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American Profile
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Dispatch!

City Council appoints two new WRMWD directors

by Sheri Lewis

City council members have appointed two new members to the White River Municipal Water District board of trustees.

The terms for longtime board members Bo Jackson and Charles Hardin are due to expire Dec. 31, and city officials opted to appoint two new men to fill the vacant two-year positions. The new appointees are Jackie Harp and Mike Mitchell.

The end of the year will mark more than 21 years of service on the White River board for Jackson, while Hardin will have logged more than 16 years, City Manager Fred Stephens said.

In other business handled earlier this month, council members:

Post ISD supt. search continues

The application process for the Post Independent School District superintendent's position has been closed, and the district's search consultant is scheduled to meet with trustees in January.

Superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain said board members are expected to meet with the search consultant next month to begin reviewing applications.

The board began its search for a new superintendent several months ago following Bain's announcement of plans to retire at the close of the 2002-2003 school year.

Trustees met Dec. 11 for their regular monthly session. During that meeting, the board voted to rescind the local policy dealing with criteria for determining at-risk students; instead, the district will rely solely on the state criteria.

Trustees also approved the Academic Excellence Indicator Report and an \$11.67 tax adjustment.

Following an executive session, one substitute was hired.

Post Fiber Tech gets world wide attention

David Davis of Post FiberTech Inc. recently participated in the Clean Gulf Conference on Galveston Island.

Davis demonstrated the oil spill product produced to Post to Ivan Chukaev, ecological department head of Tumen Oil Co. in Nizhnevartovsk, Russia; Dmitry Safonov, environmental safety and natural resource conservation department head of Rimorsk, Russia; Zholshibek Duisebayev, oil geology laboratory manager of Almaty, Kazakhstan; and Nikolai Makarski, deputy manager for environmental protection for Polar Lights Co., a Russian-American joint venture based in Arkhangelsk, Russia.

The men witnessing the demonstration are all members of the SABIT (Special American Business Internship Training) program designed to develop environmental technology to

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Continued discussion on a plan to lower city property taxes and raise the sales tax to help generate funds for the water system. Stephens said the city will need to generate an additional \$400,000 annually, and city officials are studying the possibility of proposing a sales tax increase and a property tax decrease to voters in May.

Approved the purchase of road spikes to be used by local law enforcement officials in the

prevention of vehicle pursuits. Approved, on second reading, an ordinance deleting a two-block strip along 3rd Street from U.S. Highway 84 to Avenue H as a designated truck route.

Approved, on second reading, an ordinance removing existing stop signs on 8th Street and placing them along South Avenue H.

Received a report from Zane Edwards from Parkhill, Smith

and Cooper Engineers on costs associated with purchasing and installing a mechanical bar screen at the city sewer plant. City officials decided purchase the bar screen and hire out its installation. Approximate cost for the entire project is projected at about \$100,000, Stephens said. A mechanical bar screen is a device which helps keep trash and grease out of a wastewater system.

PHS debate team earns honors

Post High School UIL speech contestants earned high honors in the Sul Ross Speech Classic held recently.

The PHS squad was named one of the top speech teams in the contest with its third place finish in the Speech Sweepstakes.

PHS students named as semi-finalists in the competition included Christina Zellmer, Ashley Rene Hatley and

Breann Heckaman.

Heckaman also made it to the poetry finals.

In the Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Adam Nobles placed third, receiving a bronze medal, and Hatley finished in fifth place. A total of 28 teams competed in the event.

Nobles grabbed a fourth place finish in informative speaking, while Russell Eaton placed third in persuasive speaking.

The team of Kenda Josey and Eaton grabbed a first place finish in the Championship Cross-Examination Debate, and Josey was named third runner-up for the Outstanding Debater/Speaker Award.

Other students contributing points to the PHS total included Erica Moore, James Soto, C.C. Cruse and Mariah Couch.

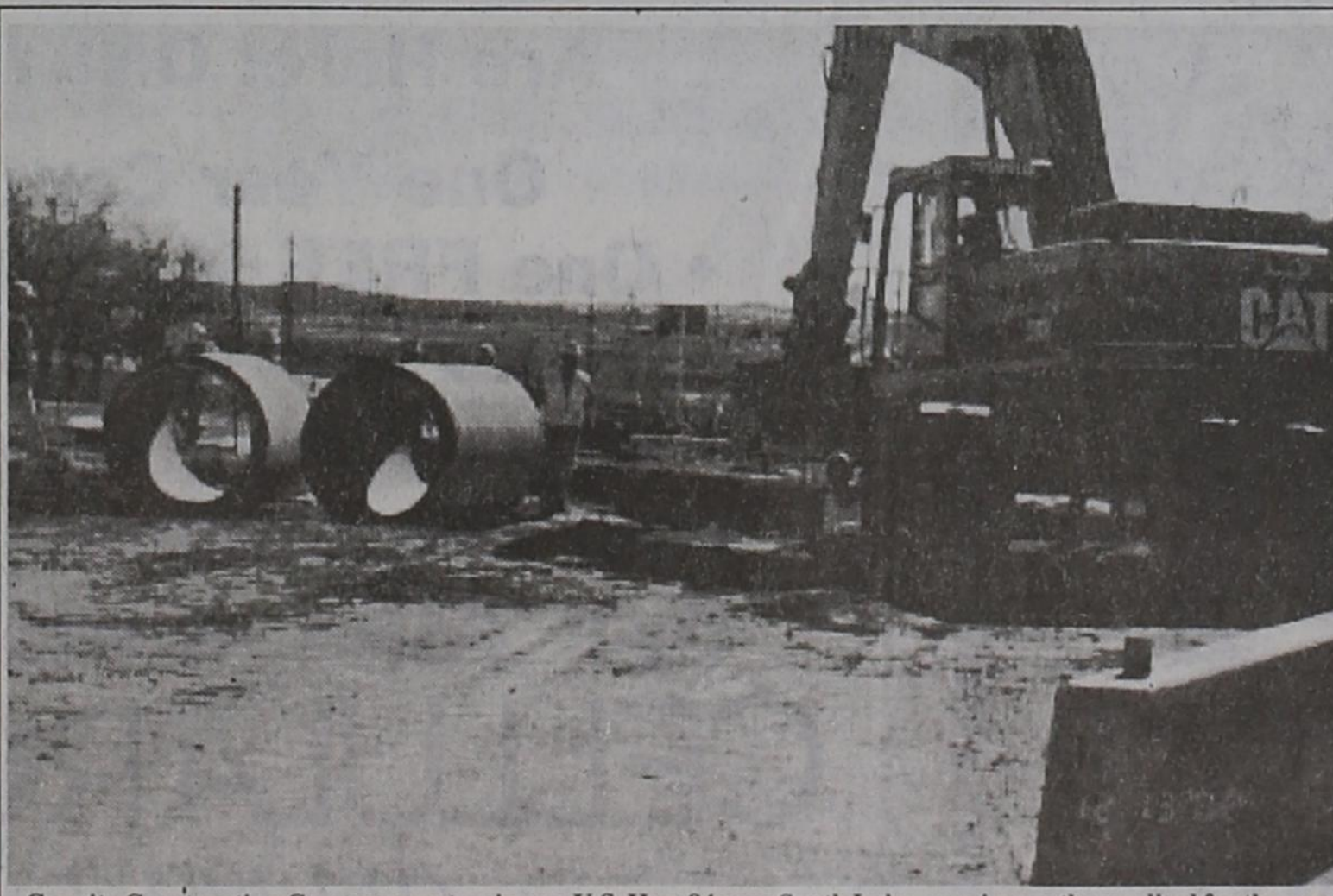
Post collected a total of 190 points in the competition.



PHS Debate Team members (back row, left to right) James Soto, C.C. Cruse, Russell Eaton, Adam Nobles, (front row) Christina Zellmer, Mariah Couch, Erica Moore, Breann Heckaman, Rene Hatley and Kenda Josey.



David Davis (center) with environmental representatives from around the world at a recent conference on oil spills.



Granite Construction Co. crews are tearing up U.S. Hwy 84 near South Lake, opening up the roadbed for the new drainage system. The drainage and concrete roadway work is expected to continue for 18 months.



Noted composer and pianist Doug Smith entertained in Post recently at the Hotel Garza Bed & Breakfast, to the delight of his fans at three different performances. Smith, who has been playing music since he was two years old, got his first piano when he was seven years old. "Music has carried me through life," he emphasizes. Originally from Kermit, Smith now lives in Petersburg. A Public Broadcasting System (PBS) documentary is the next big event for his music career.

Post Notes

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.

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.

4-H Youth seek food for needy

Garza County 4-H youth will be soliciting canned or boxed food items in a "scavenger hunt" Thursday, December 19 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Area residents are requested to donate canned or boxed food items to be delivered to needy Garza County families this Christmas. 4-H youth will be going "house-to-house" in the food drive.

Senior citizens set bake sale Saturday

Garza County senior citizens are holding a bake sale Saturday at United Supermarkets beginning at 9 a.m. Proceeds from the sale are to benefit the senior citizen center.

Post Band Booster meeting December 19

A short Post Band Booster meeting will be held Thursday, December 19 at 7 p.m. in the band hall. All parents are urged to attend.

Elementary School Science Fair Awards Friday

The Post Elementary School will hold its science fair awards assembly Friday, December 20 at 9 a.m. in the school auditorium. School will be dismissed at 1 p.m. Friday and parents are reminded to pick up children at that time. Busses will run at 1 p.m. Friday. Classes begin again Tuesday, January 7.

Post Dispatch holiday schedule

The Post Dispatch annual "Merry Christmas" edition will be published Monday, December 23, deadline Friday noon, December 20. The office will be closed December 24 through December 29. Deadline for the January 3 edition will be Tuesday, December 31.

My Special Place enrollment

My Special Place is now accepting enrollment for children ages birth through four years old. Call 495-3446 for more information.

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.

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Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush

Greetings for this week!

Merry Christmas!

The big day is nearly here folks. Has time whizzed by or what? Hope all of you are ready and you can soon slow down and enjoy the season.



BURNETT PARTY

Pat and Wes Burnett hosted their annual Christmas gathering for their annual Christmas gathering for the Dispatch group Saturday night. Pat outdid herself with the wonderful food. A good time was had by all and we all went home happy and stuffed. Those attending were Robby and Kerri Dean, John and Michelle Raben and Rick and I. Thanks Pat and Wes for a really nice evening.

GOLDEN PLAINS CHRISTMAS

Golden Plains held their Christmas party for the residents and families Monday night. There was a big crowd in attendance and Jolly St. Nick and his elves were even there. This is a wonderful thing that Golden Plains does for the residents each year, just to watch their faces tells the whole story.

Sympathy I wanted to express my sympathies to Ronnie and Voda Gradine, the Pewett family, the Pete Smith family, Vada Clary's family and the Marshall Reno family. This is such a big loss for our community. It is hard to handle a loss at any time, but harder this time of year.

To each of you, you are in my prayers. God be with each of you.

Trade Days For those of you who did not get out to Old Mill last weekend, you missed some great shopping weather, and from what I could see, there were some good bargains also.

That was the last one for the year and January will kick off their new schedule. Starting the first of the year (Jan. 3, 4 and 5) Old Mill will be the first full weekend of each month.

Just remember, the first Friday of each month will be Old Mill weekend. TILL NEXT WEEK Well, guess that is it for this week. May God bless each of you. Judy



Mr and Mrs W.C. Graves

Green Thumb Garden Club news

The Green Thumb Garden Club met Dec. 12 in Citizens Bank Community Room, with 12 members and spouses present.

Each attending brought a gift to exchange a lots of delectable holiday cooking. It was a jolly fun time! The men played 42, while the ladies enjoyed a hilarious game of "Mad Gab" led by Patsy Bilbo.

Enjoying the get-together were Pat and Virgil Bilbo, Ben and Edna Owen, Ples and Beth Hill, Jan and Leslie Acker, Naomi Matsler, Iva Hudman, Alma Williams, Ida Jones and a guest, Stack Bocko.

Absent and sick members were direly missed.

Mr and Mrs W.C. Graves celebrate 65th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Graves of Post will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 22, 2002, with a dinner at the home of their grandson, Ron and Melinda Graves in Floydada.

The couple's children and grandchildren are hosting the event.

The Graves are parents of Willa and Walter Didway and Ronnie and Diane Graves, both of Post.

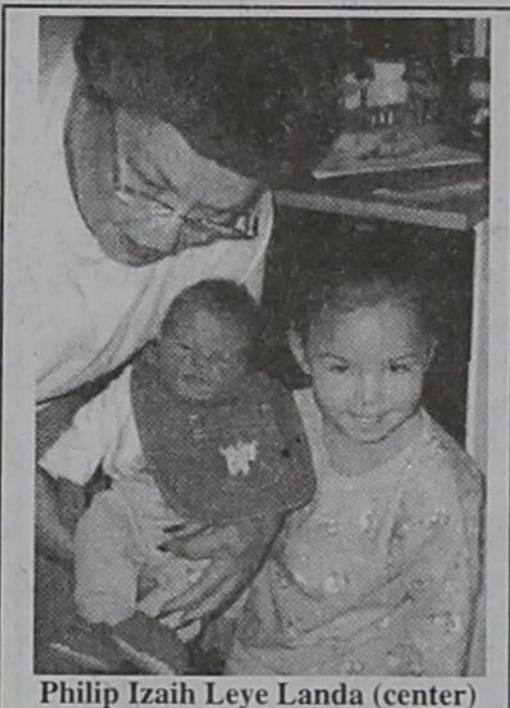
W.C. Graves and the former Annie Violet Smith were married Dec. 23, 1937, in Post.

They have five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Great ability develops and reveals itself increasingly with every new assignment.

—Baltasar Gracian

Births



Phillip "Izaih" Leye Landa

Brooklyn Faith is proud to announce the birth of her baby brother, Izaih, on Nov. 19, 2002, at 2:32 a.m. in Lubbock's University Medical Center. The infant weighed seven pounds, six ounces, and was 19 inches in length. Parents of the siblings are Amanda and Phillip Landa.

Grandparents are Tammye and Butch Griffin of Eddy, LeeRoy Holly of Post and Clara Landa of Levelland. Jo and Wayne Thomas, Joy Holly and Elida Rodriguez, all of Post, are the baby's great-grandparents.

The baby was welcomed home by Ryan, Misty, Cameron and Dawson Holly of Eddy, Riley Holly of Lubbock, Tol, T.J. and Jennifer Thomas of Midland and Byron Hayes of Bryan during an early Thanksgiving celebration.

Menus

Post ISD CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!

Garza Trailblazers

December 23-Cornflake chicken, greens, corn, salad, hot roll, spice cake

December 24- Lasagna, italian vegetables, tossed salad, garlic bread, banana pudding

December 25-26- Closed for Holidays

December 27- Chicken fry, cream gravy, baked potatoe, green beans, wheat roll, fruit



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We do not deal much in facts when we are contemplating ourselves.

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Obituaries

Vada Clary

Private Graveside Services for Vada Clary, 77 of Post will be held Monday, December 16, 2002 and a Memorial Service will be at 3:30 P.M. Monday at the First Baptist Church of Post. The Rev. Jim Hancock, Baptist Interim Pastor will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Justice-Mason Funeral Home of Post.



Mrs. Clary died Saturday, December 14, 2002. Born May 9, 1925 in Kent County to Oren Byron Bud and Jettie (Wyatt) Taylor, she attended school at Clairemont and in 1946 moved to Post and finished school. Married Ira Alton Clary November 19, 1950 here in Post. She worked as a Dental Assistant for Dr. B.E. Young until his retirement. She kept working until she had 38 years as a Dental Assistant. She was a member of the American Dental Association, served as President of the Texas Association, Girl Scout Leader and was a board member of the South Plains Council. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, one daughter: Judy and her husband Tom Polson of Lubbock; four brothers: C.B. Taylor of Lubbock, D.C. and his wife Vickie Taylor of Poteet, Dink and his wife Sarah Taylor and Alton Taylor all of Denison. Three sisters: Jane and her husband Ben Gordon of Odessa, Faye and her husband Bud Green of Durant, Oklahoma and Lynda and Butch Alexander of Denison. Two grandchildren: Mark Polson and Melynda Polson Rogers and one great-grandchild: Colton Colbert.

Memorials are suggested to the First Baptist Church, 402 West Main, Post, Texas 79356 or to the Garza County Trailblazers, 205 East 10th Street, Post, Texas 79356.

Elwood Gradine

Masonic and Military graveside rites for Elwood Gradine, 81 of Ruidoso, New Mexico will be at 1:30 Central time Monday, December 16, 2002 in the Terrace Cemetery, Post, Texas. The Rev. Dr. James Bell will officiate. Burial will be under the direction of Justice-Mason Funeral Home of Post.



Mr. Gradine died Thursday, December 12, 2002. Born August 10, 1921 at Superior, Wisconsin to Erick Emanuel and Ethel C. (Thompson) Gradine. He attended school there and graduated. He served in the US Army and later in the US Air Force, where he retired as a Chief Master Sergeant having served in WWII, Korea and Vietnam. In 1968 he moved to Ruidoso, New Mexico where he worked as Postmaster. He retired from the Postal Service in 1983 and became active in owning race horses. He was a Mason and also a Lutheran.

Survivors include: one son: Ronnie and his wife Voda Gradine of Post; one daughter: Joella and her husband Mike Mullis of Missouri City, Tx. Two sisters: Ruth Brynelson of Lake Oswego, Or. and Marge and her husband Dr. Ed Pasek of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Four grandchildren: Michael and Matthew Mullis and Arimy and Vondi Gradine also survive him.

Delton Pewitt

Services for Delton Pewitt, 40, of Fort Worth, formerly of Post, were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002, in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Mike Holly and the Rev. Donnie Blacklock officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Dec. 14 in Fort Worth. Born Jan. 15, 1962, in Post, he was a welder in the construction industry. He had been a resident of Fort Worth for the past 2 1/2 years, having previously lived in Post.

Survivors include his parents, Modean and Bernard Pewitt of Post; one daughter, Nikki Pewitt of Post; one son, Cody Pewitt of Post; two sisters, Jackie Clark and Twila Holly, both of Post; one brother, Jamie Pewitt of Slaton; and his grandmother, Nora Jackson of Post.

Marshall Reno

Services for Marshall Reno, 85, of Post were held Wednesday, December 18, 2002 at the First United Methodist Church in Post with Rev. Lloyd Stice officiating assisted by Don and Ted Tatum of Post.



Burial was in Terrace Cemetery under direction of Hudman Funeral Home. He died Sunday, Dec. 15, 2002 He was born July 30, 1917 in Wise County to Samuel & Josie Reno. He was a veteran of WWII serving in the European Theater. He married Ruth Lucas on Oct. 3, 1944 in Post. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife Ruth of Post. One daughter and son-in law Nancy & Chris Wyatt of Cypress, Tx., 2 Sisters: Fay Howell of Brownfield and Audrey Nell Patty of Carlsbad, N. Mex., 4 Grandsons: Jason Mark Wyatt of Dallas, Scott Randall Wyatt of Huntsville, Paden Alan Wyatt of Cypress, Tx. and Britt Christian Wyatt of Cypress, Tx. and 1 Granddaughter: Hillary Marie Wyatt of Cypress, Tx.

C.V. "Pete" Smith Jr.

Services for C.V. "Pete" Smith Jr., 68, of Slaton were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002, in the Hudman Funeral Home with Tom Lewis officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery.

He died Dec. 15 at his home.

Born Oct. 27, 1934, in Post, he married Janice Schwartz March 3, 1956, in Slaton. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he worked for Burlington Industries as warehouse manager for many years prior to being made superintendent of the mill. Following the closure of the Postex mill, he worked for Spikes Brothers Furniture until his retirement.

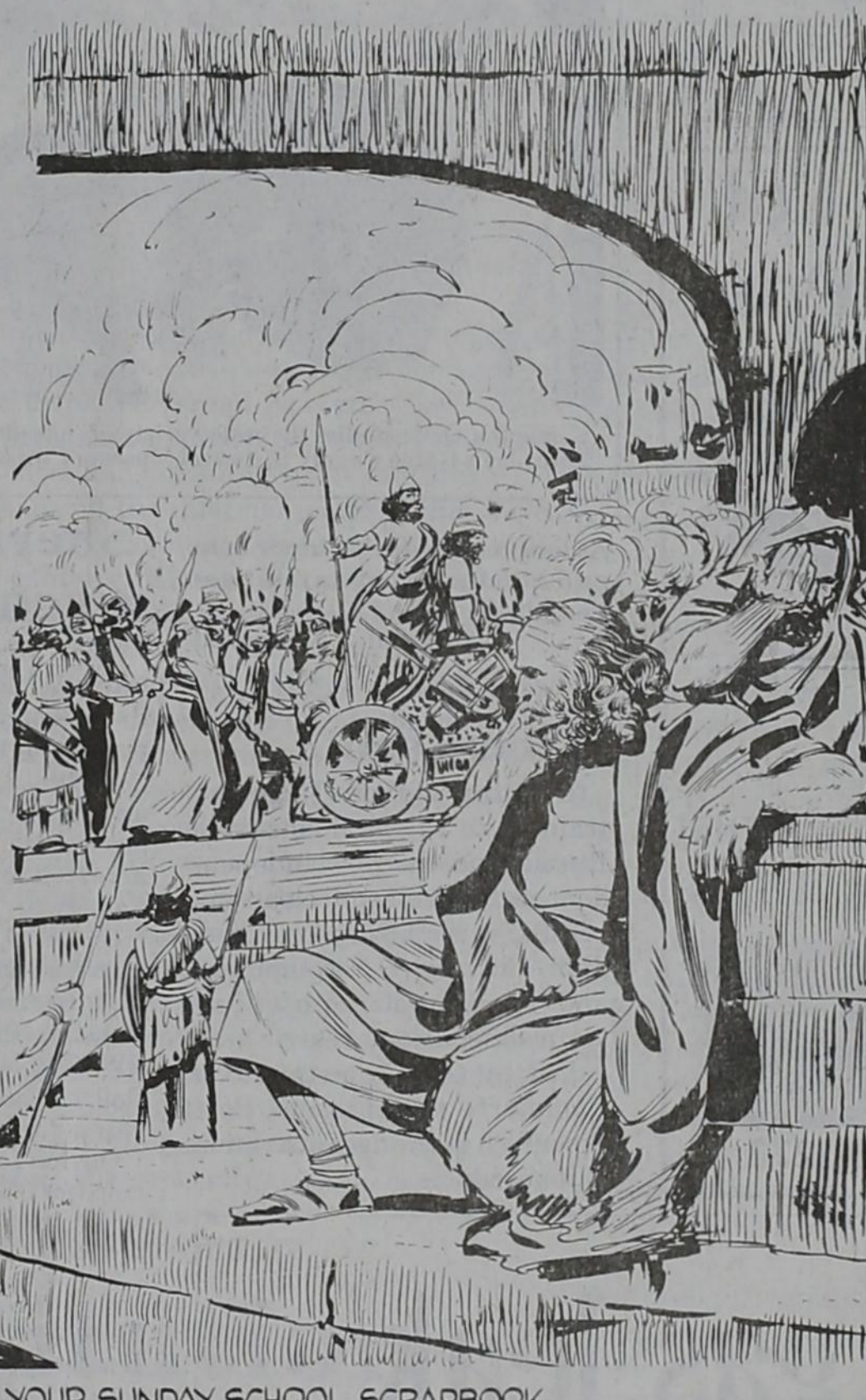
Survivors include his wife, Janice, of Slaton; two sons, Michael Smith of Slaton and Douglas Smith of Kentucky; and one brother, Kenith Smith of Turkey.

Post Devotional Page

Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

EASY BEING A PROPHET?!!

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Letters to the Editor

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Is it really free?

Nothing that I can think of off hand is really free, except maybe the teachings in the Holy Bible. I'm not good on that one, so I'll leave that to someone else.

In my opinion, the commissioners court should not accept donated land to build taxpayer funded emergency personnel facilities on at Lake Allen Henry. Such transactions would only open the doors for rumors and ridicule.

Whether or not any strings or obligations were attached, hard feelings and so forth would soon arise if donated land was accepted from any land owner regardless if it was at Lake Allen Henry or 14 miles North of Fluvanna.

In my view, any property should be purchased at a reasonable market value, or leased 99 years at a time. One dollar per year also is B.S. as well.

Rumors are already beginning to surface, so it would be of my opinion, that if we start out keeping our noses clean, then they may never run.

But then its a free country supposedly, and we did in fact, elect the governing body, so if they think its proper to accept donated property, then they

should jump on it, hook, line, sinker and all. I'm just simply suggesting that my tax money should be under no obligation to anyone.

Actually, I believe the emergency facilities should be built all under one roof directly across the road from Grubsville Store. Lubbock's entrance road would fit perfect on the south side of the parking lot, and the Northridge entrance road could be on the north side of the lot.

The reason for that to be a good place to build is because of quick access to the state highway. In other words, seems to me like that would be the hub, or center of future activity. In my opinion, with the exception of Northridge development, most building and property improvements will be between that point and U.S. highway 84.

I believe in the next 10 years that whole country will be covered in homes, including all the way up Turkey Bluff road. Plus the City of Justiceburg will have need for emergency services someday.

In my view, the idea of having all the different branches of emergency

personnel under one roof would be because of a sophisticated radio and computer system that will soon be necessary in that area. For that reason, I believe it would be cheaper to put the Fire Department, Game Warden and Lake Patrol offices, Police Department, Ambulance and Rescue facilities, Lubbock's Permit Office, along with a Krispy Kreme Donut Shop all in one building would be a big plus.

That way, when an emergency call comes in, the dispatcher could contact the donut shop and immediately dispatch whatever emergency personnel that is needed in a mere few seconds.

We should take the next 25 years into consideration. A building should be built with offices large enough to accommodate any necessary equipment needed,

including a maintenance shop, living quarters, showers and a kitchen. That would be to handle any crews that needed to stay on site.

We should also remember that one day, a school system will be in operation somewhere between Lake Allen Henry and Justiceburg.

I would certainly hope the court don't throw up a million dollar, three room shack, that will have to be replaced in only a few years.

We must remember that a imaginary railroad is being built to the gold mine, and the train is already in route. I would hope the commissioners court will stay a few steps ahead of the train.... Huh?

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

7th grade girls win tourney

The seventh grade Lady 'Lopes captured the Post Junior High Tournament championship last week, defeating Tahoka 27-16.

Post led scoring in each of the game's four quarters.

Lauren Gonzales led Post in scoring with 12 points. Lori Jones and Samantha Hoover each scored five points. Tamara Raymundo had three points in the game, while Brenna Postell scored two.

"This was a big win for these girls," the coach said. "Tahoka had beaten them the first round of district play. Our press worked very well, and it hurt Tahoka a lot. The girls did a great job running the pass.

"Lauren Gonzales had an excellent game. She had a lot of steals off the press and did a great job taking the ball inside and drawing fouls."

In their first game of the tourney, the Lady 'Lopes bested Meadow by a score of 26-9.

Hoover led scoring with eight points, followed by Ashleigh Harris with six and Jones with five. Marlee Plummer, Gonzales and Postell posted two points apiece, while Raymundo scored a single point.

"Overall, we had a strong game defensively and offensively. We are seeing the floor better and better. Ashleigh Harris came in the game and played excellent on both sides of the ball," the coach said. "I'm very proud of these girls and of what they've accomplished in just one week."

Middle School girls lose 24-10

The junior high girls gold team dropped a 24-10 game to Meadow in the Post Junior High Tournament held last week in Post.

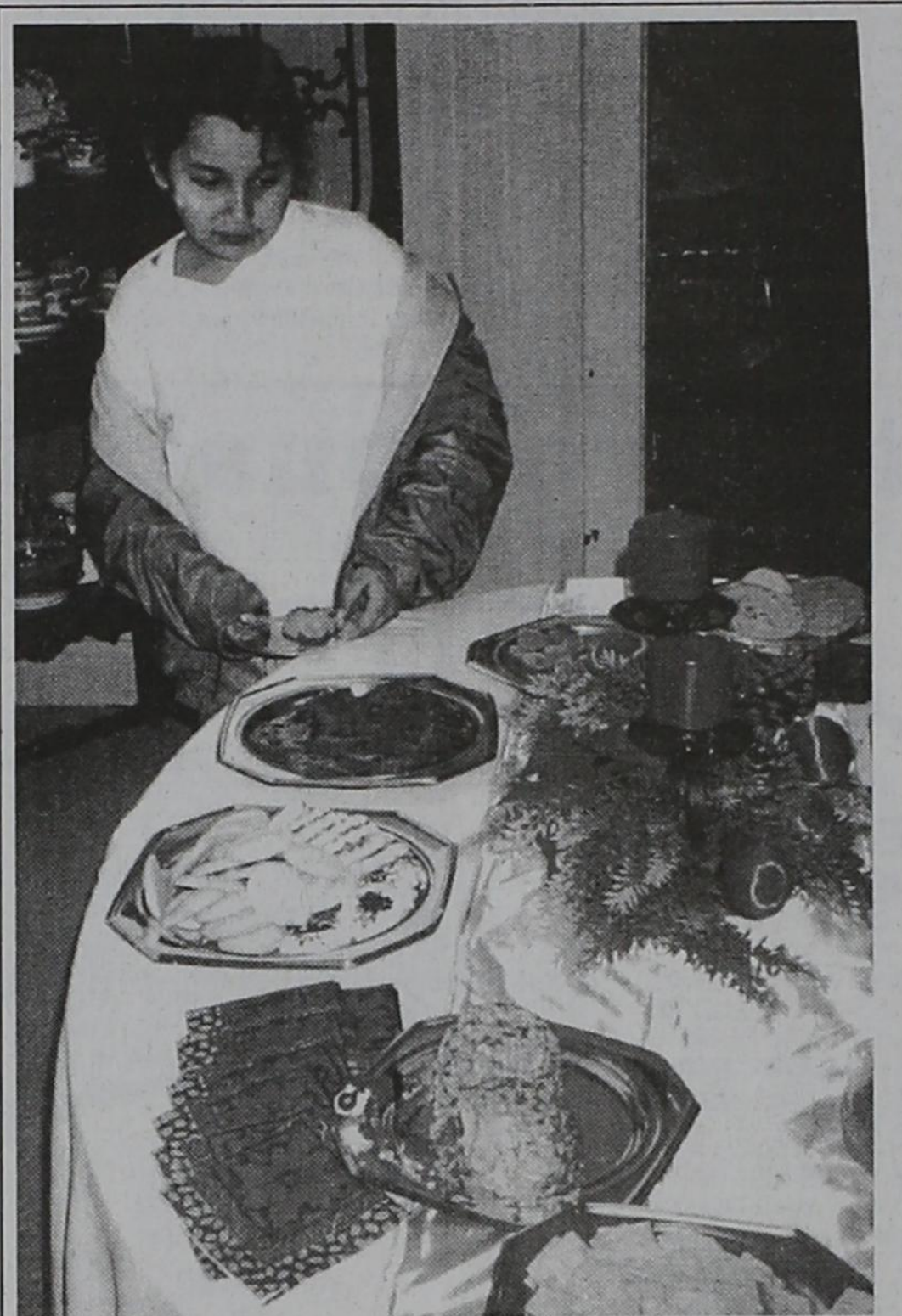
Meadow jumped out to an early lead and maintained the momentum throughout the game.

Shyan Todd led scoring for Post with eight points. Cora Crane scored two points for the Lady 'Lopes gold squad.

"These girls played a good game," the coach said. "There are only five of them, and they played hard the entire game. Shyan Todd did a great job scoring for us."

Remember that happiness is a way of travel—not a destination.

—Roy M. Goodman



Samantha Ortiz studies the wide variety of "goodies" on the table at last Saturday's Garza County Historical Museum Christmas Open House.

As long as you derive inner help and comfort from anything—keep it.

—Mohandas K. Gandhi

FiberTech...

(Continued from Page 1) train up to 18 specialists from Russia and the new independent states in oil spill clean-up. SABIT is recruiting small, medium and large U.S. companies and organizations to host and train delegations. Davis was asked by the Department of Commerce to represent Post FiberTech in the demonstration of its products.

Sheriff reports seven arrests

Seven arrests were logged in the Garza County Jail register during the past week, according to records provided by the sheriff's department.

On Dec. 8, a 24-year-old male was arrested for DWI/first and evading arrest. Also, a 21-year-old male was arrested on a warrant out of California.

On Dec. 9, a 21-year-old male was picked up on a commitment.

Three arrests were made Dec. 14, including that of a 25-year-old for DWI/first; a 33-year-old male on a Dallas County warrant and a 47-year-old female, DWI/first.

On Dec. 15, a 36-year-old male was jailed for DWI/first and possession of a controlled substance.

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Can they really do whatever they want?

by Wes Burnett

Next month the State of Texas Legislature will begin its every two-year bash in Austin ... and if history is any guide, tax payers, liberty lovers and property owners better buckle up and get ready for a rough ride.

The reason for alarm is the amazing political concept that keeps Austin humming ... "Plenary Power."

At the close of the 76th legislative session, I discovered quite by accident that the main reason we have so many statutes (several million by last count), is the belief that the legislative branch has the authority to enact any law it pleases, "as long as it isn't restricted or limited specifically by the constitution."

"The legislature doesn't need constitutional authority," the helpful Legislative Council representative told me, "the legislature has plenary power. The 10th Amendment to the U.S. constitution reserves those powers and rights not delegated to the U.S. government to the states and the people," he explained.

It dawned on me then, in that instant, why we are constantly at battle with legislators, they actually believe that they can do anything they want, as long as the constitution doesn't say they can't.

No wonder there are hundreds of lobbyists roaming the halls of the capitol and streets of Austin ... there's big money in "them thar hills."

Not satisfied with the authenticity of the information I got by phone, I paid a visit to the Texas Tech University Law School Library, and found a bunch of court cases upholding this very concept of legislative plenary power.

It's enough to make any patriot of liberty want to shed tears. Now I am convinced more than ever that the only way to reclaim our individual liberty and freedom from tyrannical and excessive government power is by the ratification of a completely new constitution, one that is designed specifically to overturn this convoluted view of omnipotence of government.

That's why I am promoting the ratification of Texas Constitution 2000, which specifically forbids government to take any action not specifically authorized. That's how the American founders designed their nation, and look how their efforts to control government have been twisted by the courts, as well as by others in government.

There is very little hope for security of liberty in a system of government which operates almost completely without constitutional restraint. There is no way that a constitution could be properly written to make a list of everything they can't do.

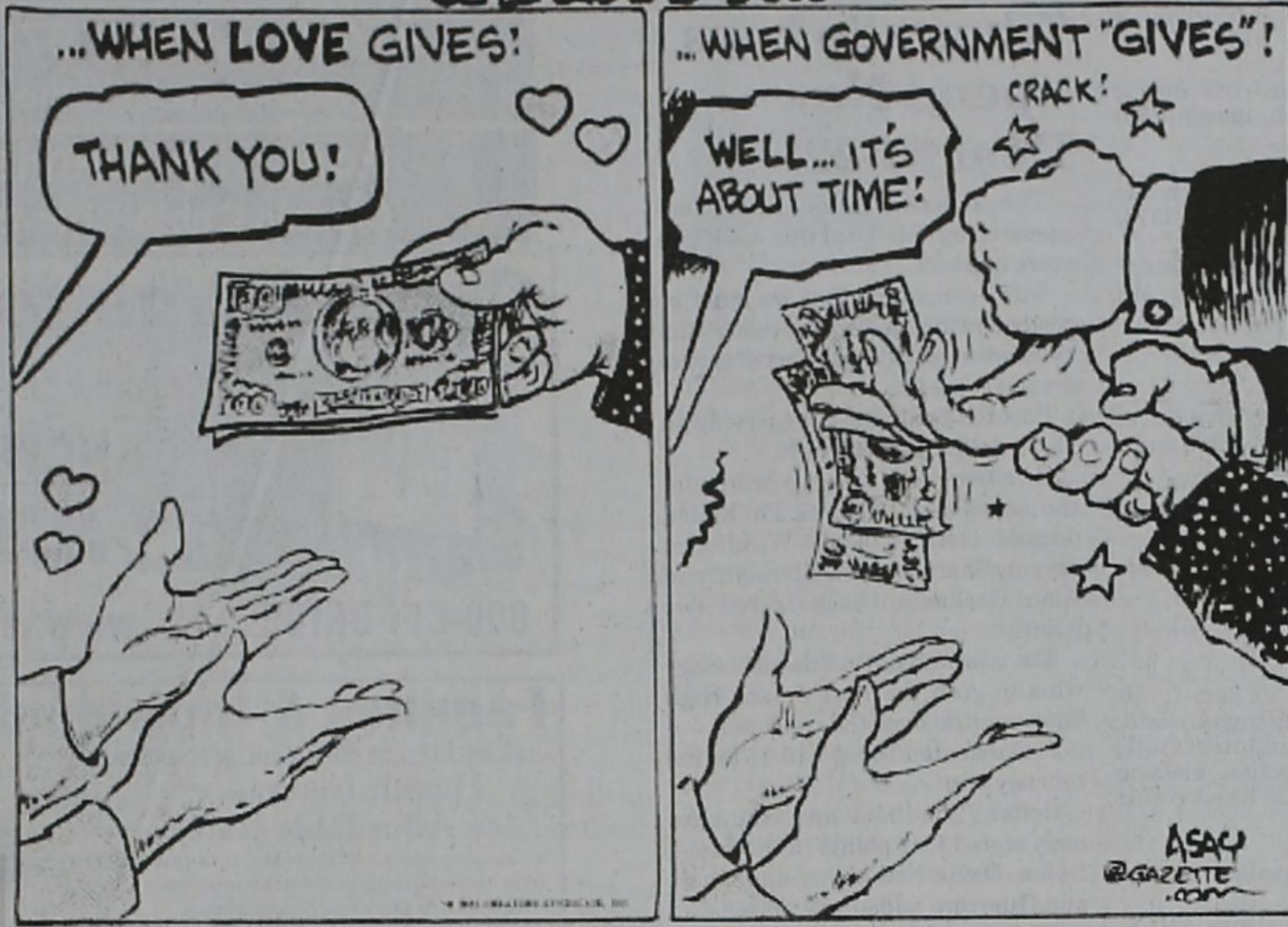
That's why the U.S. constitution was at one time thought to be so powerful an instrument for liberty, because it restrained government to only that which was specifically authorized... and it was a short list.

Naturally, government never stays within its bounds, and we are reaping the rewards for the complacency of our ancestors and ourselves.

Now we can understand how the Congress and the state legislatures routinely exceed their authority ... they don't need to worry about specified authority, they have plenary power!

It's just too much to contemplate.

CHARITY...



Middle East peace recipe

by Walter E. Williams



Frederic Bastiat, 19th century French economist, predicted, "If goods don't cross borders, troops will." That's precisely the theme of a July 1 Weekly Standard article written by my Israeli colleague Daniel Doron, president of the Jerusalem-based Israel Center for Social and Economic Development, titled, "The Way Forward for the Palestinians: It's Economic Development, Not Peace-processing."

Doron argues that during the quarter century from the Six Day War to the Oslo Accords, from 1967 to 1993, the political stalemate enabled a quiet peace. Israel maintained a modicum of law and order in Palestinian areas, and the Palestinian economy flourished.

The Palestinian GDP quadrupled, standards of living rose, infant mortality fell, and seven new colleges were established. During this time of relative peace, hundreds of thousands of Palestinians worked in Israel. Though, Doron adds, going through security checkpoints was a hassle, once in Israel Palestinians had total freedom of movement.

In the late 1980s, Palestinians opened informal markets on the demarcation lines between Arab and Jewish areas and catered to Israelis who couldn't shop on the Sabbath except in kibbutzim. Arab shopkeepers did all they could to promote peace and good relations with their customers. In these markets, the Palestinians earned an estimated \$300 million annually.

That's about half of what they receive in foreign aid and one-quarter of their GDP. During this period of relative peace, Palestinians experienced nearly full employment, whereas today unemployment is about 60 percent and their standard of living has fallen by one-half.

The economic development experienced during this period of relative peace did produce some unintended consequences. The prosperity enjoyed by tradesmen, earning four times as much as workers under Jordanian rule, stirred resentment among Arab bureaucratic and intellectual elites.

Doron says that "contact between the Arabs' almost medieval

ethos of loyalty to location and clan, and the Israelis super-modern, sometimes brazenly liberal ethos, exacerbated the religious and national conflict. Also, Palestinians who attended Israeli universities were indoctrinated by leftist Israeli academics who promoted Palestinian statehood with greater fervor than most Arabs."

Doron concludes that the most important ingredient for conflict reduction is economic development. First, Israel should open its markets to Palestinian products. Israeli farmers unable to compete with Palestinian labor-intensive goods should be encouraged and helped to produce goods for which they have an advantage.

Similar arrangements could be worked out in the construction materials, apparel and footwear industries, and other sectors where Arab competition displaced Israeli workers. The Israeli government must cut its high taxes and red tape that hinder Israeli and Arab entrepreneurs alike and discourage joint ventures.

Israel must keep its hands off the informal markets that have sprung up on the edges of Palestinian areas, which provide livelihoods and are very popular with Israeli shoppers. Doron is not naive. He recognizes that national/ethnic conflicts are not amenable to quick fixes.

After all, it took Europeans, who had been trying to slaughter one another for centuries, a long time to overcome intractable national and religious conflicts. Economic cooperation and growth went a long way toward European peace (although today's European anti-globalists seem to want an end to goods crossing borders).

Economic development is more arduous and not as glamorous as the political struggle, but it has a proven ability to moderate Arab-Israeli conflict. Western "help," through billions of dollars of foreign aid, goes to bureaucracies that squander or steal it.

Unfortunately, that's part of the human tragedy: What's in the interests of the bureaucratic and intellectual elite often works against the interests of the ordinary person attempting to move himself and his family a few steps up the economic ladder.

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Spitting on the Constitution

by Scott McPherson

On December 6, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld California's ban on "assault rifles" on the ground that only state organizations, and not private citizens, have the right to keep and bear arms.

The Court ruled that the Second Amendment did not apply to "an unregulated mob of armed individuals." The Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was written precisely to protect what the court refers to as an "unregulated mob." In the early days of the American Revolution, private individuals defied their lawful government by forming armed, private militias to oppose the king's troops.

In Virginia, George Mason and George Washington, two of our most famous Founding Fathers, formed the Fairfax County Militia Association in 1774, at a time when the Colonies verged on open rebellion. Today, such an organization would be illegal under the Ninth Circuit's interpretation of the Constitution. It might be worth mentioning that without such "unregulated mobs," the members of the federal judiciary would today be wearing wigs.

In response to the ruling, California Attorney General Bill Lockyer said the state had no intention of keeping people from hunting and protecting themselves. "While I respect the rights of Californians to pursue hunting and sport-shooting, and of law-abiding citizens to protect their homes and businesses, there is no need for these military-style weapons to be on the streets of our state," he said.

The problem with this argument is twofold. From a practical perspective, so-called "assault weapons" defy any sound definition. They are more accurately referred to as "scary-looking weapons" because apart from that, they don't seem to share many common characteristics.

Yes, they all fire semi-automatically (one shot per trigger squeeze), but then again, this definition could be applied to the Smith & Wesson 9mm handgun just as well as to the XM-4 Bushmaster rifle, which is modeled after the M-16 used by the U.S. military.

Yet the handgun is arbitrarily exempted from the ban because it doesn't "look" like an "assault weapon." Another flaw in the debate is the claim that "assault weapons" are used to commit a disproportionate amount of crimes, rendering them nothing more than a menace to civil society without any redeeming social value.

But according to award-winning criminologist (and self-described liberal Democrat) Dr. Gary Kleck, in his book *Targeting Guns:*

Firearms and Their Control, "Assault weapons are rarely used by criminals in general or by drug dealers or youth gang members in particular, [and] are almost never used to kill police officers."

Philosophically speaking, it can be said with complete confidence that the Framers of our form of government were very interested in maintaining a citizenry armed with military-style weapons. Tench Coxe, a friend of James Madison, referred to "every terrible implement of the soldier" as the "birthright of an American."

In all of his fumbling to justify the California ban, Lockyer conveniently omitted any mention of the "military-style" weapons that were commonly in private hands when the Second Amendment was adopted 211 years ago this month.

The Second Amendment was never about hunting or self-defense; these were merely the added benefits an armed society would enjoy. The Founding Fathers saw an armed people as the surest way of preventing the usurpation of individual rights and the enslavement of free men — by an appeal to arms if necessary.

May the fallen men of that "unregulated mob" of colonial militiamen who died on Lexington Green in the early morning hours of April 19, 1775, rest well in their graves, for the members of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, with their holding, have spit on the Constitution that their countrymen ultimately brought into existence.

Scott McPherson is a policy advisor for The Future of Freedom Foundation.

"The great rule of conduct for us in regard to foreign nations is in extending our commercial relations, to have with them as little political connection as possible. So far as we have already formed engagements, let them be fulfilled with perfect good faith. Here let us stop. Europe has a set of primary interests which to us have none; or a very remote relation. Hence she must be engaged in frequent controversies, the causes of which are essentially foreign to our concerns. Hence, therefore, it must be unwise in us to implicate ourselves by artificial ties in the ordinary vicissitudes of her politics, or the ordinary combinations and collisions of her friendships or enmities." — George Washington

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New Deal takes win over JV girls gold team

The Post High School junior varsity gold squad ran up against a tough New Deal freshman team Monday night in a 59-9 game.
New Deal exploded offensively, and the 'Lopes were never able to catch up.
Stace Norman and Chris Curb scored four points apiece for the Antelopes, while Robert Apolinar scored one point.
The JV gold team will resume play following the holiday break.

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
—Eleanor Roosevelt

7th grade boys upend New Deal 34-22

The seventh grade boys were upended by New Deal this week by a score of 34-22.
"All I can say is that we must be ready for Christmas," the coach said. "We never got into any sort of groove for the game."

Post fell behind early, carrying an 18-10 deficit into the half.
Eric Guerrero was top scorer for the 'Lopes with 10 points. Pat Rieter, James Griffin, Call Windham, Jeremy Short, Camron Shumard and Alan Heckaman each scored two points.

The team did pull off the necessary wins to grab the Post Junior High Tourney title over the weekend.

Post defeated Tahoka 19-15 for the tourney win.
Reiter, Windham and Shumard each scored four points in the game, Dylan Davis had three and Short and Guerrero added two apiece.

"This was a great win because it was our first," the coach said. "This group has improved each game and finally we got a big win. This was a game that everyone played hard and the kids off the bench played extremely well."

On Dec. 12, the squad lost 36-31 to Meadow.

"The only thing I can say about this game is missed free throws," the coach said. "We were 2 of 13 from the line. In the fourth period alone we missed eight free throws."

Kevin Griffin led scoring for the 'Lopes with six, followed by Short with five and Davis, Guerrero and Shumard with four each. Windham had three points and Tim Wilson added two to the total.

New Deal edges 8th grade boys

Post's eighth grade boys lost to New Deal 37-31 Monday evening.
The lead saw-tooth between the two teams, but New Deal came out on top at the close of regulation play to seal the win.

Colter Creech led scoring for Post with nine points. Blake Nichols had seven points and D.J. Baiza and Zach Perez each have five. Wilson Cash scored three, while Preston Ortiz added two points to the total.

"We played this game like it was our first," the coach said. "Nothing went right all night."

Everything went right for the squad during the Post Junior High Tournament held last weekend. The team won the tourney by defeating Tahoka 36-26.

Baiza led scoring in the game with 13. Perez scored eight points, Cash, seven, and Creech, four. Edgar Garay and Nichols had two apiece.

"After a slow start the kids played the rest of the game," the coach said. "The whole team played extremely well. Zach Perez came off the bench and was eight for eight from the free throw line to clinch the win in the fourth period."

Earlier in the tournament, Post downed Tahoka 33-29 in an overtime match up.

"This was a big win," said the coach. "The kids played a lot better this time against Tahoka. D.J. Baiza hit some key shots to force the game into overtime."

Baiza had 16 points in the game, while Creech scored eight, Cash, six, and Garay, three.

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Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

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Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference in January

"A direct result of producer-requested educational programming, the Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference will focus on regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture as well as the BMP's (Best Management Practices) for cotton, grain sorghum, peanuts, and other crops," says Greg Jones, County Extension Agent for Garza County.

This conference will be held Monday, January 20 in the Dawson County Annex Building, located at 609 North First Street in Lamesa, Texas, and will begin at 8:00 a.m. The registration fee, which includes technical sessions, door prize ticket, lunch, refreshments, educational materials and access to exhibits, is \$15 if paid by January 16, 2003. After January 16, the registration fee will be \$20. Forms and fees, payable to "S.M.A.C.", should be sent to the Dawson County Extension office at P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa, Texas 79331. Registration forms are available at the Extension office at 215 West Main in Post.

The program, sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension in Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Mitchell, Lynn, and Garza Counties, will also feature information on Cotton Production (Irrigated & Dryland); 2003 Guar, Sunflowers, Grain Sorghum Production; 2003 Look at Peanut Production; Agricultural Weed Control for Southern High Plains; Alfalfa, Forage Systems, Wheat, and Hay Production; Economics of Cotton Plants Response to Squaring for Insect Management and Irrigated Management; and Laws & Regulations. Top quality speakers from across the State and the South Plains area will make presentations concerning current research production trials. Producers will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with experts, specialists and other growers. Also, producers will be able to visit commercial booths throughout the day.

Five Continuing Education Units (CEUs) (2 IPM, 1 Laws, 2 General) will be provided for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators for attendance at this program.

Speakers include Dr. Randy Boman, Dr. Calvin Trostle, Dr. Peter Dotray, Dr. Todd Baughman, and Extension Agents Tommy Doederlein and John Farris all with the Texas Cooperative Extension.

Producers who wish to pre-register should mail their check for registration to the Texas Cooperative Extension, P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa, TX 79331. Remember, the registration fee is \$15 if paid by January 16, 2003. After January 16, the fee will be \$20.

We will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for the meeting. Please contact John Farris at the Dawson County office of the Texas Cooperative Extension (806) 872-3444 as soon as possible to advise of auxiliary and/or service needed.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
by Tumbleweed Smith

They eat boiled peanuts in North Carolina



We saw several signs advertising boiled peanuts between Knoxville, Tennessee and Asheville, North Carolina. They were all crude, handmade signs on slabs of planks.

They were in front of temporary little stands that sold fruit and syrup right along with the boiled peanuts. Finally I told Susan, "I've just gotta stop and get some of those boiled peanuts." I parked the car across the street from one of the modest stands.

"I'd like some of those boiled peanuts," I told the man behind the counter. He said I should try some first. He got a big spoon and dipped it down into a big black pot filled with hot water and peanuts. He fished out a couple of peanuts. They were soaking wet. He gave me one and told me to open it just like I would a dry peanut. I opened it and the two nuts inside looked normal except they were about the biggest peanuts I had ever seen. "Lots of folks around here really like 'em," he said.

"Go ahead and try them." I popped the two nuts into my mouth and discovered they were mushy. About the consistency of mashed potatoes. They were awful. The man could tell I wasn't going to be a big customer of his boiled peanuts. "Not everybody likes them," he said.

And he was right. We went to North Carolina to see three things: The Thomas Wolfe Memorial, The Biltmore Estate and the beautiful leaves. We flew to Knoxville and rented a car to take us into Asheville. The road between the two cities is spectacular. Creeks flow over stony beds beside giant gray boulders.

The trees were just about at peak and made a colorful backdrop to the water rolling over the rocks. All along the way were fall displays of scarecrows, weathered old wooden wagons, pumpkins and autumn flowers. We were amazed at the Smoky Mountain smoke. Although the mountains are not that high, they are in the clouds.

We drove up Grandfather Mountain. We went to Blowing Rock and Chimney Rock. The latter one is a tall natural monument that has an elevator in the middle of it to take people up 26 stories to the top. The Biltmore Estate is the largest private home in America. It has 250 rooms. It was built over a six year period a hundred years ago by George Washington Vanderbilt.

His grandfather Cornelius Vanderbilt made a fortune in shipping and railroads. It is one of America's castles and has treasures from all over the world in its basement and three floors. The estate also has a large hotel, a winery, several restaurants, stables and gardens.

When I was an English major at Baylor, I read Thomas Wolfe. Not as an assignment, just on my own. I've never had a writer speak to me like Thomas Wolfe. He talked about an America that I wanted to see. And I did.

After college I traveled to both coasts and experienced our country from border to border. I had been wanting to go to Asheville for more than 40 years to see the place where he grew up. The trip was a success because I got to do just that. Thomas Wolfe probably didn't like boiled peanuts, either.

8th grade girls win local tournament

The eighth grade girls won the championship of the Post Junior High Tournament conducted last week in Post.

The squad defeated Tahoka 35-16 to take the championship trophy.

Post eased past Tahoka in the first period by a score of 10-8, but easily outdistanced their opponents in the remaining periods. A stingy Lady Lopes defense allowed only one point in both the second and third periods.

"We struggled just a little bit first quarter, but came out in the second and played well," the coach said. "These girls did a great job handling playing the same team twice in two days. Gabby Paiz did a terrific job this game scoring and being a defensive threat."

Paiz and Sarah Kirkpatrick were lead scorers in the game with eight points apiece, followed by Kylie Easterling with five, Rachel Gray and Jackie Hays with four each, Larissa Halford with three, Keisha Odum, two, and Steffi Norman, one point.

In their first match up of the tournament, Post dominated both ends of the court and downed Tahoka by a score of 34-12.

Halford led scoring in this game, logging 12 points. Hays had eight, Anahi Garcia and Kirkpatrick had four apiece, and Paiz, Gray and Easterling each scored two.

"The girls played a great first half, but didn't produce as well as I would've liked them to in the second. Both teams were scoreless in the third quarter," the coach said.

"Larissa Halford played a great game and had a lot of steals in which she scored on most of them. Anahi Garcia did a good job coming in the game and putting points on the board."

JV boys black team drops one

The JV Black team dropped a 43-41 game to Plains Monday evening.

The Antelopes dominated the game offensively until the fourth period, when Plains outscored the locals 18-5 to take the win.

"The JV Black played a great first three quarters," the coach said.

Tony Garay led scoring for Post with 10 points, followed by Mark Norman with nine, Janessa Eilenberger with eight and Cole Easterling with five. Keith Meredith, Kenny Garay, Jordan Tatum and Kyle Gunn each scored two points, and Coco Valdez added a single point to the total.

On Dec. 10, the team lost another close one, this time a 46-43 game against Coahoma.

Easterling poured in 18 points in the game, while Kenny Garay had eight, Norman and Tatum had six apiece, Eilenberger had four and Adrian Zubia, one.

"The JV Black had a rough week," the coach said. "I had two boys who did not travel due to the fact of being sick. Then I had three boys who played in the game while being sick."

"The boys had a hard time getting started in the game, but stepped up and played a great second half."

Meadow wins over B team

The Post B team fell to the Meadow seventh/eighth grade team 45-6.

The Lopes were held scoreless in the entire first half of the contest.

Adrian Nava had three points in the game, while Richard Suit scored two.

"This game wasn't as bad as the score turned out," the coach said. "The kids played hard."



Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Neitsch,

Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science

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Holiday Safety

The holidays are fast approaching. The table is being set for dinner, the candles are brought out and lit, and the tree is trimmed with decorations. The holidays are a time for celebration! They are also a time for increased risk hazards. To keep your family safe, consider the following tips to avoid holiday disaster.

Fireplaces

- * Keep matches out of the reach of children.
- * Open the flue in your fireplace to be sure to get adequate ventilation. Carbon monoxide poisoning risk increases dramatically during the winter months.

- * Be sure to check any fuel-burning appliances before use in cold weather.
- * Install an approved carbon monoxide detector in your home for added protection.

Travel The holidays find many of us packing and on the road to visit loved ones, but before you head out, be sure you and your kids are safe by using this safety check list.

Is the safety seat in the back seat?

- * Is the safety seat installed correctly and tightly in the vehicle with the safety belt.
- * Is the safety belt routed correctly?

- * Is the safety seat facing the correct direction? (Rear facing for an infant under 1 and less than 20 pounds or forward facing for over 1 year of age and over 20 pounds.)

- * Are the shoulder straps in the correct slot? (Rear facing-lower slots; forward facing-upper slots)

- * Is the child in the safety seat securely? (Shoulder straps snug, harness clip positioned at armpit level, straps not twisted, and latch fastened.)

Lights

- * When purchasing lights check lights for any damage to the socket, bulb, or wire before purchase.

- * Select lights for where they will be used. Only lights labeled "indoor" lights inside and "outdoor" lights outside to insure they have been certified for that use.

When using previously purchased lights.

- * Always check the strings for signs of wear and tear. Check lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections.

- * Replace or repair any damaged light sets before use.

When putting up lights...

- * Never use more than three light sets on one extension cord.

- * Place extension cords against the wall to avoid tripping, but do not run cords under any rugs.

- * Never use electrical lights on metallic trees. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights.

- * Turn off all lights on trees and decorations before you go to bed or leave the house.

Holiday Stress

- * Make a list of all the things you want to accomplish before and during the holidays.

- * Keep some of the activities you enjoy most for yourself.

- * If you need time alone in the midst of togetherness, say so.

- * Laugh, practice seeing humor in your holiday dilemmas.

Reference: HERO Health Hints: Holiday Safety Tips



Dry mixes, packaged in decorative jars, can make for lovely, practical holiday gifts to warm the heart and soul.

Cappuccino Mix in a Jar

Makes 3 cups dry mix

- 1 cup instant coffee creamer
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- 1/2 cup Domino Granulated Sugar
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
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Makes 3 1/4 cups dry mix

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- 3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/2 cup firmly packed Domino Brownulated Sugar
- 1/4 cup Domino Granulated Sugar

Layer all ingredients in a jar to give. To reconstitute, mix all ingredients thoroughly. To prepare a single serving, add 3 Tbsp. mix to 6 oz. hot water and stir well. Store in an airtight container.

Layer ingredients in jar to give, seal tightly. To reconstitute mix ingredients well. For a single serving, add 8 oz. freshly boiled water to 1/2 cup mix in heatproof mug. Stir until completely dissolved.

Maturity is reached the day we don't need to be lied to about anything.

—Frank Yerby

Extension Extras

4-H County-Wide Christmas Party...

...will be held December 19th. at the show barn starting at 6:30. All 4-H'ers need to bring two Christmas ornaments. Parents are welcome to come help with the Scavenger Hunt.

Southland 4-H Christmas Party

December 19 at the Southland School Cafeteria starting at 6:30 p.m. 4-H'ers need to bring a gift for the Chinese Christmas exchange and finger foods. Contact Lana Conner for more information.

Garza County Jr. Livestock Show

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Holiday Entertaining

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- 1 cup sugar

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Makes 24 servings.

Apple Sauce with Crunchy Topping

- 1 1/4 cups bran flakes
- 1/4 cup finely chopped pecans
- 3 Tbsp. firmly packed light brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 1 1/2 cups Mott's Apple Sauce, any variety

In medium bowl, mix bran flakes and pecans; set aside. In saucepan, over medium heat, heat brown sugar and butter until melted and blended. Remove from heat; add bran



This Festive Holiday Punch can be an apple-licious way to celebrate.

mixture, tossing to coat well. Cool. Spoon apple sauce into six 6-oz. dessert dishes; top with bran mixture. Serve immediately.

Makes 6 servings.

Festive Holiday Punch

- 8 cups Mott's Apple Juice
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Sports

Lady Lopes hammer Coahoma 62-21

Four Lady Lopes hit double figures in scoring last week as the Post varsity girls rolled past Coahoma 62-21. Tayler Starkey, Nikki Norman, Kaycee Gorman and Brittney Courtney each logged double-digit numbers in the game, scoring 16, 15, 13 and 10 respectively. Rounding out the offensive effort were Patricia Hester with four points and Courtney Short and Donae Dalby with two points apiece. Post roared out to a 17-7 lead at the close of the first period, and carried the lead throughout the remainder of the game. The scoring gap closed some in the third period, with Post scoring 11 and allowing Coahoma 17, but the Lady Lopes came roaring back in the final period to outscore their opponents 18-4.

In addition to the double-digit scoring an outstanding offensive offering by Starkey, the coach cited a season low 10 turnovers as another key to the team's victory.

The win puts the varsity girls at 7-5 on the season.

Antelopes pack All-District Team

Seven Antelope starters were named to the first team 2002 All-District 4-AA Football Team announced earlier this month. Several Post High players also were tapped for second team recognition and honorable mention.

Bryan Looney made both the first team offense and defense lists, being named as center and kicker. Fullback and secondary player Mitchell Mills also found himself on both sides of the ball on first team picks.

Rounding out the first team offense were Noah Gutierrez, tackle; Jarrett Vickers, tight end; and Jett Lott, tailback.

Others listed on the first team defense included Jon Eilenberger, linebacker, and R.C. Curtis, tackle.

Eilenberger, a guard, also was named on second team offense, while Ben Ayala, secondary, and Mark McCallister, linebacker, were named to the second team defense.

Earning honorable mentions were McCallister, offensive tackle; Brody Robertson, quarterback; Kris Hernandez, defensive end; and Luis Zubia, secondary.

Antelope varsity takes 38-36 win over Plains

The Post Antelope varsity basketball team improved their season record to 6-6 following Tuesday night's 38-36 win over Plains here. "These young men are playing hard and having fun," coach Dane Vickers said. He expressed praise for the team, pointing out that "Mitchell Mills is doing a great job of handling the ball, Kenny Ratke plays great defense, Jett Lott, Jerrison Moore and Brice Easterling are taking care of business inside and Jerrad Grisham and Sterling Smith are shooting the ball very well."

Jarrett Vickers "is doing a great job all around," coach Vickers added. Jarrett is averaging double figures in points and rebounds and in one game was in double figures for rebounding, shooting and assists.

In the Plains contest, Vickers led the team with 16 points, followed by Mills (6), Ratke (4), Lott (4), Grisham (3), Easterling (2) and Smith (2).

Last weekend at the Abernathy Shootout, the Lopes lost a tight one to Sudan 71-68 in overtime. The Lopes led by three points with 16 seconds left in the game, but lost the ball on a missed shot. "We won't make that mistake again," coach Vickers explained.

In scoring, Vickers got 13, Smith 12, Moore 10, Mills 9, Lott and Easterling 8, Grisham 6 and Ratke 4.

Shallowater, rated number one in state AA basketball, took a commanding 64-32 win in the second game of the Abernathy tournament. "They are definitely good," coach Vickers observed, "but our players never gave up and I'm proud of the way they handled themselves."

Vickers again led the team with 13 points, followed by Lott with nine, Easterling with four and three each by Smith and Grisham.

In the third game, the Antelopes controlled Sundown 47-35. Grisham led the scoring with 12 points, Smith got 11, Mills was credited with six, while Vickers, Lott, Moore and Easterling got four and Ratke scored two points.

Former state champions Peaster took the final contest 72-51 as the Lopes finished competition at the Abernathy tournament. Vickers got 16, Mills 14, Smith 9, Grisham 6 and three each were scored by Ratke and Easterling.

On December 10 the Antelopes edged Coahoma 47-45. Vickers scored 14 points, Smith got 11, Mills and Lott hit for six, Moore got five, Ratke collected three and Easterling scored two points.



Jessica Mason (left) puts up stiff defense against Abernathy in last Saturday's Post Lady Lope win at the Abernathy Shootout. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

JV girls overwhelm Coahoma 40-16

The Post Junior Varsity Lady Lopes cruised past their Coahoma counterparts last week in a 40-16 win.

Post jumped out to a 14-4 lead in the first period and never looked back, out shooting Coahoma 8-4 in the second period and 12-2 in the fourth period.

Laurel Tatum was top scorer for Post with 13 points. Jenee Lott and Kayla Dunn each had eight points, while Ashley Wilson scored six, Kayla Morris and Leslie Rutherford, two apiece, and Traci Nelson, one.

"We played good team defense," said Coach Jerry White. "Offensively we controlled the ball and cut down on our turnovers. Our guard did a good job of getting the ball inside to Tatum and Lott. Dunn hit two threes and scored eight out of 14 points in the first quarter to get us off to a good start."

The win put the team at 7-5 on the season.

The girls lost the championship game of the Sands Junior Varsity Tournament played Dec. 5-7. Wink downed the squad 41-28.

Lott led scoring with 12 points, followed by Tatum with seven, Lyndee Strawn with three and Rutherford, Wilson and Courtney Copeland with two points each.

Wink grabbed the momentum early in the game, outscoring the Lady Lopes 11-4 in the first period and 15-9 in the second.

"The defense really stepped up in the second half, but it was not enough for the offense to catch up," Coach White said.

Lott and Dunn were listed as members of the All-Tournament Team.

The girls squeaked past Loop 28-25 in the second round of the tournament.

Morris, Lott and Tatum shared high-point honors with eight points apiece. Nelson, Strawn and Copeland each contributed two points to the scoreboard.

"Jenee Lot and Laurel Tatum did a good job at post," the coach said. "Kayla Morris got hot and scored eight points coming off the bench. Loop played a senior transfer student who was tough, but Traci Nelson did a good job for us defending her."

The squad won its first game in the Sands Tournament by defeating the host team 40-35.

The lead changed hands many times throughout the game, with the contest knotted at 24-all at the close of the third period.

Dunn was top scorer with 16 points. Wilson had six, Tatum, five, and Strawn four. Lott and Nelson each scored two points, while Morris added a single point to the Lady Lopes' total.

"Kayla Dunn hit a three late in the fourth quarter to break a tie," Coach White said. "We pulled the ball out to run the clock, forcing Sands to foul. Down the stretch, Ashley Wilson made four free throws and Lyndee Strawn made two more to preserve the win."

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Post Antelope football players earning All-District honors are (back row, left to right) Bryan Looney, Luis Zubia, Mitchell Mills, Brody Robertson, Jett Lott, Mark McCallister, Kris Hernandez, (front row) Jarrett Vickers, Ben Ayala, R.C. Curtis, Jon Eilenberger and Noah Gutierrez.



Logan Gregory (14) gets ready to take the pass from Donae Dalby (22) with 13 seconds on the clock and trailing by one point. Logan took the ball down court, with Nikki Norman taking the final winning shot (see photo below). (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Nikkie Norman took the inside lane to the basket for the Lady Lopes to take a 38-37 win at the buzzer in last Saturday's action at Abernathy. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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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
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