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Local jury convicts child kidnapper

by Sheri Lewis

A 33-year-old Post man was sentenced to three concurrent 25-year sentences Monday after pleading guilty to aggravated kidnapping, aggravated assault and burglary of a habitation.

Gregorio "Greg" Matillas Soto Jr.'s guilty pleas eliminated the need for a trial that undoubtedly would have relied heavily on the testimonies of Soto's two young sons, 8-year-old Matthew and 4-year-old Sammy.

Soto kidnapped Sammy on Father's Day, June 16. The child returned home after FBI officials located Soto and Sammy June 27 in a Minneapolis, Minn., homeless shelter.

"I'm actually glad he stepped up and took responsibility," Sammy's mother, Isela Gomez, said of her ex-husband Tuesday afternoon. Gomez said she was not looking forward to watching her sons go through the stress of testifying against their father.

"I'm glad now that we can start the healing process. I just thank God that we can start over and move on," she said.

Sammy is "doing great," Gomez said, although he continues to be afraid of the dark and wakes up scared every night.

"At least his nightmares have stopped," she said.

According to sheriff's department reports, Soto called his ex-wife, Gomez, and asked to see the couple's children - Matthew, Sammy and 17-month-old Destiney - on Father's Day. He appeared at the home of his former mother-in-law in the 900 block of West 14th where Gomez and the children were staying, demanding to be allowed inside. Gomez had locked the doors and advised her ex-husband to leave. When he refused, Gomez told her oldest child to go to the back of the house and call 9-1-1.

Soto kicked through the locked screen door to gain entrance to the home and, according to reports, began physically assaulting his former wife. He knocked her down and dragged her from the living room area and down the hall to where Matthew was using the telephone.

Soto snatched the phone from his oldest son and used the handheld

device as a weapon, Gomez said. He hit Matthew with the phone before turning his attention to his ex-wife. Reports indicate that as Soto was striking Gomez with the cordless telephone, she fell into a nearby bathroom, shutting the door behind her to ward off the attack.

Gomez reported that while she lay in the bathroom floor, she heard someone pick up her car keys in the kitchen. She opened the bathroom door to see Soto struggling with the lock on the back door to the house. Once the door was open, he jumped in the car and was gone.

It was only after her ex-husband had left that Gomez realized Sammy was missing.

Authorities said a tip provided to the FBI prompted Soto's arrest. Apparently he had applied for assistance and, in filling out paperwork, provided a workplace reference that tied him to Lubbock. The agency's routine background check uncovered the warrants for aggravated assault and aggravated kidnapping.

Post ISD trustees study pared down superintendent list

A pared-down list of applicants for the Post Independent School District superintendent's position is expected to be delivered to district trustees shortly after the first of the year.

The school board is expecting its consultant to weed out applicants and provide trustees with a list of the top five recommended candidates on Jan. 8. The first round of interviews will be held Jan. 13-15, Superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain said Tuesday afternoon.

Bain, who is entering his 11th year as Post ISD superintendent, announced several weeks ago he plans to retire at the close of the current school year. The search for a new superintendent began almost immediately when trustees met in special session to hire a consultant to assist in the search for a new administrator.

An exact count of the number of applicants for the position was unavailable, but Bain said a week ago there were more than a dozen applicants for the post.

Deadline for applications is Dec. 3.

Bain said the "target selection date" for the new superintendent is Jan. 23.

The new administrator will assume his or her office upon arrival. Bain is scheduled to stay on with the school district through the end of May 2003.

Slaton man found drowned at Lake Alan Henry

The body of a 66-year-old Slaton man was found floating in Lake Alan Henry Sunday afternoon, prompting an investigation by local law enforcement officials.

Lee Maberry's body was pulled from the lake shortly after 5 p.m. Maberry's empty boat was spotted early Sunday morning and again at mid-day, but local authorities were not alerted until mid-afternoon.

Garza County officials began searching for the boat's missing occupant or occupants while members of the Lubbock Fire Department dive teams were on standby. A Department of Public Safety helicopter also assisted in the search.

The body was located after a helicopter crew member reported seeing a floating object near the lake's spillway.

"The Christmas Story" Nov. 30

"The Christmas Story... Told by Our Land and its People" will be held Saturday, Nov. 30, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Garza Theatre.

Sponsored by the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau, the unique musical presentation is crafted from a broad perspective of how the holiday season "looks and feels" on the Great Plains landscapes through the experiences of the many cultures that populate the region.

The program will emphasize three dimensions of the mystery and reality of Christmas - late harvest/early December (anticipation); the Christmas season (celebration); and the time period following Dec. 25 (aftermath), according to a press release from the bureau. Musical selections will highlight original works composed by regional artists, sidelined by songs "from near and far that poignantly illustrate human longing, struggles of loneliness and poverty and hope-filled rebirth."

The narration of the program is designed to educate and underscore to the audience the connection between holiday music and the Christmas theme. Additionally, the presentation will introduce traditional songs performed in German, Spanish and English by varying cultures residing on the Great Plains.

The presentation will target individuals of all ages and will not only entertain, but also provide a "deeper appreciation of the meaning of Christmas... and a new awareness of how this season is inscribed in regional landscapes and richly celebrated by those who live here."

Tickets to the program are \$5 each and may be purchased from any bureau director or at the Commerce & Tourism office.

"I'm glad it's over," said Lina Rodriguez, Gomez' mother. "Now it's time for the healing process."

Gomez said that although the healing process will be a long one, she is glad to have the support of her family and community.

"I am just grateful for the great support of my family," she said. "Without them, I don't know where I'd be. Also, I'd like to thank those that prayed for us and continue to pray for us as we start over."

Post Notes

State/county hog validation

All hogs must be validated for the Garza County Jr. Livestock Show and major livestock shows. Validation will be held at Southland Ag Barn on Wednesday, November 27 at 1:00 p.m. and in Post at the show barn at 4:00 p.m. Prior arrangements must be made if you will not be able to attend either validation. Validation costs are \$2 for county and \$7.50 for the majors. For more info contact the Texas Cooperative Extension office or Vo-Ag Instructors.

Church of Nazarene Revival

The Post Church of the Nazarene is hosting Rev. Pat Burkhalter for revival services now through Sunday, November 24. Services begin at 7 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday and 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. The church is located at 202 W. 10th St.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The First Baptist Church of Post invites those in our community that will be unable to have Thanksgiving to join us November 27 for a Thanksgiving Dinner to be held at the Post ISD Cafeteria at 6 p.m. Delivery to Shut-Ins and Carry-Out Orders are available. If you or someone you know needs a meal delivered to them, please make your reservation (495-3554) before 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27. Carry-Outs will be available after 7 p.m.

Dr Galloway at Trinity Baptist Dec. 3

The public is invited to hear Dr. Randy Galloway December 3 at 7 p.m. who will present a talk and film at Trinity Baptist Church concerning East Asian missions.

Lions Club seeks help for Toys for Tots

The annual Post Lions Club "Toys for Tots" program is seeking financial and new toy donations. Those interested in contributing should send donations to "Toys for Tots," P.O. Box 644, Post, Texas 79356 or bring new toys to Fashion Cleaners or Post City Communications CellularOne. Last year the Lions Club distributed toys to more than 100 needy children in Garza County. Call 777-4783 for more information.

Lions Club accepts applications for toys

The annual Post Lions Club "Toys for Tots" program is accepting applications from those who need help with toys for children at Christmas time. Applications are available at Fashion Cleaners or Post City Communications CellularOne. Deadline for applications for assistance is December 10.

"Lights for Gail" November 29

The annual lighting of the star on Gail Mountain will be held Friday, November 29 at 7 p.m. The "Lights for Gail" event includes an open house at the Borden County Courthouse and museum at 5 p.m. with refreshments.

Lighted Christmas Parade Dec. 7

Santa Claus is coming to Post for the annual Lighted Christmas Parade on historic Main Street, December 7 at 6 p.m. The Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau will award \$1,000 in prizes for float entries: first place, \$500; second place, \$300 and third place, \$100. The remainder will be donated to a local charity. Send entries to the bureau at P.O. Box 610, Post, Texas 79356 or call 495-3461. All entries must be lighted.

Antelope Booster Club Cookbook

The Antelope Booster Club is preparing a cookbook and seeks help gathering recipes. Information forms for the cookbook are available at the high school. The forms should be returned to Amy Easterling or any Antelope Booster Club member no later than December 6. Cookbooks will be available to purchase in time for Mother's Day.

Methodist youth taking orders for donuts

The First United Methodist youth are taking orders for Krispy Kreme donuts, with a December 10 deadline for orders. The donuts are \$6 per dozen and may be picked up Saturday, December 14 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the church's fellowship hall. Orders may be placed by calling 495-3739 or 495-2371. Proceeds will be used to fund the youth ski trip during spring break.

Community Christmas Sing Dec. 11

The annual Community Christmas Sing will be held Wednesday, December 11 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 216 W. 10th St. Any group, choir or individual interested in participating should contact Patty Kirkpatrick at 495-2868 or the Methodist Church office at 495-2942. The event is sponsored by the Post Ministerial Alliance.

Gail Toys for Tots

The drop-off point for Toys for Tots in the Gail area (Buckner's Children's Home) will again be in the Borden County courthouse. Toys and gifts for youths ages toddler through 18 must be deposited by Dec. 17.

Post Dispatch "Merry Christmas" edition

The Post Dispatch will publish its annual "Merry Christmas" edition on Monday, December 23. Deadline for the special edition is Friday, December 20 at noon. The edition will feature the popular "Letters to Santa" from area children. Special advertising rates for Christmas greeting advertisements are also available, call Kerri Dean at 495-2816 to reserve space.

Holiday Bells at OS Museum

"Holiday Bells are Ringing" at the OS Museum during its special Christmas exhibit. On display are nativities, creches, Old World Santas and other unique Christmas season collections. The exhibit continues through January 30. There is no admission fee. The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

Major Livestock Show Entry Due

All exhibitors who are planning to enter livestock at the major livestock shows need to enter by Friday, November 22, 2002. Entries will be taken from 9:00 a.m. til Noon, and 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Stadium to get wheelchair ramps

Wheelchair-bound visitors to Antelope Stadium will have access to the home-side bleachers next football season thanks to action taken by Post Independent School District trustees last week.

The board voted in favor of building a ramp on the west side of the north end of the football field bleachers to provide wheelchair accessibility, Superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain said.

The board received only one bid on the job. Local resident Bo Jackson's \$3,859 bid was accepted.

Now that the 2002 football season is concluded, work on the ramp project is likely to be completed within the next month, Bain said.

Prior to the construction of the ramp, wheelchair-bound spectators have been unable to access the bleachers at Antelope Stadium.

The project was undertaken as the result of requests from wheelchair-bound football fans that requested accessibility to the stadium bleachers, the superintendent said.

In other business, trustees:

- Tabled consideration of the State Compensatory Education Report from the Post ISD auditor. The report, which primarily details information on at-risk students, will instead be delivered at a special called meeting set for Tuesday.

- Approved an update of the Texas Association of School Boards policy manual pertaining to the use of school facilities.

- Approved the continued application of the STND grant. The district is in its fifth application year for the 5-year grant.

- Tabled action on the proposed update of the school's phone system. About four or five years ago, the district purchased a new phone system, which has since been "maxed out," Bain said. Plans call for the existing system to be updated at a cost of about \$4,000.

- Approved a formal job description for the PEIMS coordinator.

- Approved an estimated \$18,000 worth of trim work to be completed at the elementary school. Bain said the project will include the revamping of the faded metal trim and fascia at the school and the attachment of aluminum siding. The same dark brown trim color used on the middle and high school buildings will be used on the elementary school.

- Certified Bain as a member of the Region 17 Service Center Advisory Committee.

- Conducted a closed-door session for the discussion of personnel. Following the executive session, trustees approved a short list of substitute teachers.

Lighted Christmas Parade Dec. 7

The annual lighted Christmas parade will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, on Post's historic Main Street.

A total of \$1,000 in prizes will be given away to float entries, including \$500 for first place, \$300 for second and \$100 for third. The remainder of funds collected will be given to charity.

Entries may be sent to the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau, P.O. Box 610, Post, or call 495-3461.

All entries must be lighted.

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Harper recognized by Rotarians

Kyzandre Harper was the Post High School senior who visited the Rotary Club during the month of November.

Harper is the daughter of Freda Harper and the late Michael Harper. A member of the National Honor Society, she enjoys singing, going to church, reading and spending time with her family and friends.

She has been honored as the best English I student and best Metal Fabrications student. Harper works part-time at Citizens Bank in addition to attending.

Following graduation, she plans to attend South Plains College prior to transferring to either Texas Tech or Texas A&M where she will study to become a pediatric nurse.



Kyzandre Harper

Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example.

—Mark Twain

Golden Plains Care Center News

by Christy Rutherford, Activity Director

Well, October was filled with lots of fun and excitement. We began our month by preparing our hats we made for the hat-decorating contest. I would like to announce that Faye Ogle took first place with lookie lookie, Bernice Gribble took second place with gardener's delight and Christine Smith took third place with rootin' tootin' cowgirl.

Mary Jo McGuire was the judge and said it was a very difficult decision to make.

On to the middle of the month. We celebrated with Dale and Martin Nichols 67th wedding anniversary with some cake and punch served by their family for everyone to enjoy. Then on Monday, Dale and Martin were served a romantic candlelight dinner for two in their room.

Now, rounding out the month we decorating pumpkins to display throughout the facility. We also made a contest out of it. Our judge was Wilma Williams, and the job was a difficult one for her too.

Nora Jackson took first place, Cleo Sappington took second place and Mose McCook, third place.

Well, see how much fun we are having? But we are not through yet.

We also decorated the facility with spiders, pumpkins and ghosts.

Well, now we are beginning to get to the end of the month. On Halloween night we set out goodies and drinks and waited for the children to come by for trick-or-treat. Yes, they came by as Cleo, Nora, Dale, Martin, Thelma, Faye and Ruth greeted and gave them candy. We had a great time.

Well, we are just about finished with October. Here were the birthday residents: Walter Caffey, Ruth Doggett, Glenda James and Mabel Robinson; employees Willie Ann Brown, Linda Goen, Cindy Polk, Bobby Smith and Opal York.

With all the fun we have had we would like to take the time to say goodbye to some very dear friends, Mary Stanford, Mike Martinez and Gladys Howell. We will miss them very much.

Well, that's about everything we have done so far. Stay tuned for next month to hear what has been going on here at Golden Plains Care Center.



Ruth Doggett sports the hat she made for halloween.

Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush

Hello for another week.

Good luck Sandy!

Sandy Smith is finally getting to have her back surgery, scheduled Wednesday (11/20/02) at UMC in Lubbock. She has waited a long time, we wish her the best and to get well soon!

We sure could not ask for better weather for the time of year. Rick and I had to make a run to Lubbock last night and on the way home it was amazing to see so many lights out in the fields.

The farmers are really burning the midnight oil, trying to get the cotton out before another bout of wet weather. Hopefully, the slight chance for the weekend will be exactly that, "slight", and they can wrap up harvest of this years crop.

It's Beginning to look ...

Well, you can certainly tell the holidays are approaching just by taking a whirl downtown. The windows are being decorated and the stores are full of Christmas. Now I know it is not even Thanksgiving yet, (I hear that a lot) but maybe those of us that get such an early start just like the feeling that "Christmas fever" brings.

That's my excuse anyway!
While on the Christmas subject, please notice the ad for the Lighted Christmas Parade. That is one of my favorite things that our Chamber does. So if you are interested in a little fun, enter! There are a lot of town kids that really enjoy the parade, along with many not "kido's", besides, to boot you might just win one of those nice cash prizes.

Nice Surprise

I had such a nice surprise Monday. Nelda Dalby dropped by to let me know she was much better and she looked wonderful. Once again, I am really happy that this nice lady who has special meaning to me, is once again out and about. It was great to see and visit with her.

My Sympathies

To the Mike Short family. I visited with Mike just last week in the store, my prayers are with his family.

To the Antelopes

I just wanted to say congratulations to our varsity football team. Everyone is proud of you this year for your showing. You should be proud of yourselves.

New Business

I want to congratulate Jimmy and Delores Redman on their new business. For those of you who don't know, they have opened Redman Redi-Lube. This is a great addition for Post and I just wanted to welcome them.

'Til Next Week

Guess that will be a wrap for this week. Remember to call in your news to 495-0277. Keep smiling and may God bless. Judy

Green Thumb Garden Club

by Louella Bilberry
The Green Thumb Garden Club met Thursday night at the Citizens Bank Meeting Room. Our hostesses

were Ida Jones and Fleeta Caffey. The coffee was ready and goodies - chips, finger sandwiches, pumpkin pie and cherry cobbler - were on the table. Our first order of business was to eat!

Jay Young of Bee Hive fame presented the program for the evening. He had brought his supplies and, as we watched each step, he created a lovely fall centerpiece.

The container for the centerpiece was an oblong vase with ruffled edges. He trimmed the corners from the block of Styrofoam he was to use for the base. He anchored the base with floral tape and began.

The main eye catcher was the yellow sunflowers he put in slightly off center and began to fill in around the sunflower with colors of rust and wine, other leaves and a candle.

He answered our questions as he worked. He told us how to blend colors and where he bought his supplies. He had brought with him a Christmas centerpiece he made last year. It was lovely.

Other members attending were Maurine Hudman, Iva Hudman, Jan Acker, Naomi Matsler, Janelle Etheredge and Louella Bilberry.

"The rest of the story..." Ida Jones, co-hostess for our meeting, had little pumpkins on all the tables with bouquets on each and the neatest thing is she made them from dryer vent hose!

She joined the ends together, covered them in plastic, sprayed orange paint on each and when they were dry, she put the fall flower bouquets in them. When we adjourned, she said we could each have one.

Again, thank you, Ida.

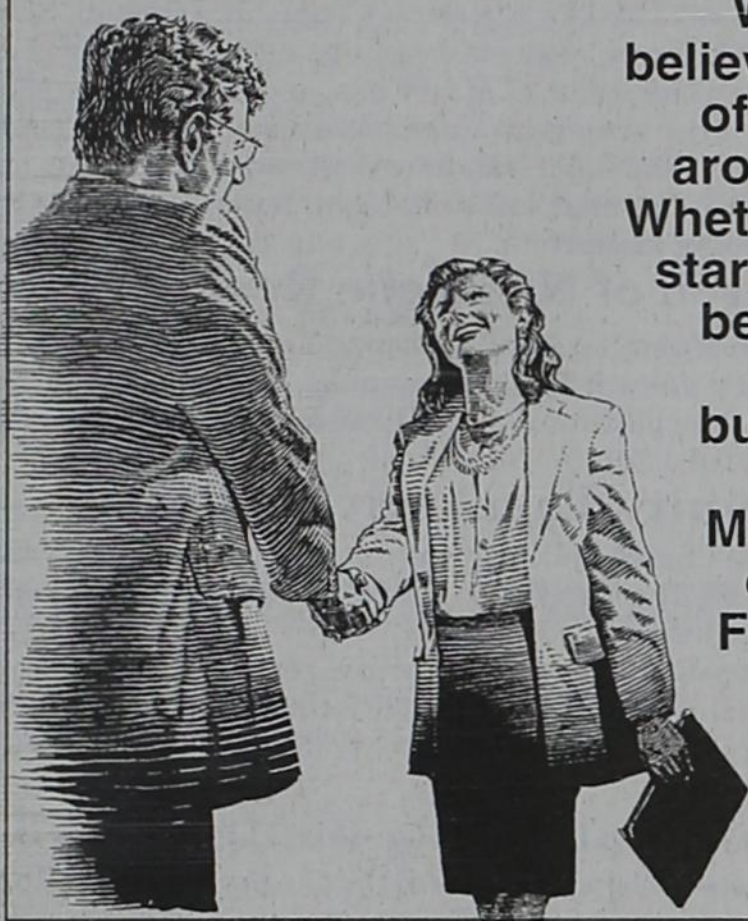


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—George Burns

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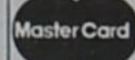
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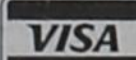
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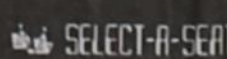
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Michael Ayala graduates with honors

Michael Ayala, formerly of Post, graduated magna cum laude at Virginia Commonwealth University May 18, 2002, with a degree in biology. Ayala's academic honors include being the recipient of the Gary Rooney Memorial Scholarship and University Honors, as well as being inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society and the Golden Key National Honor Society. He was the first recipient of the 2002 Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award presented by the Carnegie Research Institute and twice received the Multi-Cultural Student Affairs Award for Academic Excellence.

He is also a published author, with works featured in the National Library of Poetry.

Ayala is the son of Teresa Ayala and the late Miguel Angel Ayala Jr. He is the grandson of Francisca Ayala and Esequiel and Delfina Saldivar.

Ayala and his wife, Lisa Michelle Ayala, have been married for 10 years. She is a practicing registered dental hygienist. They are the parents of two children, Allegra Michelle, a 5-year-old kindergarten student at St. Mary's Catholic School, and Aliana Elyse, who is two months old. The family resides in Richmond, Virginia.

Ayala is employed by the United States Secret Service in the Presidential Protection Division in Washington, D.C. He plans to return to school next year to pursue a master's degree.

If you are out to describe the truth, leave elegance to the tailor.

—Albert Einstein



Michael and Lisa Michelle Ayala with their children, Aliana Elyse and Allegra Michelle.

Dominica Redman honored at baby shower

A baby shower for Dominica Redman was held Nov. 17. Special guests included the honoree's mother, Margie Polanco; her sister, Cynthia Williams; and her mother-in-law, Billie Redman.

Colors carried out in the shower decorations were red and white plaid. Hostesses for the shower included D'Linda Chapman, Bonnie Tyler, Billie Williams, Chelisa Krauser, Melissa Williams, Glenna Reiter, Deann Daugherty, Nelva Sybertz, Lisa Dean, Keri Dean, Glenda McClellan, Rose Trevino and Amanda McKee.

Bedding for the baby bed, including a comforter, bumper pads, sheets and a bed skirt, was the hostess gift.



The Post Lions Club has moved its meetings to the Snack Shack building on US Hwy 380 across from the Post Elementary School. At a recent breakfast meeting Lions Club members (left to right) Larry Peterson, Ron Miner, Shelley Duran, Joe Duran and Lewis Earl discussed plans for the blood drive and annual "Toys for Tots" campaign. The Post Lions Club meets Thursdays at 6 a.m.

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Extension Extras

Ag Committee
An Ag Improvement Committee meeting will be held on Monday, December 2 at 12 Noon at the Extension Office. All members and FAC Committee members are invited to help complete the Ag Increment Report.

Ag Irrigation Conference
An Ag Irrigation conference will be held in Tahoka December 17, 2002, at "The Center". All interested producers make plans to attend. More on this conference later.

Showmanship Clinic/Livestock Quiz Bowl
A Showmanship Clinic and Livestock Quiz Bowl will be held

Saturday, December 14, 2002, at the show barn. All 4-H and FFA exhibitors are invited to attend. Schedule: 10:00 a.m.-Goats; 11:00 a.m.-Lambs; 1:00 p.m.-Quiz Bowl; 2:00 p.m.-Hogs; 3:00 p.m.-Steers. Bring your livestock.

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Michael Eugene Short

Graveside services for Michael Eugene Short, 46, of Post were held at 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18, 2002, in the Terrace Cemetery with Chaplain Gary Stinson officiating, assisted by the Rev. Ted Short. The Hudman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He died Saturday, Nov. 16, in Post.
Born in Post Jan. 6, 1956, he was a jockey and a cowboy.
Survivors include his mother and her special friend, Twana McCrary and Jimmy Moore, both of Post; one daughter, Cassie Short of Westbrook; two sons, Casey Short of Post and Riley Short of Las Cruces, N.M.; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Steve and Markay Short of Abilene and Mark Short of San Diego, Calif.

Lee Maberry

Services for Lee Maberry, 66, were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002, in the Ericksdahl Lutheran Church with Pastor James Nelson officiating. Burial was in the Bethel Lutheran Cemetery under the direction of the Foster Adams Funeral Home of Hamlin.

He died Saturday, Nov. 17, in Garza County.
Born Sept. 9, 1936, in Fisher County, he graduated from Hamlin High School in 1954 and attended North Texas State University. He married Myron Olson June 6, 1959, in Ericksdahl. He retired from Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway in 1998 and was a Lutheran.

Survivors include his wife, Myron Maberry of Slaton; two sons, Craig Maberry and wife Lisa of Melbourne Beach, Fla., and Kirk Maberry of Slaton; a daughter-in-law, Karen Maberry of Lubbock; one brother, James Maberry of Hamlin; and three grandchildren, Ashley Maberry, Tyler Maberry and Trey Maberry.

He was preceded in death by one sister and a son, Sidney Bynum Maberry.
Pallbearers were Ken Maberry, Tommy Maberry, Ronnie Maberry, Scott Branch, Chris Welch and Trussell Thane.



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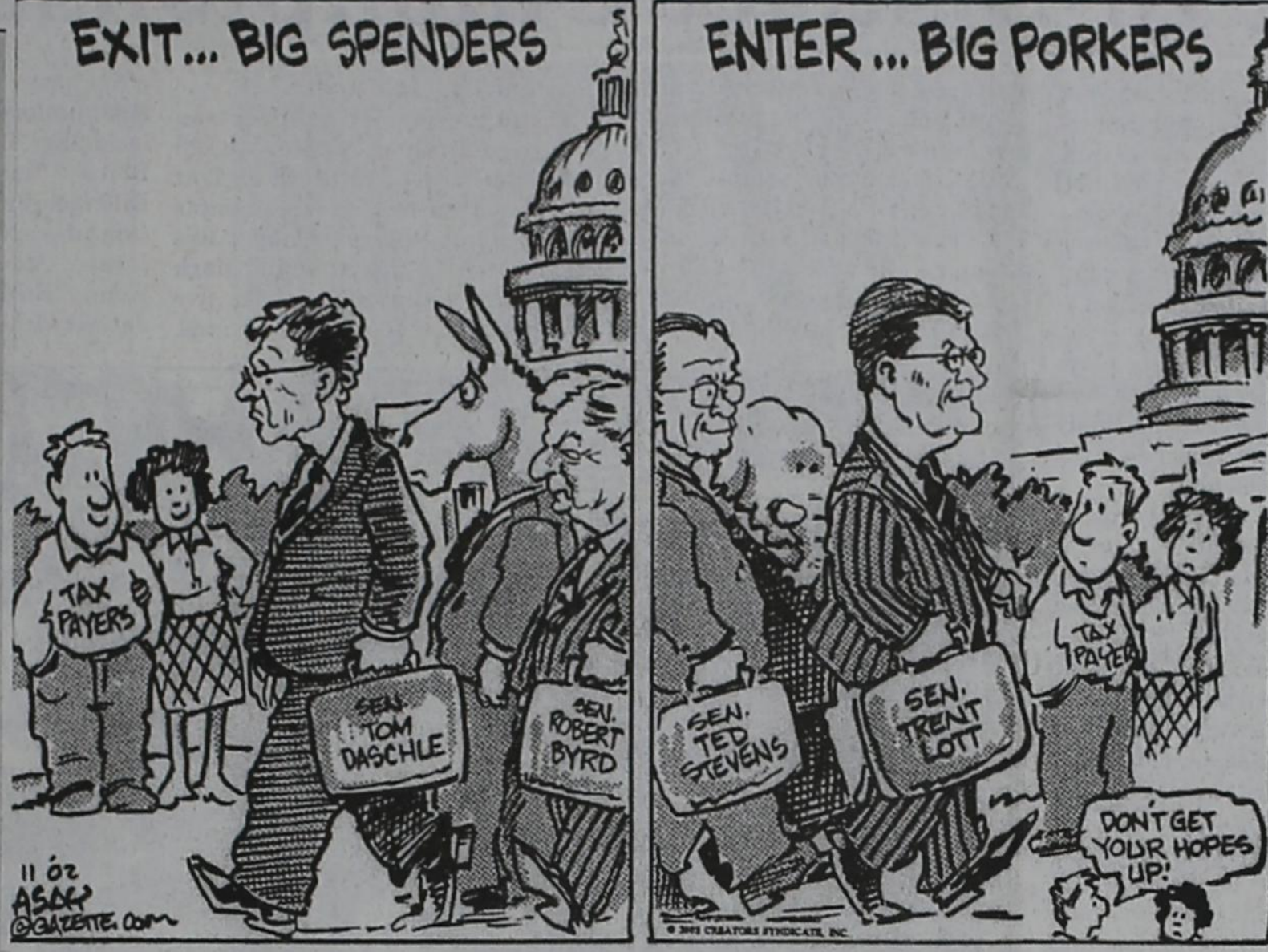
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And thereafter, family secrets

by Walter E. Williams

Airing the "family's" dirty laundry in public can qualify one for less-than-flattering descriptions. That's particularly applicable to a black person, and even more so when he questions the civil rights gospel that the problems black people encounter are rooted in racial discrimination and a legacy of slavery. To argue that most of the problems black people confront today have little or nothing to do with racial discrimination risks being labeled everything but a child of God, not to mention accusations of having "sold out" and "letting white people off the hook."



One need not deny the existence of racial discrimination to ask the policy-relevant question: How much of what we see can be explained by discrimination? The black illegitimacy rate is close to 70 percent. Less than 40 percent of black children live in two-parent families. This produces devastating socioeconomic consequences, but is it caused by racial discrimination?

Or, might it be a legacy of slavery? In the early 1900s, black illegitimacy was a tiny fraction of today's rate. Roughly 75 percent, and in New York City 85 percent, of black children lived in two-parent households.

The fact of lower illegitimacy and more intact families, at a time when blacks were much closer to slavery and faced greater discrimination, suggests that today's unprecedented illegitimacy and weak family structure has nothing to do with discrimination and slavery. It's explained better by promiscuity and irresponsibility, and as such it's not a civil rights problem.

To point out that black people are the primary victims of violent crimes is OK. Some of the statistics are staggering. FBI reports on arrest data show that blacks committed half of all homicides, nearly half of rapes, 59 percent of robberies and 38 percent of aggravated assaults.

Suggestions about causes and solutions can get you into trouble. It's clear sailing if you argue that the high crime rate is caused by poverty and discrimination, and the way to get rid of crime is to

eliminate these root causes.

But there's a problem with that theory. It doesn't explain why black communities were far safer in earlier times, such as in the '20s, '30s and '40s, at a time of far greater poverty and discrimination, and fewer opportunities. Crime imposes devastating economic and personal costs on many black neighborhoods, but it's not a civil rights problem.

The high crime rate represents political choices made by black politicians, civil rights organizations and many black citizens to tolerate criminals. Another family secret is that black academic achievement is a national disgrace.

Many youngsters who manage to complete high school do so not being able to perform at the eighth- and ninth-grade levels. Standards that others have to meet for employment or college admittance which many blacks cannot meet are labeled racist. Demands are made to lower standards using face-saving euphemisms such as affirmative action, diversity and multiculturalism.

The standard civil rights vision of the solution to these problems for blacks is to vote more Democrats into federal, state and local offices, and to elect more blacks to city mayorships and city councils. That theory suggests that cities run by Democrats and black politicians must be the very cities where illegitimacy and violent crimes are the lowest and black academic achievement is the highest — cities such as Washington, D.C., Detroit, Philadelphia, Newark and East St. Louis.

In these cities, blacks hold mayorships and have representation on city councils. That's a nice theory, but the result is the exact opposite. In medicine, misdiagnosis leading to mistreatment and further injury can lead to malpractice suits.

Unfortunately, in politics, misdiagnosis, mistreatment and further injury lead to re-election.

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The Glass Houses of dictators

by Jacob G. Hornberger

President Bush's reaction to the Iraqi Parliament's decision to reject the newly enacted U.N. resolution authorizing renewed inspections in Iraq provides a fascinating insight into the direction in which our own nation is headed.

According to the New York Times, President Bush said, "The Iraqi Parliament is nothing but a rubber stamp for Saddam Hussein. This guy's a dictator, so we'll have to wait and see what he says."

But wait a minute! Hasn't it always been President Bush's position that he — and he alone — decides whether the United States goes to war against Iraq? Isn't it he who said that while he would like to have the support of Congress, he would make the ultimate decision on whether to go to war regardless of what Congress decided?

As Sheldon Richman put it, "President Bush dismissed the Iraqi parliament's deliberation on and rejection of the UN arms-inspections resolution as 'political theater.' That's funny coming from a man who declared that he has the power to launch an unprovoked military attack on Iraq no matter what Congress says."

If possessing the omnipotent power to decide whether his nation goes to war is part of what makes Saddam Hussein a dictator, what does that say about Bush, who claims the exact same power as the U.S. president?

Is there really much difference in principle whether a dictatorial power is exercised by a self-appointed ruler or an elected one? Isn't the real point that the rulers of both the United States and Iraq exercise the same omnipotent and dictatorial power to send their respective nations into war?

It's important to note that our Founders rejected the Bush-Hussein view that the power to declare war should vest in the executive. Instead, with our Constitution our Founders placed the power to declare war in the legislative branch of our government — the Congress.

Thus the supreme law of the land — the law that controls the actions of our public officials — prohibits the president from waging war without an express declaration of war from Congress. And it also prohibits the Congress from delegating its power to declare war to the president (which renders the recent pre-election congressional resolution authorizing the president himself to declare war against Iraq a nullity).

Our Founders also provided a process by which the Constitution could be changed, whenever the people concluded that a constitutional provision needed to be changed. That process involves the approval of amendments to our Constitution that require the approval of 3/4 of the states. In fact, there have been 27 Amendments to our Constitution since its inception.

Compare that process of constitutional change to the one in Pakistan, which is ruled by another dictator, an army general who ousted the democratically elected president and appointed himself ruler. He claims the power to unilaterally amend the Pakistani constitution whenever he wants in order to provide himself with more power.

President Bush, for his part, doesn't go that far but he does effectively hold that he has the power to ignore constitutional restraints that he feels are either out-of-date or regularly violated, such as the declaration-of-war provision in the Constitution, thereby enabling him to circumvent the amendment process provided in the Constitution itself.

President Bush should exercise caution before hastily criticizing the omnipotent powers of foreign dictators. After all, people might just start asking some uncomfortable questions about the powers that he's exercising and the method by which he is usurping them.

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FFF THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"The great thinker is seldom a disputant. He answers other men's arguments by stating the truth as he sees it." — Daniel March "Expropriation of private property, without the owner's consent, falls squarely within the definition of stealing — certainly an immoral action. Yet, that is the standard procedure in Federal urban renewal programs, and the results are consistent with the immoral nature of the action, notwithstanding the good intentions of civic leaders seeking to provide better living conditions for residents of slum housing via government aid." — John C. Sparks

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A Rare Moment of Candor

by Sheldon Richman

President Bush says he's got the economy under control. That's supposed to comfort us. I'd feel better if he said he had the federal government under control. It's spending wildly — and it can't blame the "war on terrorism" for it all. That's just the latest spending.

We are in for a federal soaking for as far as the eye can see. Social Security, Medicare: those two programs alone have created a \$25 trillion unfunded liability. The people hoping for those benefits have to pray the taxpayers will continue to be chumps.

That's how all chain letters work. It shrinks Enron and WorldCom back into perspective, doesn't it? The government wrote the book on cooking the books. The politicians talk the talk, but they never seem to walk the perp walk. That's because unlike businessmen, politicians first legalize their crimes.

To appropriate Mel Brooks's great movie line, "It's good to be the president or congressman." Incidentally, the businessmen forced to take the perp walk on national television are only accused, not convicted, and they are pleading not guilty.

We know the politicians are guilty. Mr. Bush can make his outrageous statement because we Americans have been indoctrinated into believing that the president is supposed to control the economy. That's free enterprise!

I'm waiting for the Chamber of Commerce and National Association of Manufacturers to politely object, but I will not be holding my breath. We're all socialists now. Okay, not socialists in the sense of nationalizing all the means of production. That's where Marx and his ilk blew it.

Those dolts thought they had to run the entire economy. As a result, the governments they favored spread themselves too thin, and it was only a matter of time before they collapsed. Savvier socialists understand that, as with so many things in life, less is more.

To engineer a society, you don't need to run everything — just hold a few key command posts. The top three posts are the money supply, people's incomes, and education. Hence, we have the Federal Reserve System, the income tax, and the so-called public schools.

There may be others worth seizing, but these get you a good distance toward running virtually every aspect of society. Here's the Fed's legacy: what you could buy for a dollar in 1913, when the Fed was created, would cost about 18 dollars today. By inflating the money supply, the government can manipulate the economy for political gain and secretly tax us in the process.

In theory, of course, the Fed is independent. But in fact presidents have often been able to lean on the Fed chairman to get their way. An infusion of freshly created money can bring an economic boom in time for a reelection campaign. Unfortunately, busts follow booms.

The economic business cycle is really a political business cycle. Presidents get the Fed chairman to cooperate by telling him that failure to do so might jeopardize his independence. Orwell lives. If you're wondering why the stock market has been so bad in recent years ("greed" is presumably a constant), take a look at the Fed's money-growth figures.

Alan Greenspan and his colleagues created money like mad in the late 1990s. All binges end. The income tax gives the government unlimited access to our wealth. It's doubtful so much money could be raised with a sales tax. There were only two reasons for passing the income tax in 1913: envy and the politicians' lust for money.

In recent years some politicians have learned that tax rates above a certain level are counterproductive and revenues fall. So we've had modest tax-rate cuts. Nevertheless, the government sucks up a record percentage of our wealth, not counting the levels reached during the world wars.

Finally, the government runs the schools mainly to assure we don't object to the other two interventions and to make us believe it's protecting us — rather than itself — when it goes to war.

Public schools began local, but note how federal "influence" has accelerated for decades. This lets Washington set the agenda. The upshot is that when Mr. Bush says he has the economy under control, he's given us a rare moment of candor.

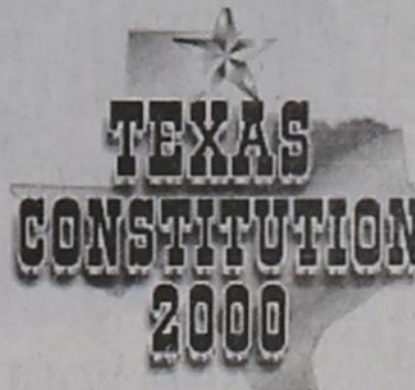
But we shouldn't be calmed.

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Sports

Cranes stop 'Lopes at Bi-District Championship

by John Hasselmeier
Special to The Post Dispatch
At the half of Saturday evening's Class 2A, Division II bi-district playoff game at Wigwam Stadium, it looked like Post's football playoff mastery over Crane would continue. The Bold Gold had knocked the Golden Cranes from the playoffs in

both 1983 and 1989, but unfortunately, that didn't this time as the Antelopes saw a 3-0 lead evaporate into a 20-3 loss to Crane. As a result, the Antelopes' season ends at 7-4. Crane is now 10-1 and will face Wall in Sweetwater Friday night at 7:30 p.m. Bryan Looney accounted for the lone

Post points as he nailed a 42-yard field goal on the final play of the first half for that aforementioned 3-0 lead. Crane came out in the second half and scored on its first possession on a 31-yard touchdown run by tailback Devon Zimmerman. An extra point from Gonzalo Hernandez meant a 7-3 lead.

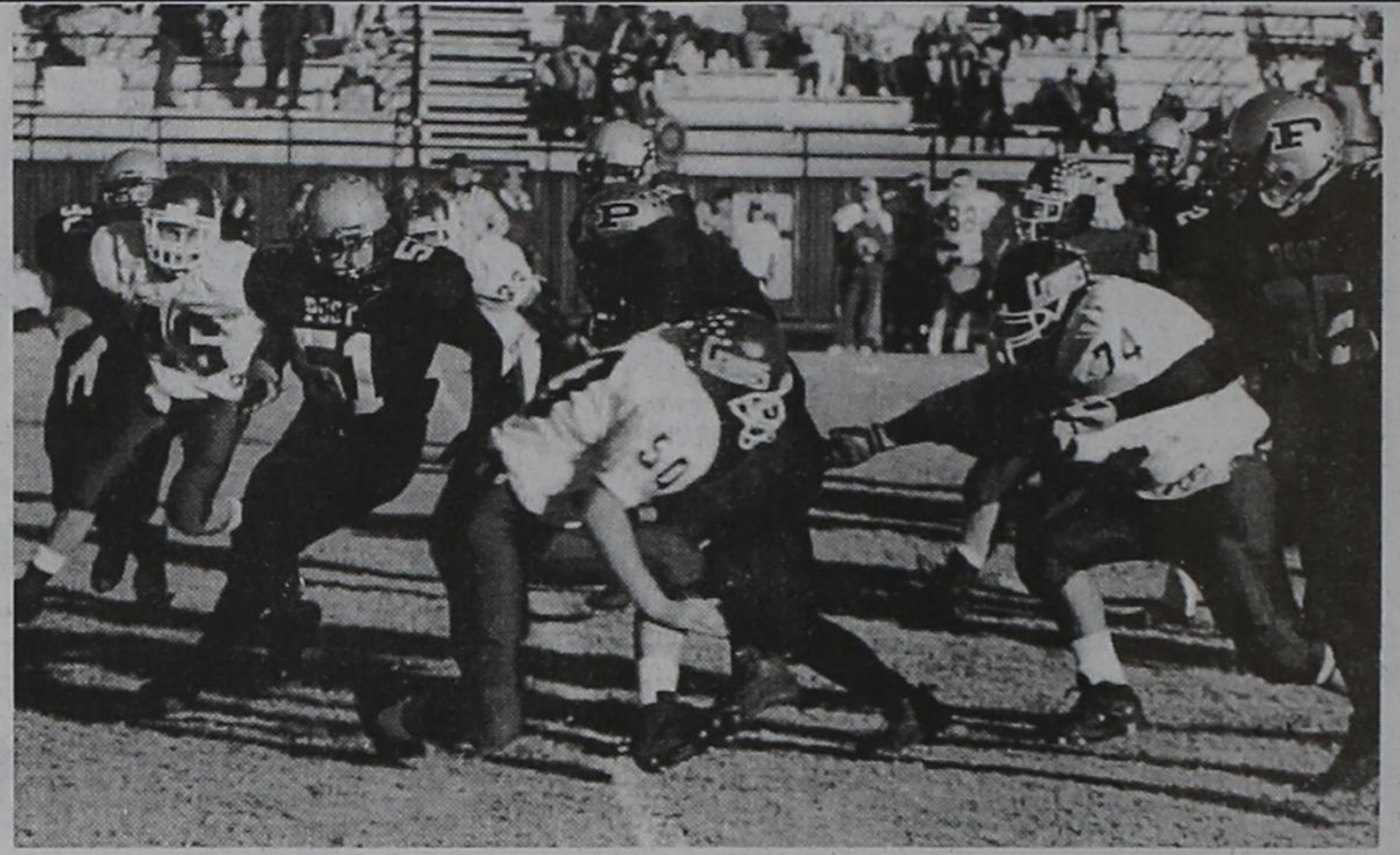
at the goal line and returned it to the 25-yard line with 1:03 to go. Crane then ran out the clock. The Antelopes rushed for 163 yards and passed for 113 more for a total of 276. The 163 yards came on 32 attempts. Mills had 112 on 22, Jett Lott 54 on six and Robertson, nursing that ACL injury, lost three yards on

four carries. Through the air, Robertson completed seven passes in 23 attempts for 97 yards while Lott completed one pass in two attempts for 16 yards. Vickers caught five passes for 75 yards while Mark Norman caught two passes for five yards and Zubia one pass for 33 yards.

The game was the final one in a Post uniform for several seniors, including Ben Ayala, R.C. Curtis, Brice Easterling, Jonathan Eilenberger, Cody Fox, Patrick Gonzales, Noah Gutierrez, Bryan Looney, Alex Moreno, Pablo Perez, Kenny Ratke, Brody Robertson, Jarrett Vickers and Luis Zubia.



Jarrett Vickers (35) grabs a pass deep in Crane territory at the Bi-District game in Seminole. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Antelope fullback Mitchell Mills (center) roars through defenders for a first down during first half action at Seminole last Saturday. Helping on the play are Mark McCallister (51) and Jarrett Vickers (35). (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



David Lee Rivera (33) returns an intercepted pass for the Post Antelopes in the Bi-District Championship at Seminole last Saturday. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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That lead grew to 14-3 three plays later when Crane defensive end Sergio Salcedo intercepted a Brody Robertson pass and returned it 22 yards for a touchdown.

Field goals of 24 and 38 yards by Hernandez in the fourth quarter closed out the scoring.

The Antelopes weren't without some quality performances. Fullback Mitchell Mills carried 22 times for 112 yards. Robertson, playing on an injured anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injury once again, completed eight passes in 22 attempts with two intercepted for 113 yards.

Tight end Jarrett Vickers caught five of those passes for 75 yards.

Defensively, David Lee Rivera came up with an interception. After punting on their first three possessions, the Antelope offense found some life after a Hernandez punt traveled just 24 yards and Post had a first down on the Crane 38.

An illegal procedure penalty slowed things down, although Robertson came back to find Vickers for 10 yards to set up fourth-and-two at the 30. Mills got the call, but was stopped a yard short and the Golden Cranes took over at their 29.

The Antelopes then forced a punt and went on their scoring drive. On the second play of the drive, Robertson found Vickers for 35 yards to the Crane 44 and Post called a timeout.

Two plays later, a pass interference penalty meant another first down on the 29. After a four-yard pass from Robertson to Vickers, the Bold Gold called another timeout. Looney then kicked the field goal and the Antelopes led 3-0 at halftime.

After Crane had taken a 17-3 lead, the Post offense started to click a little bit. A 33-yard pass from Robertson to Zubia got the Antelopes a first down on the 22, but the Antelopes turned it over on downs with 7:53 left.

The Golden Cranes then got another field goal from Hernandez for a 20-3 lead and the Antelopes worked very hard toward getting some more points on their next drive.

Mills started the drive with a 28-yard run to midfield. He later broke a 20-yard run to the 15. However, Thomas Tarin intercepted Robertson

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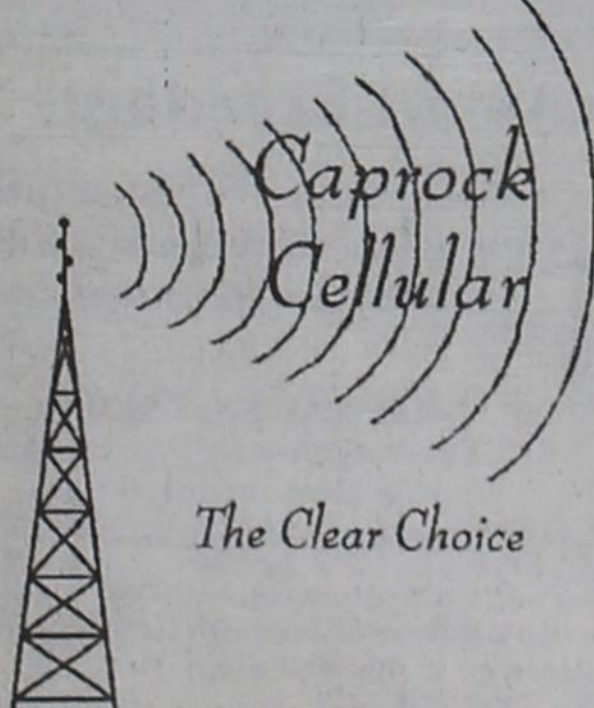
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Sept. 12	7-8th	at Friona	5 & 6:30
	9th & JV	Friona	6:30
Sept. 13	Varsity 21	at Friona 10	7:30
Sept. 19	7-8th	Merkel	5 & 6:30
	9th	at Merkel	6:30
Sept. 20**	Varsity 7	Merkel 31	7:30
Sept. 26	7-8th	Brownfield	5 & 6:30
	9th	at Floydada	5
	JV	Open	
Sept 28 (Sat)	Varsity 24	Perryton 17	5
Oct. 3	7-8th	at Crosbyton	5
	9th	at Colorado City	5:30
Oct. 4	Varsity	OPEN	OPEN
Oct. 10*	7-8th	at New Deal	5 & 6:30
	9th & JV	New Deal	5 p.m.
Oct. 11*	Varsity 46	at New Deal 20	7:30
Oct. 17*	7-8th	at Shallowater	5 & 6:30
	9th & JV	Shallowater	5 & 6:30
Oct. 18*	Varsity 3	at Shallowater 24	7:30
Oct. 24*	7-8th	Idalou	5 & 6:30
	9th & JV	at Idalou	5 & 6:30
Oct. 25*	Varsity 6	Idalou 35	7:30
Oct. 31*	7-8th	at Tahoka	5 & 6:30
	9th	at O'Donnell	6:30
	JV	Tahoka	6
Nov. 1*	Varsity 62	at Tahoka 6	7:30
Nov. 7*	7-8th	Roosevelt	5 & 6:30
	9th	OPEN	OPEN
	JV	at Roosevelt	6
Nov. 8*	Varsity 17	Roosevelt 6	7:30

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Gail Mountain Star lighting

Nov. 29

The lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain is set for Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. Activities will center on the Borden County Museum and the courthouse courtyard in Gail.

The courthouse will be open at 5 p.m. to serve refreshments. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be on hand to take special requests, as well as having photos made with children.

The museum will open at 5 p.m. for viewing, reminiscing and refreshments.

Local musicians will provide live Christmas music and hayrides will be made available throughout the evening. Registrations also will be accepted for a child-sized stocking filled with prizes.

The evening's activities are open to the public.



FOOTBALL QUEEN IS CROWNED

This year's Post Antelope football queen, Stanna Butler (center), is shown with runners-up Ann Pennington (left) and Marianne Jones at Friday night's Post-Slaton game. Stanna was elected queen by members of the football squad, with tri-captains Buddy Moreland, Jerry Bush and Delton Robinson taking part in the coronation ceremony.—(Staff Photo)

From The Post Dispatch, November 1, 1962

When work is pleasure, life is a joy! When work is a duty, life is slavery.

—Maxim Gorky

Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

Programs conducted by the Texas Cooperative Extension serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

Garden Checklist for November

Place orders for seeds this month so you will have them available when you are ready to plant. Also by ordering early you will be sure to get the varieties you want. Store in a closed container in the lower part of your refrigerator until time to plant.

Evergreen plants frequently suffer from lack of moisture during those occasional winter dry periods that occur in Texas.

Adequate soil moisture provides the best protection you can give your plants against winter cold injury.

Now is an ideal time to plant pansies. Select a sunny site having well prepared soil. Plant pansies, calendulas, flowering kale, snapdragons, stock, sweet alyssum and larkspur for early spring color. It is best to use started plants at this time. Select short, stocky plants with good green color.

Clean, repair and oil garden tools and equipment. A coat of linseed oil on wooden handles will help preserve the wood. Drain the gasoline from power tools and run the engine until fuel in the system is used.

November through February is a good time to plant trees and shrubs. In the Panhandle planting is often delayed until February or early March.

Protect tender plants by covering with structures made of wood frames and covered with clear plastic film. If a severe freeze is predicted use an outdoor type extension cord and a lightbulb placed under the cover.

It will usually provide sufficient heat to protect the plants if the cover is well constructed.

Dividing Your Perennials in Winter

In order to increase your stock of clumping perennials, divide spring and summer bloomers during the fall and winter. (Those which are fall bloomers can be divided in the spring, or season opposite to bloom time). Passing favorite plants along to friends or trading for a prized plant are a favorite part of perennial gardening.

Most perennials left in the ground in the same place for more than 3 years are likely to become overgrown and overcrowded. They may have dead, unsightly centers and need basic feeding and soil amendments. Flowers tend to be sparse and growth is poor. The clump depletes the soil fertility as the plant crowds itself.

To divide mature clumps of perennials, select only vigorous side shoots from the outer part of the clump. Discard the center of the clump. Section the plant into clumps of 3 to 5 shoots each. Be careful not to over-divide; if a clump is too small, it does not give much color the first year after replanting.

Separate fall perennials in time for them to become established before the ground freezes, or divide when the plants are dormant just before a new growth season.

Stagger plant divisions so that the whole flower bed will not be redone at the same time; good rotation yields a display of flowers each year. Do not put all of the divisions back into the same space that contained the original plant; this places too many plants in a given area.

Mulch carefully in order to give the newly separated plants more protection against drying winds and/or cold. Do not apply so much mulch over the crowns that rotting is encouraged, or newly emerging shoots in the spring stretch upwards to reach the sunlight.

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit

by Tumbleweed Smith

It was a pretty interesting funeral



It was sort of different. The funeral was held in a cemetery chapel near his grave site on a warm October day. His Rabbi came to Big Spring from Fort Worth to conduct the service.

Jim Zack never thought about dying. He expected to live forever. He purchased a burial plot years ago, but gave little thought to using it. He didn't ever talk to anybody about his funeral. He figured someone would tend to that. He didn't want to think about it.

"Just put me in a pine box and dump me in the ground," he once jokingly told his daughter. The Rabbi said the scripture mentions living 3 score and 5 years. But in Jim Zack's case, it was a bit more: 5 score and three. And for a person who lived for 103 years, the passing is not a sad occasion, but a reason to celebrate a long and happy life.

Jim's son-in-law and grandson gave brief humorous remarks about Jim's life. A huge picture of Jim faced the crowd. Jim Zack would have loved it. His family and friends were there and he was the center of attention. He died on a Friday and the Sunday newspaper carried a front page story on his life.

His was the only obit on the obit page. That would have pleased him, too. He enjoyed his age. He bought a car when he was 99 and told the credit man he wanted to pay it out in six years. When the man found out Jim was born in 1899 he put down his pencil.

Jim just laughed and got out his checkbook to pay for the car. Jim was born in Siberia, migrated to Canada, then to New York City in the late 1920's. He went around with just a nickel in his pocket for three days. He married a girl from Big Spring named Clara Brenner who was a student at NYU.

They moved to Killeen when Fort Hood was being built, then went to Big Spring when Clara was about to deliver their daughter, Susan. The Zacks ended up in the ladies clothing business. Their store had a fireplace with benches in front of it and became a popular meeting place.

After they sold the store in the mid 70's, Jim started going to the country club every day to play dominoes. He was still driving there when he was 101. His summer costume of colorful plaid shorts, long black socks and sandals was a common sight at the club and around town.

When he would feel the slightest bit ill, he went to the doctor. He'd go in without an appointment and tell the receptionist behind the desk, "Tell him Jim Zack is here. He'll see me." And the doctors always would.

They took pride in keeping him alive. Jim Zack was a clever, funny man who made everybody smile. He had a good life and he knew it. He was thrilled to be an American citizen and never missed voting in an election. He was my father-in-law.

We had some wonderful times together. I'll miss him. But I'll remember his humor, his quick wit and his always wanting to be around his family.

Post VFD elects officers

The Post Volunteer Fire Department elected new officers Nov. 18.

Newly elected officers include Darrell Reece, fire chief; Ivan Line, assistant chief; Kelly Baker, president; Les Looney, vice-president; Mark Short, secretary; Rodney Tidwell, chaplain; and Delbert Rudd,

public information.

The department also added several new members, including Damon Dean, Roger Daugherty, Joey Stone, Johnny Torres and Ben Wright.

The department's benefit chili supper will be held on Feb. 1. Proceeds from the event will be used for department operations.

PHS academic honors listed

Eleven Post High School upperclassmen have been singled out for recognition in the 2002 Football Academic All-District list, according to information provided by high school officials.

Seniors tabbed for recognition include Brice Easterling, Jonathan Eilenberger, Kenny Ratke, Brody Robertson and Jarrett Vickers.

Juniors recognized included Kyle Gunn, Kris Hernandez, Zane Marts, Mark McCallister, Russell Merritt and Mitchell Mills.

Sheriff reports 8 arrests

Eight arrests were recorded in the Garza County Jail logbook during the past week, according to records provided by the sheriff's department.

All eight arrests allegedly involved alcohol and were made Nov. 17.

Four individuals — ages 23, 24, 38 and 39 — were booked into the jail on charges of public intoxication. The two youngest also were being held for the Border Patrol.

ACROSS

- 1 TX Jimmy who wrote "Galveston"
- 5 TXism: "neon light" (inspiration)
- 6 _____ in the storm
- 7 Uvalde born Evans
- 8 these can't be used to buy TX lottery tickets (2 wds.)
- 16 commercials
- 17 TX danger sign: a _____ an empty saddle
- 20 TXism: "fair middle"
- 21 TXism: "_____ kisser" (politician)
- 22 TXism: "put on _____ (gain weight)"
- 24 Tex-Mex appetizers
- 29 TX McMurry book: "Lonesome"
- 30 TX Jenkins' "You Gotta Play"
- 31 TX Orbison hit: "Pretty Woman"
- 32 TXism: "racked my _____ (thought)"
- 33 "baling" or "barbed"
- 34 It's natural at The Ballpark in Arlington
- 35 TX Jeannie C.'s "Harper Valley"
- 36 Public Accountants
- 38 TX Debbie Reynolds book: "If I Knew"
- 39 Dallas film: "The _____ Blue Line"
- 40 Brewster Co. mountain (2 wds.)
- 42 TXism: "barking up the _____ tree"

DOWN

- 1 ACU mascot
- 2 TX Olympic bobsledder Tames
- 3 Highland Park drill team name
- 4 bundled cotton
- 9 TX Pride's "All _____ to Offer You"
- 10 TXism: "he'd have to study up _____ a half wit" (dumb)
- 11 TXism: "catterwall"
- 12 TXism: "sure shooting" (certain)
- 13 TX Gene Tierney's "The _____ of Jesse James"

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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The Original

34 "Polo on the Prairie" held at "Lazy _____" near Albany

35 bogus

37 Rockport is "where the _____ never sets"

38 TXism: "nail his hide _____ door"

39 stale expression

41 school subject

42 This Keenan played Digger on "Dallas"

45 TXism: "it'll _____ a pinch"

48 Ruby inflicted _____ wound on Oswald

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor Policy: We require all letters to be signed. Letters may be edited for brevity, grammar and punctuation. Opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect those of The Post Dispatch nor its staff.

Bumper stickers have meaning

Lately I have been seeing a few bumper stickers on cars passing through Post, that says "I'm to old to know it all." I'm not sure how to take it, I don't think I'm to old cause I'm still learning.

After 45 years of sucking on the big pop bottle, I am discovering that there is a multitude of things I don't know. While practicing alcoholism, one seems to have it embedded in their own mind that we know all about everything.

After 28 months of a little bit of a clear head, I am noticing the little things that I missed out on. As I was flying through life on the wild pursuit of what some folks call "happiness," I forgot to catch a lot of things.

The other day I was scoping through a old highschool album. I could not remember a lot of the last names, especially the girls. Their was a time when I was completely convinced that the women population wouldn't be able to survive without me. Sometimes I feel some sort of a sadness, that I flew through life and did not even catch a last name.

I think the most important name that I can actually remember is Daisy Mae Yoakum. She was my imaginary image of what a woman was supposed to look like. Daisy Maw was a major reason for me reading the old comic strip, "Li'l Abner" prior to my start of alcoholism at 12 years old. Yes, I still remember her last name.

Then a 45-year daze passed by.

The other day I learned a new last name I had never thought about. I always thought it was just "Barbie Doll." Now I know her name is "Barbie Roberts" and boy is she a doll.

Now the same person that years ago, cameout with Barbie, also came out with "Ken," now I am wondering if they are brothers and sisters and boyfriend and girlfriends all at the same time. Surely a swanky ladie like Barbie, would not be involved with incest.

Being a non-practicing alcoholic, I am trying to catch up on the necessary knowledge I missed out on. But this puzzle looks like a job for someone who knows how to turn a computer on, to ever get this Barbie family tree straightened out, and that leaves me out in left field... trying to remember her last name.

As I see it and my opinion only.
O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

The First Amendment is clear

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." (U.S. Constitution, Amendment 1, Sept. 25, 1789).

The first words of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution have to do with freedom of religion. Congress is forbidden to enact a law to establish a state religion or to prevent anyone's free exercise of their own religion. This was in contrast to the European countries of the time, in which the ruler's religion was the state religion. The people were taxed to support the state religion, even if they were opposed to it. The Continental Congress in 1789 wanted no such thing in the new nation they were starting.

Now, in the past few months, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, Calif. has ruled that "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance is an unconstitutional establishment of religion. A few days ago, a federal judge in Alabama ruled that the Ten Commandments are unconstitutional if they are displayed in the courthouse.

How exactly is that an establishment of religion? Are we being taxed to support a specific church, synagogue or mosque? If so, where? Are people being imprisoned for not attending worship services of the state church as they were in England and France at one time? I think not!

The members of the Continental Congress made the First Amendment plain enough that even a federal judge could understand it. It does not say, "Freedom FROM religion." Nor does it grant freedom of religion except in public places or where a federal judge, the ACLU or People for the American Way may object. For a judge to place such an interpretation on the Constitution is to arrogate to himself a power that none of our nation's founders intended for the entire federal government to have, much less one unelected federal judge.

The First Amendment speaks for itself, even though some in our nation must view it as an obstacle in the suppression of all religion in America.
Travis Sweet

A bore is a person who talks when you want him to listen.
—Ambrose Bierce

Lady Lopes whip Crosbyton 47-22

Post's varsity Lady Lopes logged a win their first time out this season, outscoring Crosbyton 47-22 in their Nov. 12 opener.

The local girls came out strong in the first period, scoring 13 points to Crosbyton's four. The next two stanzas were much the same, with Crosbyton being limited to four points in each period while Post poured on 10 and eight in the second and third periods.

Brittney Courtney led scoring for the Lady Lopes, with 20 points, including two three-pointers. Nikki Norman had 13 points and was 3-10 on free throws. Tayler Starkey had six points, including 2-2 free throws. Kaycee Gorman also was 2-2 on free throws and had a successful three-point shot. Meagan Hoover popped a good three-pointer as well.

"The girls played extremely hard on defense," said Coach Randy Courtney. "I think when we get a few kinds worked out on offense, we will really begin to excel as a team."

JV girls race past Crosbyton 43-17

The Post junior varsity girls got their basketball season off on a favorable foot last week with a 43-17 victory over Crosbyton.

Post led 6-3 at the close of the first quarter and moved on to a 14-5 lead at the half. The fourth quarter proved especially strong for the Lady Lopes, who scored 20 points to Crosbyton's 10 in the final period.

Jennae Lott and Lyndee Strawn led scoring for the team with 10 points apiece. Courtney Copeland had five points, Lorell Tatum had two points and Courtney Short, Kayla Dunn and Traci Nelson each scored three points in the game. Adding two each were Leslie Rutherford and Ashley Wilson, while Kayla Morris added a single free throw.

The team displayed full-court pressure and "good man defense," Coach Jerry White said, and had balance in scoring between the first and second teams.

JV gold trip New Deal 23-20

The junior varsity girls gold team downed New Deal 23-20 in a game played Nov. 14.

New Deal lead at the end of the first quarter, but the Lady Lopes carried an 11-10 lead over New Deal into the half. Post led scoring in the remaining quarters to squeak past the New Deal squad and earn the victory.

Sunnie Barbosa and Erin Wuerthes led scoring with eight points each. Barbosa was good on one three-pointer. Revanne Ordonia had seven points in the game.

Coach Jerry White lauded Ashley Powell for a strong defensive performance and Katie Vernon for her rebounding efforts.

8th grade girls win 22-18

The Post 8th grade girls took a 22-18 win over New Deal, with Rachel Gray leading scoring at seven points.

Larissa Halford and Anahi Garcia got six, Sara Kirkpatrick, five and two points were credited to Kylie Easterling.

"We're very proud of these girls for not letting down their intensity throughout the whole game," coach Kara Grace said.

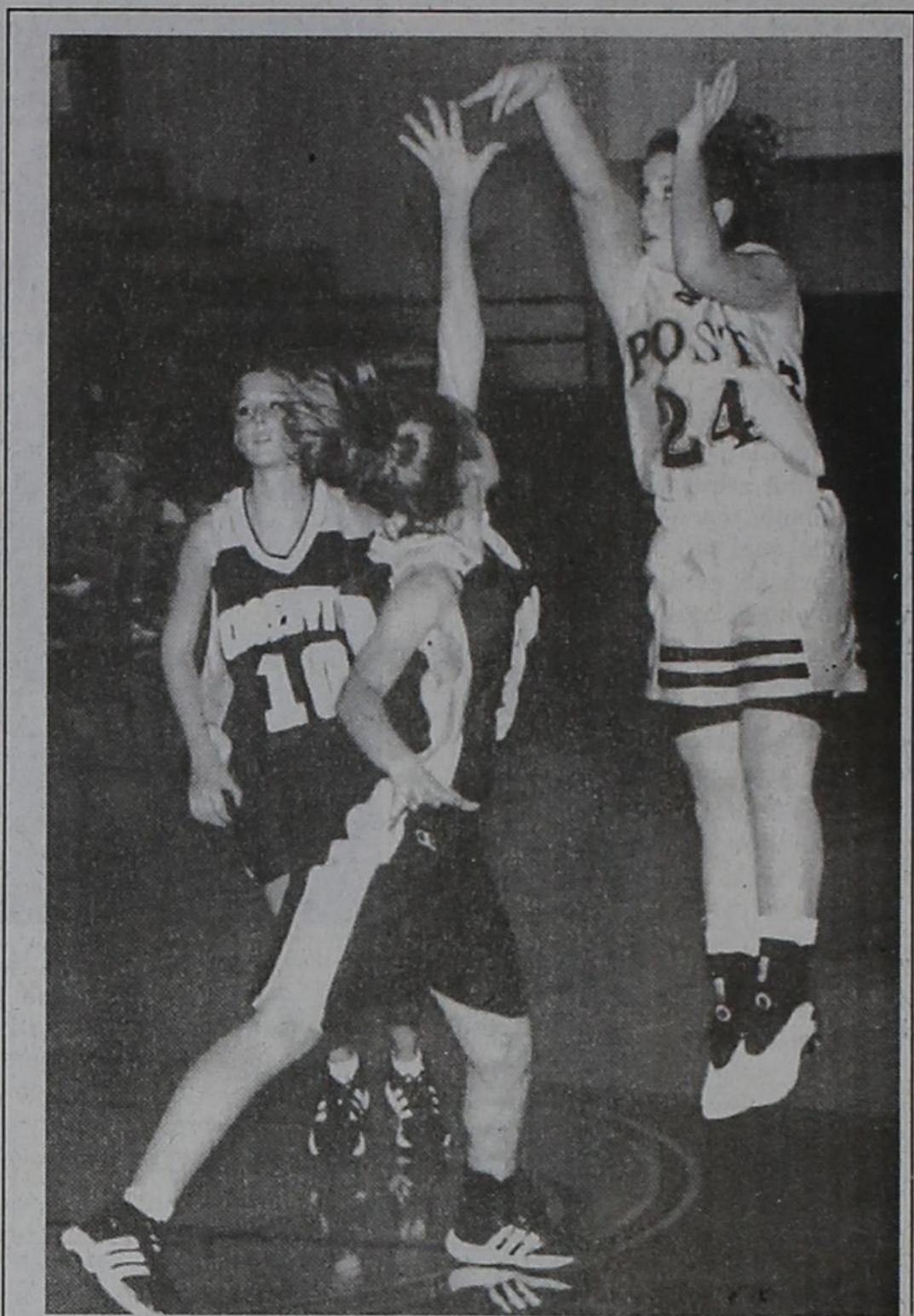
"Larissa and Rachel played excellent defense and ran the floor really well. We really need to concentrate on making our free throws and I expect great things every game out of this bunch."

New Deal edges 7th grade girls

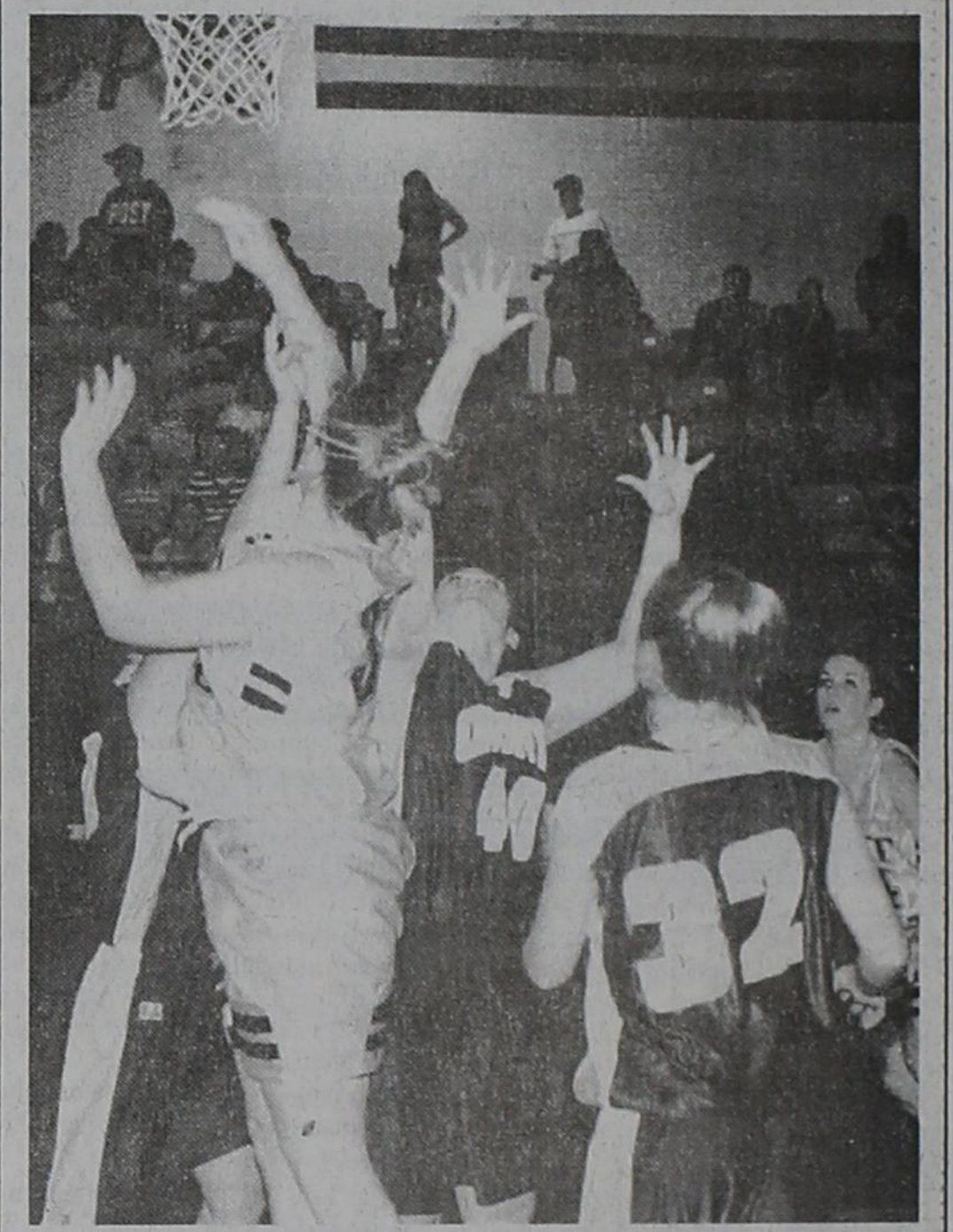
The Post 7th grade girls lost to New Deal 25-19, with Lauren Gonzales and Samantha Hoover leading the team scoring at six points each. Lori Jones was credited with five, followed by Marlee Plummer with two.

"The girls did a good job for it to be their first game," coach Kara Grace reports. "I look for them to improve every game as we go through the season."

"We missed some short shots and layups throughout the game that could've sealed a victory. We were 5 of 8 on free throws which I'm proud of them for."



Jessica Mason (24) shoots over the top of Crosbyton defenders in action here last week as the Lady Lopes opened the season with a 47-22 win. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Nikki Norman reaches over the top of Crosbyton defenders for another two points in last week's 47-22 win here. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

8th grade boys win 38-29

Post's eighth grade boys grabbed a 38-29 win over New Deal last week. The game was tied 8-8 at the close of the first quarter, but the Lopes hit full stride in the second period, scoring 16 points while limiting New Deal to seven.

"I was proud of these young men," said Coach Vickers. "New Deal beat them pretty bad last year. Our kids all understand what it takes to win and play well."

Top scorers were Wilson Cash and Blake Nichols with nine points each. D.J. Baiza and Colter Creech each scored seven points, and Edgar Garay had six points.

The team dropped its game against Shallowater this week by a score of 50-12.

Shallowater jumped out to a 20-2 lead at the end of the first period, but Post fought back to better close the scoring gap in remaining periods.

"This was a tough game. After Shallowater's pre-game dunking contest was over, we were a little worried," the coach said. "I felt after the first period we played better."

Cash and Zach Perez each had four points in the game, while Garay and Nichols had two apiece.

7th grade boys lose two games

The seventh grade Antelopes lost their season opener last week 22-15 to New Deal.

"These kids are going to be all right," said Coach Vickers. "It's a fun group to coach and a great bunch of kids. They're going to be fine."

Post jumped out to a 4-2 lead in the first period but saw that lead dissolve in the second period. New Deal led scoring in all remaining periods to take the win.

Jeremy Short had six points to take high scoring honors for Post, followed by Cass Tatum with four. Richard Suit and Kamron Shumard each scored two apiece, while Call Windham scored one point.

The team lost 41-18 against Shallowater earlier this week. Shallowater shut out the Lopes in the first period and maintained the heavy hand in offense in the remaining periods.

"The kids played hard, but came up short," Coach Dickson said. "Shallowater had a very good team."

Tatum led scoring with four, followed by Eric Guerrero and Pat Reiter with three each. James Griffin, Windham, Short and Shumard each scored two points in the game.



Canned rattlesnake meat was first sold on May 22, 1931 by George Kenneth End, president of the Floridian Products Corporation.



Vance Blair (right) runs with the football for the Vikings in last Friday's Post Flag Football Super Bowl VII event at Antelope Stadium. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Texans runner Darren Brown races past Viking defenders in the 1st & 2nd grade division of last Friday's Post Flag Football Super Bowl VII. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Post Middle School students earning All-Star Cast in the recent district one-act play are Steffi Norman ("Miss Meadows") (left) and Patrick Martinez ("Brer Rabbit"). Claire Kirkpatrick ("Sis Buzzard") and D.J. Baiza ("Brer Fox") also earned All-Star cast honors.



Post Spirit Leaders at last Friday's Post Flag Football Super Bowl VII championship games were (back row) Lauren Gonzales, Claire Kirkpatrick, Lori Jones, Samantha Hoover, Steffi Norman, (middle) Victoria Rodriguez, Vanessa Rodriguez, Renae Storie, Laura Quintana, Melinda Vega and (front) Brogan Macy. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)