

# Lady Lopes rally to 56-40 win

After a slow start, the Post Lady Lopes took control in the second period with a strong full court press to whip the Eagles 56-40 in the district contest. Christie Oden led the team with 20 points, followed closely by Holly Hardin with 18. Amber Cooper picked up six points, Tracy Shumard put in five and two each were scored by Katina Davis, Andrea Wallace and Chelisa Williams.

Other team members are Falisha Jefferson, Angela Jefferson, Jill Stelzer, Tiffany Steel and Nikki Pollard.

The Lady Lopes also won a squeaker 48-54 in overtime against Lubbock Christian High School on January 3.

Cooper hit a three-pointer at the end of regulation play to put the Lady Lopes into overtime. Oden then contributed with five three-pointers to lead the team in overtime for the win.

Oden was credited with a total of 23 points, followed by Cooper with 20. Hardin and Wallace each scored five points, Steel got three and Davis was



Chelisa Williams (left) fights for a rebound with Christie Oden (40) during action here last Friday. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

## J.V. girls win in overtime

Hanging in with determination, the Post junior varsity girls' basketball team came out of overtime with a 57-45 win over Seagraves January 6. The contest was the team's third win in district play.

Natalie Pollard led the scoring with 11 points, followed by Deeje Estep and Macee Mills with 10. Cassie Short was credited with eight, Arimya Gradine scored six and Erica Gomez got two points.

Other team members are Bobbie Davis, Jody Hawkins, Tammy Mathies, Andrea Rodriguez, April Leary, Jennifer Hubble and Jody Gregory.

On January 3 the team blasted Lubbock Christian High School 53-23. Pollard scored 15 points, followed by Estep with 12. Short got eight, Mills hit for six and two each were credited to Davis, Hawkins and Gomez.

## J.V. boys edge Seagraves

Taking control in the second half, the Post junior varsity boys' basketball team edged Seagraves 42-40 in the January 6 district contest.

The team posts a season record of seven wins and four losses and a district record of three wins and no losses.

Todd Terry led the team with 11 points. Seth Pennell hit for nine, Josh Grisham picked up seven, David Perez got six, Jeremy Josey scored five and two each were scored by Freddy Pena and Jay Childers.

Other team members are Roy Perez, Jake Loreda, Noel Saldivar, Lance Goen and Kip Wilks.

On January 3 the young Lopes dropped a 56-51 decision to Lubbock Christian High School.

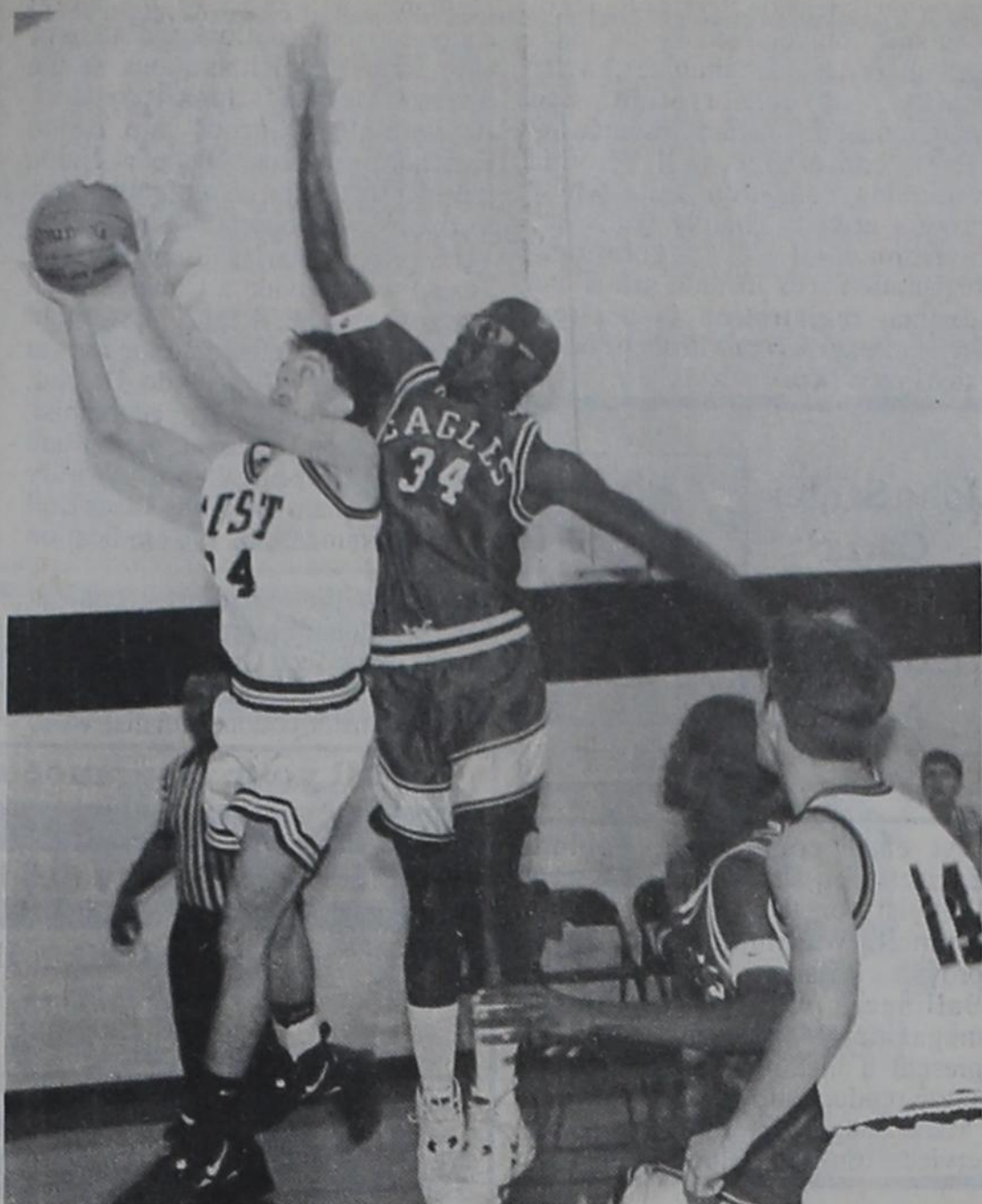
Perez, Terry and Grisham each scored 10 points. Josey got seven, Pennell picked up six, Loreda scored four and two each were credited to Childers, Pena and Wilks.



Russ Bird (40) takes a leap for a two-pointer during last Friday's contest here with Lubbock Christian High School. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Tiffany Steele (left) goes after a loose ball during action here last Friday as the Lady Lopes won in overtime. Katina Davis (11) gets ready to help on the play. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Cody Bain goes up for a layout during last Friday's action against Lubbock Christian High School. B.J. Hart (14) joins in the action. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

## Varsity 'Lopes zip by Seagraves

The Post Antelope boys' basketball zipped past Seagraves last Friday 56-46 with Cody Bain ripping off 29 points.

He was followed in scoring by B.J. Hart and Russ Bird with nine points, Alvin Reed with four, Brad Lawson at three and two each by Travis Hair and Eric Hanna.

The team lost 70-52 January 3 to Lubbock Christian High School. Lawson led the team at 14 point and Hanna collected 10. Others scoring included Bain with seven, Jerry Crawford at five, Chris Ashley and Reed with four, Hair at three, Hart and Bird with two and Justin Terry with one.

## Tax 'n Facts

by Terri S. Cash, CPA

### PASSING ON IRA MONEY

According to IRA rules, you must begin withdrawals at 70 1/2, but, depending on the amount in the account and your financial needs, there could be a lot left when you die. Who gets it, and how?

If the IRA owner dies before distributions have begun, the beneficiary can receive payments over his or her life expectancy or can withdraw the whole amount with no penalty before age 59 1/2 by the end of the fifth year after the owner's death. But if the owner had taken distributions, then payouts must continue at least as rapidly as they were taken before.

Surviving spouses have the widest options. They can take distributions like any other beneficiaries or can roll over the money to an IRA of their own. The spouse should advise the custodian in writing of the change in ownership and name a new beneficiary. Choosing someone much younger allows payments to be stretched out over a longer time (though the IRS Minimum Distribution Incidental Benefit table limits the age-spread between owner and non-spousal beneficiary to 10 years).

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# Living on the Edge of the Caprock

By John R. Senter, CEA-AG  
Cotton producers on the Texas South Plains can get a jump on the 1995 growing season by attending one of three regional conferences January 16-18. National leaders in the cotton industry will join research scientists and Texas Agricultural Extension Service specialists who work directly with local growers to present up-to-the minute information on production technology and regulations, national and international policy and marketing strategies.

Opening the series January 16 will be the Southern Mesa Cotton Conference at the Dawson County Annex Building, 609 North First St., Lamesa. It will focus upon concerns for growers in Dawson, Borden, Gaines, Garza, Scurry, Terry and Yoakum counties.

The Caprock Cotton Conference will be January 17-18 at the Plains Baptist Assembly seven miles south of Floydada on U.S. Highway 62. It will address needs of growers in Crosby,

Floyd, Hale, Briscoe and Lubbock counties.

The Llano Estacado Cotton Conference will be January 18 at the Olton Ag Pavilion, U.S. Highway 70 at Avenue D, Olton. It is tailored to concerns of growers in Lamb, Castro, Parmer and Bailey counties.

The three conferences are a result of the highly successful Caprock Cotton Conference presented in Crosbyton each January for the past several years by the Extension Service.

"The Caprock Cotton Conference, and the two additional conferences this year, are a direct result of educational programming requested by the producers," said Dr. Bob Robinson, Extension Service district director. "The response was so great that last year we had to turn away growers who wanted to attend."

Robinson said the series of conferences was devised to allow more growers to take part and to fully address specific concerns in different growing regions of the South Plains. All three

statewide Extension Service issues of economic competitiveness for Texas agriculture and communities; water quality and conservation, and environment and natural resources.

Each conference will provide continuing education units which growers need to comply with state environmental regulations. Registration fees include meals and advance registration is desired. Growers may register with their county extension office.

**John Senter  
Garza  
County  
Extension  
Agent**



At each conference, Paulette Zakrzewski (cq), legislative analyst and lobbyist for the National Cotton Council, Washington, D.C., will provide a legislative update and Adam Ballinger, publisher of "Fiber" magazine, Memphis, Tenn., will present a historical perspective on cotton production.

Mark Lange, director of economic services for the Cotton Council at

Memphis, will describe the world cotton economic outlook and status of U.S. farm bill deliberations at the Southern Mesa and Caprock programs. At both the Caprock and Llano Estacado programs, Nicholas Hahn, president of Cotton Incorporated, New York City, will report on its activities.

U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm (D-Texas) will provide a Congressional update at the Llano Estacado conference. Other featured speakers at that program will include Dr. Ed Smith, Extension Service economist, College Station, discussing present and future farm policy, and Woody Anderson, chairman of the Texas Boll Weevil Foundation, on eradication efforts.

Technical presentations at Lamesa will be: Dryland cotton yields, Dr. Dan Krieg, Texas Tech University; variety and planting considerations, Kater Hake, extension cotton specialist, weed

control, Dr. Billy Warrick, extension agronomist; economics of low volume irrigation versus dryland production, Dr. William Lyle, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; cropping systems, John Farris, Dawson County extension agent; and laws and regulations, Randy Rivera, Texas Department of Agriculture.

The two-day Caprock conference, which will offer 10 CEUs, will include a presentation on property rights by Marshall Kuykendall, Dripping Springs rancher and president of the Take Back Texas organization. Also featured will be a discussion of biotechnology with Dr. John Gannaway, Experiment Station cotton breeder, and officials of Calgene and Micogene corporations.

## Mayor proclaims 'Stay in School Year'

In cooperation with the United States Army, Mayor Jim Jackson has issued a proposed proclamation to encourage young people to stay in school. The "Stay in School Year" proclamation reminds young people that in this country a high school education is important for both financial and personal reasons.

"The United States Army," the mayor proclaimed, "through its recruiters, is stressing to all U.S. youngsters to 'stay in school and stay off drugs' because an education provides the best opportunities, whether enlisting in the Army or working at a civilian job."

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- 5 cattle auction submission (2 wds.)
- 6 Hillsboro outlet mall has \_\_\_ Factory
- 7 Edith Wilmans was elected state legislator on Ku Klux \_\_\_ ticket in '22
- 8 \_\_\_ River
- 9 TX Kite's assoc.
- 12 TXism: "happy as a pup with two \_\_\_"
- 17 TXism: "worthless as \_\_\_"
- 19 Uvalde in 1855-56
- 21 TX Twitty's "It's Only Make \_\_\_"
- 22 TXism: "hot as \_\_\_ stove"
- 23 TX backyard spa (2 wds.)
- 28 TX before the Civil War: \_\_\_ballum
- 29 in Westlaco: Biological \_\_\_ Control
- 30 to wake up
- 31 TX Gene Autry TV series "Range \_\_\_"
- 35 NASA developed small heart \_\_\_
- 36 edibles of "Fiesta San Antonio" (2 wds.)
- 42 what to do with watermelon seeds (2 wds.)
- 44 Sonora is on the \_\_\_ of Edwards Plateau
- 46 \_\_\_ Oswald
- 48 TXism: "happy as \_\_\_ slop"

- 49 TX Perot's first naval rank (abbr.)
- 50 long, long time
- 51 Houston Astros top draft pick ('92): Phil \_\_\_
- 52 Fay \_\_\_ County
- 53 Dallas Mavericks & Stars play in Reunion
- 54 TX Hagman's "Dallas" role: J.R. \_\_\_
- 56 mediocre
- 57 country lanes (abbr.)

### DOWN

- 1 Bonnie & Clyde pulled 'em (2 wds.)
- 2 home of Dyess AFB
- 3 rep. from Mission: \_\_\_ Garza
- 4 TX town or biblical garden
- 9 Judd Lewis was 1st TX \_\_\_ laureate
- 10 TXism: "close enough for \_\_\_"
- 11 TXism: "some gravel" (fell)
- 12 iced
- 13 TX Roddenberry "Trek" line: "live long \_\_\_"
- 14 forerunner of the 7-11 "Slurpee"

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### CITY OF POST TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TO LOW TO MODERATE INCOME OWNER-OCCUPANTS

#### WHO QUALIFIES?

The Texas Community Development Program is designed for homeowners of substandard housing who live for the last five years within the City's designated city limits. It is limited to low to moderate income owner-occupants.

To qualify, the applicants gross annual income cannot exceed the following income limits:

FAMILY SIZE	FAMILY INCOME
1	\$1,337 per month/\$16,050 per year
2	\$1,529 per month/\$18,350 per year
3	\$1,720 per month/\$20,650 per year
4	\$1,912 per month/\$22,950 per year
5	\$2,066 per month/\$24,800 per year
6	\$2,220 per month/\$26,650 per year
7	\$2,370 per month/\$28,450 per year
8	\$2,525 per month/\$30,300 per year

#### WHAT TYPE OF REPAIRS CAN BE MADE?

Rehabilitation grants under this program are focused on the following types of repairs:

The elimination of housing code violations.

Energy saving improvements, including items such as attic insulation and weather-stripping of doors and windows

#### WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT AVAILABLE?

The conditional grant is limited to a maximum of \$15,000 and the structure must be brought up to the City's minimum housing code standards and Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 8 Housing Quality Standards.

#### WHO WILL DO THE WORK ON MY HOME?

An independent contractor approved by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs must perform the work on your home.

#### HOW CAN I BE SURE THAT ALL NECESSARY REPAIRS WILL BE PROPERLY DONE?

Representatives of the City of Texas Community Development Program are available at no cost to homeowners for inspection. They will complete a written estimate detailing the necessary home repairs.

#### WILL THE CITY TAKE OUT A LIEN ON MY HOME?

Yes.

#### IF INTERESTED IN THE PROGRAM, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Call the City's Texas Community Development Program representative Delbert Rudd at (806)495-2811. We will be happy to answer any question on this and other housing assistance programs.

#### LIEN

The program will provide conditional grants of up to \$15,000 per dwelling to low/moderate income owner-occupied of substandard housing. Recipients of this assistance will be required to provide a lien to the City, which will be automatically released at the end of 5 years (self-amortized at the rate of 1/5 of the rehab cost per year). If a recipient sells the rehabilitated property before 5 years have passed, the value of the City's lien will be deducted from the proceeds of sale pro-rated and returned to TDHCA.

#### APPLICATION PERIOD

Applications for assistance for the Texas Community Development Program may be picked up at Post City Hall, 105 East Main, Post, Texas. Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. from January 16, 1995 until February 16, 1995. All Applications for Assistance must be returned with the requested documentation by March 1, 1995.

Post's Texas Community Development Program does not discriminate against interested parties because of their race, religion, sex, national origin, mental or physical disability, marital status, parenthood or age.

### Legal Notice

#### NOTICE TO PUBLIC BY CITY OF POST OF INTENT TO REQUEST THE RELEASE OF FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

January 10, 1995  
City of Post  
105 East Main  
Post, Texas 79356  
(806) 495-2811

#### TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about 9 days, after the publication of this notice, the City of Post will request the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to release funds under Title II of the National Housing Act of 1990 for the following project.

HOME Program Contract Number: 533003

Description: 16 moderate and low income persons and families of owner-occupied housing will be rehabilitated.

Location: Geographical target area is city-wide.

Total Estimated Cost: \$208,000

An environmental Review Record respecting the within projects has been made by City of Post, which documents the environmental review status of the projects. This Environmental Review Record is on file at City Hall, 105 East Main, Post, Texas and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Comments will be received 7 days following the publication of this notice.

City of Post will undertake the project described above with the Home Investment Partnership Program funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. City of Post is certifying to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs that City of Post and Rick Hanna or other certifying officer of Grantee approved by TDHCA, in his/her official capacity as City Manager, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental assessments, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effort of the certification is that upon its approval, City of Post may use HOME program funds, and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and 24 CFR Part 58.

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following basis:

(a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other certifying officer of the Grantee approved by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs; or

(b) that the Grantee's environmental review board for the project indicated omission of a record decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review required procedures (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, P.O. Box 13941, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-3941.

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Doyle and Flora Fry

The family of Mae E. Ollison want to thank everyone for each act of kindness for all the food, visits, flowers and cards. We are grateful to each of you who called or visited to share memories. Thanks again.  
Melvin and Bessie Lee and Family

### Personals

### 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. We have supper at 7 p.m. and the speaking starts at 8 p.m. Anyone who wishes to talk or ask about an alcohol problem, call 495-3667 or 629-4393.

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).

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### Lost and Found

The City of Post, Texas will accept sealed bids at the office of the City Manager, 105 E. Main, Post, Texas 79356

until Friday, February 3, 1995. These bids will be opened and reviewed during the February 7th council meeting. This bid will be for a 1995 diesel truck equipped with a 29 yard sideload packer body. A complete list of specifications and requirements may be obtained by contacting city hall at (806)-495-2811. The City Council of Post reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

### Public Hearing

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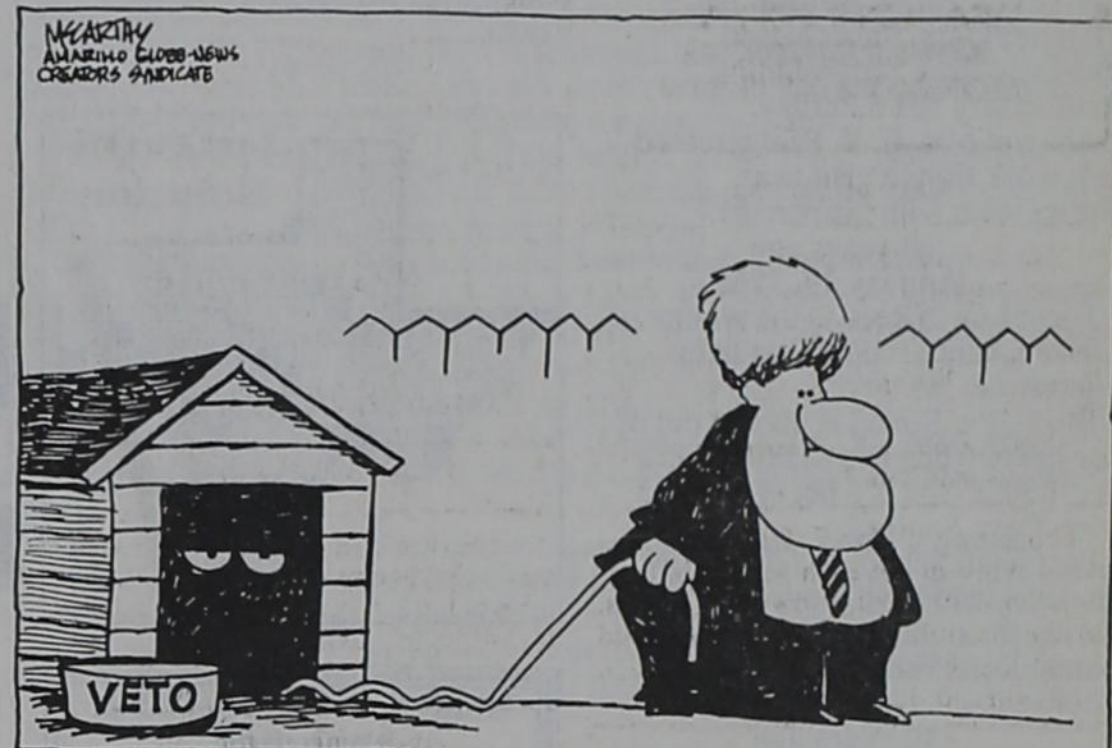
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# Opinions

## What makes a town, a town?

**Wesley W. Burnett**  
I believe that those of you reading this newspaper who live in Post already have the answer to the question posed in the above headline. I, humor me, as I launch into a peek into the future... and share my ideas of what makes a town a town.  
Some of you know, I have traveled widely in Texas through the years, and I've lived in more than a dozen different places... some big, some not so big... been to the deep south, way out west, up north, down in the bogs by the Red River.  
Whenever I've lived or traveled I've seen the evidences of towns that were, is that might have been and towns that are and will be.  
You know what the towns that might have been look like... boarded up windows, run down streets, sidewalks with grass taking over... unpainted or faded to painted buildings... that ho-hum, "we've given up" look. Those kind of places are all around us here in West Texas.  
Then there are the towns that have that "we're almost there" look about them. Their business areas have a mixed look of old and new, run down and spruced up. A look of "we're not sure, but we think we know what we're doing" look. I particularly appreciate those towns that have that "we know who we are, and we know what we're doing" look.  
Their business districts have a spruced up all over look. During holidays the streets are brightly lit and the store windows are smartly decorated. These towns know where they're going and the people who live there obviously have a pride in their community.  
Fortunately, I chose just such a town to live in...  
Okay, we're not perfect... we even have a large building downtown now that is vacant, since the long time retailer there closed its doors. That's a shame... it is certainly not a reflection on our town nor on our hard working and dedicated retailers.  
I can say that with conviction, because we know them, we see them working, they are our neighbors.  
But what makes a town a town?  
Well, I think, more than anything else, being able to find the essentials and the so-essential things we need to enjoy living here. It is being able to do most of our shopping without having to fight a big crowd. It is knowing that you can

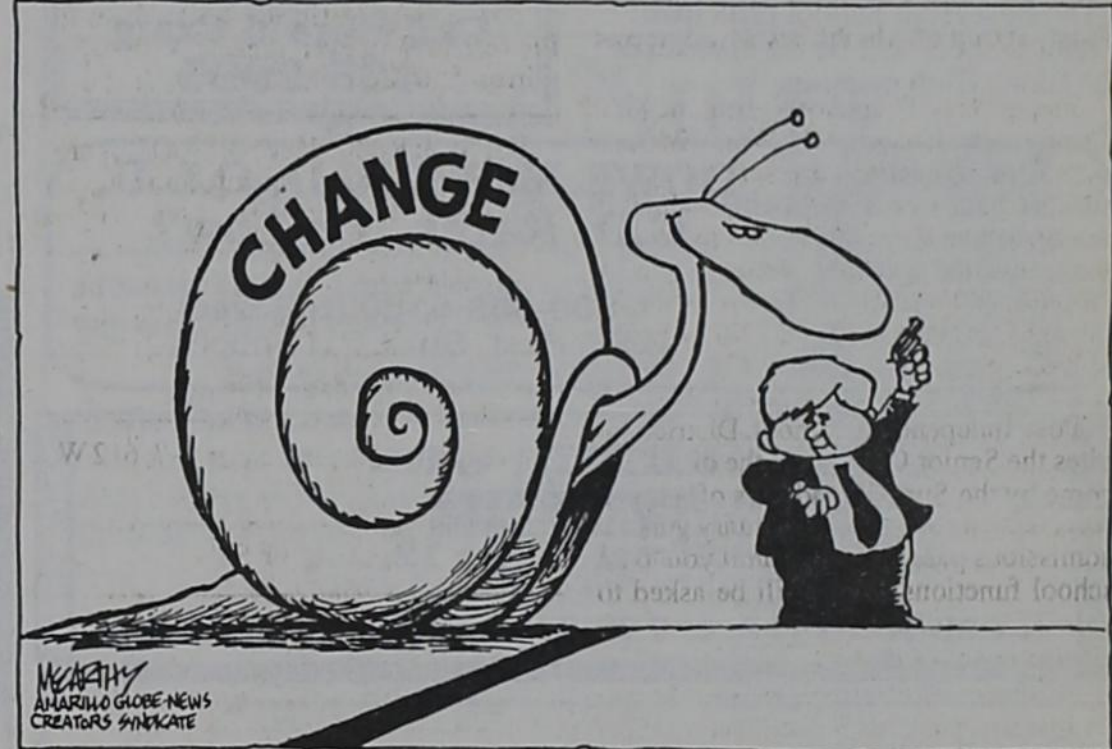
do business with a friend. It is the little things we take for granted... like having your service station man come to your house to fix a flat tire, or your merchant ordering something special, just because you need it.  
It is being able to get mail delivered to your door, seeing your friends at church, visiting at the grocery store, watching each other's children grow up and have their own children.  
Sure, we could do most of those things in the big city not too far from here... but it wouldn't be our town...  
Some say we live "down in that hole off the cap," but they usually say it with a tone of envy in their voice... because they realize that there is just something downright nice about living in Post.  
But then I see that empty store front downtown, and it makes me realize how fragile all this is. It reminds me that without my money being spent here, there could be a lot more empty stores. And when the stores close, believe me, it's not a pretty sight... for not long after that, other things begin to happen.  
Lower retail sales means less money for the city, that means the lights will come down on Main Street, the sidewalks will start sprouting grass and weeds.  
Without our retail merchants there will be fewer college scholarships for our young people marching off to see the world. It's like a domino effect... one falls down, others begin to feel the pressure and soon it all comes tumbling down.  
Yes, this is a reminder that if we are to keep alive the kind of town we want, one we can brag about and feel good about, it's up to us. Each one of us, we make the town. It is our daily decisions about where to spend our money that sets the stage for the future.  
I have lived in the towns where the people took their money to the shopping center 50 miles away... and now their towns look like one of those old western movie ghost towns... tumbleweeds and dilapidated buildings.  
I know these merchants, they want to keep you happy, they want your business, and they will go out of their way to satisfy you. And, they are our friends.  
I want my town to march into the 21st century alive and vibrant, a place where my grandchildren may decide to choose as their place to live and work. I know you feel the same way.  
It's up to us, you know, it's simply up to us.



## Pete Seeger and the uses of art

**Stephen Chapman**  
Americans have a great capacity to forgive and a small capacity to remember, which has been a great asset to the career of folk singer and national monument Pete Seeger. He was recently given two of the country's highest art awards despite a life spent laboring on behalf of the most malignant political ideology ever put into practice.  
It is doubtful that anyone with a long history of association with Nazism could enjoy popularity and respect in America — even someone who had repented. But Seeger proves that a long and continuing history and association with communism is no bar to success in the leading capitalist nation on Earth.  
Last week, CBS broadcast the Kennedy Center Honors, which included a salute to Seeger. At 75, he has gained a measure of immortality for writing or co-writing such songs as "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?", "Turn, Turn, Turn" and "Kisses Sweeter Than Wine," as well as remaking an old spiritual to the protest anthem, "We Shall Overcome." In October, President Clinton gave him the 1994 National Medal of the Arts. He praised Seeger as "an unconventional artist who dared to sing things as he saw them."  
Clinton didn't bother to inform his unwitting constituents that the way Seeger saw things was invariably the way the Communist Party saw them. Seeger was a member from the 1930s into the 1950s. Ronald Radosh, a historian at Adelphi University and an authority on the American left, recalls that one of his best-loved songs, "If I Had a Hammer," was written for a fund-raising rally to help communist leaders arrested under the Smith Act, which made it a crime to advocate overthrowing the government.  
Clinton further obscured the truth by saying it was a "badge of honor" that Seeger was blacklisted from radio and TV during the McCarthy era. Blacklisting was a bad thing, but some care should be taken to distinguish between those people who were harmed when they were falsely accused of being communists and those people who were harmed when they were accurately accused of being communists. Not all victims of McCarthyism were innocent victims.  
Seeger generally comes across as an all-purpose idealist, portraying his career as one of "singing for civil rights, singing for peace." The Kennedy Center press release played along, noting his "pro-union and anti-fascist songs" and his effort in the "civil rights and anti-war movements." But when interviewed

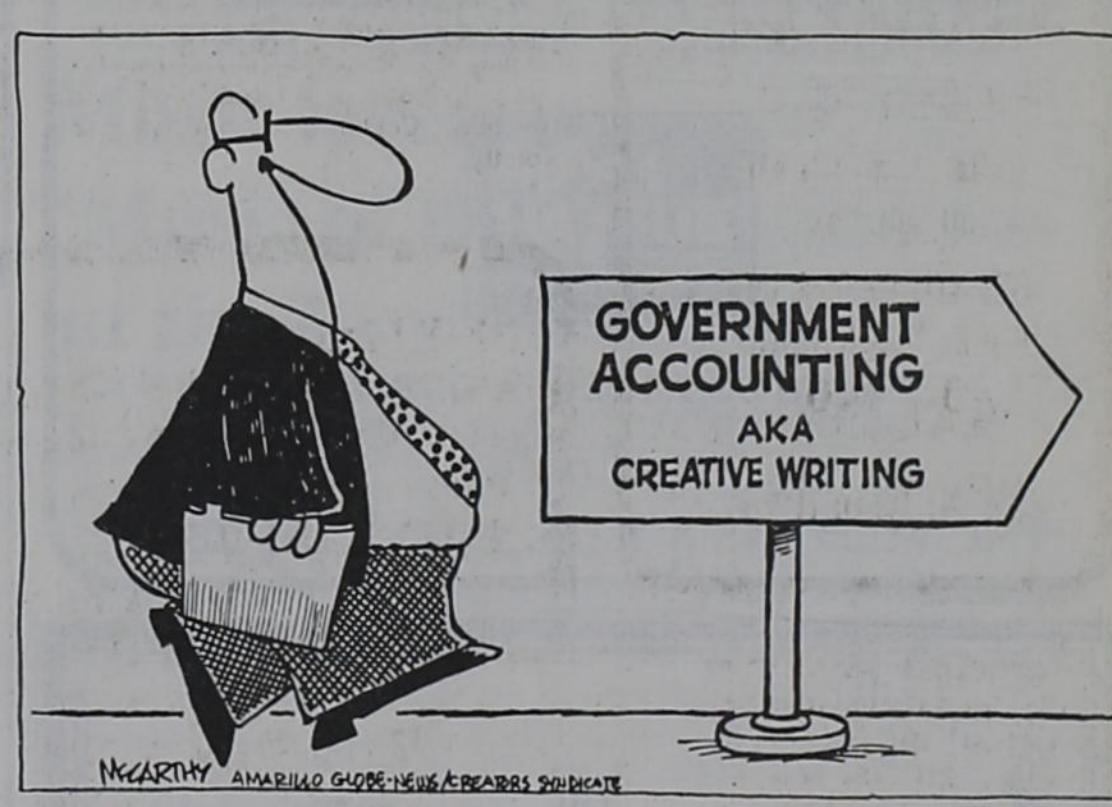
recently by the Washington Post, the old apologist for Stalin declared with pride, "I am still a communist."  
His life has been one of tireless loyalty to that set of beliefs. His father was a member of the Communist Party, and Seeger was captivated at age 11 by the autobiography of Lincoln Steffens — the American journalist who said after visiting Lenin's Soviet Union, "I have been over into the future, and it works."  
During the Great Depression, Seeger became friends with Woody Guthrie, another folk singer who was also a faithful member of the Communist Party. In 1955, Seeger refused to testify about his party connections before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and was convicted of contempt of Congress (though the conviction was overturned on appeal).  
He was active in the civil rights and anti-war movements, but his agenda was not quite the same as that of Eugene McCarthy or Jesse Jackson. In 1970, he wrote a song celebrating the North Vietnamese dictator Ho Chi Minh that included these memorable lines: "He educated all the people, he demonstrated to the world: If a man will stand for his own land, he's got the strength of ten."  
Joan Baez, one of the leftist singers he inspired, opposed the Vietnam War, but she also denounced political repression in postwar Vietnam and sang about Soviet dissidents. Seeger's concern for justice and human rights didn't extend quite that far. He did, however, write a song claiming that the Soviet Union had liberated Jews from oppression.  
He apparently has learned nothing from the record of Stalin and his progeny. Ronald Radosh was surprised recently to see a book of writings by the brutal Sandinista Interior Minister Tomas Borge with an effusive jacket endorsement from — you guessed it — Pete Seeger.  
He is not one of those artists whose art can be considered separately from his politics — like, say, Wagner or Picasso. It would be like separating the green from the grass. He has always believed in the old communist slogan, "Art is a weapon." Nor can he be excused on the grounds that he has changed, because he hasn't.  
For his entire career, Seeger's art has been a weapon in the service of a cause that has produced more suffering, destroyed more lives and piled up more corpses than any other form of government in human history. Somehow, a few nice tunes don't seem to make up for all that.  
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## Loiterers will be persecuted

**Robert Fulghum**  
"No Loitering. Loiterers Will Be Persecuted."  
A friend found this sign on the couch in front of the television the day after Christmas. Taped to the sign was a list of work that needed doing before Jan. 1: "Take down tree, haul out trash, clean up garage, fix faucet in bathroom."  
To loiter means to hang about with no apparent purpose. To tarry, loaf and linger aimlessly. To procrastinate, dawdle and dilly-dally. Which is exactly what I and all other sane people should do during the holidays.  
I say, "Please Loiter." It's a sign of wisdom.  
I'm in favor of deep loitering — being so immobile for several days that you have to look very closely to see if I am alive. Breathing, eating, sleeping and going to the bathroom. That's all. In between those activities, I loiter. If the Guinness Book of World Records had a category for the most loitering between Christmas and New Year's I'm the gold medal guy.  
This anti-loitering thing has gotten way out of hand. I see the signs everywhere go. And hardly a month goes by without some well meaning city government laying out a new anti-loitering statute.  
The blame may be laid at the door of King Ine of England. Never heard of him? Well, he never heard of you either. Nevertheless, in the seventh century, he affected your life by proclaiming loitering illegal. The purpose: to keep peasants from leaving their feudal lords and living free. The law assumed that if you weren't at work around the castle, you must be a renegade up to no good. Just hanging out meant you were suspect. And the punishment was being whipped in public and having one ear cut off.  
Since then, loitering laws have been used to keep undesirable off the streets and out of the sight of decent citizens. Beggars, bums, mental misfits, vagrants, prostitutes, drug dealers, the homeless and drunks have all been scooped up in the no-loitering net. If you just looked like you might be going to do something illegal, you could get arrested and hauled off to the slammer until you established your innocence.

The trouble with such laws is that they have also been used at various times and places to arrest labor union strikers, Jews, women suffragettes, long-haired youth, blacks and anti-war demonstrators. Also foreigners, street musicians, gays, abortion protesters and evangelists.  
In other words, just about any irritating minority that seems like it might make trouble has been victimized by all-encompassing loitering laws.  
Given the mood of our time, Democrats standing around in groups on street corners may be the next to be rounded up. They're certainly the cause of great evil, have no visible means of support and may well be up to no good if they're not locked up. Or so the raging river of Republicanism would have us believe.  
That's the point. Loitering is in the eye of the beholder. If anyone may be arrested because they seem suspicious or liable to criminal activity, then any one of us may be next. It's the way the Nazis handled the Jews, the mentally ill, the poor, the gypsies and anybody else deemed an enemy of the state.  
This happens.  
Our Supreme Court has consistently ruled all loitering and vagrancy laws unconstitutional. These generalized statutes violate our Bill of Rights. Freedom of speech, freedom of association and freedom from unlawful search and seizure hold firm. We can hang out with whomever we wish, say whatever comes to mind and not be harassed for idleness.  
Doing nothing is not against the law. Loitering is our patriotic duty.  
This is line of reasoning explains why my friend responded to his wife's sign with a sign of his own: "This Activity Approved by the Supreme Court." And there he sits on New Year's Day, slumped down in his favorite spot on the couch, littered with popcorn debris, eyes closed, mouth open, snoring. Meanwhile, the 15th bowl game of the day roars ahead on the tube. He's a card carrying member of LOAF — Loiterers Organized American Freedom. He's just doing his duty: pursuing happiness, preserving freedom and protecting the Constitution.  
Loiterers, sit still! You have nothing to lose but your chains.  
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## Our problem is immorality

**Walter E. Williams**  
Since we're starting a new year, a new Congress and perhaps a president trying to catch up with the newly revealed national mood, let's get down to basics. Most, if not all, of the big problems we face are rooted in national immorality. If we acknowledge the first principle of human rights, that immorality is readily seen.  
We each own ourselves. I belong to me, and you belong to you. If we accept that natural-law premise, behavior is easily partitioned into that which is moral and that which is immoral. Murder and rape are immoral because they violate people's private property — themselves. Theft is also immoral. What a person produces is a conversion of his own mental and physical talents into concrete goods and services; hence, they belong to him. Self-ownership is meaningless without the ownership of the fruits of one's labor. Indeed, a working definition of slavery is that a person produces things, but someone else owns them. The slave is forcibly used to serve the purposes of another.  
The founders described God-given or natural rights as those unalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, adding "That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men." Everybody agrees each should pay his share of the cost of government's securing those rights. Similarly, everyone agrees that if I saw a person, farmer or business in need and forcibly took what belonged to you to assist them, I'd be guilty of theft.  
"Williams," you say, "you're boring us; we know what theft is!" What if I got 10 people to agree to taking your money, would you call it theft? How about 1,000; 10,000; 10 million or 100 million? In other words, does an act (theft), clearly immoral when done privately, become moral when done collectively?

In my book, theft is theft whether done by one person or in concert with tens of millions of persons.  
Debt and deficits are a major component of problems at the federal level. But there'd be no debt or deficits if Congress restricted itself to securing our liberties and performing only those functions enumerated in our Constitution. Our problem is an immoral Congress, driven by an increasingly immoral citizenry, making legalized theft a way of life. A society based on the institutionalization of theft is headed for trouble.  
Welfare for the poor is just a tiny part. The major recipients of stolen property are not poor at all. Among them are farmers, banks, businessmen, college students and senior citizens. Once theft becomes institutionalized and legal, it pays for all people to participate. After all, if everybody is stealing, and you try to be moral and honest, you're going to be left holding the bag. Individually, it pays us to lobby our politicians to steal for our benefit.  
Congress will not end institutionalized theft. There must be a moral reawakening. We can begin by reading our Constitution. Make lists of federal activities that are authorized by the Constitution and those that are not. For fairness and political practicality, we should order Congress to make annual across the board 10 percent spending cuts on the unauthorized list. In addition, federal activities that can be privatized should be done so immediately. There's no reason for government to be in the postal, railroad and power businesses.  
The recent election may have presented us with our last opportunity to spare our nation from the experiences of other once-great nations. Let's not blow it on the zero-sum game of theft.  
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# Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

10 Years Ago  
January 9, 1985

Ida Mae Wilks retired from the Post ASCS office after more than 30 years of service.

Delores Harper is the Employee of the week at the Garza Memorial Hospital.

20 years ago  
January 9, 1975

Tom Bouchier, manager of Higginbotham-Bartlett, retires after 60 years of helping to build Post. His wife, Buena, also retired at the same time as the lumberyard's bookkeeper after 33 years.

Miss Angela Kay Wallace was honored on her first birthday with a party in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wallace Jan. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gossett celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Peel returned last week from a visit near Springtown with his parents.

30 years ago  
January 14, 1965

Brent Lewis Reed is the winner of Garza County's 1965 first baby contest.

Buzzi, the Boxer, is burned out of her home when fire destroyed her dog house. She is a pet of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Sanford.

Post High School has three new students who have moved to Post during the holidays. They are Wayne Plunk, Reba Hair, and Billie Thomas.

40 years ago  
January 13, 1955

The Post High School principal, Chant D. Lee, will be the speaker at the Lions Club meeting.

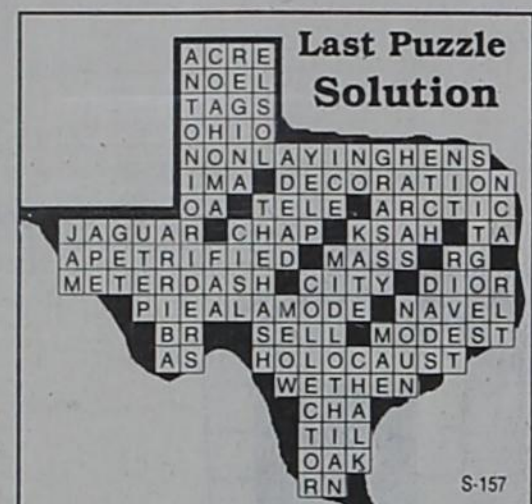
Bill Pond of Honolulu, Hawaii, was a Sunday guest in the Walter Boren home.  
Mrs. Linda Barbara Malouf of Post became a naturalized American citizen in ceremonies last week in U.S. District Court in Lubbock.

50 years ago  
January 11, 1945

Soldier-Sailor of the week are Charlie Jinkins, PR 2-C of the US Navy and S/Sgt. Cap Jinkins of the Army. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Jinkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Cross are moving near Weatherford. They have owned land near Grassburr since 1914.

Bettye Jane Travis name is placed on ACC honor roll. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Travis.



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The shortest sermon ever preached

By Mike Butts

Have you ever taken the time to read Jesus' first sermon? It is recorded for us in Matthew 4:17 and Mark 1:15. In Matthew's inspired version the sermon consisted of ten words. In Mark's inspired version the spirit enabled him to record it in twenty words. Jesus' first sermon was precise and to the point. It's message was relevant to all who heard it then and to all who will hear it now. It is a message that should be preached in every church, every home, and every street corner.

I am afraid that in our society and churches today we have shortened the shortest sermon ever preached. Jesus preached, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand;" (Matt 4:17) and "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the Gospel;" (Mark 1:15). Most of us are quite comfortable with the believing part of the sermon, but many flinch when it comes to the repentance portion. When we shorten Jesus' sermon to the singular point of belief we distort his message. Belief and repentance have always been a part of receiving and hearing the message of Christ. Genuine belief, trust, or faith always causes one to turn away from sin while turning to Christ Jesus.

Just as there is no salvation without belief; there is no salvation without repentance. Jesus Christ preached and required both from his listeners then, and he does so Now! He not only enables people to believe, but he also enables them to repent. God's desire is for you to "Repent and believe the gospel". If you will listen and respond in faith and repentance to Jesus' first sermon you will experience "Abundant life" as you place your trust in him and turn away from sin.

Many of you who are reading this are those who have "repented and believed the gospel". You are God's children, bought by the blood of Christ. You are called to continue to believe and to continue to repent.

In closing I remind you of Jesus' sermons in the final book of the Bible. In Revelation he preached to the seven churches. Do you remember what he said to five out of the seven churches? He said "repent." Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we entered the Kingdom of God by repenting and believing. As we continue to believe; let us also continue to repent.



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