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# The Post Dispatch

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## County undecided about Lake Alan Henry emergency building site

by Wes Burnett

No action was taken Monday by the Garza County Commissioners' Court regarding land acquisition near Lake Alan Henry for an emergency services building. Constable Daniel Yarbro requested the issue be postponed until more planning could be completed on building requirements.

Jerry Kitten, representing North Ridge development owners, reminded commissioners about developers' offer to donate land for the emergency services building. In his presentation, Kitten pointed out that the site was centrally located for quick response to both the Lubbock public boat ramp and the ramp at North Ridge.

In other matters, the court approved indigent applications from four county citizens, providing emergency rent and utility assistance. Each of the four applicants met county guidelines for one-time assistance, according to county attorney Les Acker.

Judge Giles Dalby informed the court that a recent problem with the courthouse boiler caused some concern. "It's 41 or 42 years old," Dalby said, "and we need to take a close look at whether to make repairs next summer or consider installing a new system."

Soil and Water Conservation officials presented reports to the commissioners, pointing out that county support has made it possible to continue providing services to area ranchers and farmers. One of the projects coordinated by the SWCD is installation of rural fire hydrants for emergency use.

The court approved amendments to the November 2002 general election, noting a few minor miscounts that had no effect on the election outcome. The court also approved resolutions supporting MHMR and the crime victims assistance program.

The court's next meeting will be held Monday, December 23 at 9 a.m.



The Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility took first place in last Saturday's Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau sponsored "Lighted Christmas Parade" downtown.

## Post Notes

### Santa Letter deadline Dec. 13

December 13 is the deadline for "Letters to Santa," a popular feature in The Post Dispatch's annual Merry Christmas edition. Letters may be mailed to The Post Dispatch at P.O. Box 490, Post, Texas 79356 or dropped off at the office, 123 E. Main. There is a convenient letter slot in the front door when the office is closed.

### Free computer training offered here

The Post-Garza Community Network is sponsoring free computer training to Post and Garza County citizens. Input from local citizens is needed to create fun and interesting classes. Classes can accommodate up to 20 students. Contact Shellee Odom at 495-3343 or send e-mail to sdomom@post.k12.tx.us to suggest what kind of classes are most useful and interesting.

### Church youth offer deer sausage supper

The Family Harvest Church youth are offering a "bean, deer sausage and cornbread" supper as a fund raiser for their upcoming ski trip. The dinner will be at the Post Community Center December 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. Call 495-5052 for take-out orders.

### 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.

### VFW sets VA Hospital visit Dec. 19

Members of the Post VFW and Ladies' Auxiliary will host a Christmas party at the VA Hospital in Big Spring December 19. The caravan will leave Post at 5 p.m. Cookies or cake donations would be appreciated. Call Janet Ratliff at 495-2026 or any other member.

### Post bands in concert Dec. 17

Post Middle School and High School bands will perform in concert Tuesday, December 17 at 7 p.m. in the Post Elementary School Auditorium. The public is cordially invited to enjoy the concert.

### "Toys for Tots" needs help

The Post Lions Club reports less than half of the needed funds for this year's "Toys for Tots" has been received. That means that only needy children ages birth to eight will be receiving gifts, unless funds are provided this week. Those who are willing to assist with funding should call 777-4783.

### Holy Cross Church celebrates Dec. 12

The Holy Cross Catholic Church will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, on Thursday, December 12 beginning at 7 p.m. The event features mariachis, Mass and special blessing for the sick. A play will also be performed, followed by a reception in the church hall. The public is invited.

### 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.

### VFW hosts children's Christmas party

The Post VFW is hosting a children's Christmas party and visit with Santa December 21 at the VFW Hall from 2 to 4 p.m. Punch and cookies will be served and bags of fruit and candy will be given away.

### A Cowboy Christmas at Garza Theatre

"A Cowboy Christmas" written and directed by Tim McIntire, will be presented at the Garza Theatre December 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 20 and 21. Cast members are Joe Bass, Mark Martin, David Johnson, Clent Hill, Eric Reyna, Jay Young, Inez Seaborn, Stacy Bocko, Travis Garland, Charles Grair, Tuti Wales, Tianna Reyna and Zachery Kocurek. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

### 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.

### Ronald McDonald grant requests sought

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Lubbock Inc. is accepting funding requests for projects and programs in Lubbock and surrounding South Plains and Eastern New Mexico communities. Requests will be accepted from non-profit organizations whose programs and projects help improve the quality of life for children and their families. Grants will be considered for three distinct areas: civic and social services, education and the arts, and health care and medical research. To obtain a grant application form or for more information, contact the Lubbock Ronald McDonald House at 806-744-8877. Deadline for applications is Jan. 31.

## American Profile debuts next week in The Post Dispatch

When American Profile debuts next week in The Post Dispatch, readers will be treated to a full color national magazine, created especially for weekly newspapers.

The December 19 edition features:

**The cover story:** The Nativity Collectors Fran and Linda Beyea, as newlyweds, bought a small nativity set. Now, 30 years later, they've collected more than 100 from all over the world.

**Reviews:** Reviews of Christmas music for the holidays.

**Fashion:** This article tells the staples every woman should have in her wardrobe—the pieces or outfits that give the most mileage. Hometown

**Recipes:** Festive Cranberry Salad adds color and flavor to holiday meals.

"We are very excited about bringing this national magazine to the newspaper," Post Dispatch publisher Wesley W. Burnett emphasizes. "It is the

answer to a long standing need for weekly newspapers."

Watch for American Profile in your newspaper every week, beginning with the December 19 edition.

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## Rotary Club contributes \$3,000 to polio campaign

The Post Rotary Club, as part of the Rotary International PolioPlus campaign, has committed itself to contribute \$3,000 to the Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign over the next three years.

The planned gift is sufficient to purchase 36,000 doses of polio vaccine for children.

In 1985, Rotary International launched PolioPlus, one of the most ambitious humanitarian programs ever undertaken by a private entity, to raise funds to purchase polio vaccine in support of the global effort to immunize the children of the world and eradicate polio, a disease which has killed and paralyzed children for more than 5,000 years.

A polio-free world by the Rotary Club's 100th anniversary — 2005 — is the organization's top priority.

Rotary's contributions through its 31,257 clubs in 164 countries will exceed \$500 million by the year 2005.

Today, the world is on the threshold of eradicating the polio virus, and polio cases have dropped by 99.8 percent since 1998; however, in India and a few countries in Africa, children still become paralyzed by the virus, which causes muscles to go limp and become useless.

Delivery of the vaccine can be dangerous. In Somalia and Sudan, for example, armed guards must accompany health care workers into war zones so as to prevent the workers from being held captive by warring clans.



A new entrance ramp at the Garza County Historical Museum was dedicated last Saturday during the museum's Christmas Open House celebration. Participating in the dedication were (left to right) Sandra Alexander, Jack Alexander, Barbara Davis, JoAnn Mock and Linda Puckett. (Photo by Jackie Gonzales)



"A Cowboy Christmas" continues at the Garza Theatre Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Cast members are (back row, left to right) Tuti Wales, Eric Reyna, Charles Grair, Jay Young, Inez Seaborn, Charles Johnson, Mark Martin, Clent Hill, Joe Bass, (front row) Stacy Bocko, Travis Garland, Tianna Reyna and Zachery Kocurek. The play is under the direction of Tim McIntire. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

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## Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush

### Greetings for this week! CHRISTMAS PARADE

I surely hope that everyone was downtown Saturday night to see this year's Christmas parade.

There were some beautiful floats, great cars (wish I had yours Jimmy Redman) and music. I personally want to thank everyone that participated in the parade. I heard several remarks hoping that the parade was long, well guess what, if all of those who made the remark had entered a float, the parade would have been even longer.

While I am on the soapbox, and I hope I do not anger too many folks, I would like to comment on the lights on our downtown buildings.

A couple of year's back a strong effort was made to get lights on all of the downtown buildings and the downtown looked wonderful. Well, what happened? Many of the stores, which had lights, were dark this year.

Post has a great fellow by the name of Rodney Tidwell. Rodney, along with many of the kids that attend Mad Dads, worked to get all of the lights up and burning. Last year, Rodney took a sizable money loss, to get lights up and burning again. This

year, he waited for business people to contact him. Guess what? Now the money investment is really small. Your string of lights and I believe \$10 to Mad Dads to go atop your building and set them up.

I know that people have different feelings about decorating for Christmas, but this is our downtown area. Post is fortunate that we are not bypassed and have a never ending flow of traffic down Hwy. 84. So many of the towns surrounding us don't even have a downtown any more.

If our store and empty building owners don't strive to keep our downtown area something that a passerby will remember, who will? Well enough of that. As I said, I hope I haven't made too many mad at me,

but I love our town and I know I am not alone in feeling that way.

### SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

I want to wish my mom, Fannie Ballentine, a very wonderful birthday. Now I know she won't mind if I reveal her age, so I will. Mom celebrated her 89th birthday Wednesday, December 11th.

Now, my son also celebrates his birthday with Mom, so happy birthday to Kevin also. Along with the birthday folks, happy anniversary to my sister and brother-in-law Jane and Mack Terry and good friends, Charles and Sharon Morris. December 11th, is a busy day in our family!

### FROM CLASSMATE BARBARA GRAHAM

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, they called it witchcraft. Now they call it golf.

If you jog in a jogging suit, lounge in lounging pajamas and smoke in a smoking jacket, WHY would anyone want to wear a windbreaker?

Best of all...I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top!!

### OPEN HOUSE

Jane, Cynthia and I would like to thank everyone for attending our Christmas open house. We had folks in all day long and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Don't forget the open house at Citizens Bank and Wells Fargo Bank on the 18th, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. I know they will both be nice.

### News

Please call and let me know of your holiday guests, parties or just any news you would like to share. Call 495-0277, and I would love to visit with you. I'll close for this week. May God bless each of you and happy holidays!



The Southland 4-H Club won second place with its imaginative float in last Saturday's "Lighted Christmas Parade" downtown. The event was sponsored by the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau.

## "Where Holiday Bells are Ringing" at OS Museum

The OS Museum, as it has been in holiday seasons past, is "Where Holiday Bells Are Ringing."

The museum's annual holiday exhibit, now a hallmark of the holiday season is Post, features beautiful nativities, crèches, bells and breathtaking crystal pieces. The exhibit is open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m.

A 28-page brochure assists visitors to the exhibit in learning more about the individual pieces displayed. Each display window in the museum is numbered, and objects and artifacts are numbered to correspond with descriptions in the brochure.

This year's exhibit features pieces of both historic and contemporary flavors from throughout the world. Artwork from the Philippines, Poland, Peru, Germany, Spain, Italy, Mexico, Chile, India and Russia make up a sampling of the foreign-inspired pieces included in the exhibit, which also includes numerous works from U.S. artisans.

Some of the artworks reflect the spiritual side of the holiday, while

others represent the child-like whimsy with which the Christmas season is often celebrated. A variety of media are used, including wood, papier maché, porcelain, hand-etched crystal, clay, leaded glass and brass.

The OS Museum is a facet of the OS Ranch Foundation created by Giles C. McCrary and family. The museum was created to house the art and artifact collection the family has gathered from around the world.

The museum is located at 201 E. Main Street in downtown Post.

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The Post Girl Scouts won third place with their unique lighted float in last Saturday's "Lighted Christmas Parade" sponsored by the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau.



Texas Tech's Masked Rider Jessica Melvin was a crowd pleaser at last Saturday's "Lighted Christmas Parade" downtown. The parade was sponsored by the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau.

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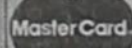
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Rookie Post Volunteer Fireman Roger Daugherty with Santa Claus at the recent VFD Christmas party.



Rookie Post Volunteer Fireman Ken Finch with Santa Claus at the recent VFD Christmas party.



Eric and Jayta Cravy were recently awarded the "Community Builders Award" for their outstanding contributions to the community. The award was presented by the Post Masonic Lodge.



Rookie Post Volunteer Fireman Steven Henry with Santa Claus at the recent VFD Christmas party.



Rookie Post Volunteer Fireman Johnny Torres with Santa Claus at the recent VFD Christmas party.

### 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.

#### Water Management Conference set for Dec. 17

The Fourth Annual Lynn/Garza Counties Water Management Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17 at the Center for Housing & Community Development in Tahoka (1400 avenue K). Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the conference will conclude with a noon meal.

Natural Resource Conservation Service, irrigation industry, Texas Cooperative Extension, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District personnel will be on hand to discuss water management strategies and issues. Topics to be discussed include: renozzling center pivots, soil moisture monitoring, drip system maintenance, safety, understanding test results, cost share opportunities, and a producer panel to discuss water management strategies.

Pesticide license holders will receive 3 CEU's. For more information, contact Bryan Reynolds at 806/561-4562, Greg Jones at 806/495-4400 or Mario Avila at 806/998-4501.



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### Extension Extras

#### 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. You can find more information in Greg's column, "Living On the Edge of the Cap" elsewhere in this paper.

#### 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. Post Senior 4-H Club will have a concession stand throughout the day.

### Roosevelt trips 7th grade boys

The seventh grade Antelopes fell to Roosevelt Monday night, 51-32.

Roosevelt led scoring in all four quarters, but the 'Lopes played a tight game in all but the second period.

Eric Guerrero led scoring for Post with 14 points, followed by Camron Shumard with eight points, James Griffin had five points, Tim Wilson and Alex Heckaman each scored two points and Jeremy Short scored a single point to round out the Antelope effort.

"This was a lot better game than what the score was," the coach said. "They kids played very hard."

The team lost to Tahoka 36-23 on Dec. 2.

Post had a sluggish offensive start but outscored Tahoka in the final period to put a scare into their

opponents.

"This group is starting to come around," the coach said. "They have played a lot better the last two games."

Wilson led scoring with seven points, followed by Griffin with five, Short and Shumard with three apiece, Cass Tatum and Richard suit with two each and Pat Reiter, one point.

On Nov. 25, the 'Lopes lost 40-28 to Idalou.

"The kids played hard," the coach said. "This was the best game they have played all season."

Leading scorers for Post in the game were Guerrero and Griffin with six points each. Wilson, Call Windham, Tatum, Heckaman and Dylan Davis each scored two points in the game.

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When I think over what I have said, I envy dumb people.  
—Seneca

### 8th grade girls win 37-33

The Post eighth grade girls rolled over Roosevelt Monday night by a score of 37-33.

Sarah Kirkpatrick led scoring for the ladies with 16 points. Larissa Halford followed with 10 points. Rachel Gray had seven points, Anahi Garcia had two points and Keisha Odom and Kylie Easterling each added one point.

The game was knotted at eight-all at the close of the first period and at 15-all at the half. Post pushed the offensive effort up a notch in the third to take a 30-23 lead, which spilled over into the win.

"Roosevelt was a good team," said Coach Kara Grace. "We used our speed to win this game. The girls did a good job adjusting to changes I had to make and did a very good job executing them."

"Sarah Kirkpatrick and Larissa Halford had an excellent game. They both put up points and made great defensive plays."

The Post girls added another mark to the win column last week with a 37-20 victory over Tahoka.

Halford led scoring in the contest with 11 points, followed by

Kirkpatrick with seven points and Easterling with six. Gray had five points, while Odom and Jackie Hays each scored three points. Steffi Norman had two points in the game.

Post jumped out to an 11-4 lead at the close of the first period and extended that lead to 22-10 at the half. The Lady 'Lopes never looked

back.

"The girls played very well," the coach said. "Seven players scored, which is really good. We ran the floor well and played hard defense."

"Claire Kirkpatrick did an excellent job coming in the game and playing defense."

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—Italian proverb

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### Middle School hosts basketball tourney

Post Middle School will host a basketball tournament in Antelope Arena this weekend.

Play will begin Thursday at 4 p.m. when the Post eighth grade girls take on the Tahoka eighth grade girls. The eighth grade boys from Post will follow, matched up against their Tahoka counterparts at 5:15 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m., the seventh grade Lady 'Lopes will take on the Meadow seventh grade girls, and at 7:45 p.m., Post's seventh grade Antelopes will lay host to the Meadow seventh grade boys.

Play will resume on Saturday. The following schedule will be observed:

- 9 a.m. - Post B Team Girls vs. Meadow 7th grade girls. • 10:15 a.m. - Post B Team Boys vs. Meadow 7th grade boys. • 11:30 a.m. - Meadow 7th grade girls vs. Tahoka 7th grade girls. • 12:45 p.m. - Meadow 7th grade boys vs. Tahoka 7th grade boys. • 2 p.m. - Post 7th grade girls vs. Tahoka 7th grade girls. • 3:15 p.m. - Post 7th grade boys vs. Tahoka 7th grade boys. • 4:30 p.m. - Post 8th grade girls vs. Tahoka 8th grade girls. • 5:45 p.m. - Post 8th grade boys vs. Tahoka 8th grade boys.

The championship will be determined by the team with the best record. Ties will be broken by the team that gives up the fewest points.

### 7th grade girls win big

The seventh grade Lady 'Lopes romped over Roosevelt Monday night with a 20-12 win.

"This was the best game these girls have played all year," the coach said. "They played like a team and saw the floor extremely well. Our press really hurt Roosevelt and the girls did a great job executing the press."

"Tyler Menchaca did a great job coming in the game, cracking scoring opportunities and getting steals on the press."  
Samantha Hoover led scoring for the Lady 'Lopes, scoring seven points. Lori Jones and Tamara Raymundo each had four points, while Lauren Gonzales had three points and Marlee Plummer, two points.

The team outscored its opponent in each quarter.

Tahoka edged past the Post seventh grade girls last week in a 31-23 game.

Post came out to lead scoring in the first two periods but lost the momentum in the third quarter.

"We played good in the first half, but got out hustled in the second half," the coach said. "We have to get more aggressive and see the floor better."

Gonzales led the Lady 'Lopes in scoring with eight points, while Raymundo had five points and Jones, four points. Hoover earned three points, Brenna Postell had two points and Plummer, one point.

### Benefit for Mike Short family Jan. 18

A benefit to assist the family of the late Mike Short will be held Saturday, January 18 at the Post VFW Hall.

The event will benefit Monique Figueroa and children of Mike Short who recently died in an accident.

The all day event will include BBQ plates at \$5 each, call in orders at 495-3785. There will also be a cake walk, raffle drawing for a .243 Savage rifle with scope and case and a live auction starting at 3 p.m.

A dance featuring music by Tommy Reed and Texas Mesquite will be held from 8 p.m. til 12:30 a.m.

### Two arrests reported

Local law enforcement officials reported two arrests made in Garza County during the past week.

A 32-year-old was arrested and jailed for furnishing alcohol to a minor, and a 28-year-old was picked up on warrants out of Ector County, according to reports. Both arrests were made Dec. 8.

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# Obituaries

## Jessie Cerda

Services for Jessie Cerda, 48, of Amarillo were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 9, 2002, in the Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Home with Father Pat Carathers officiating. Burial followed in the Llano Cemetery.

He died Friday, Dec. 6, in Amarillo. Born in San Antonio, he married Rebecca Lopez May 2, 1976, in Amarillo. He worked for Doche Cleaners.

Survivors include his wife, Rebecca Cerda; one daughter, Laura Leighann Cerda of Amarillo; two sons, Jessie Cerda Jr. and Richard Daniel Cerda, both of Amarillo; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Camillo and Diane Cerda and Augustina and Cindy Cerda, all of Amarillo, and Johnny and Gayle Cerda of Odessa; his parents, Olga and Johnny Perez of Amarillo; and two grandchildren, Jessie and Katlin Cerda of Amarillo.

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### THE COMPLAINERS

WHEN IT CAME TO COMPLAINTS, THE ORIGINAL ISRAELITES WHOM MOSES LED OUT OF EGYPT WERE ALMOST IN A LEAGUE BY THEMSELVES! FIRST THEY THOUGHT THEY WOULD BE DESTROYED AT THE RED SEA. THEN, WHEN THE PHARAOH AND HIS HORSEMEN WERE DESTROYED INSTEAD (EX. 14:27) THEY COMPLAINED ABOUT LACK OF WATER--THEN IT WAS LACK OF FOOD! WHEN THE DAILY MANNA WAS PROVIDED, THEY AGITATED ABOUT THE SAMENESS OF THEIR DIET AND COMPLAINED BITTERLY ABOUT BEING TAKEN INTO THE WILDERNESS TO DIE, AND A NEVER ENDING COMPLAINT WAS ABOUT THE LACK OF WATER. THE FIRST TIME THEY DEMANDED WATER THEY WERE ONLY JUST ENTERING THE WILDERNESS.....



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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION: There Is No Such Thing as Federal Aid

85th General Assembly STATE OF INDIANA  
 House Concurrent Resolution No. 2  
 INDIANA needs no guardian and intends to have none. We Hoosiers — like the people of our sister states — were fooled for quite a spell by the magician's trick that a dollar taxed out of our pockets and sent to Washington, will be bigger when it comes back to us. We have taken a good look at said dollar. We find that it lost weight in its journey to Washington and back. The political brokerage of the bureaucrats has been deducted. We have decided that there is no such thing as "federal" aid. We know that there is no wealth to tax that is not already within the boundaries of the 48 states.

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## And thereafter, Taxation 101

by Walter E. Williams



We need government, and that means taxes. But when we think about government spending, and the taxes needed to finance its spending, we should also think of the effects of taxation.

Suppose I hire you to repair my computer. The job is worth \$200 to me and doing the job is worth \$200 to you. The transaction will occur because we have a meeting of the mind. Now suppose there's the imposition of a 30 percent income tax on you. That means you won't receive \$200 but instead \$140. You might say the heck with working for me — spending the day with your family is worth more than \$140.

You might then offer that you'll do the job if I pay you \$285. That way your after-tax earnings will be \$200 — what the job was worth to you. There's a problem. The repair job was worth \$200 to me, not \$285. So it's my turn to say the heck with it.

This simple example demonstrates that one effect of taxes is that of eliminating transactions, and hence jobs. But politicians have what we economists call a zero elasticity vision of the world. They think people will behave after taxes just as they behaved before taxes and the only effect of a tax is to bring in more revenue.

Here's a question for you: Would we and society be better off if you and I agreed to the repair job but did not tell anybody? I'd say yes, but we'd be criminals.

Here's another tax question: Which worker receives the higher pay on a road construction project: a worker moving dirt with a shovel or a worker moving dirt atop a giant earthmover? If you said the guy on the earthmover, go to the head of the class. But why?

It's not because he's unionized or that employers just love earthmover operators. It's because he's more productive and the reason is that he has more capital (tools) with which to work. In general, the more capital workers have to work with, the higher their pay.

So what's a good policy for higher wages? One is to keep the cost of capital formation low so companies will do more of it. Policies that raise the cost of capital formation and lower risk-taking are high corporate income taxes, low allowances for depreciation and capital gains taxes.

Those who want to see higher productivity gains and higher wages, of which I'm one, should champion tax reductions. How in the world can tobacco companies survive and remain profitable in the wake of punitive taxes, penalties and court settlements? If the government and the courts imposed these multibillion dollar sanctions on the beef industry, it would have been long gone.

The answer's easy. Corporations do not pay taxes, penalties and settlements. A subject area in economics, called the incidence of taxation, says that the party upon whom a tax is levied does not necessarily pay the tax. They might shift it onto some other party.

That's precisely what corporations do. They are merely tax collectors. In the case of tobacco, the punitive taxes, penalties and settlements are shifted forward to consumers in the form of higher prices — thus, government has punished smokers much more than tobacco companies.

If the government made a similar attack on the beef industry, it would be out of business. Why? There are many substitutes for beef that consumers would turn to, whereas there're few substitutes for tobacco.

Imposition of oppressive taxes on goods having few substitutes is standard fare for government. King George III did it with what our ancestors called the Intolerable Acts (Stamp Tax, Tea Tax and others). But not for long.

Americans of that day hadn't learned the lessons of submissiveness and compliance — they rebelled.

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## Gun control misses the target

by Scott McPherson

In the aftermath of the Washington-area sniper killings, editorial pages and ambitious politicians alike are clamoring for more gun-control laws. This is hardly surprising, given that the professed connection between guns and crime is practically an article of faith.

But what if guns really have nothing to do with violent crime? What if even the most restrictive gun-control measures don't work, or even make things worse? The facts suggest that may be closer to the mark. Gun-control proponents have long pointed to countries such as England as evidence for their claims. Look across the Atlantic, they say.

England doesn't have the crime and violence that the United States has. Surely this must be related to the low availability of firearms. America should learn from its more civilized cousins. However, not only does that assertion now appear to be a misfire, but it purposely avoids comparisons that show the "guns cause crime" fallacy for what it is.

It also keeps Americans from pursuing real solutions to the crime problem. This mixture certainly provides firepower for the gun-control agenda, but it will continue to make for terrible public policy. Let us look at England then. Since the British government banned virtually all private gun ownership in 1997, crime has skyrocketed. Violent crime has more than doubled in the last five years.

England's overall crime rate actually leads Western nations — including the United States. Even the UK's historically low homicide rate is under fire. While violent crime has been falling for the past 10 years in America, murders in England are increasing.

Twenty years ago there were 8.7 homicides in the United States for every homicide in England, a startling disparity that gun-control supporters never failed to celebrate as proof of their cause. Today, that ratio has dropped to as low as 3.5 to 1, but the gun-control movement is strangely silent about that.

Something else gun-control zealots conveniently omit from their discussion of crime and violence is Switzerland. In that peaceful little mountain country the average household contains three guns, comparable to the situation in Texas. From the age of 20, Swiss males are required to keep an assault rifle for purposes of national defense.

The Swiss government actually sells surplus military rifles to the citizenry, and a permit to carry a concealed handgun is easily obtained. Despite that nation's "love affair" with firearms, Switzerland enjoys the lowest crime rate in Europe.

If guns cause crime, someone forgot to tell the Swiss. If gun control

is the answer to violence, someone forgot to tell the English. Back on this side of the pond, towns like Kennesaw, Georgia, put gun-control arguments to the test, and again they are shown to be of a very low caliber.

For the past 20 years, residents of this Atlanta suburb have been required by law to keep a gun in their home. The result is two decades of steadily falling crime rates, over and above national and state trends. The research of award-winning criminologist Gary Kleck suggests that as many as 2.5 million times per year — about 5,000 times per day — Americans use guns to defend themselves. In fact, private citizens kill more felons than the police.

Yale Law School senior research scholar John Lott showed in his book, "More Guns, Less Crime," that states allowing their citizens to carry concealed handguns have lower rates of murder, rape, and assault. The truth is, armed citizens discourage crime, and disarmed people are easy prey for violent thugs.

Instead of promoting the same failed paradigm of the last 30 years, perhaps it would be wiser for gun-control advocates to investigate other reasons for America's crime "epidemic." A likely candidate is our highly destructive war on drugs, which breeds a large and vicious criminal class, misdirects police resources, and fills prisons with nonviolent drug users while returning violent criminals to the streets.

If we have learned anything from both our own experiences and events overseas, it is that the only effect guns have on crime is to make people worse off when they aren't around. Gun control may provide catchy sound bites at election time, but it misses the target by a long shot.

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"War is at best barbarism.... Its glory is all moonshine. It is only those who have neither fired a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded who cry aloud for blood, more vengeance, more desolation. War is hell." —Herbert Spencer, Graduation Address at Michigan Military Academy [June 19, 1879] "In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist." —Dwight D. Eisenhower, Farewell Address [January 17, 1961] - Courtesy Future of Freedom Foundation



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The Post junior varsity team trounced Roosevelt evening 34-11.

The Lady Lopes led quarters and blanked in the second period.

The girls played the effort of the season. "Great passing and defense. Dionn Hecker, Zobia and Kadie Veong on the defensive."

Sunnie Barbosa, Roxanne Orna led the squad with nine points.

Wartes had five points and ALana Zobia had two.

The squad also took in the All-Saints Tournament.

Post lost to Trinity in final competition of the Trinity outscored Post first period and 17-8 in third period scoring Trinity's favor, while closer in the final seven points to Trinity.

Orona scored 10 points, Lopes, followed by Wartes, Kadie Barbosa each scored two.

Zobia scored a single point.

"The girls had a solid tournament," the girls play well as a team.

The girls won their first Lubbock Home School.

The Lubbock squad of local girls 7-6 in the first.

Post scored seven points in five in the second. In the Post scored eight points.

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The girls also nabbed over Lubbock Christmas tournament.

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## JV Gold ladies trounce Roosevelt 34-11

The Post junior varsity gold girls team trounced Roosevelt Monday evening 34-11.

The Lady Lopes led scoring in all quarters and blanked Roosevelt 9-0 in the second period.

"The girls played their best team effort of the season," the coach said. "Great passing and lots of hustle on defense. Dionn Heckaman, ALana Zubia and Kadie Vernon played strong on the defensive side."

Sunnie Barbosa, Ashley Powell and Roxanne Orna led scoring for the squad with nine points each. Erin Wartes had five points in the game and ALana Zubia had two points.

The squad also took second place in the All-Saints Tournament last week.

Post lost to Trinity 58-25 in their final competition of the tournament.

Trinity outscored Post 15-6 in the first period and 17-8 in the second. Third period scoring was 14-2 in Trinity's favor, while Post pulled closer in the final period, scoring seven points to Trinity's nine.

Orna scored 10 points for the Lady Lopes, followed by Powell with six points. Wartes, Kadie Vernon and Barbosa each scored two points, and Zubia scored a single point.

"The girls had a solid effort during the tournament," the coach said. "They play well as a team."

The girls won their game against the Lubbock Home School 27-24.

The Lubbock squad outscored the local girls 7-6 in the first period, but Post scored seven points to Lubbock's five in the second. In the third period, Post scored eight points to Lubbock's two.

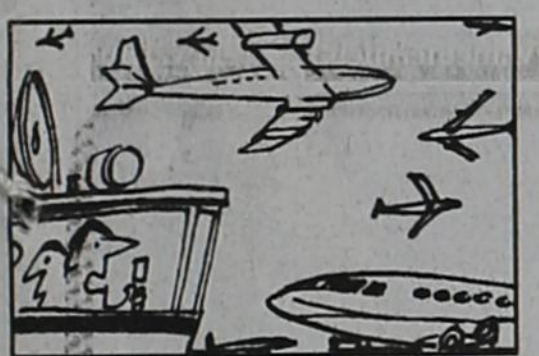
Orna had 11 points in the game, followed by Wartes with eight. Powell and Vernon each scored four points.

The girls also nabbed a 28-18 win over Lubbock Christian in the tournament.

Orna had 15 points, while Powell and Vernon had four points each. Barbosa had three points, and Wartes scored two points.

**The old saw about old dogs and new tricks only applies to certain people.**

—Daniel Pinkwater



Eleven of the world's 16 busiest airports are in the U.S., including the top four—O'Hare in Chicago, Hartsfield in Atlanta, Dallas-Fort Worth and Los Angeles.



**SMALL FRY HOUSEWIVES**—The young ladies pictured above proved Saturday they intend to be good housewives. They accomplished this feat by entering school, play and best dresses in the nine and 10-year old division of the annual county Dress Revue. They are, front row, left to right, Peggy Morris, Graham; Linda Bartlett, Close City; Carolyn Moore, Graham; Shirley Masters, Justiceburg; Frances Barron, Close City; Patsy Thompson, Graham. Second row, left to right, Beatrice Kleson.

Southland; Carolyn Ward, Southland; Kay Hedrick, Post; Ruth Long, Barnum Springs; Sharon McGehee, Southland; Janene Haynie, Barnum Springs. Third row, left to right, Barbara Blacklock, Close City; Patricia Wheatley, Pleasant Valley; Oma Jane Truelock, Southland; Alice Joy Nichols, Post; Donetta Ellis, Southland; Patsy Boykin, Southland; and Nancy Robinson, Pleasant Valley. (Photo by Dispatch Photographer)

From The Post Dispatch, May 1, 1952

## Letters to the Editor

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### Right under our nose...

We can call it a vision, a hunch, gut feeling or simply a fact. I believe the writing is on the wall.

In my view, here is what we can expect in the next 15 years or less, with some of it beginning as soon as four years from now. Or whenever the next Precinct #4 run for county commissioner comes up again.

I believe we can expect politicians from Lubbock County and the City of Lubbock to start infiltrating our county and city government in the very near future. We will begin to see transplanted residents from the Lubbock community begin to swallow the school board as well. Garza County and the City of Post can expect to be under iron hand control by the Lubbock community politicians either directly or indirectly in less than 15 years... mark my word on the calendar.

Of course it's perfectly legal to run for our political offices if one is a resident of the city or county. We cannot think for a minute that our neighbors to the north don't have that up their sleeve.

I sure hope some of our local young people will consider running for all the elected offices in this city and county. I do not believe we want to be controlled

by our Lubbock friends, but if we will look into the crystal ball, we should be able to see it.

I won't ever vote for any candidate that don't have roots embedded in this community, but if our young folks don't stand up and take hold of the situation, we can, and will be taken over by Lubbockites.

Won't be long till all the cars in the courthouse parking lot will have Lubbock County license tags and all the owners will be working in the courthouse... running our business.

I hope Judge Dalby will consider setting the alltime world record oldest and longest setting judge ever to set on a magistrates bench. I hope he'll shoot for another 25 years on the bench... Long as I can pick up a pencil, I'll be voting for him.

We do not need no Innerwood, Outerwood, Overwood or Underwood type guy ever setting on our main seat up at the courthouse.

In my view, I believe the infiltration has already crossed many Lubbock peoples minds. They are just waiting to lurch out like a bunch of demons.

So if the Lubbock City manager has a little brother, he may very well be our next city manager here in Post... Huh? Of course all this may never happen, but I am willing to bet I am pretty well on track with my theory. So to the younger folks, get ready to stand up for your community because the outsiders gonna give you a run for your money. I only got one vote, but the local folks will always be the one to get it. Just food for thought.

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

### Celebrate our families

Now again we are in the holiday season where we especially celebrate our families. It is a good time to be thankful for our parents and better understand them and their influence upon us.

Our job in honoring our parents is twofold. First, we must honestly appreciate them. I say honestly because all parents are flawed at least a little bit, and some are just plain bad parents. Eternal authority gives us permission to evaluate our parents honestly and wherein they may have hurt or have failed us it is all right to say so.

But if we say so we must do it with a merciful heart for most do the best they know how. The problem is that sometime our best that we know is a very pitiful one. So first we must appreciate whatever good we receive from our parents, whether it be a great good or almost no good at all. Then we evaluate them and give thanks for any good gifts they may have given us and we name the bad baggage they also left us. That is our first job.

Secondly, we must go beyond our parents psychologically, spiritually, intellectually in developing wholeness of self. This is where honesty about ourselves and our parents is all important in healing ourselves and becoming more whole.

Doing our twofold job is necessary to our well being and the well being of our society. Unless we mercifully give thanks for the good our parents gave us while going beyond the bad baggage they may have left us, we and our society are doomed. That is the meaning and promise of one of the Ten Commandments which says, "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you." Honoring means blessing them all we can in spite of their sin. It does not mean overlooking their sin.

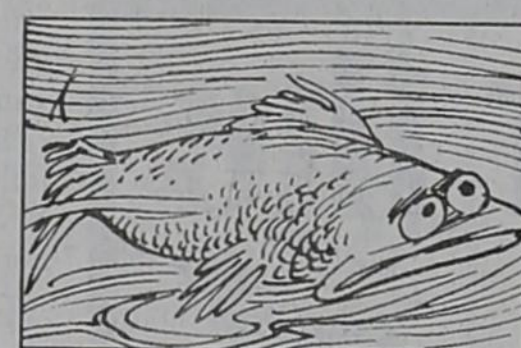
Exodus 20:5 says that God visits "the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and fourth generations of those who hate me, but showing loving kindness to thousands to those who love me and keep My commandments." This means that those who do not yield to the way of love and evaluate and deal with the negative baggage their parents may have imparted to them are doomed to carry that baggage with them, and to repeat some of the negative behavior patterns and the negative patterns may be passed on even to the third and fourth generations. But those who break the pattern of destructive behavior and turn to the way of love will experience God's loving kindness. That is, they will learn to bless themselves and carry that blessing with them wherever they go.

Our past may have hurt us and filled us with pain but we do not have to continue that way. We can be healed by accepting God's acceptance of us. Why not give yourself this great Christmas present this year?

Rev. Alvin Petty



Lake Baikal in Siberia, Russia is the deepest lake in the world. Its deepest part measures 5,371 feet—slightly more than one mile.



A young salmon may be called a parr, a smolt or a grilse.

Remember that it is far better to follow well than to lead indifferently.  
—John G. Vance

# Yesteryears

December 9, 1992

10 Years Ago

Congratulations are in order for Radley Nichols and Shelly Haney on their performances in the area all-state choir auditions held recently in Lubbock. Nichols advances to the next level of auditions after finishing as third chair. Haney finished the area auditions as the second alternate.

Cammie Payne and Erica Schooler attended the Josey World Championship Barrel Racing Clinic held in Marshall, Texas.

Nancy Criado a Law Enforcement Student at South Plains College became on of sixty-six students from the College to be accepted into the National Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges.

A bridal shower honoring Rachel Wilson, bride elect of Lex Dunn, was held in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gerngross, Jr. of Wall announce the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie, to Wade Giddens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Giddens.

December 8, 1982

20 Years Ago

Garza County Judge Giles Dalby was elected President of the Texas Association of Counties during a meeting held by the association in Austin last Friday.

Tom Bouchier was honored on his 84th birthday by the VFW Ladies Auxiliary with a Fish Fry in his honor.

David Morrow was on of the featured soloists during Monday evening's Second Annual Holiday Sacred Music Festival, which was sponsored by the Post Ministerial Alliance.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Lee Jones, Jr., of Snyder announce the birth of a son, Ivan Lee Jones III, born Sunday, November 28 in Lubbock's Methodist

December 7, 1972

30 Years Ago

Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Morrison have sold their home here at 516 West 12th St. and moved this week to San Antonio. Dr. Morrison, a chiropractor, suffered a heart attack several months ago, and said he will be inactive for a least the next six months.

Mr. and Mrs. Deljuan Wilson will return Saturday from a one week vacation trip to Hawaii, which Wilson won on sales achievements as local distributor for the Morton Food Co.

A noon luncheon honor L. H. Mathis on his 80th birthday was held in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Mathis.

Santa Claus and the "Top Twenty" singing group will be featured at Postex Plant's 18th annual Christmas

party in the shipping department.

The bottom fell out of the thermometer here Tuesday with temperatures plunging from 69 degrees at mid-day to an overnight low of 10 degrees as the coldest cold front of the season punched through.

Three more arrests have been made by Deputy Sheriff Lloyd Merritt to clean up a recent series of four week-end burglaries of a tool house, VFW Club, La Fiesta Restaurant, and the Long Branch Tavern.

Troy Jenkins of the Brownfield Cubs was one of three players to make the All-District 3AAA team both ways, on both offense and defense.

December 13, 1962

40 Years Ago

Vivian McWhirt representing the Post chapter, was elected Future Farmers of American district sweetheart at the annual Mesa District banquet here Monday night.

Buck Craft, manager of Planters Gin here, escaped serious injury Saturday when his pickup truck collided with a compact car driven by J. C. Hamm, 62, of Tahoka.

Members of the First Presbyterian Church at a Christmas dinner in City Hall last night pledged \$20,000 for the construction of their new church—the amount necessary to get work under way by next April.

Too much late basketball on school nights boiled up at the December school trustees meeting Monday night and resulted in an agreement to hold a special trustee's session in January.

The Post city council at its regular meeting heard complaints against Police Chief Elton Corley from four persons, one of whom filed charges against Corley of assault and use of obscene language.

December 11, 1952

50 Years Ago

An "airplane load" of gifts for Korean Veterans will be shipped from Post. The response to the project has been tremendous... the packages have piled up high and wide.

Eight additional doctors were added to the Consulting Staff of Garza Memorial hospital when the Board of Trustees of the hospital met recently.

Oscar Graham, Garza County farmer and former commissioner of precinct 2, was appointed County Judge. He will fill the unexpired term of the late Judge H. M. Snowden.

Three fires throughout the Garza County area this week caused considerable damage to Gus Gatzki's gin in the Gordon community. The second blaze was in the Graham community when the Methodist church building caught fire. The third fire occurred when a trailer house in the Welch trailer camp caught fire.

## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
by Tumbleweed Smith

### Homecoming stories

In 1964 I was doing news for a radio station. I was interested in documenting every facet of life in the city. I covered service club meetings right along with the police, city hall and court house beats. I always taped the high school graduation ceremonies and gave copies of those recordings to the parents of the valedictorian and salutatorian, who made speeches during the events.

In 1964 I recorded the graduating seniors' high school assembly. This is where the senior class makes a gift to the school and the class will be read. (Don Jones was his

seat in Mrs. Rice's Chemistry class to whoever is brave enough to take it, etc.) The class president makes a speech and a class scrapbook is presented to the library.

Scholarships and other honors are awarded. They sing the class song and the school song. I gave a copy of that tape to class member Chip Sweeney and told him to keep the tape for posterity.

Little did I know he would end up in broadcast production and his class would become the one that has the best reunions. This year, 38 years after making the recording, Chip took that 45 minute tape and edited it into a 10 minute audio visual production and showed it at the reunion. It went over

My wife is in the class of 1962 and during homecoming activities this year her class had five get togethers. These are always fun. Goofy prizes are handed out to the one who came the most distance, the couple who has been married the longest, the most changed since high school, the least changed and the class member with the most grandchildren.

Throughout the weekend, everybody was telling stories. A girl named Lana had the best one. She dated the captain of the high school football team. She wore his letter jacket and his senior ring. The ring was much too big for her and she wrapped adhesive tape around the bottom of it on it to make it fit her tiny finger.

It seems the football player wanted to break up with her while they were on a date. This devastated Lana. She couldn't stand the thought of giving up her jacket and ring and her prominent position as the girlfriend of the captain of the football team. She had to do something desperate.

She faked an appendicitis attack. She grabbed her side and screamed like she was in terrible pain. The star football player (let's call him Steve) took her home and she continued the charade. Her father got in the car with them and told Steve to drive to the hospital emergency room as fast as he could.

Right about now Lana is getting a little worried. She knew her father would not be pleased if he found out she was only joking to save her letter jacket and ring. The doctor punched around on her side and each time he did, Lana screamed like she was in pain. The doctor took her to surgery and removed her appendix.

She was in the hospital a few days. The breakup finally did occur and Lana gave up her precious jacket and ring. 29 years later, in 1991, Lana ran into Steve at a class reunion. She went up to him and said "Do you remember me?" Steve said no.

Lana walked away.

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# Sports

## Lady Lopes capture consolation at Borden Co. tourney

The Lady Lopes varsity squad captured the consolation championship trophy in the Borden County Tournament last week.

Sidelining the team's performance was an individual achievement - Lady Lope Brittney Courtney won the tournament's free throw shooting championship.

The girls won their final game against Forsan to seal the consolation trophy win. Courtney led scoring with 17 points.

The team plowed through five opponents to take the tournament consolation honors. The girls' first game was Dec. 5 against Forsan. Post won that game handily by a score of 60-20.

Post jumped out to a 12-6 lead in the first quarter and a 29-14 lead at the half. The squad managed to shut out Forsan's offensive efforts in the third period while pouring in another 14 points.

"Everyone played well and everyone scored," Coach Randy Courtney said.

Courtney led scoring in that game as well, garnering 20 points. Nikki Norman has 12 points, Kaycee Gorman had eight points and Tayler Starkey had six points. Donae Dalby added four, Courtney Short and Logan Gregory each scored three and Jessica Mason and Patricia Hester contributed two points apiece.

Post fell short in the second game of the tournament, allowing Ralls a

44-41 overtime victory.

The game was a seesaw battle, with scoring led by Norman who posted 26 points in the game. Gorman had eight points, Starkey, five, and Courtney, two points.

"We did not play our best game as a team," the coach said. "Nikki Norman played extremely well on the offensive end of the floor." In their third tourney game against Wellman, Post dictated the pace of the game and came away with a 48-36 win.

Courtney led scoring for the Lady Lopes with 19 and Norman had five points. Mason had seven, Starkey, six, and Gorman and Hester each added two points to the scoreboard.

"The girls played well again," the coach said. "Brittney Courtney found her shot, and we did a really good job rebounding."

In the team's fourth game in tournament play, Post defeated Meadow by a score of 56-31.

Norman topped the offensive effort for the Lady Lopes with 18 points, followed by Gorman with 11 and Courtney with 10. Other scorers included Starkey with five points, Mason and Dalby with four apiece, Gregory with three and Short with two points.

Coach Courtney lauded the team for its good defensive effort.

## 'Lopes win consolation trophy at tournament

"We're getting better every week," coach Dane Vickers says about this year's Post Antelope varsity basketball team following last weekend's tournament at Borden County.

The Lopes took the consolation trophy with wins over Lubbock Christian High School, Roscoe and Ralls.

"Our kids played well at the tourney," Vickers adds, "they played an up-tempo game, the kind we like to play, and each player knows their role and are contributing. We're going to get better the more we play."

The Lopes opened the tournament with a 57-33 loss to Forsan, with Jarrett Vickers leading the scoring at eight points. Other players and scoring were Kenny Ratke (6), Jett Lott (4), Brice Easterling (4), Mitchell Mills (3), Sterling Smith (3), Jerrad Grisham (3) and Jerrison Moore (2).

In the second contest the Lopes hammered LCHS 65-40, with Smith hitting 16 points to lead the team. Vickers, Lott and Grisham each scored eight, followed by Mills and Janssen Eilenberger with six; Easterling and Moore with five and Ratke with three.

The Lopes set a fast pace in the 46-36 win over Roscoe, with Smith leading at 13 points. Mills got 11, Vickers hit for 10, Lott got six and two each were credited to Ratke, Easterling and Grisham.

In the final contest for the consolation trophy, the Lopes ran away from Ralls with a 50-28 win. Vickers led the scoring with 14, followed by Grisham with 13. Lott got eight, Moore picked up six, Smith hit for four, Mills got three and Ratke scored two points.

"We're playing pretty good defense," coach Vickers observes, "we're holding opponents to an average of 35 points."

The team travels to Abernathy Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the tournament there and some tough competition. Number one rated Shallowater leads the pack, along with number one rated Class A Nazareth, last year's state champs Peaster and number rated Abernathy.

"This kind of competition will be good for us," coach Vickers says.

## JV Girls set 8-4 record

The Post junior varsity girls squad boosted its season record to 6-4 last week with a 28-25 win over Loop.

The Lady Lopes led scoring 10-2 in the first quarter and 10-8 in the second, but the offensive effort slipped in the second half. The team managed to hang on for the win.

Kayla Morris, Jenee Lott and Laurel Tatum shared top scoring honors for Post, posting eight points apiece. Traci Nelson, Lyndee Strawn and Courtney Copeland each scored two points.

The team also won a game last week over Sands, 40-35.

Kayla Dunn provided a strong offensive performance, contributing 16 points to the Lopes' total. Tatum scored five points, Strawn had four points and Lott, Nelson and Ashley Wilson each scored two points. Morris added a single point.

The score remained close for much of the game, but the Post squad opened it up in the fourth quarter to clinch the victory.

On Dec. 3, the team lost 37-17 to Levelland.

Levelland led scoring in all periods, taking a 16-10 point lead into the half. Post's offensive effort fell flat in the final two quarters, allowing Levelland to dictate the game's outcome.

Dunn was top scorer for Post, followed by Tatum, Strawn and Wilson with three points each. Lott had two points in the game.

## JV boys place 3 on tourney squad

The Post junior varsity boys Black Team earned a tournament win over the weekend and landed three of its members on the all-tournament team.

Cole Easterling, Jordan Tatum and Coco Valdez were listed on the all-tourney squad, and the team earned top tournament honors with a 55-39 win over Midland Classic Academy.

Post outscored Midland 22-12 in the first period and 28-8 in the second.

Easterling led scoring for the Black Team with 23 points. Mark Norman had eight points, Tony Garay, six points, Valdez, five, and Kenney Garay, three points.

"The boys poured their heart into this championship game and came out with a victory," the coach said. "All the boys worked hard throughout the tournament."

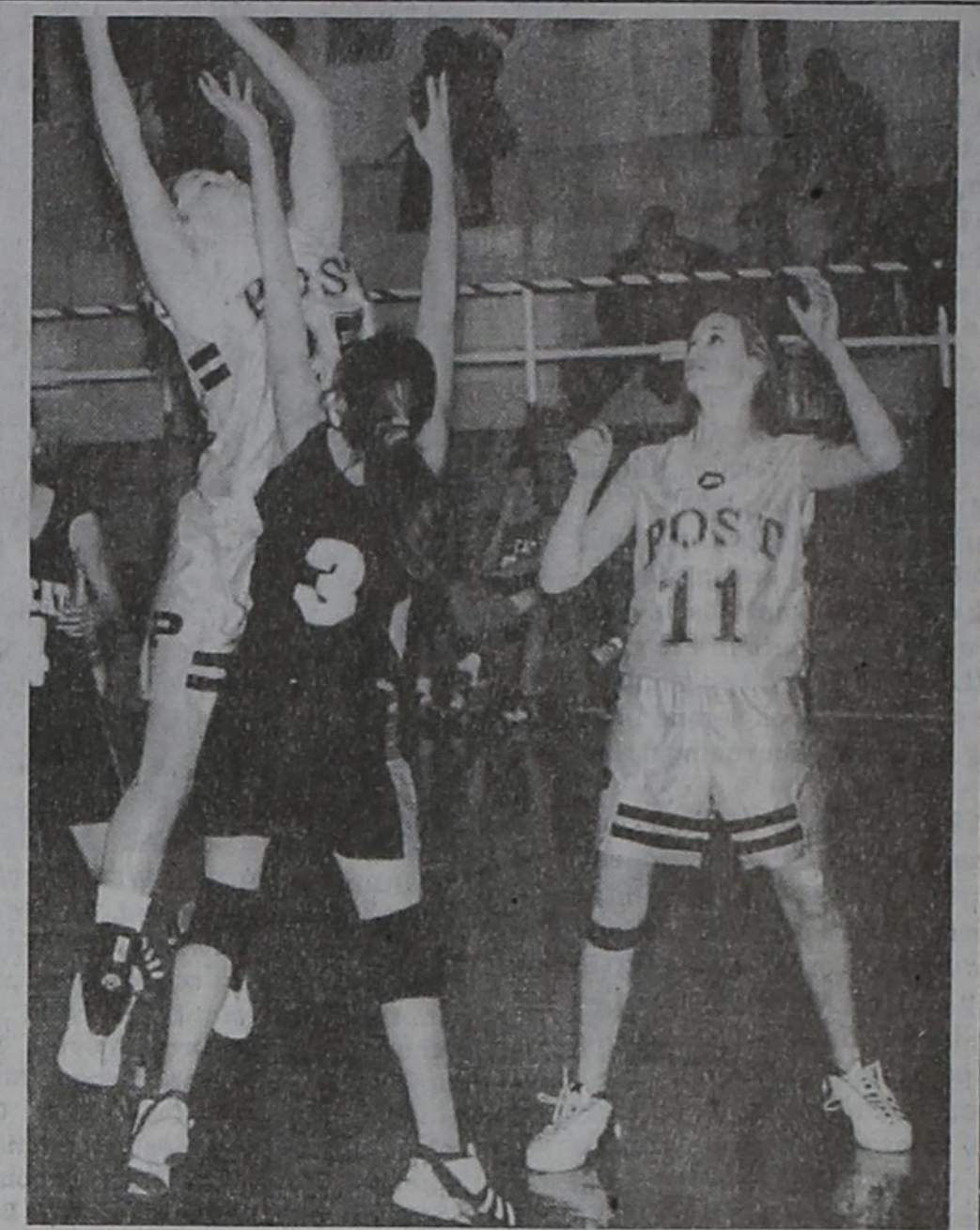
The team defeated Coahoma 60-14 on the way to the tournament championship game.

Tatum topped scoring in this contest with 12, followed by Tony Garay with 11 and Easterling with 10. Norman had eight points, Adrian Zubia had six points and Valdez and Casey Williams each scored four points. Quinton Odom and Kyle Gunn added two apiece, and Kenny Garay supplied one.

In their first game of the tourney, the Black Team powered through Sands by a score of 80-36.

Norman led scoring with 16, followed by Easterling and Tony Garay with 14 each. Tatum had nine points, Valdez scored eight, Zubia had six and Williams, Odom and Kenny Garay each added five points to the scoreboard.

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Patricia Hester (25) reaches over a defender for another two points for the Post Lady Lopes as Courtney Short (11) joins in the action at Borden County. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Jarrad Grisham (24) goes for the basket with Kenny Ratke and Jerrison Moore helping out for the Post Antelopes at the Borden County tourney last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Janssen Eilenberger (left) gets set as Brice Easterling lays in another two points for the Post Antelopes in action at Borden County last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

### PHS Bsktball Schedule

Dec. 12-14	I-27 Tourney @ Abernathy	VG, VB
Dec. 16	Plains @ Post	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Dec. 20	Roscoe @ Post	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Dec. 26-28	Bold Gold Holiday Classic	VB, VG
Dec. 31	Abernathy @ Post	JVB, VB
Jan. 3	* New Deal @ New Deal	JVG, VG
Jan. 3	Anton @ Post	JVB, VB
Jan. 7	* Shallowater @ Shallowater	JVG, VG
Jan. 10	* Idalou @ Post	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 14	* Tahoka @ Tahoka	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 17	* Roosevelt @ Post	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 21	* New Deal @ Post	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 24	* Shallowater @ Post	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 28	* Idalou @ Idalou	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Feb. 4	* Roosevelt @ Roosevelt	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Feb. 7	* New Deal @ New Deal	JVB, VB
Feb. 11	* Shallowater @ Shallowater	JVB, VB

\* District Games

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Donae Dalby (22) shoots another two points for the Post Lady Lopes in action at Borden County last weekend. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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