jimmy Pritchett and the Rev. Rick Pyles officiating. Burial followed in the Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of the Goggans Funeral Home.

She died Dec. 31, 2001, in a Richardson, Texas, hospital.

Born in Post Aug. 29, 1952, to James Reese Hundley Jr. and Shirley Ann Smith Hundley, she graduated from high school in Santa Fe, N.M., and from the University of New Mexico in 1970. She married Eugene D. (Gene) Condon Oct. 8, 1988. A resident of Forney for the past 11 years, she was employed as an executive secretary at Halliburton Co. in Dallas. She had been with the company for 27 years.

Survivors include her husband of Forney; one daughter, Kaylie Mae Condon of Forney; two sisters, Deborah Boyd of Doyle, Louisiana, and Karen Johnston of Norwood, Mass.; and several nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her parents; her twin sister, Kay Gallegos; and her grandmother, Eva Mae Hundley.



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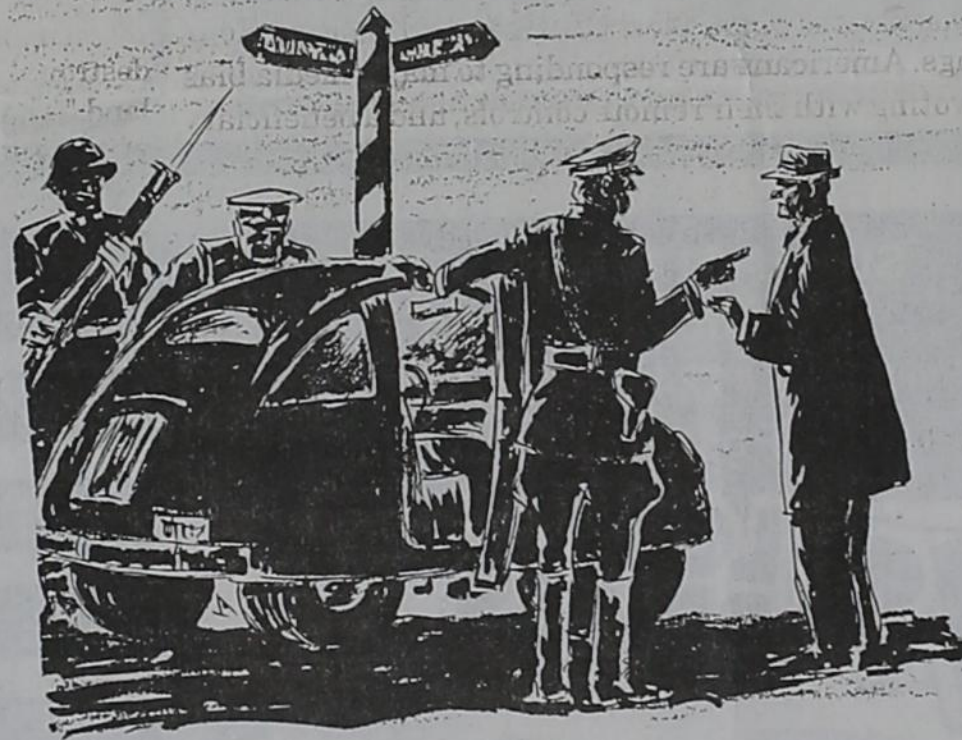
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Opinions



And thereafter, the leftist media

by Walter E. Williams

Major media people have values unlike most other Americans. Former CBS correspondent Bernard Goldberg documents that in his best-seller, "Bias."

Eighty-nine percent of Washington journalists voted for Clinton in 1992, compared to just 43 percent of non-journalists; 23 percent of the public described themselves as liberal, compared to 55 percent of journalists; 49 percent of the public is pro-choice, whereas 82 percent of journalists are; 75 percent of the public favors the death penalty, compared to 47 percent of journalists. The differences go on and on.

While the media elite differ significantly from the average American, their level of dishonesty and leftist bias is appalling. Goldberg addressed this concern in a meeting with Andrew Heyward, president of CBS News. Since CBS does so many investigative reports, Goldberg wanted to do one on media bias. "Look, Bernie," Heyward said, "of course there's a liberal bias in the news. All the networks tilt left." When the meeting ended, Heyward warned, "If you repeat any of this, I'll deny it."

Andy Triay, a producer at the Miami bureau of CBS News, was covering a story of two white men who abducted a black man and later doused him with gasoline and set him ablaze. Triay scripted the victim as a black man in an e-mail to his bosses at "CBS Evening News" in New York. A senior producer told him to change the description from black to African-American. Triay told the producer that the man was from Jamaica. The producer said, "Change it to African-American or the story doesn't get on the air." Triay made the change.

Then there's liberal hate-speech. In reference to Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, Julianne Malveaux, USA Today columnist and Pacifica Radio talk show host, said, "You know, I hope his wife feeds him lots of eggs and butter, and he dies early like many black men do, of heart disease."



Nina Totenberg, ABC news reporter said about Sen. Jesse Helms, "I think he ought to be worried about what's going on in the Good Lord's mind, because if there's retributive justice, he'll get AIDS from a transfusion, or one of his grandchildren will get it."

A bride who had been jilted at the altar was asked by Katie Couric on her NBC show about the appropriate remedy: "Have you considered castration as an option?"

The numerous examples of bias and dishonesty that Goldberg cites are just too numerous to be errors and slips of the tongue. They represent a generalized arrogance and contempt for the ordinary citizen. Some of the contempt for the ordinary American is seen — not mentioned in Goldberg's book, but I've encountered it — in their reference to their viewers as "Joe & Mary Six-pack." That is, explain it so that dumb "Joe & Mary Six-pack" will understand.

What's the solution to major media bias? The free market is taking care of it. According to the Nielsen ratings, in the 1979-80 season, 75 percent of all television sets turned on in the early evening were set to ABC, NBC or CBS news. Today, their audience share has fallen to 43 percent. When Walter Cronkite turned over the CBS Evening News to Dan Rather, it was in first place. Now CBS is in last place, having lost half of its ratings. Americans are responding to major media bias and dishonesty by voting with their remote controls, and a beneficiary has been FOX News, whose motto is "fair and balanced."

Obviously, Goldberg is no longer with CBS. His career's death knell sounded when he wrote a Wall Street Journal editorial exposing shameless media hypocrisy, arrogance and bias back in 1996. That tells us just how appreciative the media elite are of free speech and differences of opinion.

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Rooting up the plum trees

by Vin Suprynowicz

Back in the early and mid-1990s, prices soaring to \$1,100 per ton led optimistic prune growers to greatly expand their acreage in California, where most of America's crop is grown. In 1994, nurseries sold 1.5 million plum trees, five times more than usual. And the trees planted in 1994 are now beginning to bear fruit.

Which is the problem. Combine the traditional rules of supply and pricing with the fact that most prune consumers are over 60 ("Our consumers are diminishing in number," sighs Richard Peterson, executive director of the Prune Marketing Committee in Sacramento) and the results could have been predicted.

America's 86,000 acres of plum trees are now producing about 200,000 tons of prunes annually, while another 10,000 "nonbearing" acres have trees that aren't yet fruiting but will soon. Wholesale prices have recently dropped to \$700 to \$800 a ton, while the break-even price for most growers is more than \$800 a ton.

In an interim attempt to help with the problem, the Food and Drug Administration last year granted permission for growers to change the name of their product from prunes to "dried plums" (One might ask why the permission of the federal government is required to describe dried plums as "dried plums," but let's not get sidetracked just now.)

The hope was to expand the stagnant market of older prune consumers to include a new target audience of women ages 35 to 50, and the approach seems to have had limited success. Domestic prune shipments have indeed increased by 5 percent last year and are still growing. "But the recent modest growth in demand hasn't offset a burgeoning supply," The Washington Post reported last week.

So, racing to the rescue, the Department of Agriculture is preparing to pay California farmers \$17 million to root up thousands of acres of tree orchards in hopes of boosting the price of their product.

That's right, the taxpayers will pay them to destroy their own trees — in a conspiracy to fix prices which would probably bring prosecution under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act if it were undertaken without the government's blessing.

A century ago, the federal government subdued the hostile Navajo by sending soldiers to tear down their fruit trees. Now, the department's Agricultural Marketing Service has announced, it will pay our own farmers \$8.50 for every plum tree they remove from their orchards.

The goal is to remove 20,000 acres of trees from production by June 30, 2002. Farmers participating in the voluntary program would not be allowed to replant prune/plum trees until 2004. Because it takes about six years for the trees to become productive, that should mean about eight years of reduced supply.

"It's buying us eight years of a more balanced supply, which should help pricing for the grower," explains Peterson, whose Prune Marketing Committee will administer the program for the Agriculture Department.

But why? In the past, such government interventions have been rationalized for industries like coal, steel, and railroads on the theory that allowing

the inevitable miscalculations and misallocations of private investment to "work themselves out" through buyouts and mergers and bankruptcies and reorganization might put the nation on an unsound footing in the event of war — those industries being presumably vital to any rapid mobilization.

But prunes? Precisely how would the "national security" — or any other legitimate concern of the federal government — be affected if a handful of California plum growers had to take the natural consequences of their miscalculations, now seven years past, by selling out to their more prudent competitors, or even (gasp) converting a few hundred more acres of orchards into subdivisions, thus helping to rectify California's fearfully undersupplied (and thus inflated) domestic housing market?

Agriculture Department officials defend the root-out-the-prune-trees program as a "long-term solution" to the growers' economic problems that could actually benefit the government. How? Robert Keeney, deputy administrator for fruit and vegetable programs, points out that last year the department spent about \$15 million buying prunes and prune products for school lunches and other domestic food programs.

No, Mr. Keeney is not arguing that higher prune prices will cause children to be less hungry next year. The reason they used to hand us a weekly bowl of prunes in the elementary school lunch line was never about feeding the starving, in the first place. Mr. Keeney is arguing that the new program will reduce the need for the old program because the old program was only about propping up prune prices, which will now be taken care of by destroying the trees. All such schemes are designed to prop up high fruit prices — making them, in effect, an unseen tax on those who buy their own fruit, a tax which must necessarily weigh most heavily on the working poor.

Farming is a notoriously unpredictable business. Those who enter the field do so with this knowledge. No one wishes the plum growers any ill, but this is a classic, expensive, counterproductive, and market-warping government boondoggle. Once such interventions begin, the attempts to "stabilize the market" never end, and can reach dizzying heights of expense and absurdity. (Look at the Caribbean nations on whose political stability we endlessly labor ... rather than merely letting them prosper by shipping us their low-priced sugar.)

Enough. Prunes are not a matter of national security. Let the fruit — and its price — fall where they may.

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The Great Writ, the last resort for liberty

by Joseph Dale Robertson

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English history of Habeas Corpus

The history of Habeas Corpus is ancient. It appears to be predominately Anglo-Saxon common law origin. Clearly, it precedes Magna Carta in 1215. Although the precise origin of Habeas Corpus is uncertain in light of its antiquity, its principle effect was achieved in the middle ages by various writs, the sum collection of which gave a similar effect as the modern writ. Although practice surrounding the writ has evolved over time, Habeas Corpus has since the earliest times been employed to compel the appearance of a person who is in custody to be brought before a court. And while Habeas Corpus originally was the prerogative writ of the King and his courts, the passage of hundreds of years time has permitted it to evolve into a prerogative writ initiated by the person restrained, or someone acting in his interest rather than by the King or his courts.

Magna Carta obliquely makes reference to Habeas Corpus through express reference to "the law of the land." From Magna Carta the exact quote is: "...no free man shall be taken or imprisoned or disseised or exiled or in any way destroyed except by the lawful judgment of their peers or by the law of the land." The practice and right of Habeas Corpus was settled practice and law at the time of Magna Carta and was thus a fundamental part of the unwritten common "law of the land" as was expressly recognized by Magna Carta.

Civil law vs common law

However, Habeas Corpus was generally unknown to the various civil law systems of Europe which are generally devolved from Roman and/or Justinian law. European civil law systems tend to favor collective authority from the top down while the Anglo-Saxon common law tends to favor the individual. Thus, it is altogether understandable that the ultimate right to determine the propriety of restraint upon the liberty of an individual is an almost unique feature derived from the ancient Anglo-Saxon common law of England.

Indeed, the Magna Carta itself is arguably a reaction to the incursion of European civil law into the English common law legal system via William in 1066. The running tension and contest between the civil law of the "Norman intruders" intrusively confronting the ancient Anglo-Saxon common law continued throughout the period 1066 to the 1640's when, following the English Civil War, and the beheading of King Charles I in 1649, the people's parliament clearly established the respective position of King and citizen.

In this crucible of contest, the confrontation of top down authoritarian civil law principles clashed and continuously competed with, but then yielded to, the ancient "good old" common law of the land. In the final analysis, the strength and resilience, and I might add common sense, of the evolved, time tested, common law prevailed.

The interest of the people as reflected in their common law won a several centuries old contest with the civil law brought to England by the Norman conquest. Habeas Corpus is merely one feature, albeit an important one, of the common law.

As a feature of common law, the right of Habeas Corpus reflects the age old contest between the individual and the state. Habeas Corpus empowers the individual in holding accountable the exercise of the state's awesome power to restrain liberty.

The frequent use of the great writ reflected the tension between common and civil law practice during the period 1485 thru 1509, generally the reign of Henry VII. At that time Habeas Corpus was employed to secure the liberty of those imprisoned by the Chancellor, the King's Privy Council, the Courts of Admiralty, The Court of High Commission and its prerogative courts including its inquisitorial processes featured by the hated "star chamber court" at Westminster, so called because of the stars on its ceiling.

Conversely, the common law preference of accusatorial processes had long been a fixture of Anglo-Saxon history. The modern writ of Habeas Corpus dates from this history. During this period, the sheer frequency of which Habeas Corpus was employed together with its procedure and results, established the Writ of Habeas Corpus as a powerful tool to check the power of the state and to preserve the rights of individuals against the arbitrary power of the King and his Counsel together with the King's courts.

It was the King's prerogative courts which were given to inquisitorial practices while the parallel system of common law courts employed purely common law accusatorial practices. Thus the arbitrary character of civil law

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Our sincerest thanks to all of you. George Reece, Eric, Jacqueline & Jacey Reece, Melanie, Rusty and Russ Morris, Jimmy & Ila Mae Holleman, Carol, Mark, Courtney and Jeremy Short, Jimmy, Tracey and Brady Holleman, Roxie and Larry Finney

Personals

Post Group of Alcoholics Anonymous
Meets every Thursday night at the First Presbyterian Church, 901 West 10th at 8pm. Closed meetings are held except on the last Thursday of the month, which is an open meeting. All meetings start at 8pm. ANYONE WISHING TO TALK ABOUT OR ASK ABOUT AN ALCOHOL PROBLEM... CALL 781-1156 or 495-4185.

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Pursuant to Section 42.035, Texas Election Code, the Commissioners Court of Garza County, Texas, herein provides notice of changes in county political boundaries as adopted by the Commissioners Court, and as precluded by the United States Department of Justice on the 10th day of December 2001.

Interested individuals may review the adopted changes in the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.

The changes in county election precinct were necessitated by redistricting of County Commissioners Court precincts in compliance with the United States Constitution and 42 U.S.C. Section 1973, also known as the Voting Rights Act, following the release of 2000 census data. Changes in county election precincts were designed to achieve numerical balance between the four commissioner court precincts, and to insure the voting rights of all citizens of Garza County, Texas.

Jerry Hays, County Clerk

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McClure Oil Company, 203 West Wall, Suite 602, Midland, Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Wichita Albany formation, Kirkpatrick West lease, Well Number 4. The proposed injection well is located seven miles Southeast of Post in the Rocker A (Wichita Albany) Field, in Garza County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4825 to 4920 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing on persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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Need more parental involvement

Congratulations to the Post ISD board on getting a large, beautiful new gym. Our hats are off to you, we have needed it for years.

There is only one thing I would like to ask you: why are we putting less and less children in the basketball program? Our middle and high schools have no freshmen team or no "B" teams at the middle school. Does this mean we spent too much on this new gym?

As parents we have the right to ask these type of questions. We need to be finding out how our tax dollars are being spent.

Studies have shown that encouraging interest in sports and hobbies promote a sense of self worth in our children. We all should be encouraging each and every child who makes an effort to try out for sports programs at our schools.

It is the responsibility of the coaches to teach these students the value of fair play and good sportsmanship.

Each child should have the opportunity to learn, play and practice as much as possible in any sport they chose. Only then can they achieve their own full potential. After all, how many "pros" has Post produced? Just wondering.

Name withheld by request

Why do I write letters to the editor?

Actually I don't know, except in the early 1980's I was in a treatment facility for people with a problem with alcohol. Believe me, I did in fact, have a case of that. A counselor convinced me that if I had some kind of unusual thought good or bad, write it down, reread it, throw it in the trash and forget it. Seemed a bit unusual, but it seem to begin to bring me around. I have continued to write stuff down since then.

I write a lot of stuff and put it in file 13. I give the ones I think might be OK to Wes. Speaking of Wes, I don't necessarily write to the editor, I write to anyone that wants to read it. If they don't, then file it in #13. The writing is one of my pastimes I use in the daily recovery of my alcoholism. If one looks real close at my writings, you can figure out if I'm mad, glad, depressed, or jumpin up and down with joy.

I sometimes mention my past experiences with alcohol, hoping some lonely youngster won't give in to alcohol or drugs. The road of alcoholism is very dark and a lot of the time can be real heartbreaking. There is thousands of things that can be done sober, and only a few things that can be done drunk. I know now that peer pressure is no excuse for drunkenness either. Just be the peer, only be a good one.

When writing, I only use the truth, with the exception of a few weenie dog stories. Sometimes they ain't completely true. I don't ever libel anyone. I'm not God or a judge, so I don't have a right to put someone down. Sometimes when I use the truth, someone may get upset, but they get over it. Should I lie about someone, they would hate me forever.

I write a few letters to people in prison. I write to people back in Oklahoma, with an occasional letter to the editors in Beaver, Laverne, and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. I write about 25 to 35 pages a month, with a large share of it going in the trash. Writing is a wonderful pastime, try it sometime.

Sometimes I quote another writer or talk show host, but most of the time its whatever comes to my swiveled up brain.

I actually was considering stopping taking any to Wes for a while, but I have been getting several comments, and I got a lot of Christmas cards with comments inside, so I suppose as long as folks like to read my junk, and Wes don't get tired of it, I'll continue on. Speaking of comments, yes, I've had some negatives ones as well.

Since 1982 I have written approximately 350 letters. I have had five negative comments. But its a free country. I welcome any comment whether it be negative or positive. That's why you'll always see my signature under it. I don't care for unsigned letters.

Although sometimes I'm sure people have these reasons, I prefer to sign mine. My writing is simply my opinion, I intend to hurt on ones feelings, integrity, or well being. If I do, please do not hesitate to scaled me.

I've had folks want me to write a letter for them. I can't do that. I can't read anyone's mind, barely can I read my own. So I don't attempt to write someone else's thoughts.

Wes mentioned me having a regular column, no I don't want a job at the newspaper. If I wrote for money, then it would be like work, and it wouldn't be fun no more. If I keep it this way, should I decide to give it up, I won't have to give two week notice, and I won't have to look for another newspaper to print

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Sports

Antelopes whip Anton 54-44

The Post Antelope varsity basketball team opened up the Bold Gold Holiday Tournament with a 54-44 win over Anton last Thursday. "That was our best game this year," coach Dane Vickers said.

Jarrett Vickers, Michael Huff and Brody Robertson all scored 12 points, with Kenny Ratke picking up 11, Mitchell Mills got five and Jett Lott scored two points.

On Friday night the 'Lopes faced the number six rated Class AA team in the state, losing 49-29 to the Lockney Longhorns. "They've got some fine three point shooters," Vickers observed, "and this was their 19th game of the season."

Scoring in the contest were Vickers (9), Mills (5), Huff (5), Robertson (4) and three each by Ratke and Brice Easterling.

In a "down to the wire" 31-29 loss to Floydada Saturday, Mills led the team with eight points, followed by Vickers and Robertson with six, Huff at five and two each by Lott and Ratke.

The varsity 'Lopes will host a three-team competition Saturday with Coahoma and Crane. Post opens up with Coahoma at 10 a.m., followed by Crane vs Coahoma at 1 p.m. and concluding with Post vs Crane at 4 p.m. The team hosts Slaton Tuesday following the Lady Lope vs Ralls contest.

"We're using each of these non-district games to get into basketball rhythm and hone our skills," Vickers added.

Bold Gold Holiday Tournament Results

Three Lady Lopes and two Antelope basketball players were named to the All Tournament team following last week's Bold Gold Tournament, hosted here by the Post Lady Lopes and Post Antelope varsity basketball teams.

Emily Smith, Manuela Hernandez and Kelly Moore were seated on the All Tournament girls roster, along with Lockney's Jenna Ford and Floydada's Abby Sanders and Most Valuable Player Jessica Castaneda.

Mitchell Mills and Jarrett Vickers were named to the boys' All Tournament team, with Lockney's Brandon Alvis (Most Valuable Player), Wade Miller, Anton's Willie Moore and Floydada's Amada Morales.

Game Results

Thursday, December 27 - Girls: Post 67, Anton 27; Boys: Post 54, Anton 44.

Friday, December 28 - Girls: Floydada 59, Anton 32; Post 50, Lockney 36; Boys: Floydada 71, Anton 69 and Lockney 49, Post 29.

Saturday, December 28 - Girls: Lockney 66, Anton 50; Floydada 45, Post 50; Boys: Lockney 45, Anton 24 and Floydada 31, Post 29.



Emily Smith (25) puts another two points on the board in their win over Lockney last Friday here. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Lady Lopes take 12-2 record to district play

The Post Lady Lope varsity basketball team takes a 12-2 winning record into district competition, which opens Friday evening at Ralls. In competition last week, the Lady Lopes won four and lost one.

"We feel good about how we've progressed," coach Ron Taylor commented, "we're doing much better at the free thrown line, and our defense is performing very well."

On December 18 the team won a 55-44 decision over Petersburg, with Manuela Hernandez hitting for 20 points, followed by Emily Smith with 17 and Kelly Moore with 13. Other scoring came from Meagan Mills (3) and Kaycee Gorman (2).

Another outstanding offensive game shut down Roby 62-49 last week, with Smith leading the way at 17 points. Hernandez got 16, Moore 13, followed by Tandi Humble with six, LaRinda Ledbetter, Nikki Norman and Gorman got two each and Meranda Hernandez was credited with one point.

In the Bold Gold Holiday Tournament, the Lady Lopes hammered Anton 67-27. Manuela Hernandez led the team with 19, followed by Smith with 14, Norman with nine, eight each by Moore and Humble, four by Mills, three by Ledbetter and two by Gorman.

"One of our best games this year," was Taylor's description of the 50-36 win Friday night over Lockney. "Two very good teams, both playing well, and Lockney came here with a 14-1 record," Taylor added.

Manuela Hernandez led with 14 points. Smith and Moore accounted for 12, Mills got five, Norman scored four and Gorman got three points.

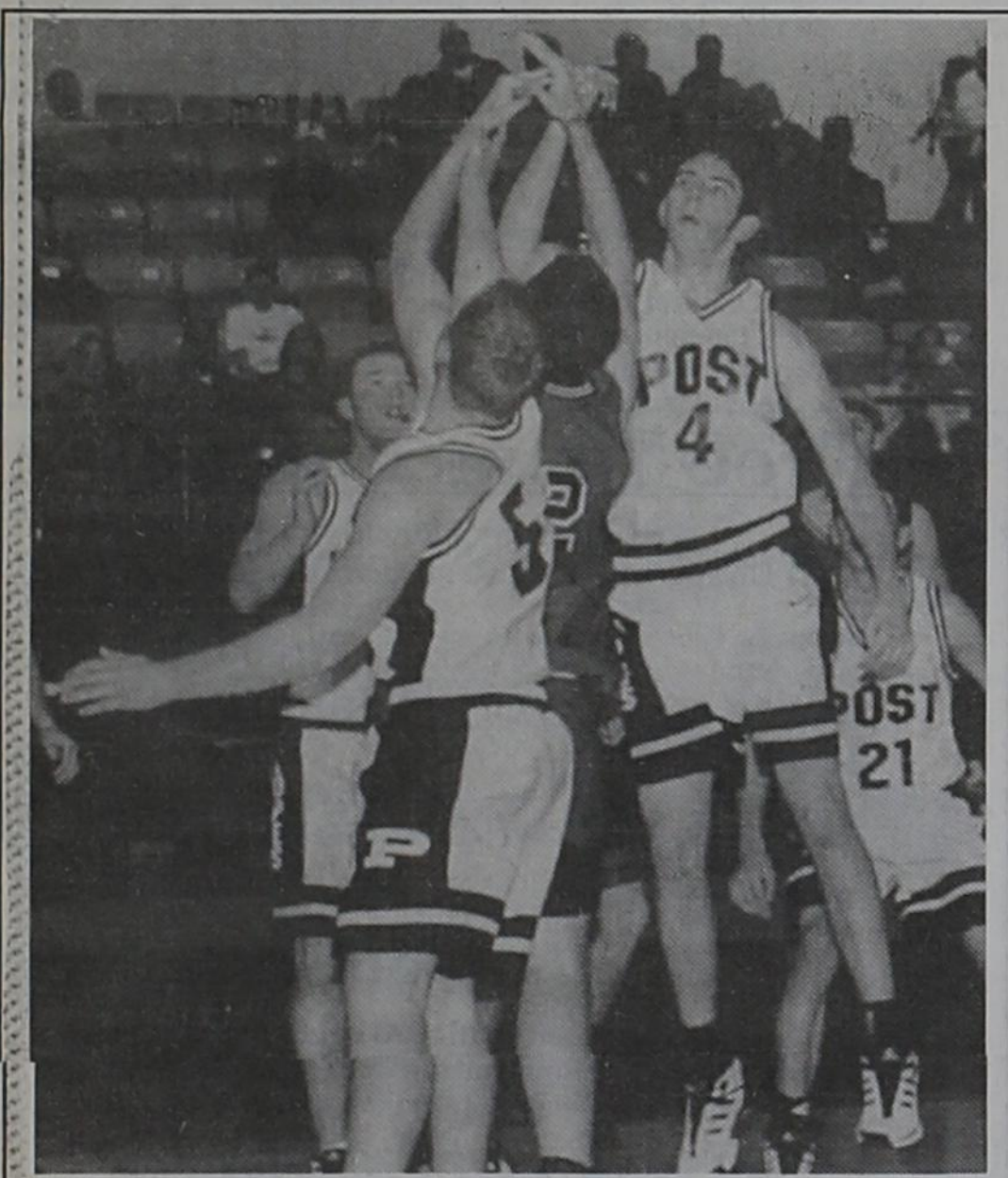
"We just didn't shoot very well, 19 percent is not going to cut it," Taylor said about Saturday's 45-40 loss to Floydada. "But, these girls had played six really good games in a row and we're ready to get into the thick of district play."

Smith led the team with 15 points, followed by Manuela Hernandez with 14. Moore got five, Mills hit for four and one each was credited to Gorman and Humble.

The game Friday night at Ralls opens with junior varsity girls at 6:30. On Tuesday the junior varsity and varsity Lady Lopes host Sundown.



Kaycee Gorman (20) puts up stiff defense for the Post Lady Lopes in their win over Lockney last Friday here. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Jett Lott (5) and Jarrett Vickers (4) fight for the basketball in the Lockney game here last Friday. Also in the play are Michael Huff (left) and Kenny Ratke (right). (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Meagan Mills (10) brings the ball toward the basket against Lockney here last Friday. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Michael Huff (12) helps Mitchell Mills (00) in action against the Lockney Longhorns here last Friday. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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- 55 Big _____ TX
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- 59 TXism: "let's _____ it up" (finalize)
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- 25 where Texans fought in the '70s
- 26 fit to eat
- 27 Clarendon is seat of this county
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Habeas Corpus, the Great Writ...

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power devolved in England since William's Norman intrusion was largely checked through employment of the Writ of Habeas Corpus by the first part of the sixteenth century. And Habeas Corpus saw frequent use and growth in prominence throughout the reign of Charles I which, in turn, found its bloody end on the chopping block in 1649.

The Habeas Corpus Act

The English common law practice and procedure respecting Habeas Corpus was codified by Parliament in 1679 by enactment of the Habeas Corpus Act. This historic act of the English Parliament empowered English courts to issue Writs of Habeas Corpus even during periods when the court was not in session and provided significant penalties to the judge, personally, who disobeyed the statute.

And while great hypocrisy surrounded the practice of the Habeas Corpus Act in the late 17th century, Habeas Corpus was nevertheless establishing itself as the primary means by which individual liberty was empowered at the expense of the arbitrary exercise of power by the state. During the 19th century the Writ of Habeas Corpus was further expanded to include those held by a purely private process other than that of the state.

American development of Habeas Corpus

As with other features of English common law and practice, by the time of the American Revolutionary War, the Writ of Habeas Corpus was clearly established in all of the British colonies in New England and was generally regarded as part of the fundamental protections guaranteed by law to each citizen.

The American Constitution at Article I, Section 9 states that:

"The Privilege of the Writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in Case of Rebellion or Invasion the public Safety may

require it."

It is important to note that the framers of the Constitution for the United States of America choose to include in the body of the Constitution the Writ of Habeas Corpus while other important individual rights, arguably as an afterthought, were included in the first ten amendments which were popularly called the Bill of Rights.

The "afterthought", that is to say the Bill of Rights, was not included even as amendments until James Madison single handedly, but persistently and successfully, argued before congress for its adoption and passage on 15 December 1791, some two years after the constitution was ratified.

This fact sheds light on the importance of the Writ of Habeas Corpus as viewed by the framers of the American Constitution at the time it was established.

Civil war and Habeas Corpus

The most famous American Habeas Corpus action prior to the civil war was the case of Ex parte Dred Scott. Dred Scott was a slave owned by a physician. Upon the death of his master, it was promised that Dred Scott would be set free. However, at that time Dred Scott was still being detained as a slave.

Dred Scott petitioned the Federal Court for a Writ of Habeas Corpus. Habeas Corpus was granted by the Federal District Court and subsequently upheld by the Federal Court of Appeals.

However, the Habeas Corpus was overturned by the United States Supreme Court on the grounds that Dred Scott, as a slave, was not a "person" as contemplated by the United States Constitution and therefore did not have the right to petition the Federal Courts for a Writ of Habeas Corpus.

As to Dred Scott, the extraordinary writ, the great writ as Sir William Blackstone put it, was effectively suspended. This notable case remains as one of the most controversial

Habeas Corpus actions in American history.

As is generally known, the Writ of Habeas Corpus was suspended by President Lincoln during the civil war. Chief Justice Roger Tanney, in the case of Ex parte Merryman (See: Ex parte Merryman, 17 Fed. Cas. No.9, 487, p.144 (1861)) strongly excepted suspension of Habeas Corpus by a sitting president and concluded that only the congress had the power of suspension under Article I Section 9 of the constitution.

The ruling of the Supreme Court was apparently ignored by the President and the military during the civil war. Congress later authorized the already presidential suspension of the writ in 1863. After 1863, and acting on congressional authorization, the military was permitted to temporarily hold people who were to be turned over to and adjudicated by the civil courts.

After the assassination of President Lincoln, and in the case of Ex parte Milligan (See: Ex parte Milligan, 71 U.S. (4 Wall.) 2, 18 L.Ed. 281 (1866)) the United States Supreme Court granted the writ and once again established that only Congress had the power to suspend the Writ of Habeas Corpus and that the military had no jurisdiction over the trial of civilians in the post civil war South.

The modern writ of Habeas Corpus

Today the Writ of Habeas Corpus is used in many different ways. It applies to post conviction relief in criminal matters even where the judgment of judge and jury is final. It applies to those who are in police custody but who are not charged with a crime.

It applies to those who are awaiting trial but who have not been able to make an excessive bail. It applies to death row prisoners who challenge their death sentence. It applies to prisoners who remain in custody after the expiration of their lawful sentence.

Additionally, Habeas Corpus applies to both adults and children who are restrained of their liberty in some meaningful manner but who are not in the actual custody of police or other public authority. For example, Writs of Habeas Corpus have been issued in civil cases on application of a parent where a child's custody is being sought against the wishes of the other parent who allegedly "restrains" the child.

It applies equally to those who have been held because of their

mental condition. And the writ applies equally for any other fact or circumstance, civil or criminal, in which the liberty of someone is restrained in any meaningful manner.

Habeas Corpus extends even to those who are already released from actual custody on bail and who are contesting the manner and/or authority of the restrictions which bail places on their liberty or the charge for which they have been required to make bail. And although, research by this writer has failed to reveal any cases to date, home schooling contest are subject to the writ of Habeas Corpus.

Parents whose authority to home school their own children and who are challenged by the state or other authority may properly file a Writ of Habeas Corpus to adjudicate the dispute as in any other child custody case. And, the writ may properly be signed and filed by an attorney - or - by "any other person" (See: Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 11.12 and 11.13.) who has knowledge of the improvident restraint of liberty.

In fact, there is legal precedent recognizing the duty of any citizen to proceed by Writ of Habeas Corpus to notice a court and to invoke the duty of the court as to Habeas Corpus when any illegal restraint of any other citizen is observed.

Caveat and summary

On a more ominous note, the Writ of Habeas Corpus is not without its detractors today. Movement is underway throughout the United States and each of the states to curtail the employment and exercise of Habeas Corpus.

This questionable, if not highly suspicious, exercise can be divided generally into two camps. Congressional restrictions on the writ, and judicial restrictions on the writ. For example, the United States Congress enacted the anti terrorism act in April of 1996 which effectively stripped the Supreme Court of its power to review lower federal court rulings in Habeas Corpus cases.

However, the Supreme Court retained its power to review petitions for Habeas Corpus which are directly submitted to the court. Additionally, and more disturbingly, there is evidence that the Writ of Habeas Corpus has in some jurisdictions been selectively suspended in certain types of cases.

For example, frequently State courts selectively ignore, as a practical matter, the effect of the writ in cases where citizens are charged with the "unauthorized practice of law". In most of these jurisdictions, it is disturbing to note that it is an agency of the state Supreme Court itself which makes the complaint and then prosecutes the charge.

In these cases the supreme court is making the charge, prosecuting the charge only to later sit in final adjudication of the charge before their own court. The consolidation of power as reflected in this practice against the liberty of individual citizens smacks of star chamber practice and should be condemned by state legislators as was the star chamber itself condemned by the English Parliament in 1641.

Additionally, many of these cases result in imprisonment of the defendant in a purely civil case only to thereafter be effectively denied review by the Writ of Habeas Corpus. Tragically, in these cases the ordinary review by appeal is also denied leaving the defendant with no adequate remedy under law.

The Writ of Habeas Corpus in such cases is simply "overruled" without comment or findings or supporting law. It is precisely this practice which was sought to be avoided by those

constitutional provisions pertaining to the separation of powers as well as the constitutional provisions that the Writ of Habeas Corpus is never to be suspended.

While all states have constitutional provisions pertaining to the separation of powers only a few states have provisions prohibiting the

suspension of Habeas Corpus. Nevertheless, the Extraordinary Writ of Habeas Corpus remains as the final and most fundamental process by which one may test the propriety of a restraint on individual liberty.

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Yesteryears

January 2, 1992
10 Years Ago

Ron Graves, son of Diane and Ronnie Graves of Post, was one of four Outstanding Graduates recognized during December commencement exercises held at Tarleton State University.

Sharla Cruse and Laura Tobias present Giles McCrary with Girl Scout cookies in preparation of this year's sale. Cruse and Tobias were last year's top cookie sellers and were at McCrary's office Monday in recognition of his long time support of the Girl Scout program.

Chris A. Wyatt has announced his candidacy for county attorney of Garza County, filing in the Democratic Party primary election.

Miss Sandra Matthies, bride-elect of Russel Benham, was honored with a wedding shower recently at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church.

December 31, 1981
20 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Conner announce the birth of a baby boy, Braden Mark, born December 24, in Garza Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs, 14 ozs.

Carlton P. Webb, a practicing attorney here for the past 38 years, was honored by attorneys and judges at a chili luncheon at the First United Methodist Church.

The fire department was called to the Circle M Food Store about 7 p.m. Tuesday to extinguish a fire which broke out in a small supply cabinet in the rear storage room. Approximately \$800 was reported lost.

Postings: Since most governmental fiscal years, including Uncle Sam's, start Oct. 1 why not gear the tax year to do the same. Then you could pay up your taxes before Christmas. It might be a miserable year "under the tree" but at least the "Christmas joy" would have a little better chance for survival.

December 30, 1971
30 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Rankin are the parents of a son, William Howard, born Dec. 26 at 8:49 p.m. in the Lubbock Methodist Hospital, weighing 9 lbs, 1 os.

Bryan J. Williams, III, has been promoted to assistant vice president of the First National Bank of Ft. Worth. Spring-like temperatures on Christmas eve helped in bringing out

larger-than-usual crowds to the 11th annual Teenagers Live Nativity Scene staged in the Jim Cornish carpent. Crystal Nichols portrayed Mary and Randy Hudman, was Joseph. Completing the 16 player cast were Johnny Minor, Steve Mason and Grady Shytle, shepherds; Jill Cash and Ritalynn Burler, angels; JoBeth Gandy, Bill Hudman and Mike Mahoney, wisemen; Giles McCrary, beggar boy; and Kim Owen, Donna McBride, Timmons Bull, Don Collier and Wynette Bird.

January 4, 1962
40 Years Ago

Frank Blanton and Bob Sinner have purchased the Hamilton Drug Store from O. G. Hamilton and will continue its operation under the name, Post Pharmacy.

Miss Elone Kay Gordon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max L. Gordon and H. Don Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Edwards were united in marriage at the First Methodist Church. p.m. December 23.

Billed as the greatest and funniest basketball team in the country today, the Harlem Stars will appear in Post at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, to play a team of Post Independents.

Office personnel and company officials of the Post Cotton Mills started the new year off right by moving over the holiday weekend into the mills' large, new one-story office building. Louie Burkes, head of Postex, points out that the location of the new offices puts company officials almost at the center of the mills' operations.

January 3, 1952
50 Years Ago

Elton "Red" Mathis has assumed duties as new city marshal, according to an announcement from Lorene Benson, city secretary.

Joe Mena, 51, Garza county resident since 1944 was killed and seven persons were injured in a grinding two-car collision 10 miles northeast of Post on the Rails highway at 6:55 p.m. Thursday.

The week of January 14 to 19 has been designated as "American Citizenship Week" in Post by a proclamation issued by Mayor T. L. Jones.

1952 is here! Yep, 1952 is the year of campaigning, baby kissing, pie and cake suppers and handshaking. By late Wednesday a total of 666 Garza County residents had paid their poll tax, thereby assuring themselves of a voice in the coming elections.

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1990 Chevy Silv. Suburban, maroon, auto	\$4,900
1982 Chevy Silv, SWB, blue, V-8, auto	\$4,900
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1990 Jeep Gr. Wagon, 4X4, brown/wood, V-8, auto, 128K	\$4,900
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