

# The Post Dispatch

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## Marion Cruse gets life giving gift from sister

by Kelley Shriber

In April of 1998, Henrietta Cruse found out that her oldest brother, Marion Cruse, had been hospitalized. Not knowing what for, Ms. Cruse quickly called the hospital to speak with her brother.

"Marion," she said, "Do you need anything?"

"No Button," he replied.

"Let me rephrase that," she said, "What can I give you?"

"A kidney," he answered.

That month, Ms. Cruse, along with two of her other sisters, went through donor testing to see if any of them matched, and "by the grace of God," Ms. Cruse did.

Donor testing includes matching both blood and tissue types of the donor and the person receiving the organ, a five hour psychological examination for the donor and a three day psychological examination for the person who will be receiving the new organ.

Donors must also refrain from smoking or drinking alcohol from the time they are named the donor until the surgery is over.

Once the recipient of the organ finds out that a transplant is necessary, they begin a process known as dialysis.

On April 13, Cruse began his dialysis. This process washes out poisonous, harmful fluids from the body and replaces them with clean, healthy ones. The organ recipient performs it on himself numerous times a day.

There are three types of dialysis options to choose from, and Cruse chose the one commonly known as CAPD. CAPD allows for three types of dialysis solutions to choose from.

"I call them regular, unleaded and premium," he says.

The \$1 million surgery, which was originally scheduled for early October and has a date that has changed "at least four times," was performed December 8.

The procedure took place at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock and was performed by Dr. Helfrich, a kidney specialist.

Dr. Helfrich operated on Ms. Cruse first. This procedure involves a four to six inch cut at the 12th rib in Ms. Cruse's back. He then breaks that rib in order to be able to reach down and retrieve the organ.

"They will take Henrietta's left kidney because it is the largest and the strongest," Cruse says.

"According to Dr. Helfrich," Ms. Cruse says, "My surgery should last about as long as it takes to play 18 holes of golf."

Because Ms. Cruse is a living donor, doctors must take extra care with the valves connecting to the kidney when removing it, or it could be possible for Ms. Cruse to bleed to death.

After removing the kidney from Ms. Cruse, Dr. Helfrich began the process of placing it into the open pocket in Cruse's right thigh.

"They call it piggy-backing," Cruse says, "They won't take out my

other kidneys. Those will just eventually shrivel up to prune size."

Dr. Helfrich will wait until the new kidney begins to make urine until he closes up Cruse.

"We couldn't have made it without the town," Ms. Cruse says. "The community has been with us all the way."

Both siblings have an undetermined hospital stay. Anyone coming in contact with Cruse will have to be in perfect health and wear a mask.

"I call it being quarantined," he says.

"The outlook is really good because the kidney is coming from a sibling," Ms. Cruse says.

Both Marion and Henrietta hope to be back at work within three to six months.

"The best part about this whole thing," Jackie Cruse, Ms. Cruse's son, says, "Uncle Marion gets a new kidney, and my mom can't smoke anymore either."

## Lighted parade inspires Post folks with wide support

Saturday's lighted parade, sponsored by the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau, drew a large number of participants, as well as hefty crowds.

The event saw residents lining the street to catch a glimpse of the almost two-dozen parade entries. The parade rolled along the city's Main Street for about an hour, treating local residents, as well as visitors to Post, to a unique taste of the holiday season.

Judged as the top three floats in the parade were the First United Methodist Church's entry, the Hub City Cruisers float and the Subway float. The church entry won a cash prize of \$500, while the Hub City Cruiser float captured the \$300 prize and Subway, the \$100 prize.

Other parade entries included the Post High School marching band; the Band Boosters float; a float featuring the Post Junior Cheerleaders; the Boy Scouts Pack #314 float; a float representing Norwest Bank; the VFW Ladies Auxiliary float; a MAD DADS float; a Church of God of Prophecy Youth float; Babb's Barbecue float; Prairie Home Antiques float; Great Outdoors float; Dalby's lighted wagon; the 4-H Golden Clover float; the Post Dispatch/Ammon's Printing float; the Texas Tech Masked Rider; and the fire truck with Santa.

Several vendors in town for the monthly Old Mill Trade Days event spoke highly of the parade and were quite impressed with the quality of the floats and the quantity of participants and audience members.

### Hanna takes Muleshoe post

Post city manager Rick Hanna informed city council members Wednesday that he had accepted the city manager's position at Muleshoe and will serve his last day in Post on January 31, 1999.

"It was a very tough decision," Hanna said, "Post has been a wonderful place to work." Hanna came to Post from Lorenzo in April 1994 (watch for more details next week in The Post Dispatch)

## "Steel Magnolias" continues at Garza

"Steel Magnolias," the Garza Theatre's latest production, will be performed Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 11-13, and Dec. 18-20.

Tim McIntire is director of the production, which features Linda Ellis, Laura Bryan, Christy Morris, Sally Graham, Barbi Brown and Morgan Mercer.

Curtain times will be at 7:45 p.m. for Friday and Saturday performances. Sunday matinee performances will be at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12.

The Garza Theatre box office, located at 226 E. Main, is open weekdays from 12:30-5 p.m. Their telephone number is 495-4005.

### • Weather in Post •

Date	High	Low	Precip
Dec. 2	69	42	—
Dec. 3	73	54	—
Dec. 4	64	46	—
Dec. 5	73	45	—
Dec. 6	75	48	—
Dec. 7	60	36	—
Dec. 8	49	31	—
December rainfall — 0.00			
Year-to-date rainfall — 9.861			
Records courtesy Garza County Sheriff's Dept.			

## Garza County United Way campaign report



Total contributions through December 7...

\$4,343.80

Goal this year:

\$21,150

## Big crowd kept Post busy last weekend

More than 7,000 adults visited the Old Mill Trade Days park last weekend during the final pre-holiday event.

"It was a very good weekend, a good event," said Trade Days' Charles Baker. "We were very pleased."

Baker said every space was filled and that all of the vendors he has talked to since the event seemed happy with the turnout.

"I've not heard a negative report at all," he said.

About 1,000 people turned out during Friday's warm and sunny weather and more than 4,000 were on hand for Saturday's shopping and activities, Baker said. Windy conditions on Sunday seemed to hamper the crowds some, but some 2,000 people braved the winds to get a last-minute visit to their favorite Trade Days booths.

Attendance figures count adult visitors to the park only. Baker said many children accompanied their parents and grandparents to Trade Days during the weekend.

"I saw a lot of strollers out there Saturday," he said.

The next Trade Days event, the first of the new year, will be Jan. 1-3. That event traditionally serves as the Trade Days "clearance sale."



### Donation for United Way

Robert Zapata at United Supermarket (right) presents a check for \$672 to United Way president Carol Tobias. The contribution from United Supermarkets was from proceeds of the annual golf tournament benefit.

## Post Notes

### Holiday Hoedown set tonight

Everyone is invited to attend "Santa's Holiday Hoedown" performed by the fourth and fifth grade students tonight. This Christmas jamboree will be performed at 6:30 p.m. and all members of the community are invited to come and get a dose of the holiday spirit. The program will include skits, songs and memories of the holiday season.

### Science Fair exhibit set

Post Elementary School is finishing up its 1998 Science Fair. Judging is scheduled to take place today, Dec. 10. More than 200 projects have been entered. The projects will be on display all day Thursday in the elementary school gym. The public is invited to come and view the projects from 6-8 p.m. Thursday. Awards for the science fair will be presented Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. in the school's auditorium.

### Women's Division to sell cookbooks

The Women's Division of the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau will be selling their cookbooks outside the south gate at Old Mill Trade Days this weekend. Sales will begin Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 9 a.m. On Saturday, the group will also have a bake sale. Cookbooks cost \$10.50.

### Dance to be held Saturday at VFW

A dance will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the VFW. The cover charge will be \$4. Providing music will be the Night Riders Band.

### Faculty vs. alumni basketball game

The PHS Student Council is planning a faculty vs. alumni basketball game on December 14 at 7 p.m. Those interested in participating should contact Shelley at 495-3656 or Kasey at 495-3987. Please leave a message if no answer.

### Cook books on sale

The Women's Division of the Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau announces the arrival of the special cook books. The books are \$10 each and are on sale at Twins Fashions, OS Ranch Shop, Garza Historical Museum, Post Library and the Algerita Gift Shop. Call JoAnn Stelzer at 495-3393.

### Fish fry Friday set at church

The Holy Cross Catholic Church will have a fish fry Friday beginning at 5 p.m. Cost will be \$5 per plate.

### Middle School Science Fair set

Post Middle School will conduct a Science Fair in the school cafeteria today, Dec. 10, from 5-6:30 p.m. The public is invited to drop by and see the projects.

### Magic of Christmas show slated

A benefit show entitled "The Magic of Christmas," 1998 edition, is set for Saturday, Dec. 12, at 2:30 p.m. in the elementary school auditorium. Sponsored by the Post Lions Club, the show will feature several characters, including Santa, Magic, Frosty, Rudolph, Scrooge, a clown and lots of fun and prizes. Tickets are \$4 if purchased in advance or \$5 at the door. Tickets may be purchased from a Lions Club member.

### Raffle to benefit injured firefighter

The Post Fire Department will be raffling off \$150 worth of groceries from United Supermarket Dec. 12 at their chili supper. Raffle tickets will be sold by firefighters for \$1 each; tickets may also be purchased from Delbert Rudd at 495-2618, Mark Short at 495-2355 or Darrell Reece at 495-02565. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit fellow firefighter Jo Ann Winters, a member of the Oplin Volunteer Fire Department who was severely burned Oct. 14 while fighting a brush fire.

### Fire department to host chili supper

The Post Volunteer Fire Department will host a chili supper Saturday, Dec. 12, beginning at 6 p.m. at the fire station. Raffle tickets for \$150 worth of groceries are currently being sold at a cost of \$1 per ticket. This project will benefit firefighter JoAnn Winters, a member of the Oplin Fire Department who was seriously injured recently while fighting a fire. Funds raised will help offset medical bills during her stay in the UMC burn unit. Raffle tickets may be purchased from any fireman. The drawing will be conducted at the chili supper (need not be present to win).

### Revival set at Church of the Nazarene

The Church of the Nazarene will host a revival Dec. 4-13. Nightly services will be at 7 p.m. Evangelists Pat and Donna Burkhalter will be on hand for the services. Sunday services are set for 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.

### Free gift wrapping offered

A free gift wrapping services is being offered through Dec. 18 at "Da House" Teen Center. Boxes will be provided. Wrapping will be done from 7-10 p.m. nightly. Donations will be accepted and will go toward the Afterglow youth Mexico mission trip set for Dec. 19-23. For more information, call Mrs. Morris at 495-4195.

### Little Dribblers organizing now

There will be an organizational meeting of the Post Junior Basketball (Little Dribblers) Thursday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m. in the Norwest Bank Room. All interested individuals are urged to attend.

### Deadline for Santa letters is Dec. 18

The deadline for letters to Santa Claus, to be published later this month in The Post Dispatch, is Friday, Dec. 18. Letters will be accepted from children ages infant through third grade.

### United Way campaign seeks \$21,150

The Garza County United Way campaign is seeking a total of \$21,150 to fund 13 participating units. Donations may be made by mailing to Garza County United Way, P.O. Box 425, Post, Texas 79356. Last year the Garza County United Way was honored as one of the top units of its size in the nation.

### Ladies Auxiliary meets Dec. 14

The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW will meet Monday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m. The district president will attend. The regular meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served at 6 p.m.

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## Bilberry family celebrates reunion at Wagon Wheel Ranch

by Louella Bilberry  
The Wagon Wheel Ranch, northwest of Snyder, was the scene of the first "Luke Bilberry Family Reunion."

I had made reservations 14 months earlier, then wrote my children to make arrangements and start saving their money and "do this for me." I had not had all my family together at one time since April of 1992.

Arriving first was Shorty and family from Whitehouse, then from Garden City, Kansas, came John Tom and Larry and their families. Nan, her sons and daughter-in-law Raina came from New Braunfels. Trish and her family came from San Angelo and last was Sharyn and her family from Amarillo.

We had reserved the lodge and six of the "stalls" in the Guest Barn. We did our cooking and served meals in the Party House.

Friday, the daughters cooked lunch and daughter-in-laws cleaned up. Friday night the men barbecued and grandsons cleaned up. The only rule for breakfast was "first one up make the coffee."

That night was music, music, music. The boys had brought their guitars and Jeff hauled his drums from Kansas. The older teens have discovered "swing" music and dancing.

Saturday the daughters-in-law cooked and daughters cleaned up. Shorty had brought two horses for my city grandchildren to ride. They learned the five points of washer and horseshoe pitchin'. There was a playground with swings, see-saws and buckin' barrels. The children loved the wide-open space. I loved the porches and the rocking chairs.

Saturday night was games and more music.

Attending were John Tom, Alice, Tamara and Jason. Son Jeff and his friend Darcy came from Manhattan, Kansas, where they are students at K-State; Larry, Ann Rusty, Lindy Lou and Sara came from Garden City, Kansas, too.

Sharyn, Steve, Mike from Amarillo. Their daughter, Sonya, flew in from Portland, Oregon. They brought their godchildren, Chandey and Cheserae Tucker.

Nan, Jeremy and Raina and Andy (from A&M) came from New Braunfels with horror stories of the flood.

Trish, Glen, Toni, Becca and Jessie blew in from San Angelo. Trish nipped a finger peeling potatoes, the only injury the whole weekend.

Shorty and Glenn's Luke didn't bring his trumpet but he joined in the singing. His Aunt Nan harmonized with him a few times. (For those of you who remember, Nan can still do a mean wipe-out on the drums.) Luke's little sister, Kenda, did her twirling routines for us. She loved being "little mother" to 18-month-old Sara and 22-month-old Cheserae.

My niece, Leslie Wright, of Odessa and nephew, Bill, of Snyder joined us on Friday.

God blessed me with this loving family, beautiful weather and safe trips for all. My soul's batteries are charged with many new memories.



"Steel Magnolias" Cast at the Garza Theatre  
Wowing audiences at the Garza Theatre are "Steel Magnolias" cast members (left to right) Laura "Mac" Bryan, Linda Ellis, Christy Morris, Barbi Brown, Morgan Mercer and Sally Gresham.

## "Steel Magnolias" gets rave reviews

by Louella Bilberry  
"Steel Magnolias," at the Garza Theatre, is a story of friendships, love, laughter and survival.

Our story takes place in a beauty salon where we meet the owner, Truvy (played by Laura Bryan) and her new, timid shampoo girl, Arnelle (played by Morgan Mercer). Shelby, a young bride-to-be, has come to have her hair dressed for the wedding. Her mother, M'Lynn, is having her hair done too. Shelby is so full of happiness but her mother is so full of worry because of Shelby's health.

Truvy is complaining about her couch potato, TV-addicted husband and shy, sweet Arnelle isn't sure if she's married or not. Mix in rich Clairee who is thinking of buying the local radio station and Ouiser Boudreaux, who is furious because Shelby's dad is upsetting her dog.

Later, Shelby, played by Barbie Brown, is happy in her marriage and determined to defy her mother and her doctor and have a baby. A year passes.

At the last act as we are drowning in our tears, Clairee (played by our own Christy Morris) and Ouiser (played to perfection by Sally Gresham) turn our tears into gales of laughter.

I haven't seen all the plays this year, but I predict a Willie Award for Linda Ellis.

Don't miss this play. Make plans for the weekend of Dec. 11-13 or 18-20.

### Birth

#### Otabio Torres III

Toby Jr. and Tonya Torres are proud to announce the birth of their son, Otabio Torres III, Nov. 23, 1998, in Bay Minnette, Al.

The infant weighed six pounds, 14 ounces, and was 19 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are John and Cynthia Rider of Stapolton, Al. Paternal grandparents are Toby O. and Diane Torres of Post. Maternal great-grandparent is Sadie Rider. Paternal great-grandparent is Felipe Gutierrez.

### Benavidez honored with baby shower

Christina Benavidez was feted with a baby shower Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Norwest Bank banquet room. Hosting the event were her mother, Lydia Mendoza, and sister-in-law, Maribel Mendoza.

Attending were Norma and Veronica Soto, Tina Romero, Davina Soto and Sara Mendoza, all of Post, and Minnie and Pete Martinez, Sylvia Martinez, Esmie Palacio, Terry and Gavina Mendoza, Gloria Lucio, Rosalinda and Monica Mendoza, Rebecca Lucio, Samantha Berdeja, Angelica Goveia and the honoree's high school friend, Rodie, all of Lubbock.

Hosting the games were Mary Mendoza and Teodora Berdeja.

Gifts were also received from Liberty Anthony, Marie Davis, Micaela Gomez, Lydia Soto and from Aunt Beatrice.

The baby is due to arrive Jan. 5.

### LakeRidge church sets Christmas event

The Christmas Celebration Singers, orchestra, handbell ringers, dancers and mime of LakeRidge United Methodist Church in Lubbock will present "Christmas Musical Celebration '98" Sunday, Dec. 20, and Monday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m.

The featured work of the evenings is the new musical, "A Light Still Shines" by Vader, Rouse and Kirkland. There will also be Christmas carol singing by the audience accompanied by a full orchestra.

The public is invited to attend the celebrations, which will take place in the church building located at 4701 82nd Street (82nd at Toledo) in Lubbock.

### Guitar champ performs at Bluegrass Fair

Steve Kaufman, a three-time guitar champion, will be the headline artist Saturday, Dec. 12, at South Plains College's annual Bluegrass Fair.

Concert time is 7:30 p.m. in the Tom T. Hall Production Studio in SPC's Creative Arts Building. Admission is free. Several SPC bluegrass ensembles will be showcased.

Kaufman is the only musician to play three times in guitar at the National Flatpicking Championships in Winfield, Kansas.

He has been touring since 1976, performing in a variety of settings. His music includes a broad range of styles — bluegrass favorites, popular swing standards, Irish and Appalachian fiddle tunes, folk and country classics and novelty tunes.

He has two CDs, "The Lady" and "The Arkansas Traveler."

## Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

I know somewhere out there are some folks who missed the Christmas lighted parade Saturday night. You will never know what a treat you missed.

I don't really even know where to start relating what a wonderful event took place in our town. Although I cannot say it's a fact, I believe that it was the biggest we've had and I know it was the prettiest!

All day Sunday people stopped me at Old Mill Trade Days to brag on Post and thank everyone for such a wonderful time. The out of town folks that watched the parade, and there were quite a few, were so impressed. So many of them talk about our community and how nice it would be to live here, but their remarks Sunday made me so proud of everyone.

I was amazed at the turnout, so many lining the streets, and even some of the passengers in the cars and trucks backed up on 84 got out of their vehicles to watch the parade.

I think we have one of the prettiest downtown areas around, especially at Christmas when except for a few bare rooftops, everyone comes together to make it so beautiful. Many of our out of town visitors are so impressed with that.

So to everyone who took the time to enter the parade, to the Commerce and Tourism Board for their planning and to the sponsors who made the prizes possible, a special thank you from me and I'm sure from everyone else who felt the Christmas spirit in downtown Post Saturday night!

### What A Crowd

I do not have an official count as I am typing this, but the crowd was unbelievable at Old Mill this weekend.

Saturday was the biggest shopping day for Christmas even with the 70 plus degree weather. The mass of people was unreal!

With trade days, Garza Theatre and Tower Theatre all pulling in the people, Post had an amazing population explosion Saturday. Ain't it great!

### Birthdays This Week

Birthdays for this week: Thursday 10; Gwen Estep and Lupe Perez: Anniversary; Ricky and Eva Quinonez: Friday 11; Fannie Ballentine, Kelly Crispin, Max Haney, Debra Cullinane and Raul Ortiz, Jr.: Saturday 12; Janet Dean: Sunday 13; Bodie Simpson and Robin Taylor: Anniversary; Curtis and Debbie Martin.

Tuesday 15; Ila Workman: Wednesday 16; Kristie Odum; Anniversary; Julio and Debbie Hernandez.

I missed the birthday of one of my special friends last week. Rusty Browning turned one year younger on the ninth. Rusty, hope you had a great day!

### Full Float

Allane Ammons, Donna Jones and myself had a really fun time Saturday night with all of our children and grandchildren on our float in the parade.

There is nothing like a parade seen thru the eyes of a child, and to be on that float and see all those kids faces (adults too) as we passed by was worth it all.

### Till Next Week

Guess that is all for this week. The countdown on shopping days is getting shorter.

Have a great weekend and may God bless each of you.

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## Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

### The gift of food

It has been said that "nothin' says lovin' like somethin' from the oven". With the gift recipes in this column, your friends will all be itchin' to get somethin' from your kitchen. Holiday customs come and go, but giving taste-full homemade gifts will surely always be in style.

Any food that we prepare thoughtfully and creatively for someone else "or for ourselves" is a gift. A big part of that gift is the comfort that that food gives. There are magazine articles these days about "comfort food". You may not have heard the phrase, but surely you've enjoyed the feeling it gives. What food has given consolation in times of trouble, worry or illness? What food has brought strength and hope, a feeling of well-being, of love? What was the recipe? Who prepared it? Just thinking about those foods and those cooks or bakers can bring that feeling back all over again.



#### Recipes Under Wraps

Today is also a time to talk about foods that we can prepare ahead to give as gifts to friends or family, or to donate to others in the community, or to use as fundraisers. Prepackaged mixes are a welcome treat for a cook on a busy day or for anyone on any day they would rather do something other than fix food. No gift you could give a family member or friend could be more deliciously thoughtful than a gift of food you have planned, made, and wrapped yourself.

#### Gourmet Vinegars Add Unique Flavor as Holiday Gifts

How about an idea for making a flavored vinegar. Most people wouldn't take the time to make the vinegars themselves. Vinegars intensify flavors, impart different tastes, and take away the need for salt. They have become a pantry necessity for the persons interested in low fat cookery. It will take an interesting bottle which can be purchased at any gourmet cookery store. Fill the bottles from 1/3 up to 1/2 full with your choice of flavoring agent (such as fruit, herbs, chiles, peaches or other fruits). Then fill the remainder of the bottle full of vinegar. Champagne and white wine vinegar are the most mellow and would be nice with fruits. Just regular distilled vinegar work just as well. Store in the refrigerator.

#### Make Nine Bean Soup Mix

Buy nine 1-pound bags of dried beans. Look for a variety of colors and sizes. Be sure to include black or turtle beans (frijoles negros), red kidney beans, pretty pintos, and black-eyed peas or beans in the mix for a colorful array. Pour the bags together in a great big bowl mixing thoroughly. Scoop two cups each into sturdy zip-lock bags. Enclose this recipe with each one:

Rinse the Nine Bean Soup Mix and place in a Dutch oven. Cover with water 2 inches above the beans and soak overnight. Drain the beans. Add: 2 quarts water, 1 pound diced ham, 1 large onion (chopped), and 1 clove of garlic (minced). Cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 1 hour or until beans are tender. Add: 1 16-ounce can tomatoes and green chilies, undrained. Simmer 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Makes 8 cups.

#### Drink in All the Possibilities

Make Rich Cocoa Mix Combine and mix thoroughly: 10" cup instant non-fat dry milk powder (1 8-quart package), 3 cups Nestle's Quick or other sweetened cocoa mix (1 pound package), 1 cup powdered sugar, 1 6-ounce jar powdered instant creamer. Makes about 15 cups.

Package in a tin or plastic-lined, cloth sack tied closed with a ribbon tied around a cinnamon stick. Enclose these instructions: Rich Cocoa Mix Use to cup mix per mug. Add boiling water and stir.

Spiced Raspberry Tea With a vegetable peeler or knife, cut one generous strip of rind and 12 small strips of rind from: 1 orange. (Reserve orange for another use.) Combine in a saucepan and bring to a simmer, the large strip of orange rind and: 3 cup water, 3 raspberry herb tea bags, 1 teaspoon whole allspice and 1 (3-inch) stick cinnamon, broken. Cover and cook 15 minutes.

Remove from heat. Strain, discarding solids. Combine in a large saucepan, the herb tea mixture and 6 cup cran-raspberry drink. Heat thoroughly. Place into each of 12 mugs one of the small orange rind strips and: 3 raisins and slivered almonds. Add 3/4 cup tea to each mug. Serve immediately. Makes 12 servings.

As you sip the festive Spiced Raspberry Tea, think about the beverages that were a treat for you growing up. What goes on the list: root beer floats, chocolate egg creams, Fizzies, malts, shakes, what? What beverages are saved for parties and special occasions now that you are an adult? Are there any that you remember having years ago that aren't commonly served these days? What are they?

Sip your tea, make your holiday plans and lists, and enjoy the fact that you're really starting in plenty of time!

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



Shawn Henderson is congratulated by his mother Natha Jo Henderson on Shawn's recent selection as "Performer of the Year on Special Teams" for the Southwest Junior College Conference. Shawn is a freshman at Cisco Junior College, majoring in physical education.

### Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by John Senter, CEA-AG

### Water Management Conference

Now that the disastrous crop year of '98 is coming to a merciful end, producers can look forward to 1999 with hopes for increased moisture and improved conditions. Without a doubt, moisture is the determining factor in county agricultural success.



The beneficial moisture received this year was of the man-made variety in the form of irrigation. While not every producer in the county is blessed with supplemental irrigation water, those who are will want to mark Tuesday, December 15 on your calendars. The Extension Offices in Garza and Lynn counties have set this date for the Water Management Conference to be held from 8 a.m. until 12 noon at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka. The Lynn and Garza County Natural Resources and Conservation Service offices will jointly sponsor this program.

Topics to be covered include application and pumping efficiency, salinity management and water testing, chemigation, PET and an update on the Texas Water Plan and laws affecting underground water. The topics listed will be presented by a slate of industry experts who will surely have something to offer producers.

In addition, one Continuing Education Unit will be offered to those attending to help with Private Applicator License renewal requirements. The event will conclude at noon in order to allow folks to return to work but the information will be more than worthwhile.

After analyzing the expected Ag Income report compiled this week, it appears that Garza County will take a huge \*knot on the head\* and a multi-million dollar decrease into the 1999 season. Producers with the availability of irrigation need to take every opportunity to make certain to use water wisely, accurately and conservatively in order to sustain the ability to keep this precious resource which we saw little of this year.

For questions regarding this program, feel free to call the Natural Resource and Conservation offices or the Extension offices in either Lynn or Garza County.

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Post Founders' Day and Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau combined efforts to provide \$34,000 to the Garza County Historical Museum. Presenting the donation this week to museum director Linda Puckett (second from left) were (left to right) capital improvement committee chairman Patt Kirkpatrick, Commerce & Tourism's Leslie Acker and Founders' Day director Sherry Dornier.



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#### Water Management Conference

Producers with irrigation will want to attend a Water Management Conference set for Tuesday, December 15, 8 a.m. to 12 Noon at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka. The Lynn and Garza County Natural Resources and Conservation Service offices will jointly sponsor the program. Topics to be covered include application and pumping efficiency, salinity management and water testing, chemigation, PET and an update on the Texas Water Plan and laws affecting underground water. One CEU will be presented to those attending.

#### FCE Christmas

The Family and Community Education Club will hold its Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 15, in the home of Diane Graves. The covered dish meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a gift exchange. Members are encouraged to meet at the Extension Office at 5:30 to car pool.

#### EPC Annual Meeting & Luncheon

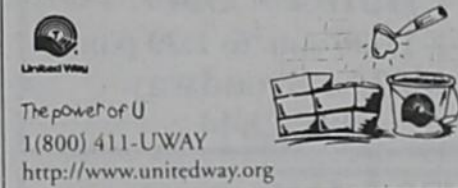
All members of the Garza County Extension Program Council including the Executive Board, Ag Improvement Committee, Family and Consumer Science Committee and the 4-H and Youth Committee, are encouraged to attend the annual meeting and luncheon to be held Wednesday, December 16, at Noon at the Extension Office. Please RSVP at 495-4400 by 5:00 p.m. Monday, December 14, for meal planning purposes.

#### 4-H Christmas

All 4-H families are urged to attend a county-wide 4-H Christmas Party and "Pot-Luck" supper on Thursday, December 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the show barn. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish. Each 4-H'er is asked to bring a canned food item and an ornament for a tree to be donated to a needy family. Each 4-H'er also is asked to bring a \$5 gift (for a boy or girl) for the Chinese gift game.

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## Obituaries

### Willie Ben Greathouse

Services for Willie Ben Greathouse, 59, of Post were held Monday, Dec. 7, 1998, at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Arthur Kelley officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Dec. 3 at University Medical Center, Lubbock.

Born Aug. 22, 1939, in Gonzales County, Texas, he married Lisa Hastings

April 9, 1993, in Post. He had worked at Peel's Service Station in Post for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Lisa, of Post; eight sons, Donnie of Lubbock, Tim of Snyder, Okla., Gregory and Craig, both of Post, Willie Jr. of Arlington, Perry of Snyder and Chris Hastings and Leonrick, both of Post; five daughters, Gloria Greathouse, Jana Greathouse and Janis Greathouse, all of Post, Vinita Walker of Arlington and Liz Greathouse of Arlington; two sisters, Ethel Harper of Post and Rozella Price of Shiner; one brother, Aldolphus Greathouse of Shiner; 18 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

### Virginia Carradine Sturdivant

Services for Virginia Carradine Sturdivant, 78, of Eules, were held Monday, Dec. 7, 1998, in the Moore Funeral Home in Arlington. Burial was at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, in the Terrace Cemetery in Post.

She died Dec. 4, 1998, at her home.

Born July 24, 1920, in Hill County, Texas, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include two sons, Max Lynn Sturdivant of Garland and Tommy Clinton Sturdivant of Keller; one daughter, Jackie Rachelle Ritchie of Eules; one sister, Janie Carradine of Grapevine; seven grandchildren, Kym Sturdivant, Dawn Sturdivant, Patrick Sturdivant, Christopher Ritchie, Sean Ritchie, Tracie Sturdivant and Trei Sturdivant; and an aunt, Maple Stafford of Mart.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Pickford Sturdivant, in 1989.

### Vivian S. Moore

Graveside services for Vivian S. Moore, 86, of Big Spring were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1998, at Dalhart Memorial Park in Dalhart with the Rev. Rusty Hancock, pastor of Lincoln Street Baptist Church, officiating. The Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

She died Saturday, Dec. 5, in a local nursing center.

Born Aug. 30, 1912, in Ragtown, Okla., she married J.I. Moore May 11, 1929, in Roby. He died June 17, 1976.

She lived in Post for a number of years and lived in Dalhart from 1954-1976. She moved to Big Spring in 1978. She had been a member of the Lincoln Street Baptist Church in Dalhart and was a member of the Hillcrest Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include two daughters, Dean Baker and Flute Lloyd, both of Big Spring; two sons, James Moore of Stanton and Freddie Moore of Big Spring; two sisters, Oleta Drafton and Aline Manker, both of Petaluma, California; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family has suggested memorials be made to Family Hospice of Big Spring, 3210 E. 11th Pl., Big Spring, TX 79720.

### Betty M. James

Services for Betty M. James, 61, of Newton, LA, formerly of Post, were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1998, at the First Assembly of God in Newton with the Rev. Ed Aubuchon officiating. Burial followed in the Newton Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of the Wallace-Pence Funeral Home.

She died Friday evening, Dec. 4, at her home.

Born Sept. 1, 1937, in Snyder, to Jack and Jewel Williams Walls, she married Winston James in 1953 in Sand Springs, Okla. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Assembly of God and Rebekah Lodge #237.

Survivors include two sons, Travis (and Christina) James and William James of Newton; two daughters, Jackie (and Kevin) Gooding and Donna Henning of Newton; five grandchildren; one brother, Donald Walls of Post; one sister, Bonnie Trimm of Morristown, TN; and her mother, Jewel Walls of Newton.

She was preceded in death by her father and two brothers, Wayne Walls and Edgar Walls.



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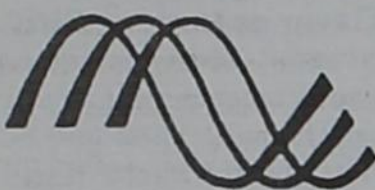
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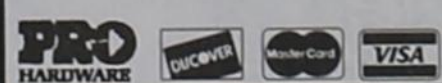
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### Lunch Menus

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Friday, Dec. 11, 1998

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Monday, Dec. 14, 1998

Brisket, scallop potatoes, fried okra, pickles, wheat roll and apricot cobbler.

Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1998

Chicken pot pie, tossed salad/ranch, cornbread or roll, purple plums and cookies.

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1998

Burritos, lime rice, south Texas squash casserole, lettuce and tomato salad and sugar cookies.

Thursday, Dec. 17, 1998

Lasagna, Italian vegetable, tossed salad/Italian, garlic bread and banana pudding.

#### Post ISD

Friday, Dec. 11, 1998

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit and milk.  
Lunch: Sandwich, salad, pickle spears, orange, chips and choice of milk.

Monday, Dec. 14, 1998

Breakfast: Churros, sausage link, fruit and milk.  
Lunch: Frito pie, black-eyed peas, pears, cornbread and choice of milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1998

Breakfast: Malt-o-meal, bacon, toast, fruit and milk.  
Lunch: Hot sandwich, gravy, salad, carrots, cobbler and choice of milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1998

Breakfast: Muffin, sausage, fruit and milk.  
Lunch: Burrito, salad, baked beans, peaches and choice of milk.

Thursday, Dec. 17, 1998

Breakfast: Biscuit and gravy, ham, fruit and milk.  
Lunch: Fried chicken, whipped potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, jello and choice of milk.

#### Southland ISD

Friday, Dec. 11, 1998

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice and milk.  
Lunch: Taquitos with picante sauce, salad, Rice Krispy treat and milk.

Monday, Dec. 14, 1998

Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, juice and milk.  
Lunch: Beef stew, fried okra, cheese stix, cornbread, brownies and milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1998

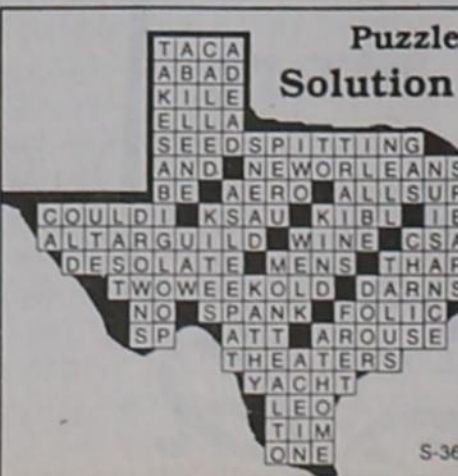
Breakfast: Biscuit, sausage, juice and milk.  
Lunch: Fish, macaroni and cheese, corn, roll, jello and milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1998

Breakfast: Donut, bacon, juice and milk.  
Lunch: Soft beef taco, salad, pinto beans, cookie and milk.

Thursday, Dec. 17, 1998

Breakfast: Cream of wheat, toast, juice and milk.  
Lunch: Dorito casserole, green beans, corn on the cob, cornbread, cake and milk.



### Garza County Church Directory

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First Assembly of God (Spanish) 407 May St.

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First Baptist Church 402 W. Main, 495-3554  
First Baptist Church, Wilson 628-6333  
Pleasant Home Baptist Church E. 14th & N. Ave F  
Templo Bautista 315 W. Main, 495-2416  
Trinity Baptist Church 915 N. Ave O, 495-3038  
Justiceburg Baptist Church Justiceburg, Don Blackcock, pastor  
Pleasant Valley Hwy 84 & North 399 - (806) 828-4174

#### Catholic

Holy Cross Catholic Church Ave. K and Main St., 495-2791

#### Disciples of Christ

First Christian Church 812 W. 13th, 495-3716

#### Church of Christ

Church of Christ 108 N. Ave. M, 495-2326

Graham Chapel Church of Christ 5 miles W. Hwy 380, 2 miles south

#### Church of God

Church of God of Prophecy 602 W. 14th, 495-3644

Power House Church of God and Christ Pine Ave.

Lighthouse Christian Center Church of God 314 N. Ave I, 495-2237

#### Church of the Nazarene

Church of the Nazarene 202 W. 10th, 495-3044

Grassland Nazarene Church 327-5656

#### Non-Denominational

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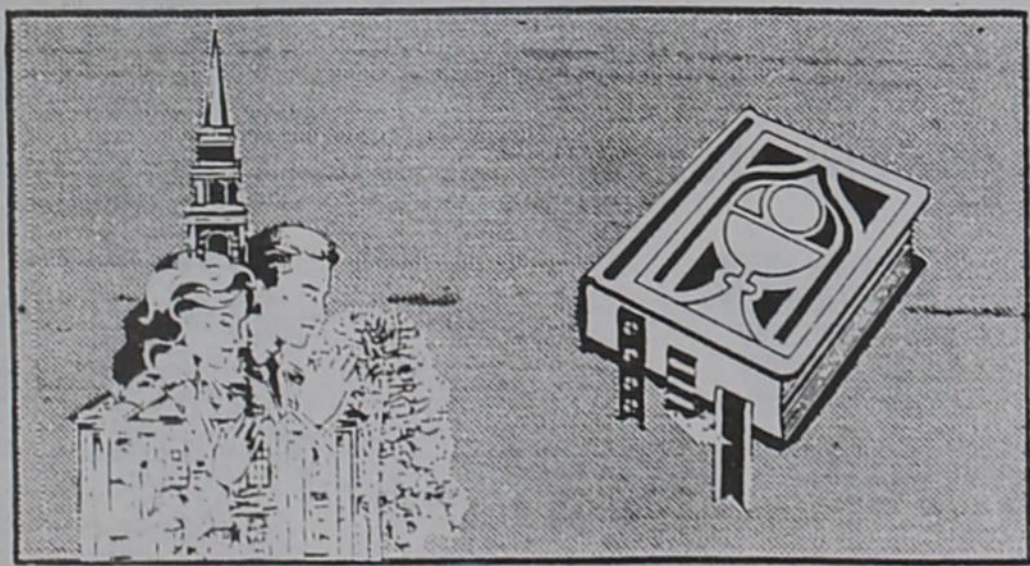
#### United Methodist

First United Methodist Church 216 W. 10th, 495-2942

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Height is an important factor. Children should be tall enough that their face is not directly in front of the microwave when the door is open. Warn children about the hot air that can escape from wrapped foods such as popcorn. Be sure they understand that a container may be only warm while the liquid inside is very hot. Because many foods will unevenly heat, always check the temperature of foods before allowing a young child to eat it.

Both in the kitchen and throughout the home, hot water from the tap causes several thousand burns a year in children. Lowering the thermostat setting of the hot water heater to 120-125 degrees best prevents this. If you are unsure on how to do this, call your local utility company or heating service company.

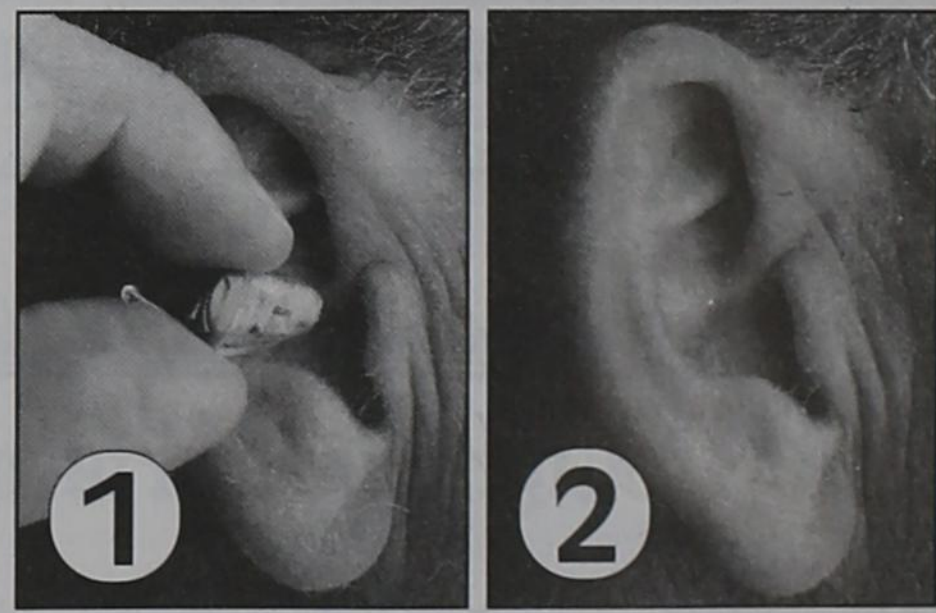
The bathroom is the second most dangerous area for water injuries, including burns, in the home. Put cold water in the tub first, then add hot, to prevent burns from a fall into the tub while it is being filled. Face children away from the faucets and at the far end of the tub. Many children consider the bath as a play area, consider a slide bolt latch on the upper half of the bathroom door.

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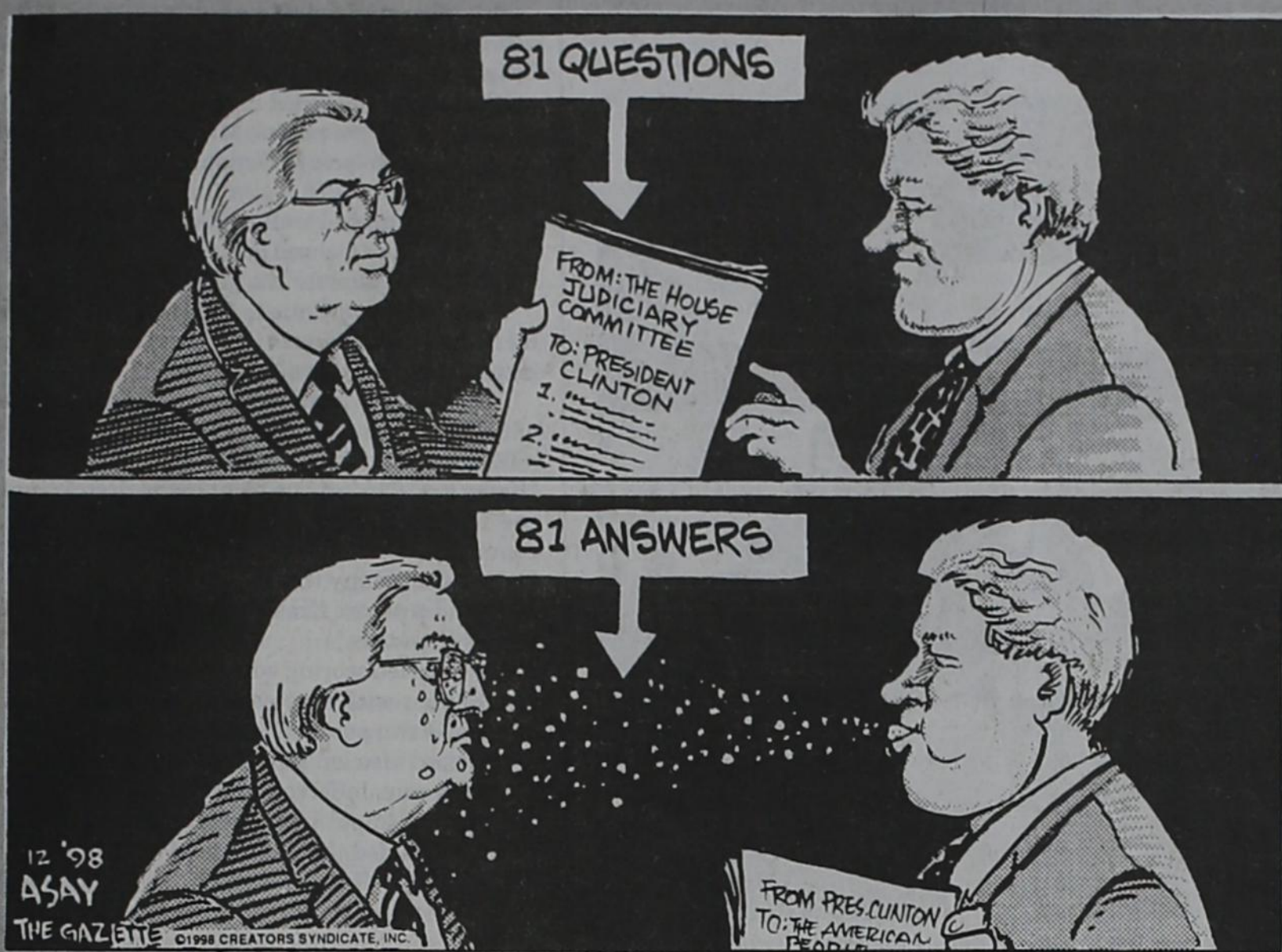
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# Opinions



## Don't blame the thermometer for the fever

by Sheldon Richman

When communism collapsed a few years ago, people thought that the last grand ideological debate over political economy had finally ended. Supposedly, we were all capitalists now. But this is clearly not the case. The world's political leaders show no signs of a commitment to capitalism, if by that term we mean truly free markets and individual liberty.

On the contrary, President Clinton and his colleagues are embarked on a course of global economic intervention such as no one has attempted before. The economic woes in Asia and Latin America are the pretext for this power grab. But make no mistake about it: the control of our economic activities contemplated by the bureaucrats has long been on the political agenda.

These folks have never been comfortable with free markets and they have yearned for the elusive "third way" between capitalism and full socialism. The current downturn gives them the opportunity to realize their long-held ambition—egged on by the usual gang of anti-capitalist intellectuals who absurdly blame today's economic problems on "market worship."

Observe: In early October, President Clinton led 20 other countries in endorsing new restrictions on the international movement of capital. This is a typical case of blaming the thermometer for a fever. The premise of the new restrictions is that the sudden withdrawal of capital from a particular country's stock or bond market wreaks economic havoc in that country. But this reasoning reverses cause and effect.

Capital flees a country to avoid havoc, which occurs when government pursues irrational economic policies, such as monetary inflation, credit expansion, confiscation, and subsidy. The policies, not the capital exodus, are to blame. Why would investors take money out of a country that had a sound economy? A free worldwide capital market is a vital check on governments' ability to enact bad policies.

The agreement to restrict capital movements is designed precisely to cancel that check. It's an outrageous cartel arrangement by governments to prevent or limit policy competition among themselves. Until now, if a government enacted measures that violated economic freedom and stifled growth, investors could take their money elsewhere.

Tomorrow that may not be the case. This step toward the worldwide centralization of government power must not be taken lightly. A day after the cartel agreement was announced, President Clinton went further and called for worldwide economic regulations similar to those imposed during the New Deal of the 1930s.

He said that such a global regime is necessary to "temper the volatile swings of the international marketplace." It is hard to think of a more ridiculous proposal. First, volatility is not intrinsic to the marketplace. Like the Great Depression itself, big fluctuations result from government mismanagement of money and credit.

Let it not be forgotten that the Great Depression occurred 16 years after the Federal Reserve was set up. The problem is central banking, and the solution is a fully market-based monetary system, including free, competitive banking and the private issuance of currency. Second, the original New Deal did not rescue America from depression.

Five years after Franklin Roosevelt became president, the economy was in nearly as bad shape as it was under Herbert Hoover. As historian Robert Higgs has documented, the economy did not recover until after World War II. Strangely, in his speech calling for a global New Deal, President Clinton warned against international capital controls — the very thing he had endorsed the day before.

Is something interfering with his concentration? Capital controls and a new New Deal are terrible ideas. In light of the real causes of inflation and depression, what we need is the repeal of central banking everywhere, deregulation of capital, and full respect for property rights, without which no human rights are possible. The world today suffers not from too much capitalism, but too little.

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Thomas Jefferson Papers, P. 334 (C.J. Boyd, Ed., 1950)

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## And thereafter, why the civil war?

by Walter E. Williams

The problems that led to the Civil War are the same problems today — big, intrusive government. The reason we don't face the specter of another Civil War is because today's Americans don't have yesterday's spirit of liberty and constitutional respect, and political statesmanship is in short supply.



Actually, the war of 1861 was not a civil war. A civil war is a conflict between two or more factions trying to take over a government. In 1861, Confederate President Jefferson Davis was no more interested in taking over Washington than George Washington was interested in taking over England in 1776. Like Washington, Davis was seeking independence. Therefore, the war of 1861 should be called "The War Between the States" or the "War for Southern Independence." The more bitter southerner might call it the "War of Northern Aggression."

History books have misled today's Americans to believe the war was fought to free slaves. Statements from the time suggest otherwise. In President Lincoln's first inaugural address, he said, "I have no purpose, directly or indirectly, to interfere with the institution of slavery in the states where it exists. I believe I have no lawful right to do so." During the war, in an 1862 letter to the New York Daily Tribune editor Horace Greeley, Lincoln said, "My paramount object in this struggle is to save the Union, and it is not either to save or destroy slavery." A recent article by Baltimore's Loyola College Professor Thomas DiLorenzo titled "The Great Centralizer," in *The Independent Review* (Fall 1998), cites quotation after quotation of similar northern sentiment about slavery.

Lincoln's intentions, as well as that of many northern politicians, were summarized by Stephen Douglas during the presidential debates. Douglas accused Lincoln of wanting to "impose on the nation a uniformity of local laws and institutions and a moral homogeneity dictated by the central government" that "place at defiance the intentions of the republic's founders."

Douglas was right, and Lincoln's vision for our nation has now been accomplished beyond anything he could have possibly dreamed.

A precursor for a War Between the States came in 1832, when South Carolina called a convention to nullify tariff acts of 1828 and 1832, referred to as the "Tariffs of Abominations." A compromise lowering the tariff was reached, averting secession and possibly war. The North favored protective tariffs for their manufacturing industry. The South, which exported agricultural products to and imported manufactured goods from Europe, favored free trade and was hurt by the tariffs. Plus, a northern-dominated Congress enacted laws similar to Britain's Navigation Acts to protect northern shipping interests.

Shortly after Lincoln's election, Congress passed the highly protectionist Morrill tariffs. That's when the South seceded, setting up a new government. Their constitution was nearly identical to the U.S. Constitution except that it outlawed protectionist tariffs, business handouts and mandated a two-thirds majority vote for all spending measures.

The only good coming from the War Between the States was the abolition of slavery. The great principle enunciated in the Declaration of Independence that "Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed" was overturned by force of arms. By destroying the states' right to secession, Abraham Lincoln opened the door to the kind of unconstrained, despotic, arrogant government we have today, something the framers of the Constitution could not have possibly imagined.

States should again challenge Washington's unconstitutional acts through nullification. But you tell me where we can find leaders with the love, courage and respect for our Constitution like Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and John C. Calhoun.

To find out more about Walter Williams, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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## Letters to the Editor

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## Promises made, promises broken

After having read the recent articles in your newspaper concerning our clinic and the actions of our hospital board, we felt there were a couple of issues that needed to be addressed. Hopefully, someone on the board or connected with the clinic will give us some answers.

First, the Methodist/Covenant people are wanting to change the hours of the clinic because, according to them, it is not being utilized at night. We have personally called the clinic at least three times in the evening and got no answer. Once, we called at about 8 p.m. and another couple of times we've called later.

The clinic is supposed to be open until 9 p.m. and on call after that, is that not right? So why was there no one answering the phone? I've heard other people say they've had the same problem too. Maybe the reason the clinic isn't being used that much at night is because no one will answer the phone.

Looks like they were creating their own lack of use of the clinic at night so that they could claim that as a reason for changing the hours and saving money. As if they really need to save money, since they're getting \$300,000 of our tax dollars. Guess they need to maximize profits.

Second, we would like to issue an open invitation to anyone on the hospital board to explain to us and the rest of the taxpayers why they must spend \$1,500 of our tax money to have lawyers draw up the bill for David Counts to present to the legislature. Can't Mr Counts do that?

Or why not use the suggested form that Mr Burnett printed in the newspaper some time ago? We really feel it is a waste of our tax money to pay Austin lawyers to do this, and we want an explanation, if not a reversal on this matter. Can't a bill be presented without it being in "legalese" form?

Or is it a requirement in government that a bill be written where no one can understand exactly what is really being said? Please tell us why you are spending our tax money this way.

Francisco and Carol Tobias  
*Editor's Note: In reference to the clinic hours, we must remind our readers that this privately owned clinic is only required by contract to care for the indigent of Garza County. Based on historical data, there are very few people in Garza County who qualify for medical services as indigents. Therefore, it is reasonable to assume that there is no need for the clinic to operate extended hours, simply from the fact that the demand is not there and the contract does not require serving to anyone other than the indigent.*

## Lighted parade an inspiration...

It was truly an inspirational experience witnessing the Post Lighted Christmas Parade last Saturday. It was my pleasure to help organize such a wonderful event.

My heartfelt thanks goes out to all of the Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau directors and volunteers for their dedicated service. Thank you...

Sponsors for the donations to achieve a goal of \$1,000 of prize money for the three top floats and a charity... Rodney Tidwell and the kids at Mad Dads for pitching into help with decorating downtown...

Patty Kirkpatrick for decorating the big pine tree on East Main Street... The City of Post workers for putting up the Christmas banners and "Welcome" signs on the highway.

I can't say enough about the commitment by the parade participants who made their entries the best possible. And were they ever! And most importantly, thank you God for the birth of your son Jesus... the Reason for the Season.  
Jim Plummer, Parade Chairman

## Another almost forgotten inherent right

**This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it or their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow it.**

Abraham Lincoln, First Inaugural Address, March 4, 1861

**Local Government Meetings**  
**Thursday, December 11**  
• Garza Hospital District board of directors, in the clinic building, 7 a.m. (Thursday after 10th of each month)  
**Monday, December 14**  
• Garza County Commissioners' Court, 9 a.m., 3rd floor courthouse.  
**Monday, December 28**  
• Garza County Commissioners' Court, 9 a.m., 3rd floor courthouse.  
**Tuesday, January 5**  
• Post City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.  
**Tuesday, January 12**  
• Post ISD board of trustees, 7:30 p.m., administration bldg.

# Sports

## Lady 'Lopes edged by top rated Sands

The Post Lady 'Lopes played hard on Tuesday, Dec. 1, but the team from Ackerly-Sands outscored Post by a score of 71-67.

Sands hit seven three-pointers against Post, which scored only 38 percent from the floor and 47 percent from the free shot line.

Sands is ranked ninth in the state in preseason polls and has advanced to the regionals in each of the past four years.

The Lady 'Lopes did hold down turnovers in the game to only 18, compared to 25 by Sands.

Kenda Looney was the only Post player in double figures but every team member contributed points as well as hustle to the game. Points scored were as follows: K. Looney, 13; L. Webb, 9; K. Webb, 8; Mills, 7; Jones, 6; Gradine and Stelzer, 5 each; Strawn, D. Gregory and E. Gregory, 5 each; and Hardin, 2 points.

Rebounds included D. Gregory, 6; Hardin and Looney, 4 each; Stelzer, K. Webb and E. Gregory, three each; Jones, two; and Strawn, Mills and s, one each.

The Lady 'Lopes played well as a team and collectively had 15 assists and nine steals against Sands.

## JV Boys hammer Sands

The junior varsity boys basketball team saw each of its players score in a 65-18 victory over Sands-Ackerly Dec. 1.

Post jumped out to an early lead, pouring in 21 points in the first period while limiting the opponents to four. They led in all four quarters, scoring 16 points to Sands' 7 in the second, seven points to Sands' single point in the third and 21 points to Sands' six in the final period.

Tyrone Jefferson led scoring with 14 points, followed by Clinton Curtis and Raul Ortiz, who each scored 13. Jamie Collazo had seven points, Ricky Halford, six points, Brent Whisenhunt had four points and Kevin Hart and Michael Huff had three points each. Jeremy Payne contributed two points to the 'Lopes' effort.

Halford led in three-point shots with two successful baskets.

The team served up a good defensive effort against Sands, the coach said.

The squad dropped three games at the Cooper Tournament played last week.

In their first game, Post lost to the tournament's host team by a score of 62-28. Cooper jumped out to an early lead and maintained that lead throughout much of the game, although the 'Lopes did outscore the Pirates 15-14 in the final period.

Scoring for Post were Halford, 11 points; Huff, eight points; Collazo, six points; and Hart, three points. Halford had three three-point shots while Collazo had two and Hart, one.

Post played their second opponents, the team from Slaton, close for much of the second game but fell short in the final period and lost 57-36.

Halford led scoring with 13, followed by Roland Casteneda with six points, Whisenhunt, Huff and Payne with four points each, Collazo with three points and Michael Gonzales, two points. Halford had a pair of good three-pointers and Collazo had one. Whisenhunt and Payne each had four successful free-throws.

The final game of the series was a much closer one for the 'Lopes, who dropped a close 60-54 decision to Floydada.

The team led scoring in two of the game's quarters but came up short at the buzzer.

Halford again led scoring, this time with 24 points, followed by Payne with 11, Huff with six, Gonzales with five, Hart with four and Casteneda, two points. Halford had two successful three-point shots and led from the free-throw line with four good throws.

"This group of kids played some very tough competition and played extremely hard," the coach said.

"Cooper stomped us, but the next game vs. Slaton, these kids stayed with Slaton until about six minutes left in the game. That's when Slaton pulled away.

"Versus Floydada, the group had a terrific effort."

## 8th grade boys win third at All Saints

The eighth grade 'Lopes took third place in the All Saints Tournament in Lubbock played Dec. 3-5.

The team won its first game against Trinity 37-20. It was a close game until the third quarter when Post scored 11 points and limited Trinity to six points.

Seth Redman led scoring with nine points, followed by Lance Curtis with eight points and Noah Gutierrez and Brody Robertson with six points each. Scoring two points each were Brandon Bell, Tye Mason, Manuel Saucedo and Brice Easterling.

"We played great defense in the second and third quarters and that allowed us to put it away," said Coach Morrow.

The team lost its second round game against Lubbock Christian Junior High 31-24. They led through much of the game but were shut out in the final period.

"It's hard to win a game when you get outscored 13-0 in the fourth quarter," the coach said. "But everyone has games like this and we'll learn from this and get better."

Bell led scoring with eight points, including two successful three-point shots, and Redman followed with six points. Curtis and Gutierrez had four points each, followed by Robertson with two points.

In the championship game, Post defeated Crosbyton by a score of 40-26.

"This was a great win after the Lubbock Christian loss," the coach said. "I think we got our confidence back because we controlled the game from the opening tip."

Curtis led scoring with 10, followed by Saucedo with seven, Gutierrez and Redman with six each, Bell with five and Robertson, Mason and Darryl Dissenger with two apiece.

## 8th grade boys slam Plains 74-22

The eighth grade 'Lopes roared past Plains Dec. 8 in a 74-22 game.

Post jumped out to an early lead, scoring 26 points in the first period and limiting Plains to six points. Scoring was 16-6 in favor of Post in both the second and third periods and 16-4, Post, in the final quarter.

Seth Redman led scoring with 16 points, followed by Brandon Bell with 12 points and Lance Curtis and Noah Gutierrez with 10 points each. Brody Robertson and Eric Alaniz each had five points, Brice Easterling and Kenny Ratke each had four points and Manuel Saucedo, Tye Mason, Brian Looney and Darryl Dissenger each logged two points.

Robertson was 3-3 in free throws and Ratke was 2-2. Gutierrez and Rpdman each hit 2-3 while Dissenger was 2-4.

The team took another win, this one a 32-21 decision, Nov. 30 over Stanton.

It was a close game for the first two periods but the 'Lopes pulled away in the third period, outscoring Stanton 11-4.

Curtis led scoring with 10 points, followed by Bell with eight points. Robertson, Gutierrez and Redman each had four points and Ratke had two.

Curtis was 2-6 on free-throws. Bell was 1-4.

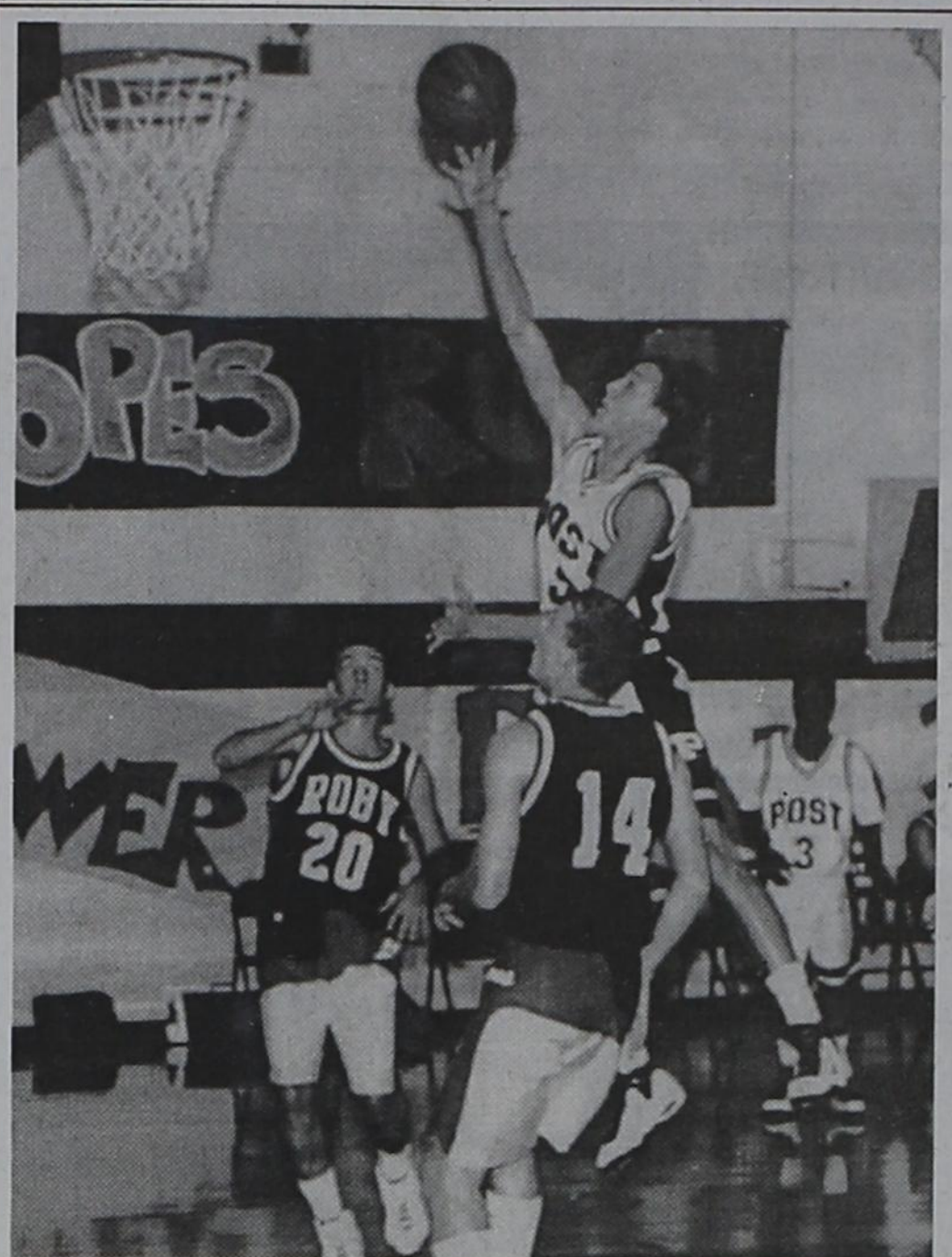
## 7th grade girls demolish Plains

The seventh grade girls scored a big win over Plains Monday night, limiting their opponents to four points in the 23-4 game.

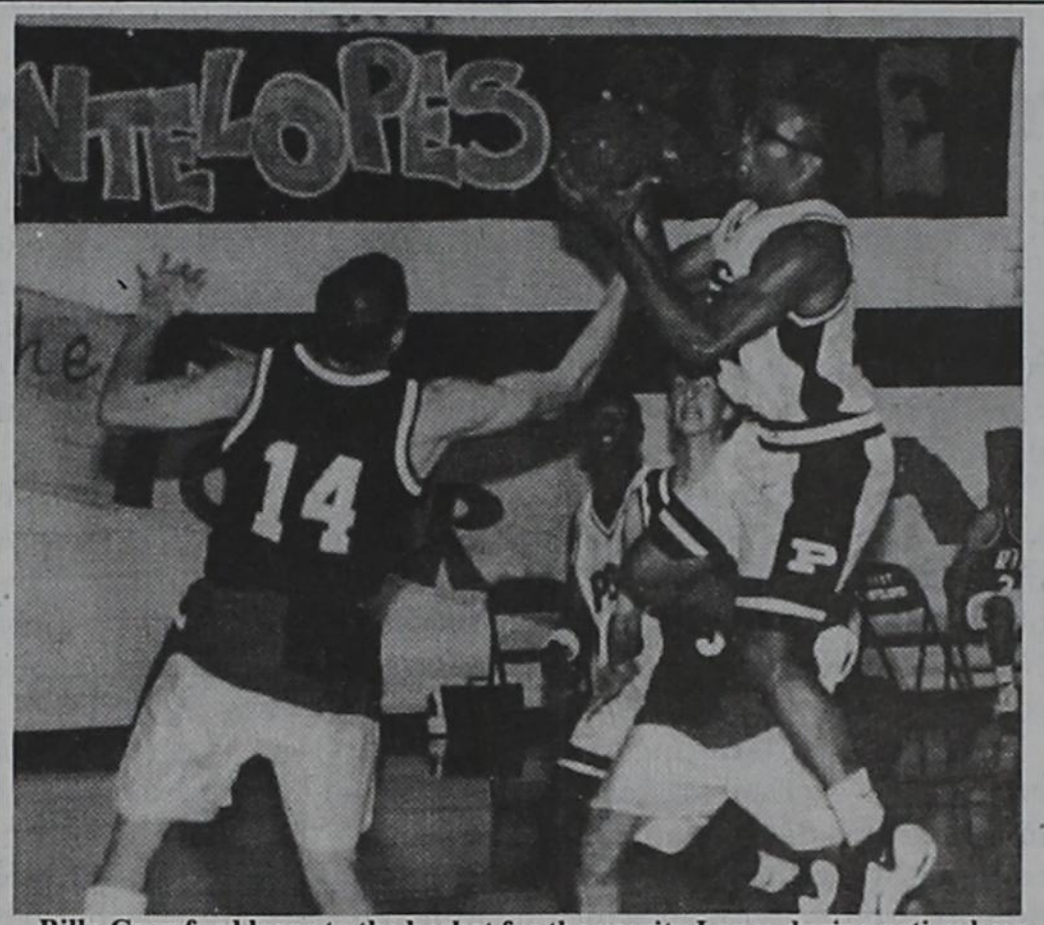
Helping out in the victory were Crystal Crawford with nine points, Jerica Tyler with four points, Tayler Starkey with three points, Jennifer Reiter with three points, Paula Voyles with two points and Bethany Hares, two points.

Others assisting in the effort were Breann Heckaman with one steal and two rebounds; Lisa Soto, two rebounds; Yuri Lopez, one rebound; and Brittany Hanes, one steal.

This marks the team's fourth victory on the season.



Braden Conner goes for two points during the varsity Lope game against Roby. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Billy Crawford leans to the basket for the varsity Lopes during action here against Roby. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

## 8th grade girls outscored

The eighth grade Lady 'Lopes played a hard game Monday night but were overpowered by Plains in a 31-21 away game.

Post started out ahead in the first quarter but by the half, found themselves on the short side of the score. The team hustled and caught up in the third period but ran out of steam in the final period.

Contributing to the game were Regina Collazo with four points; Jessica Mason, five points; Neibes Marin, four points; Nicole Gray, four points; Kyzandre Harper, two points; and Tiffani Hair, two points.

Also contributing were Paige Lott with one rebound and two assists; Amanda Workman with five rebounds; K'Leigh Babb with one rebound and one assist; and Martina Gibson, one rebound.

The girls' next game will be Monday against Coahoma.

The squad had its first taste of tournament play Dec. 3-4.

In their first game of the tournament, the Lady 'Lopes scored 26 points while the Trinity girls scored 30. The Lady 'Lopes were led in scoring by Workman and Mason.

Friday night's game was also a loss, this one a 35-24 matchup against Lubbock Christian. In this game, Post had foul trouble but Collazo was on fire with 14 points scored. Other scorers were Lott, Workman, Marin and Harper with two points each, followed by Gay and Babb with one point each.

Also playing in the tournament were Mason, Gibson and Hair.

## 7th grade boys trim Plains 46-41

The seventh grade boys rolled past Plains Dec. 8 in a 46-41 game.

Post jumped out to an early lead in the game, scoring 20 points in the first period while limiting Plains to five. The 'Lopes were narrowly outscored in each of the three remaining quarters but managed to hang on for the win.

Mitchell Mills was high scorer in the game with 17 points, including one successful free throw, followed by Jerry Curtis with 12 points. Brody Conner had eight points, Mario Gomez had five points (including a successful free throw) and Daniel Simental contributed four points.

"Josh Payne and Mark McCallister gave us some quality minutes when we had some foul trouble," the coach said.

The team also logged a 37-14 win over Stanton Nov. 30.

Mills was again the leading scorer with 12 points, followed by Gomez with seven, Simental with six and Adrian Loredo with three. Scoring two points each were Conner, Mitch Holly, Curtis and McCallister, while Mark Norman had one point.

Norman, Gomez and Loredo each logged a successful free throw in the game.

The first mammals were similar in appearance to modern tree shrews.

## 'Lopes take 63-50 win over Spur at Floydada

The Post Antelopes varsity basketball squad scored one win and a pair of losses in the Floydada Tournament Dec. 3-5.

Post logged a 63-50 victory over Spur, putting their season record at four wins and two losses. The 'Lopes jumped out to an early lead in the Dec. 5 game, scoring 18 points in the first period while limiting Spur to eight.

Billy Crawford led in scoring with 18 points, followed closely by Clell Knight with 15 points. The two also led rebounds with eight each.

Other scorers included Braden Conner and Jay Gorman, eight points each; Daniel Fluit, five points; Marcus Sapp, four; Tyrone Jefferson, three; and Raul Ortiz, two points. Knight, Gorman and Michael Ulm led assists with three each.

"We really played well to start the game," the coach said. "I thought the guys were more focused and ready to play. We led 18-8 after one quarter and really set the tone for the game."

"Free throws continue to be a problem, shooting 10 for 23. Three games in three days allowed us to look at different combinations of players. The team is working to improve every game."

In their second game in the tourney, Post was edged out by Kress by a score of 64-61.

"We had a terrible first quarter, committing 12 turnovers," the coach said.

"Kress led 16 to 2 at one point in the first. We settled down and played better the following quarters. We just dug ourselves too big a hole early. We committed a lot of fouls and gave Kress 42 free throws. It's hard to win fouling that many times."

"We did outscore Kress by 16 points from the floor. I think we learned some things from this."

Crawford led scoring with 12 points, followed by Fluit with 10 and Knight and Conner with nine each. Sapp, Jefferson and Ulm each had six points, Ortiz had two points and Gorman, one point.

Crawford also led rebounds with six, followed by Knight and Fluit with five each and Jefferson and Conner, four apiece. Gorman led assists with four, while Knight had three.

Smyer handed the 'Lopes a 62-57 loss in Post's first tournament game.

The 'Lopes fell short early on, allowing 16 points while scoring only seven in the first period, but led scoring in the second and third periods.

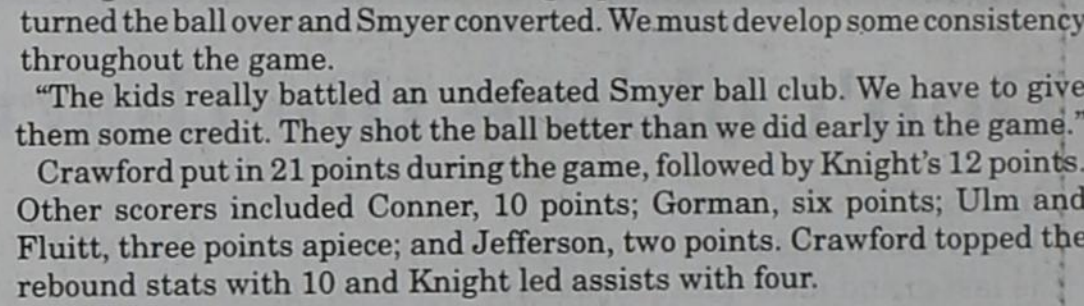
"A cold shooting first quarter put us in a big hole down 16-7," the coach said.

"The guys played pretty well the following three quarters and took the lead during the fourth. We had three straight possessions in the fourth where we turned the ball over and Smyer converted. We must develop some consistency throughout the game."

"The kids really battled an undefeated Smyer ball club. We have to give them some credit. They shot the ball better than we did early in the game."

Crawford put in 21 points during the game, followed by Knight's 12 points. Other scorers included Conner, 10 points; Gorman, six points; Ulm and Fluit, three points apiece; and Jefferson, two points. Crawford topped the rebound stats with 10 and Knight led assists with four.

Lauren Webb (left to right), Vondi Gradine and Becca Stelzer take charge for the Lady Lopes during action against Roby. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Lauren Webb (left to right), Vondi Gradine and Becca Stelzer take charge for the Lady Lopes during action against Roby. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

## JV Ladies continue winning

The junior varsity Lady 'Lopes competed in the Cooper JV Tournament Dec. 3-5, earning a spot in the tourney's championship game.

The Post squad defeated the host school in the first round by a score of 53-49.

High scorers for the game were Manuela Hernandez and Emily Smith with 16 each.

The team turned around and defeated Idalou 45-40, with Smith leading scoring with 16 and Hernandez close behind with 12.

The Lady 'Lopes then met Shallowater for the tournament championship, but fell short in a game that ended 65-41.

Smith had nine points, Tandi Humble, seven points, and s Payne seven points.

"The girls played extremely well and were defeated by a very good team in the finals," said Coach Darrell Daily.

The team is now 6-2 on the season and will be participating in the Plains Tournament this weekend.

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I want to thank everyone who has kept me and "Da House" in your prayers. I don't know who you are, but God does, and you will receive your reward some day. Thank you!

We have changed our hours here at the teen center, now we're open Monday from 3-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays we're open from 3-5 p.m. only. On Wednesdays we open 3-6 and 8-10 p.m. for Afterglow. Thursdays we're open from 3-6 and from 7-10 p.m. Remember, while the teen center is open, the Middle School gym is also open.

Friday the center is open 3-5 and 7-12:30 and on Saturday from 7-12:30. We are now closed on Sundays.

If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call. If you have any comments or suggestions, please let me know. This teen center is for the teens and I want it to benefit them as much as possible.

Other MAD DADS INC. programs include the Street Patrol. I know that many teens feel this is a threat to them, but if they are not doing anything wrong, they do not have anything to worry about. Anyone interested in finding out more about street patrol, come by or give me a call. I will hook you up.

One more thing, the drug use among teens is very high. One teen was heard saying that it was the worst it's ever been. Please, if you have a child who has been acting strange, start asking questions, find out who they may be running around with and investigate.

You are the parent, and if this child still lives in your house, you are the boss. Please do not say, "It will never happen to my child or my family." That is the biggest lie that you can tell yourself. This is what most of us say when our eyes are opened, we are heartbroken. Never say that something will never happen, no matter what the circumstances may be.

The biggest thing that will hurt is to deny that anything could be wrong. If you know that something is wrong, please get help.

## "Quiet" week lists four arrests here

Four individuals were booked into the county jail over the past week, according to records of the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

On Dec. 4, a 37-year-old male was jailed on a Harris County warrant (released the same day on \$2,500 bail bond) and a 29-year-old male was picked up for disorderly conduct/urinating in public, public intoxication and possession of marijuana (released the same day on \$1,500 bond).

A 20-year-old man was jailed Dec. 5 on a weekend commitment (released the next day after having served his third weekend commitment) and on Dec. 6, a 19-year-old male was picked up for possession of marijuana, under two ounces (released the next day on \$1,500 bond).

About 50 calls for service were received by sheriff's department dispatchers during the same time period.

On Dec. 2, lawmen were called out to investigate a shoplifting that occurred at an 8th Street location and a theft at a Main Street business.

A domestic dispute in the 1000 block of Mesquite demanded the attention of law enforcement officers Dec. 3.

Calls received on Dec. 4 included a report of a gasoline drive-off at a South Broadway convenience store (\$12 worth of gasoline reportedly taken) and on Dec. 5, reports included an incident of harassment by telephone in the 800 block of West 7th; a theft at a business on the east side of town (wallet reportedly taken); a burglary of a habitation near the Graham gin (nothing reported missing); and a request for an ambulance on South Broadway (no details given).

On Dec. 6, a gasoline drive-off was reported at a North Broadway convenience store (\$19.50 worth of gas reportedly taken).

On Dec. 7, a domestic dispute in the 600 block of South Avenue P was reported, as was a minor automobile accident at 10th and Avenue O.



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### Card of Thanks

We the family of Ruby Claborn would like to thank everyone that was here for us during the loss of our mother.

A special thank you to Nita Terry, Sheri Riedel, Mary Nelson and Mary Windham for serving lunch to the family and to all of Mamma's wonderful neighbors for the food they brought and for the beautiful floral arrangement.

We appreciate the prayers, cards, food, and other acts of kindness during this difficult time.

To Rev. Paul Jones for the comforting service and Margie Maestos for the beautiful songs.

To Hudmans Funeral Home for their help at this stressful time.

Marie Anderson  
Gene and Mary Lee Claborn  
Peggy Claborn

The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW would like to take this means to thank everyone that came together in spirit and financially to help with our float for the Christmas parade.

To the 4-H folks for use of the barn and being so patient with us and to Lea Mary Hair for pulling the trailer. Also to Jimmy Moore, Nolan Williams, Rocky Pace, Chris Stelzer, Daryl Dissinger (for our sign), Jerry Osborn, Junior Stelzer and James and Joy Dawson.

The parade was wonderful this year and we were proud to participate. Thanks once again for all of your help.  
The Ladies Auxiliary

### Personals

Post Independent School District invites the Senior Citizens of the district to come by the Superintendent's office and receive a gift of a complimentary general admissions pass that will admit you to all school functions. (You will be asked to present identification so that a pass can be issued in your name).

Post Group of Alcoholics Anonymous Meets every Thursday night at the First Presbyterian Church, 901 West 10th at 8 p.m. Closed meetings are held except on the last Thursday of the month, which is an open meeting. Door opens at 7 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m., cake and

coffee following the meeting. Anyone who wishes to talk or ask about an alcohol problem, call 495-4152, 495-4185 or 629-4393.

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Real estate sale: Little bit of everything, Christmas ornaments. 1206 W. 10th. Thursday and Friday, 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

Garage sale: Rotary Room, Post Community Center, Saturday, 1:00 p.m. Absolutely no early callers! Christmas decorations, kitchen items, household items, too much to list.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. 4-H barn on Lubbock Hwy. Clothes, toys, household items, misc.  
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Lost: Cannon Snappy camera, Saturday night in Post. Call 996-5604, collect.

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### Legal Notices

#### Invitation to Bid

The City of Post will accept sealed bids for the excavation of a new cell at the landfill. The amount of material to be removed is approximately 30,000 yards. Interested bidders must comply with state insurance requirements, assurance of adequate equipment, and ability to complete the project in the allotted time frame.

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the exact location and requirements at the City of Post Municipal Building, 105 E. Main, Post, Tx., 79356. Proposals should be in the form of a sealed bid submitted no later than December 31, 1998. Bids are scheduled to be opened and checked for compliance January 5, 1999 at 3:00 P.M. The city council is to review and award the project during its regular council meeting of January 5, 1999.

For further information contact City Manager, Rick L. Hanna, at the City of Post Municipal Building, 195 E. Main, Post, Tx., 79356. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals.

#### Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Elsie Mae Jackson, Deceased, were issued under Docket No. 1680 pending in Garza County, Texas, to: Trena Woods.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

Trena Woods, Independent Executor Estate of Elsie Mae Jackson, Deceased c/o George McDonald Attorney at Law 4010 82nd, Ste. 260 Lubbock, Texas 79423

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated this 10th day of December, 1998.

#### Notice of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

Primrose, P.O. Box 1319, Wichita Falls, Texas, 76307 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Dorward formation, Fuller Dorward Unit lease, Well Number 110. The proposed injection well is located 9 miles SE of Justiceburg in the Dorward Field, in Garza County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 1976 to 2593 feet.

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

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

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1 organization for the performing arts in Dallas (abbr.)

5 TXism: "hombr" (mean)

6 ex-Astro Darryl

7 TX \_\_\_ Mae Morse sang "Cow-Cow Boogie"

8 Luling's "Watermelon Thump" features this melon contest

17 TXism: "full of spit \_\_\_ vinegar"

18 TX Johnny Horton's "Battle of \_\_\_"

21 TXism: "let it \_\_\_"

22 aviation prefix

23 Buddy Holly's bass player Tommy

24 TX Charley Pride's "Wonder \_\_\_ Live There Anymore"

29 Nacogdoches FM

30 Beeville AM/FM

31 favorite abbr. of Jerry Jones

32 oldest in Houston: \_\_\_ of Christ Church

34 TX Gary Morris' "Sweet Red \_\_\_"

35 TX belonged to this in Civil War (abbr.)

36 dreary, dismal

37 TX-based Haggard makes \_\_\_ slacks

38 TXism: "right \_\_\_ (specific location)"

39 TXism: "green as \_\_\_ corn"

41 fixes socks

**DOWN**

1 TXism: "\_\_\_ to rope him" (large man)

2 home of the Reporter-News

3 TXism: "\_\_\_ it a day" (quit)

4 TXism: "you're buying oats for \_\_\_ horse" (wasted effort)

9 this Sam won Dallas Open in '45, '57 & '58

10 UT grad Fernando Belaunde-Terry was pres. of this country

11 Harlingen has \_\_\_ Jima monument

12 TXism: "put \_\_\_ bed with a shovel" (bury)

13 choo choos

14 TXism: "\_\_\_ a monkey's uncle"

15 Kilgore Rangerettes founder: Gussie \_\_\_ Davis

16 Lone Star \_\_\_ Co.

19 annoying one

20 TX singer Billie Jo

22 TX band: "\_\_\_ the Wheel"

24 Aikman's college state (abbr.)

25 TXism: "dull as week-\_\_\_ soda pop"

26 New Mexico Indian

27 TX-filmed "The \_\_\_ Picture Show"

28 suffocates in water

29 toys in the wind

30 TXism: "got a heart as big as Texas"

33 union at Arlington GM plant

34 TX Raina English performed for Lawrence \_\_\_

35 C&W singer LeDoux

37 in Hidalgo Co. on 88

38 Texans call it an "ankle"

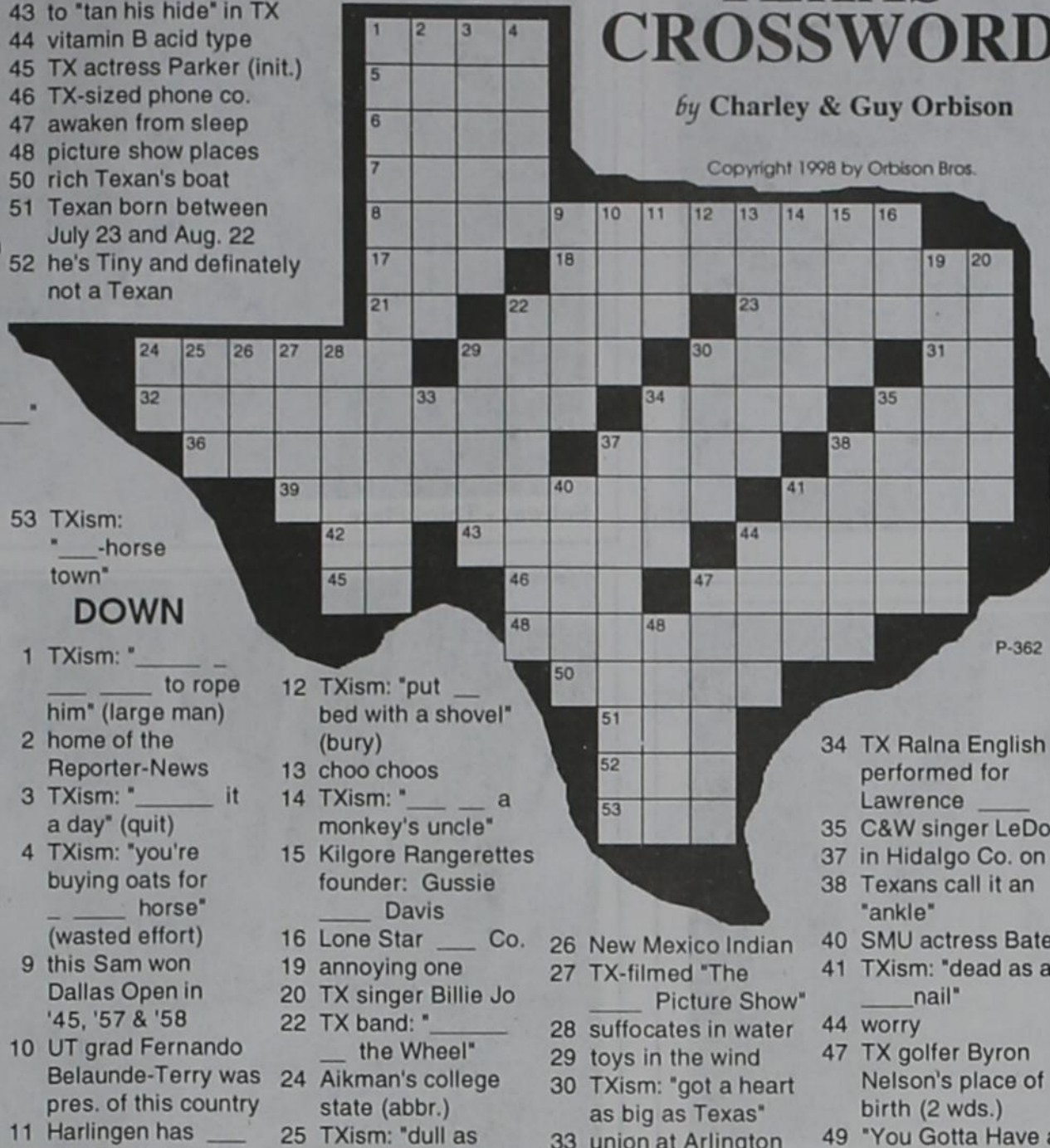
40 SMU actress Bates

41 TXism: "dead as a \_\_\_ nail"

44 worry

47 TX golfer Byron Nelson's place of birth (2 wds.)

49 "You Gotta Have an \_\_\_ the Hole"




### PLANS BOLIVIAN TRIP

Mrs. Winnie Tuffing, shown seated at her desk in the City Hall, plans to spend Christmas in Cochabamba, Bolivia, with her daughter, Mrs. L. C. Kline, and family. Mrs. Tuffing was to have left Wednesday by plane, but her trip has been delayed a few days due to an accident Tuesday in which her sister, Mrs. Nita Burress, fell and broke her hip. Shown with Mrs. Tuffing are Mrs. Gertrude Hopkins (left), city secretary, and Mrs. Wynelle Holland, city office employe. They're getting pointers on billing water customers, something Mrs. Tuffing has been here to do every month for the last 24 years, but which she'll miss this month if her trip goes as scheduled.

—(Staff Photo.)

From The Post Dispatch, December 11, 1958



### Mr and Mrs H.H. Hart Observe 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Hart of Post will observe their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a reception in the Post Community Center, Saturday, December 17, 1988 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The reception will be hosted by their children and their spouses, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Hart of Moran; Mr. and Mrs. David Hart of Canadian; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hart; Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hart; and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Kemp, all of Post.

Boy Hart and Elizabeth Fowler were married December 17, 1938 in Snyder and have lived in Garza County for 46 years.

They have 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

From The Post Dispatch, December 14, 1988

## Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

**Dec. 14 1988  
10 Years Ago**

Santa Claus will be in Post, up and down Main street from 5 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Saturday... Danny and Melinda Gunn are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Tatum Elise, who was born November 28, 1988 at 10:30 p.m. in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. She weighed seven pounds and six ounces... Volunteers for the Senior Companion Program are Margie Polanco, Mary Paiz, Irene Guajardo, Jesus Rodriguez, Julia Rodriguez, Cillie Harper and Linda Alaniz... The best window display honors for Christmas decorations go to Danish Imports. The promotion was jointly sponsored by the PMA, Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Project.

**Dec. 14, 1978  
20 Years Ago**

Mrs. Livingston made and donated a new Santa suit to the Post Chamber of Commerce... The November Hospital Employee of the month is Wayne Campbell. Wayne is an RN and is the first male nurse ever employed by Garza County hospital... Happy Birthday today goes to Dink Taylor; Ricky Lee Morris, Dorothy Custer, Clovis Hudman, Paul Duren, Rita Mindietta and Jeffrey Don Lamb... The Graham 4-H Club will meet Thursday evening at the Graham Community Center to go caroling.

**Dec. 12, 1968  
30 Years Ago**

Mrs. Margie Pennell and Mrs. Maudie Fay Rose have been selected as "Outstanding Young Women of America for 1968"... Angie and Cheryl Wilke, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Wilke, spent Saturday night with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Wilke... SP5 Jimmy Carter arrived home a week ago Wednesday from a year's tour of duty in Vietnam... Oletha Hawkins, Edna Oden and Jane Edwards visited Monday morning with Jo Williams.

**Dec. 11, 1958  
40 Years Ago**

A "happy birthday" was sung to Mrs. A.D. Rippetoe when members of the Needlecraft Sewing Club met last Friday in the home of Mrs. J.E. Tanner... Walte Josey has purchased Cottonwood Robin, a bull calf, from

Dean Huddleston. The new animal is a purebred milking shorthorn... Mrs. Jack Burress suffered a broken hip in a fall at the Piggley Wiggley store last Tuesday. She underwent surgery Wednesday morning at the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock... The Rev. Grayado Howell, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church was elected president of the Post Ministerial Alliance.

**Dec. 12, 1948  
50 Years Ago**

The pupils of Mrs. J.A. Stallings will be presented in a Christmas recital Wednesday evening in the high school auditorium... The Rev. and Mrs. I.D. Walker have a new Oldsmobile, Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Cason have a Nash Ambassador and Mr. and Mrs. G.R. Day have a new Plymouth... Mrs. John Faulkner will be going to Alton to attend the fiftieth wedding anniversary of her brother Ed Burrus, and wife... Marvin Duval of Arlington visited Sunday in the home of his uncle, J.A. Propst... This week at the Garza Theatre you can see "Key Largo" with Edward G. Robinson, Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, Lionel Barrymore and Claire Trevor.

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


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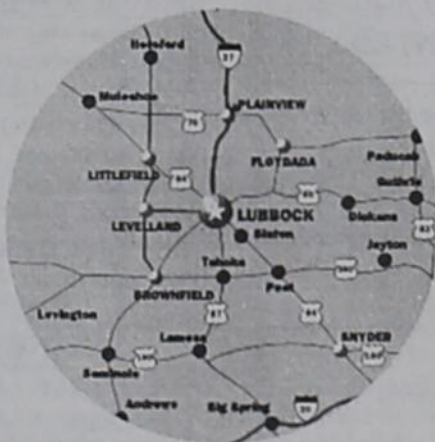
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