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The Post Dispatch

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Juvenile detention center, murder trial top commissioners' agenda

by Sheri Lewis

Review of construction plans of a 48-bed juvenile center and discussion about the cost of conducting a murder trial highlighted Monday morning's Garza County Commissioners' Court meeting.

Judge Giles Dalby reported he had just talked with an environmental engineer working on the project and had received word that project investors will be in town December 10 to inspect the site.

"The project appears to be on the fast track," the judge said. "I've been handling everything as it comes up and I'll continue to try to do that."

Melvin Britton off to Bosnia

Post resident Melvin Britton is one of a handful of area Army reservists who is headed for active duty in Bosnia.

Britton, a member of the 413th Civil Affairs Division, left for Fort Bragg, N.C., at 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning. He is expected to spend about a week there before being sent to Banja-Luka, Bosnia, for a tour that could last from 7-9 months, according to his wife, Barbara.

"He'll miss Christmas and everything," said his wife, "but I wrapped up my gifts to him and he put them in the bottom of his duffel bag. He also took a fruit cake that his kids gave him."

Britton, who is employed as a deputy with the Lubbock County Sheriff's Department, will serve as a medic in Bosnia. He has been in the Army Reserves for about 25 years, having served four years in the U.S. Army in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

Barbara Britton said her husband has previously spent time away from home due to his involvement with the reserves, but this will be their longest separation. During the Gulf War, Melvin Britton spent three months at Fort Hood.

The Brittons hope to bridge the gap between Bosnia and Post, Texas, with letters and telephone calls.

Christmas parade downtown kicks off Christmas season

This weekend is expected to be a busy one in Post. Aside from the traditional Old Mill Trade Days activities, there are several events — the Main Street Christmas celebration — scheduled to be held Saturday and Sunday in the downtown area.

The annual lighted Christmas parade, hosted by the Post Chamber of Commerce, is set to begin at 6 p.m. Saturday. The annual event will start west of the courthouse.

Several lighted entries are scheduled to participate in the parade, including Texas Tech's Masked Rider. Monetary prizes will be awarded to the top entries.

Prior to the parade, Santa will be at Manna Square from 1-5 p.m. There, he will visit with local youths and will be available for photos. All monies raised through the photos will benefit Gamma Mu's scholarship fund.

"Sounds of the Southwest," featuring southwestern balladeer Larry Buchanan, will be the featured performance at the Tower Theatre Saturday at 7 p.m. Tickets will be \$9 for adults and \$7 for senior citizens and children under 12.

Also scheduled to appear during the Tower Theatre show are two-time national yodeling champion and recording artists the Pecos Valley Yodelers - Gene Grassie and Sharlene Jensen. Rounding out the fast-paced evening will be Wild Bill Cathey with his rope and whip exhibitions. Theatre officials are promising a show full of audience participation, western and folk music, alpine and western yodeling, trick roping and quick wit and humor.

On Sunday, downtown merchants will observe a Christmas open house from 1-5 p.m. Many are expected to offer Christmas specials to assist shoppers in their holiday shopping.

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Earlier this month, county officials received word that investors have been secured and financing has been arranged for construction of the facility, which will be built on a 43-acre site which straddles the city limits just off of FM 651. The \$3.5-4 million project, which has been in the works for the past 18 months, will be financed through the sales of about \$4.5 million worth of revenue bonds. Capital Management of Dallas is the primary financial group handling the project and the Chicago Corporation, an investment firm, is coordinating the investors.

To purchase the property east of town, the county will draw an advance on the monies to be generated by the revenue bonds.

Overseeing the construction and annual budgets of the juvenile center will be a five-member board appointed by the county commissioners. Board members for the non-profit corporation include Sherri Pollard, Victor Ashley, Janie Lopez, Drew Kirkpatrick and Bob Macy, chairman. Daily operation of the juvenile center will be contracted out to a private agency.

Construction is expected to begin in January or February and take from 8-10 months. County officials involved in the project have

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Jail escapee caught in Lubbock following alleged theft of auto

by Becky Warren

A suspected car thief is being held in Lubbock following an escape Saturday night from the Garza County jail. Patrick Davila, who was being held here on a previous charge of auto theft, managed to escape with the help of another prisoner, according to Garza County Sheriff Kenny Ratke.

"It appears that another inmate, Robert Miller," the sheriff explains, "apparently distracted the supervising jailer in the kitchen area, saying that he wanted to make a phone call."

Davila made a statement saying that Miller told Davila where he could find some street clothes and tennis shoes. Ratke said Davila's jail jumpsuit was found in a dumpster behind Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Davila's escape was noticed about 10 minutes after he left the facility. Information was forwarded to the entire region, including Lubbock, which is where Davila was expected to be headed.

"Davila admitted to the sheriff's office staff that he went to the parking lot of the Post Health Care Clinic and stole a 1984 white Olds 4-door car belonging to Ronnie and Triscia Metsgar of Post," said Ratke. "The vehicle was unlocked and Davila says he used a screwdriver stolen from the sheriff's office to break the ignition open." Metsgar's vehicle was later recovered in Lubbock.

Davila then traveled to Lubbock and sometime during the night allegedly stole a 1989 Chevrolet van.

Escape charges were expected to be filed against Davila and Miller

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United Way reaches goal's half-way mark

The 1996-97 campaign for the Garza County United Way has almost reached the halfway mark of its goal of \$13,500.

As of Sunday evening, slightly more than \$6,000 had been contributed to the United Way campaign, according to Carol Tobias, United Way president.

"It's going pretty good," Tobias said. "We're almost halfway, but obviously we'd like to see the donations continue. We'd need everyone to dig deep in their pockets to help us help these organizations."

Local agencies benefiting from the Garza County campaign include the Garza County Mental Health Association, Trailblazers, the Boy Scouts, the Garza County Child Welfare Board, Meals on Wheels, My Special Place, Salvation Army, the American Red Cross, Women's Protective Services, Post Satellite School, Post Girl Scouts, Post Junior Girls Basketball, the summer baseball program and the United Way. Allocations range from \$200 to \$3,000.

The United Way's Budget Committee, made up of local residents, screens all requests from participating agencies to ensure that each receives only its fair share. This year's United Way board members include Jim Plummer, Jacky Harp, Jerry Tyler, Rheba Propst, Wes Burnett and Tobias.

United Way contributions may be mailed to P.O. Box 425, Post, TX 79356.

Post Notes

MHMR Family Education & Support

The family education and support group sponsored by Garza County Mental Health Center will meet again on Wednesday, November 27, 1996, from 5:15 - 6 at the Mill Complex Conference Room, East 7th and Ave. C. This month's topic will be Commitment Procedures. Child care will be provided if notice is given at least 24 hours in advance. For more information, call Michelle Wischkaemper at 495-2813.

Head Start to sell pocket planners

The Post Head Start children and parents will be selling pocket size two-year planners. The prices are \$2 and \$3. Profits will be used for the children's Christmas gifts and education field trips. Contact Lorrie Rivera, 495-4037, Post Head Start.

Third Annual Lighting of the Star

You are invited to attend the Third Annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain. A lighting ceremony and program will be at dark on November 29, 1996 at the Courthouse. The Museum and Courthouse will be open from 3:30 p.m. until after the program. The program will consist of local music, a live nativity, Mr and Mrs Santa Claus, hayrides and refreshments.

Benefit for Soria

A benefit dance will be given to alleviate the hospital costs for Mr Soria and his son who were involved in a car accident several months ago. The benefit will be held at the VFW Hall on December 7 from 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. BBQ plates will be sold from 3-5 p.m. at the cost of \$5 per plate. Anyone wishing to assist with the plates or dance is more than welcomed. Please call 495-2160 for more information. We are also accepting free will donations for the Soria family.

Benefit for Steve Davila

A benefit dance will be held on behalf of Steve Davila on Saturday, December 14, 1996 at the Post Community Center. Music will be provided by Mi Gusto Conjunto. Proceeds from the benefit will go towards a liver transplant for Davila, who is the brother of Rosemary Tuck, Martha Martinez and Dora Rodriguez. For ticket information call 495-2631.

Santa Claus is coming to town

Come see Santa Claus at Manna Square on November 30, 1996 from 1-5 p.m. Pictures available for \$3. Proceeds to benefit Gamma Mu Scholarship Fund.

Constitutional committee meets Dec. 3

South Plains area Texans are invited to participate in the debate and discussion toward drafting a new constitution for Texas. The South Plains Regional Constitutional Committee meets the first and third Tuesdays monthly at the 82nd and Slide Road Home Plate Diner, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held December 3. When completed, the regional committee's draft will be presented by delegates to the July 4, 1997 Texas convention, which will then present a final draft for a vote by Texans in the fall or winter of 1997.

For more information call Charlie Duncan at 495-4164.

Local calf suspected of rabies with strong positive report

According to Dr Larry Mills, local Rabies Control Officer, a report of a positive rabies case from Garza County may be premature.

"I was contacted by the local office of the State Department of Health late last week about a positive rabies test from a calf submitted to Austin for rabies testing from Garza County," said Mills.

The original test was a strong positive, which initiated the phone call and the reports, to the owners of the animal about the laboratory findings.

Subsequent tests, which are routine in all positive cases, yielded mixed results (two of the three supplemental tests gave weak readings) meaning that as of today the rabies test results are inconclusive.

Additional tests are in progress that may take two to four weeks before a definitive answer can be given.

Rabies has been found in epidemic numbers for several years in Texas, prompting the use of dropped baited vaccine targeted at the wildlife population in addition to stepped up efforts at increasing the number of pets and livestock that are vaccinated against rabies.

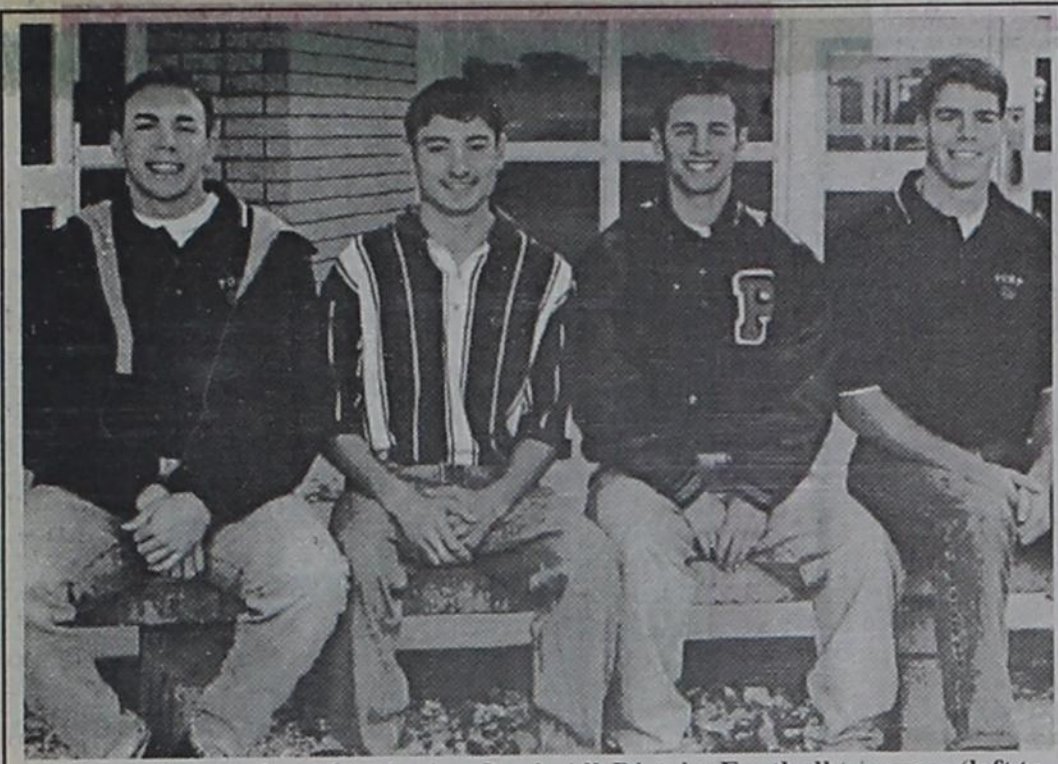
We should always be mindful that proper and timely vaccination remains the most important first line of defense against rabies.

"I will keep the residents of Garza County informed as to the final results of the case pending," Mills advised.

Rare sales tax decline reported for Post

Up, up, up had been the norm for the sales tax rebate here during 1996... but the latest report from the state comptroller's office shows a 14.58 percent decline for Post. The city received a check for \$17,331.09, compared to \$20,290.89 for the same period last year. The year to date total of \$214,334.11 is a 13.56 percent increase over the same reporting period in 1995 of \$188,731.49.

The payment represents taxes collected on September sales and by quarterly filers for July, August and September, reported to the comptroller in October. The state-wide average rebate was 2.1 percent below last year's payment.



PHS Antelopes selected to the Academic All-District Football team are (left to right) Jeremy Josey, Roy Perez, Todd Terry and Jay Childers. They earned the recognition for achieving all A's in the last grading period. (Photo by Becky Warren)

Seagraves squeeze by Lady 'Lopes

by Becky Warren
The Lady 'Lopes played a tough game last Tuesday against Seagraves that went into overtime after being tied at 46 all. Seagraves outscored the Lady 'Lopes in overtime winning 57-50.
In the first quarter the 'Lopes outdid Seagraves 12-3 but Seagraves came back in the second quarter and claimed their own 18-13 making the score 25-21. Seagraves again came back and claimed the third quarter 13-7 but the Lady 'Lopes came back in the fourth 14-12 to tie the game. But Seagraves would not let it be and outscored Post 4-11 in overtime to win the game.
Lead scorer for the game was Natalie Pollard with seven points. She was followed by Erica Gomez,

Cassie Short, Jody Hawkins, Arimy Gradine and Kristen Webb with six each, Becca Stelzer and Rachelle Jones with five each and Kasey Hardin with three. Others playing but not scoring was Macee Mills and Jennifer Strawn.
"I was pleased with the team's performance, we just came up a little short," said Coach Shana Matthews. "The girls are playing better together as a team. This was a tough loss, but I was pleased with their effort. Macee Mills played a great game at the point guard position. She lead the team extremely well. As a team we are getting better each week and the girls are working very hard. They showed a lot of heart and character and I am very proud of them."



Post Lady Lope athletes selected to the Academic All-District Cross Country team are (left to right) Camie Payne, Rachelle Jones, Rachel Reiter, Kasey Hardin and Shelley Shifflett. They earned all A's in the last grading period and competed in the varsity division at the district cross country meet. (Photo by Becky Warren)

Camacho returns from Persian Gulf

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Reynaldo Camacho, a 1987 graduate of Post High School, has returned from a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Shiloh.

In September, Camacho participated in Operation Desert Strike, a retaliatory cruise missile strike in response to Iraqi involvement in the Kurdish civil war. The ship launched six Tomahawk land-attack missiles

against military targets in southern Iraq. In addition to Operation Desert Strike, USS Shiloh conducted maritime interception operations to support NATO-imposed sanctions against Iraq.

Community Calendar

Friday, November 29, 1996
Old Mill Trade Days
Saturday, November 30, 1996
Old Mill Trade Days
6 p.m. - Lighted Christmas Parade
7 p.m. - Tower Theatre "Sounds of the Southwest"

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Ashley Stotts

Ashley Stotts receives honors

Ashley Stotts, 14 year old daughter of Randall and Donna Stotts is in her freshman year at Blue Springs High School with a student body of 2500. She is on the A Honor Roll and a member of the varsity tennis team.

Having just completed her first season Ashley received numerous honors including the Suburban Big 8 All Conference in first team doubles; Missouri 4A All District Singles and the Blue Springs Examiners All Area first team singles.

She is the granddaughter of A.J. and Norma Baumann of Post and Raymon and Doris Stotts of Tahoka.

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Southland Eagles face Whitharral in quarterfinal contest

The Southland Eagles remain a team to contend with in the Six-Man State Championship race following a 60-52 victory last Friday night over Balmorhea at Stanton. The Eagles will face the undefeated Whitharral Panthers with a 7:30 p.m. kickoff at Frenship Friday.

Jaime Anaya stopped a last ditch effort by the Balmorhea Bears, when he intercepted a pass in the last seconds of last Friday night's second round playoff, giving the Southland Eagles a thrilling 60-52 win.

The first quarter saw Southland jump out to a 16-6 lead, with Jimmy Gatica scoring first on a two yard run. The two point PAT was good and Southland led 8-0. Balmorhea struck back when they scored on a 1 yard run by the Bears Arturo Miranda. The conversion failed and the score stood at Southland 8 Balmorhea 6. Southland got the ball back and marched down field with the big play coming from Anaya on a 30 yard strike to Eric Hernandez. Sigala's kick was good and the score was 16-6 in favor of the eagles.

Billy Salone opened the scoring in the second period when he ran seven yards for a touchdown. Sigala remained perfect on the night and Southland took a 24-6 lead. Balmorhea could get nothing going on offense and southland got the ball back. Gatica scored his second touchdown on the night for the next eagle score, the kick was no good and it seemed Southland would have its way with the Bears as the score stood at 30-6.

Balmorhea did not give in as they marched down the field and scored on a Debaisle Mendoza nine yard run. The kick failed and the score stood at 30-12. The Bears were not finished, however as they held the Eagles and scored on a Roger Lopez three yard run. The kick was good by Zane Rhyne and the halftime score stood at 30-20 in the Eagles favor.

Balmorhea drew first blood in the second half as Josue Mendoza raced 7 yards for a Bear score. Rhyne's kick was good and the score stood at 30-28 Southland. Back came the Eagles on a drive capped off by a one yard run by Gatica. The two point conversion kick was unsuccessful and it was 36-20 Eagles. The Bears answered back with a touchdown of their own when Mendoza ran the pigskin in from seven yards out to close the gap to 36-26. The kick was good and the Bears were within 8 points at 36-28.

Southland struck first in the fourth Quarter when Anaya hit Loren Jones with a 20 yard pass for a touchdown. The PAT by Sigala was good and it made the score Southland 44 Balmorhea 26. On the Bears' next possession Mendoza caught a 55 yard pass for a touchdown for the Bears. the kick was good and the score stood at 44-34 Eagles.

And now the fun began as it was who would score last. Gatica scored on a 35 yard kick. Sigala was true on the kick and the Eagles led 52-34. Balmorhea struck back with a Rhyne to Mendoza pass that covered 47 yards. Rhyne's kick was good and the score was 52-42 Southland.

Gatica ended the scoring on the night when he ran 3 yards for a touchdown. Sigala's kick was good and the final score stood at 60-52.

"The interception at the end of the game really saved the game for us" head coach Jerry wind ham said.

Next is the state 6-man Quarterfinals, which will Pitt the Eagles against the number one team in the state, the Whitharral Panthers.

According to Coach Windham, "the keys to winning are stopping the Panthers from passing the ball and when on offense control the ball to keep it away from the Panther offense." Southland enters the game 11-1 while Whitharral sports a perfect 12-0 mark.

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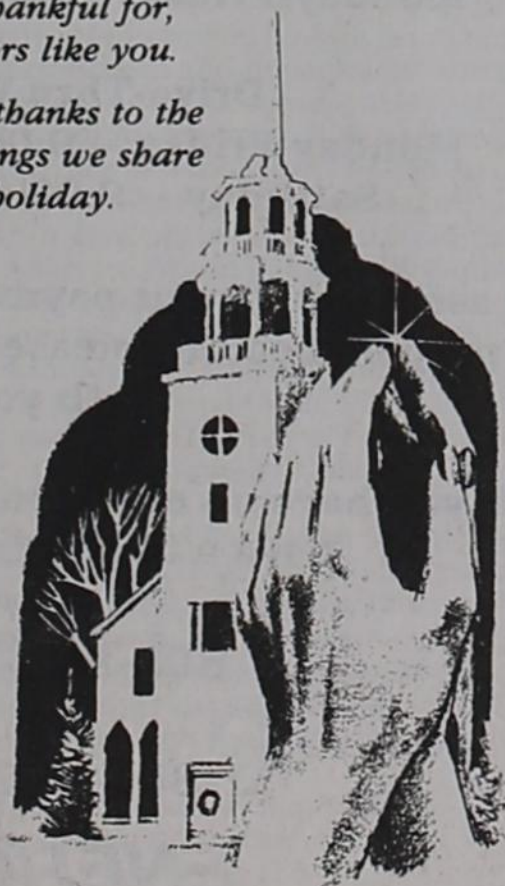
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Bring your favorite grandparent photo to The Post Dispatch to be included in this weekly feature. Photos will be published "first come, first served."

Downtown Christmas 'Opening'

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Also set from 1-5 p.m. Sunday is the Christmas open house for an OS Museum exhibit celebrating the upcoming holiday season. "A Joyous Christmas" opened Nov. 18 at the museum, which is located at 201 E. Main Street. The exhibit features nativities, creches, Santas, ornaments and sculpture carrying out the holiday theme. Viewing hours are from 10 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m.

The open house will be open to the public. Entertainment will be provided by David Brandon, master guitarist.

Old Mill Trade Days

Old Mill Trade Days will celebrate Christmas in style this weekend, with visits by Santa Claus and the Fort Wood gunfighters.

On Saturday, Santa will ride a surrey into Trade Days activities at noon. >From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., free surrey rides will be offered, weather permitting.

From 1-4 p.m. Saturday, the Fort Wood gunfighters will be performing.

Trade Days vendors have decorated for the holiday season and many will be offering holiday-related goods and specials.



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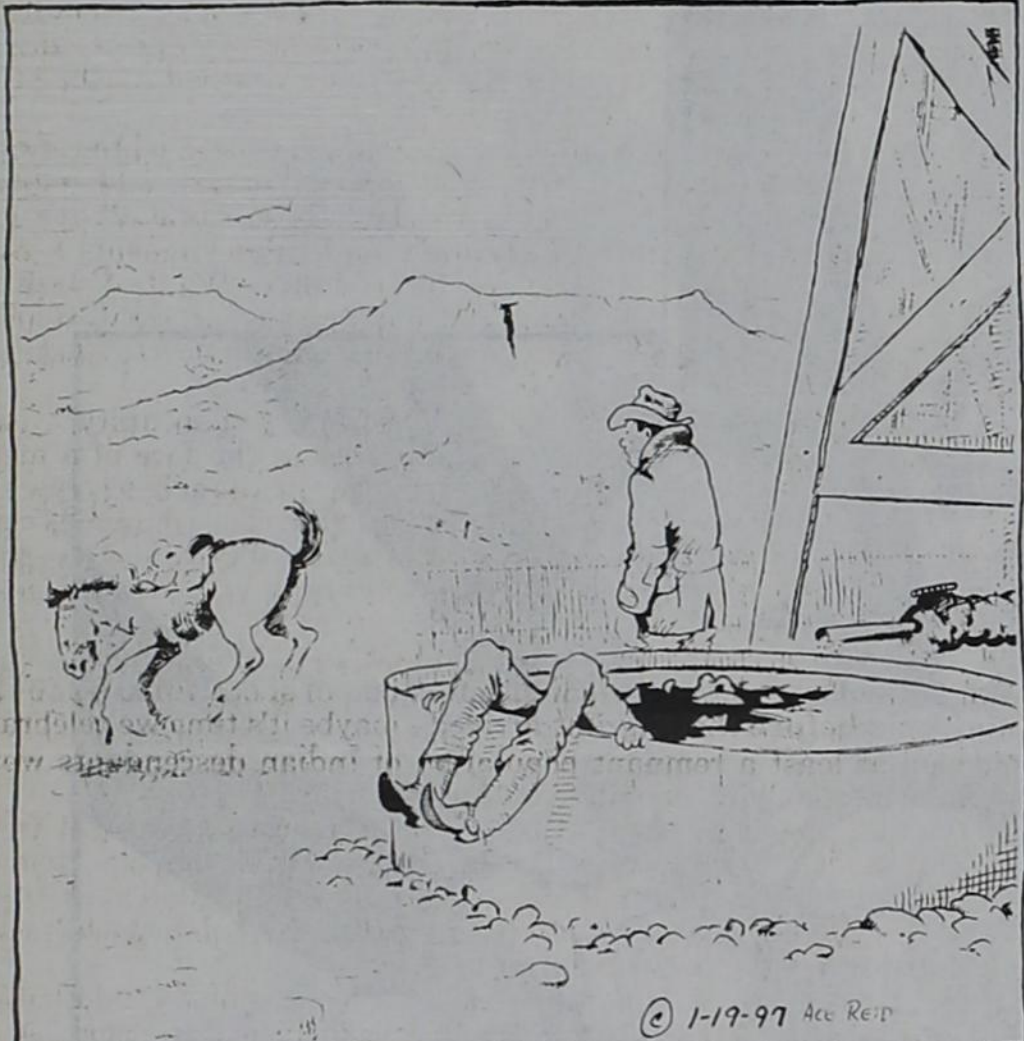
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Commissioners' court

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requested that the project's contractor use local labor and resources as much as possible.

Once completed, the center will provide space for long- and short-term housing for juvenile offenders from throughout the South Plains and possibly other Texas counties. Revenues collected from other counties housing juveniles at the facility will be used to repay the revenue bond debt. County officials expect the facility to fill up fast and remain at capacity.

Once all debt on the facility has been satisfied, ownership of the facility will revert back to Garza County. Payoff could be completed in 15 years.

The opening of the juvenile center is expected to add 35-40 jobs to the local economy.

In other business, commissioners:

* Discussed expenses that are expected with the upcoming jury trial related to the suspected murder of Edna Blodgett. Judge Dalby reminded commissioners the county will be responsible for the cost of a court-appointed attorney for the defendant, Jerry Smith, and for paying a bailiff. Following some discussion, the court agreed a second bailiff might be needed during the initial days of the trial to help in the handling of the defendant and the 250 local residents summoned for the jury pool. Jury selection in the trial is slated to begin next week.

* Heard a lengthy presentation from Garza County Republican Party Chairman Carolyn Burkett Chapman, who is concerned about inconsistencies in the selection of election clerks. Chapman has been working closely with county officials to help align Garza County polling places with the Texas Election Code, which calls for a declared representative from each major political party (Democratic and Republican) to serve in each polling place. Commissioners agreed that further training of election precinct judges may be needed to ensure clarification of Texas Election Code mandates.

* Approved the county clerk's request for carpet and a computer purchase. Both purchases should be accommodated within the county clerk's existing budget.

* Agreed that no changes are needed in the county's existing retirement program.

* Approved payment of the county's bills.

* Heard from extension service and probation officials who recently moved into the newly-created courthouse annex across from the main entrance to the courthouse. Representatives from both offices thanked county officials for their work to secure the new facilities and expressed appreciation for the added workspace.

Jail escapee caught in Lubbock

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and Davila is expected to face charges of unauthorized use of motor vehicle for the theft of the Metzgar car.

Davila was also charged with attempted capital murder, accused of trying to run over a Lubbock County vehicle during a high speed chase on November 11.

Davila will be brought back to Garza County to face the charges against him.

Earlier "hot pursuit"

In connection with the pursuit of the same suspect on November 11, Sheriff Ratke ordered his staff to do a complete and thorough follow-up on the investigation of the pursuit and accident which involved a patrol car from Garza County and a private vehicle belonging to J.C. Roberts of Lubbock.

"According to the investigation at the time of the interview," Ratke stated, "there were numerous concerns we had about the officer's activity during this incident."

"After further investigation into the cause of the pursuit and the accident itself," Sheriff Ratke said, "we will be taking disciplinary actions against Deputy Memo Ortiz for his involvement in the accident."

The sheriff's office received 55 calls this past week.

On Thursday, November 21, a 34 year old male was arrested for disorderly conduct and public intoxication. He was released on two \$300 PR bonds.

On Saturday, November 23, two 19 year old male were arrested for assault (family violence). Both were released on a \$1,500 bond each.

On Sunday, November 24, a 26 year old male was arrested for disorderly conduct (Class C assault). He pleaded guilty and was released after paying fines and court costs of \$464.

The Post Dispatch will not be responsible for photos left at the office more than 30 days.

Tax 'n Facts

by Terri Cash, CPA

Year-End Review

Review your tax picture for the year now, when income and investment trends can be discerned, and there's still time to make necessary changes.

Have you paid enough taxes? If you're behind on estimated tax payments, you can make up the shortfall by increasing the amount that's withheld from pay; it's treated as an even-rate, year-round payment, better than a last-minute catch up in January. **Prepay state and local taxes** by December 31 so you can deduct them this year.

Review investments. To lock in gains, but defer income to next year, make a short sale near year end (trade date, not settlement date, is the key). Sell loss stocks to balance gains this year or to offset against income (\$3,000 limit).

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For amber waves of grain

Vin Suprynowicz

In our estimable tradition of dissent, it sometimes seems America's official motto should be: "Whatever it is, I'm agin it."

It would once have been hard to imagine anything less likely to generate controversy than the assertion that all Americans share feelings of warmth and joy at the thought of Thanksgiving.

While the notion of giving thanks for the harvest bounty does imply a shared confidence that there is some deity worth thanking, it was part of the genius of our Founders that they managed to hand down their notion of a land blessed by "nature's God" without insisting on any strict sectarianism.

Quite the contrary. Washington - who proclaimed the first national day of Thanksgiving on Nov. 26, 1789 - like most of the other Founders was a deist, not without faith, but careful to preserve our liberty to worship as we see fit, or not to worship at all.

But descendants of the Native Americans whom the first Europeans found on these shores - many of whom, make no mistake, have been unmanned by a paternalistic welfare state for three times as long as their white counterparts - are now widely quoted on this holiday grouting: "Give thanks for what? Thanks that our lands were stolen, our ancestors massacred?"

The "our" is interesting. There was little unity among the hundreds of disparate tribes of wandering stone-age hunter-gatherers who survived here - in one of history's great accidents - thousands of years after their opposite numbers were driven from the fertile river valleys of Europe and Asia. The Tohono O'odham and the Pima were not necessarily upset to see the subjugation of the Apache, who had been raiding their crops and settlements for years.

Are these speakers really descendants of the Algonquian peoples whom the Pilgrims found in Massachusetts in 1620 - the Massachusetts, the Nauset, the Nipmuc, the Pennacook, the Pocumtuck, and the Wampanoag? If not, how can a descendant of the Mohawk complain about the white treatment of the Pocumtuck, who were pretty much wiped out by Mohawk raids before European settlers ever reached the upper valley of the Connecticut?

For that matter, are we so sure the Algonquians welcomed the "first" European settlers with open arms and gifts of squash and maize? There's good evidence Leif Ericson reached these same shores six centuries earlier, and - lacking resupply and reinforcements - was quickly driven off by the warlike inhabitants. What if Indian "peacefulness" was just a common-sense adaptation in the face of a better-armed newcomer, in hopes of winning an alliance against the next tribe over?

Such maneuvering - the furthest thing from "Indian unity" - was precisely what spelled the doom of the Aztecs in the face of a mere handful of Spanish conquistadors who helped unite the subject tribes of Mexico against their cruel masters - masters who spoke a language very similar to that of our modern-day Utes and Paiutes of Utah and Nevada, giving some indication where that gang of bloodthirsty invaders may have hailed from.

Given that the entire indigenous population of Massachusetts had been reduced by epidemics from about 30,000 to about 7,000 by 1617 - three years before the Pilgrims arrived - maybe it's time we celebrate how well at least a remnant population of Indian descendants were rescued from a dying primitive culture.

While shipping children to "Indian school," tearing them away from families and forbidding them to speak their native tongues, was of course a hideous excess, typical of an arrogant era, a balanced history would still find room for a few sentences about the tens of thousands who integrated into the private property system.

Instead, it's only the heroic demise of the few who failed to adapt that we now celebrate in such charming Hollywood nonsense as "The Last of the Dog Soldiers," which paints an idyllic existence a neolithic culture without antibiotics, sanitation, or modern dentistry, where the average life-span was 30, anyone much older was likely to live as a hobbled cripple, and old widows were generally considered less valuable than dogs.

Wandering hunter-gatherers can never hold the land against modern competitors - their chosen lifestyle doesn't allow the land to support enough of them. So why not celebrate the many who were able to adapt and integrate into a new mixed agricultural-industrial culture - with all the comforts and increased potential for individual fulfillment we enjoy today - at least as loudly as we mourn the fate of the small remnant bands who were unable or unwilling to change?

Was the genocide of the Picts by the Celts, and the Celts by the Romans, any less cruel? Where are the Pict reservations in Europe today? What provision did the invading Athabaskan tribes - the Apache and the Navajo - make to preserve the cultural integrity of the now-vanished Anasazi or Hohokam?

If this holiday provides an opportunity for aggrieved minorities to be heard, more power to them. It's long past time to stop running our Indian reservations as stultifying welfare plantations - these nations should be given as much sovereignty as they want, and then left in peace.

But in the meantime, surely we can still invite Americans of Indian descent to share some joy at the bountiful harvest of this land, which we gather in our homes and communities to celebrate this day. Surely all people of good will can also celebrate the fact that, still in America, each man or woman is free to become whatever he can dream.

Happy Thanksgiving.
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Opinions

Opposition mounting against youth curfew

by Wesley W. Burnett

Next Tuesday, December 3, the Post City Council will meet, and among other things, will decide the fate of the proposed "under 17" curfew ordinance. If this plan is implemented, it will be done so due largely to the lack of vocal opposition directly to council members. So far, at every meeting since this subject came up in August, only one person has actually appeared at a council meeting to express opposition.

Perhaps the reason for so much apathy has been the lack of specific knowledge about the ordinance. In order to fill that potential void, we are presenting the actual ordinance:

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF GARZA CITY OF POST ORDINANCE NO. 0-11-96A

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CURFEW HOURS AS APPLIED TO PERSONS AGED 16 AND UNDER, AND THE PARENTS IN THEIR SUPERVISION OF SUCH PERSONS, AND OPERATORS OF PUBLIC PLACES OR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS OR THEIR AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES WITH RESPECT TO ALLOWING SUCH PERSONS TO REMAIN ON THE PREMISES BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:30 A.M. AND 3:30 P.M. WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION AS WELL AS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 11:00 P.M. AND 6:00 A.M. OF THE FOLLOWING DAY, OFFICIAL CITY TIME, EXCEPT ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS THE HOURS SHALL BE FROM 12:00 P.M. MIDNIGHT TO 6:00 A.M.; PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; AND PROVIDING PUBLICATION AS PROVIDED BY LAW; AND PROVIDED FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that in the interest of the health, safety, and general welfare of persons under the age of sixteen years that curfew hours with respect to such persons should be established as hereinafter set forth; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF POST:

SECTION 1: No person under the age of sixteen years shall remain in or upon any public place or any business establishment between the following hours:

A. 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. when the public school system is in session;
 B. Between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. of the following day, official city time, except that on Friday and Saturday nights the hours shall be from 12:00 p.m. midnight to 6:00 a.m. throughout the year.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person accompanied by a parent, or to a person upon an errand or other legitimate business directed by such person's parents, guardian or conservator, or to any person who is engaged in gainful lawful employment during the curfew hours, or is participating in religious or school sponsored activities or otherwise observing rights guaranteed by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

SECTION 2: Unlawful conduct of parents: It shall be unlawful for any parent to knowingly permit any child under the age of sixteen years to remain in or upon any public place or any business establishment between the following hours:

A. 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. when the public school system is in session;
 B. Between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. of the following day, official city time, except that on Friday and Saturday nights the hours shall be from 12:00 p.m. midnight to 6:00 a.m. throughout the year.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to any parent who

accompanies a person or to a parent who directs a person upon an errand or other legitimate business or to any parent of a person engaged in gainful lawful employment during the curfew hours, participating in religious or school sponsored activities or observing rights guaranteed by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

SECTION 3: Unlawful conduct of owners or operators of business establishments or public places. No owner or operator of a business establishment or public place or their agents or employees shall knowingly permit any person below the age of sixteen years to remain upon the premises of said business establishment or public place between the following hours:

A. 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. when the public school system is in session;
 B. Between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. of the following day, official city time, except that on Friday and Saturday nights the hours shall be from 12:00 p.m. midnight to 6:00 a.m. unless such person shall be accompanied by a parent, or to a person upon an errand or other legitimate business directed by such person's parents, or to any person who is engaged in gainful lawful employment during the curfew hours, participating in religious or school sponsored activities or observing rights guaranteed by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Neither "owner" nor "operator" shall be interpreted as meaning a governmental entity.

SECTION 4: The City Commission shall, by resolution, establish, from time to time, specific police procedures to be followed in implementing this Ordinance. Such procedures shall be followed except in exceptional circumstances involving the immediate safety of a juvenile or police officer.

SECTION 5: Penalties: Any parent who shall violate any provision of Section 2 of this Ordinance after having received notice of a prior violation shall be fined not exceeding \$200.00.

Any owner or operator of a business establishment or public place and any agent or employees of any operator who shall violate the provisions of Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be fined upon conviction not exceeding \$200.00.

Each violation of the provisions of this article shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 6: Definition: "Public Place" as used in this Ordinance is meant as any public road, street, sidewalk, parkway, median, alley, store building, workshop, restaurant, cafe, public theater, picture show, public lobby of a hotel, motel or rooming house, public school grounds, governmental buildings and grounds, or any place at which people are assembled or to which people commonly resort for the purposes of business, amusement or other lawful purposes, including but not restricted to any room in a private residence where the public generally is invited for purposes of business or amusement.

SECTION 7: SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional for any reason, the remainder of said Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and it is intended that every other section, paragraph, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. A primary interpretive tool shall be the intent of the City to honor and avoid violation of the Constitution of the United States.

Could Texas highways be better through privatization?

by Wesley W. Burnett

In the upcoming debate over a new Texas constitution, many Texans will find it extremely difficult to let go of government controlled highways, even though they realize that their personal freedom and liberty is at stake. In an effort to look at this issue from another viewpoint, we offer the following insight from a 1995 Cato Institute study on why private highways would make life better.

Excerpts from:

Highway Aggravation: The Case for Privatizing the Highways

by Peter Samuel

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Since 1956 most highways have been financed by gas taxes. Now those taxes are being siphoned off to transit and general revenue, and what is left for roads goes largely for maintenance and rebuilding, not new building. The revolt against rising taxes means that the only source of revenue for significant new highway capacity is the private sector.

The economics, politics, and technology are right for progressively privatizing highways and creating markets in highway service. Washington State, Virginia, and California have begun to do so. Private highway projects in those states are discussed in detail.

State highways should be sold section by section to private owners. With private operators responsible for maintenance as well as improvement of the highways, gasoline taxes and other government charges for roads could be phased out. New ideas and new technologies would be applied. For example, to eliminate stop-and-go conditions, private highway operators could vary toll rates by the minute to encourage less peak-hour travel.

Privatization of the highways should be attractive to elected officials needing to make good on promises of reducing budget deficits and lowering taxes. Officials who take the lead in sponsoring bold reforms may win public acclaim and votes.

The communist economic model has been discredited and abandoned in most places, but not on America's highways. Generally, our highways are built and managed by state agencies and offered "free" to the public. Instead of paying for road use directly, motorists provide highway funds through a byzantine system of license fees, registration charges, gas and diesel taxes, truck charges, special transportation sales taxes, and development district levies. After some of that money has gotten through the various bureaucracies, tax agencies, treasuries, and transportation administrations at different levels of government, after some has been diverted to transit systems and even general government revenues, what is left for roads is political "pork" - allocated by deal-making between various government actors in Washington, state capitals, and county seats.

In Russia communism's failure was epitomized by constant shortages in stores. Empty shelves in supermarkets and department stores and customers in line, wasting hours each week, became the face of the system's failure, as well as a source of huge personal frustration, even rage. Communism failed because prices were not flexible to match supply and demand; because stores were bureaucracies, not businesses; and because revenues went into a central treasury and did not fuel increased capacity and improved service. We in supposedly capitalistic America suffer communism - an unpriced service provided by an unresponsive monopolistic bureaucracy - on most of our highways. Our manifestation of shortage, our equivalent of Russian lines at stores, is daily highway backups. There is no price on rush-hour travel to clear the market. There is no revenue stream directly from road users to road managers to provide incentives either to manage existing capacity to maximum consumer advantage or to adjust capacity to demand.

"Whenever the price of using some valued good does not increase as demand increases, that good will be in short supply. Shortages will be acute if supply cannot readily be enhanced," wrote the Transportation Research Board, an arm of the National Research Council. "In the absence of efficient pricing, motorists who drive on congested facilities are not required to pay for the delays they cause each other, and these delays are substantial. The wasted time and fuel are estimated to cost (at least) \$40 billion annually."

The Texas Transportation Institute, a division of Texas A&M University, does regular studies of highway congestion under contract to the Federal Highway Administration. TTI surveys the congestion on the

freeways and arterial roads of 50 cities with a total population of 106 million.

Opportunity for Free Marketeers

Advocates of free-market solutions have a great political opportunity to get into the problem-solving business and win wide political support in the mid-1990s by advocating and organizing a solution for traffic congestion on our urban freeways. That solution consists of progressive privatization of major highway service funded by time-flexible toll pricing and concession rights, combined with the phaseout of gasoline and diesel taxes and the federal and state highway agencies that live off them. Privatizing highways progressively and creating markets in highway service will make it possible to use resources more efficiently and to build as much highway capacity as people are willing to pay for.

* **The politics is right** - people are properly distrustful of large state bureaucracies that live off taxation, and they demand lower taxes. The state highway agencies have largely given up on providing new service.

* **The technology is right** - tolls no longer mean inefficient congestion-creating toll plazas collecting quarters like beggars; tolls can now be collected through small, cheap transponder tags, attached to a sun visor or windshield, that hold a prepaid stored value that gets debited by radio signal while the motorist drives by at highway speed.

* **The economics is right** - the costs of congestion are a huge and growing burden not only on the peace of mind of commuters but also on the economy that depends heavily on free-flowing transportation of goods and services. And once the highway system is shown to be paying its way with tolls instead of from the public purse, it will be easier to argue for ending government subsidies for mass transit, the costs of which are strangling our big cities.

The alternative to privatization and a market solution is not the status quo but growing government control in the form of mandated employee trip reduction planning, which forces businesses, under threat of fines, to coerce their employees into riding in carpools, vans, and buses and using high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes. Government officials deliberately engineer highway congestion to force more mass transit use.

Government controls actually hurt others

by Walter E. Williams

Let's ask a question: Do we help others with meager choices by eliminating their best-known choice? While you ponder that, how about an example? If there's a person with only one slice of bread, and we all think he should really have five, do we improve his situation by taking that one slice? "Williams," you say, "you've got to be crazy; nobody's that stupid!" If we accept the idea that we shouldn't destroy a person's best choice, let's talk about the actions of the U.S. Department of Labor.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer (Oct. 20, 1996) carried a story titled "Halt to Screw Work Sad." R.P. Coating Corp. of Cuyahoga Heights, Ohio, had been paying inner-city Cleveland residents a piecemeal rate of about \$1.50 for every 1,000 screws and washers they assembled in their homes. Some screw workers used that meager pay for beer and bingo money, while others depended on it to live. Most of the workers were elderly, disabled or welfare recipients. It was attractive work to homebound people, especially single mothers, many of whom had their children helping out.

In September, the Labor Department investigated R.P. Coating Corp. for possible violations of minimum-wage and child-labor laws. Dave Elsil, spokesman for the United Auto Workers (UAW), said, "We've been following for years the movement of work outsourced to parts plants in the Third World and Mexico, and to find the same kind of work going on in our own back yard is shocking to us." As a result of the investigation, R.P. Coating Corp. has stopped its homework screw-assembly operation.

Cheryl Hall, a single welfare parent of four, said, "We felt cheated, but it was a chance to make money." She and her sister, also a single parent, earned \$120 a month assembling screws. Now without any work, Hall said, "I'm not doing much of nothing now but staying home with four

kids. I really don't know what I'm going to do yet." Others among the 50 households doing assembly work expressed similar regrets about the cessation of their chances to earn extra money.

Here's our question: If these people had superior alternatives, why in the world would they be doing the tedious, monotonous and hand-aching work of assembling screws? Obviously, they saw it as their best alternative. In comes the Labor Department to destroy their best alternative without offering them something superior.

The liberal mentality would say, "Williams, if they need more money, we ought to increase welfare!" Is that really a superior alternative? Let's look at it. The children who were helping their parents were learning discipline, responsibility and cooperation rather than being out on the streets doing mischief, drugs and crime. The adults were exercising the correct moral initiative - trying to be at least partially financially independent. How decent is it to destroy these benefits, as humble as they are? Is handout money a superior alternative to honest work and family cooperation?

The Labor Department actions are in part a result of misguided good intentions. But a more important motivation is it's protecting the interests of labor unions, which would rather see contracted-out work go to their members at a much higher pay. Government-backed job destruction helps explain why there is so much spiritual poverty where it did not exist yesteryear. Years ago, the values held by blacks were expressed by what my stepfather used to say, "Any kind of job is better than begging and stealing." That's a message roundly denounced by the actions of black politicians and white liberals.

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Sports

Plains gives 'Lopes first loss of season

by Becky Warren
When Plains came to town last Friday night they went home with a sigh of relief that they have beaten the 'Lopes in the first game of the season. The final score of the game was 65-38.

Plains had a small line-up with two excellent guards. We played well the first quarter but missed several easy shots. Plains started pressing in the second quarter and we began turning the ball over. Our offense was effective the time we ran it. If we can eliminate the turnovers, then we will be okay.

"We kind of looked like we had just got off the football field," said Coach Thornton. "The kids are working hard to learn the new system and we should improve daily. I was pleased with their effort. Josh Grisham was injured in the playoff game with Lockney and was unavailable to play. His presence at point guard will help tremendously. There will not be any games over Thanksgiving break. We will resume December 3 at Seagraves."

Lead scorer for the game was Jerry Crawford with 14 points and seven rebounds. He was followed by Jay Gorman with seven points, Sam Woods with five points, Jeremy Josey with three points and eight rebounds, Jake Loredo, Jamie Hernandez and Jay Childers with two points each and Kip Wilks with one point.



Sam Woods (34) puts the ball over the heads of defenders for the Post Antelopes in action here last Friday. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

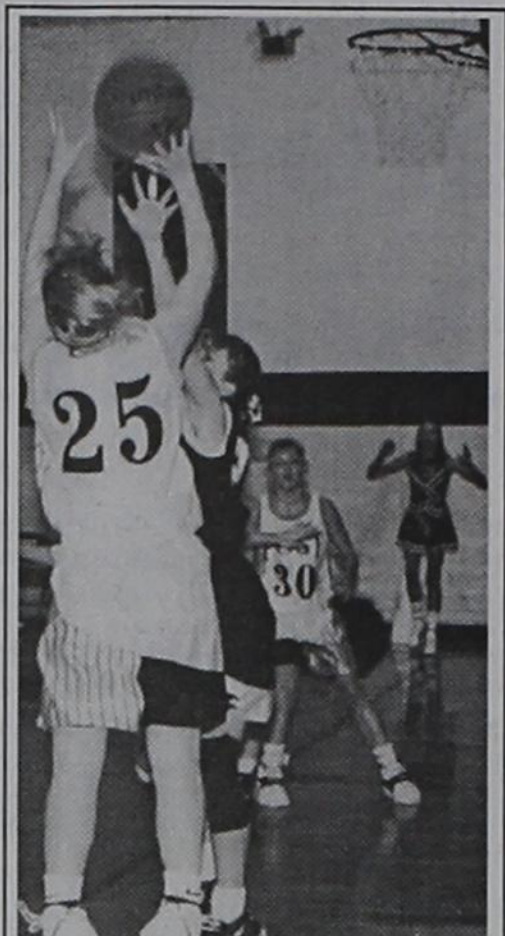
Plains by two over Lady 'Lopes

by Becky Warren
The varsity girls from Plains barely escaped a loss by the Lady 'Lopes last Friday in a contest that ended 34-36 in favor of Plains.

Plains won the first quarter 12-2 but the Lady 'Lopes came back and tied it in the second quarter 6-6 making the score 18-8 at halftime. Plains won the third quarter 9-7 but Post came back in the fourth quarter 19-9 but it was too little to tie the game.

Rachelle Jones was the lead scorer with nine points. She was followed by Cassie Short with eight, Natalie Pollard with six, Erica Gomez and Arimy Gradine with four each and Kasey Hardin with three. Others playing but not scoring were Macee Mills, Becca Stelzer, Jennifer Strawn, Jody Hawkins and Kristen Webb.

"We just need to find a way to win," said Coach Shana Matthews. "The girls effort is to be commended. They never gave up. I was please about that. We are getting better each week. We just need to get over that hump and win. The girls are gaining in experience. I am extremely proud of them. They are an exciting team to watch."



Cassie Short (25) goes for a two-pointer for the Post Lady Lopes during action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

JV 'Lopes lose to Plains

by Becky Warren
Plains traveled to Post last Friday night to meet the JV 'Lopes in their first game of the season and went home with a win of 47-29 in their pockets.

The first quarter showed the 'Lopes in the lead 16-4 but Plains came back in the second quarter and the score at halftime was 20-24 in their favor. The third quarter showed Plains with a greater lead at 22-35 and at the end of the fourth quarter the question of who would win was decided as the game ended with Plains in the lead.

Lead scorer for the game was Kris Kagey with 14 points. He was followed by Russ Moore with seven, Slade Bevers with four and Michael Ulm and Joey Ward with two each. "Post open up the first quarter very strong," said Coach Hernandez. "Great team work early in the game."

'Lope and Lady 'Lope basketball schedule

by Becky Warren
The following is the basketball schedules for the coming week.

- Varsity
December 3 at Seagraves (game start after jr varsity)
- Junior Varsity
December 3 at Seagraves (game start at 5 p.m.)
- Freshmen
December 2 against Abernathy
Boys play here - girls at Abernathy
Middle School
December 2 - boys play Abernathy here - 5 p.m.
Girls at Abernathy - 5 p.m.

7th grade 'Lopes win consolation trophy

by Becky Warren
The 7th grade 'Lopes came home from the All Saints Tournament in Lubbock with the consolation trophy.

Cooper
On Thursday, November 21 the 'Lopes lost the first game to Cooper 11-48.

It seems that the 'Lopes had a hard time getting the ball to fall for them. In the first quarter Cooper outscored the 'Lopes 0-10. Post did score in the second quarter but not enough to make up the difference. The score in the second quarter was 4-9 making the halftime score in favor of Cooper 4-19. In the third quarter Cooper walked over Post 18-3 and continued to do so the rest of the game. The fourth quarter score was 4-11.

Lead scorer for the game was Michael Huff with five points. He was followed by Miguel Torres, Roland Casteneda and Barrett Scrivner with two points each.

Lubbock Christian
In the second game against Lubbock Christian on Friday, November 22, the 'Lopes pulled off a win by a score of 35-10.

In the first quarter Post outscored Lubbock Christian 7-2. In the second quarter the 'Lopes really poured the baskets on outscoring Lubbock

Christian 12-2 making the score 19-4 at halftime. The score was tied 6-6 in the third quarter and then the 'Lopes put the finishing touches on in the fourth quarter 10-0.

Lead scorer for the game was Michael Huff with eight. He was followed by Vic Patel with five, Brandon Massey, Roland Casteneda and Terry Reed with four each, Allen Bell, Miguel Torres, Hector Reyna, Barrett Scrivner and Soloman Solis with two each.

Christ the King
In the third game of the tournament played on Saturday, November 23, the Post 'Lopes outscored Christ the King 27-17.

In the first quarter the score was tied at 6-6. In the second quarter Post edged Christ the King by one point, 5-4, making the score at halftime 11-10. Christ the King came back in the third quarter and edged Post 6-7 but not to be outdone Post denied Christ the King any points in the fourth quarter making it 10-0.

Lead scorer for the game was Michael Huff with 12 points. He was followed by Hector Reyna with six, Roland Casteneda with four, Miguel Torres and Terry Reed with two each and Waylon Strawn with one. "We played better defense in the last two games," said Coach Darrell Radle.

7th grade girls win two-of-three

by Becky Warren
The 7th grade Lady 'Lopes won two of the three games in the All Saints Tournament played this past weekend in Lubbock.

All Saints
In the first game the young Lady 'Lopes defeated All Saints 52-29 on Thursday, November 21.

The Lady 'Lopes dominated the whole game starting with the first quarter 12-7. In the second quarter the girls outscored All Saints 14-8 making the score at halftime 26-15. In the third quarter the Lady 'Lopes again outscored All Saints 13-4. The fourth quarter was no different with the 'Lopes scoring 13-10.

The lead scorer for the game was Emily Smith with 13 points. She was followed by Kelly Moore with 12, Manuela Hernandez and Meagan Mills with eight each, Stacy Morris with seven and Heather Palmer and LaRinda Ledbetter with two each. Others playing but not scoring were Meranda Hernandez, Tracy Morris and Tandi Humble.

Trinity
In the second game of the tournament played Friday, November 22, the Lady 'Lopes defeated Trinity 48-27.

The girls dominated the first quarter 11-0 but Trinity tried to make a come back in the second quarter but the Lady 'Lopes again outscored them 13-12 making the score 24-12 at halftime. After halftime the Lady 'Lopes continued their surge outscoring Trinity 16-6.

But not to be outdone Trinity won the last quarter of the game 8-9 but it was not near enough to out do the 'Lopes.

Lead scorers for the game were Manuela Hernandez and Meagan Mills with 13 points each. They were followed by LaRinda Ledbetter with 10, Emily Smith with five, Kelly Moore, Meranda Hernandez and Tandi Humble with two each and Stacy Morris with one. Others playing but not scoring were Heather Palmer and Tracy Morris.

Cooper
In the championship game the young Lady 'Lopes were outscored by Cooper 26-29.

In the first quarter the Lady 'Lopes outscored Cooper 10-3 but Cooper came back in the second and outscored Post 3-8 making the score in Post's favor 13-11 at halftime. The third quarter shows Cooper outdoing Post 6-8 and the fourth 7-10.

Lead scorer for the game was Emily Smith with 10 points. She was followed by Manuela Hernandez with six, Meagan Mills with five, LaRinda Ledbetter with three and Kelly Moore with two. Others playing but not scoring were Heather Palmer, Meranda Hernandez, Tracy Morris, Tandi Humble and Stacy Morris.

"The girls did a great job in this tournament," said Coach Billy Gordon. "I am very proud of them and the efforts they game."

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Your coach,
Buddy Payne

Thanks to all for making my 100th birthday celebration so very special. The 100 roses were most beautiful. I want you to know I really appreciated them.

Thank you most of all for the love and friendship shown to my family during my 81 years in this county.
Sincerely,
Verna Roberts

Personals

Reduce safe and fast with GoBese Tablets and E-Vap diuretic available at Bob Collier drug.

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 495-4152, 495-4185 or 629-4393.

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Lost and Found

Found on Gail Hwy Friday night. Chocolate lab, male, no collar. If he belongs to you call Drew Kirkpatrick at 495-4102.

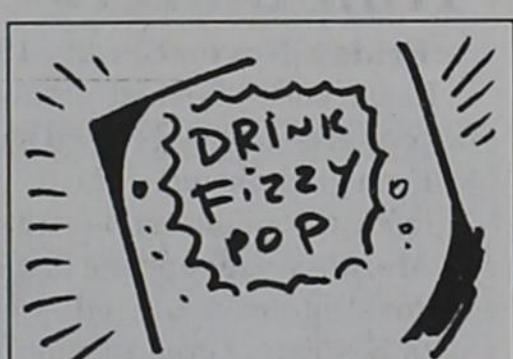
"Magic of Christmas" to appear in Post

The "Magic of Christmas" show will be arriving on December 21, 1996 under the auspices of the Post Breakfast Lions Club who is sponsoring the show to help raise money for civic projects, eyeglasses for the local youth and to help support the Lions Crippled Childrens Camp.

The show runs approximately 90 minutes and will feature magic, Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph, Christmas music, Scrooge (Bah Humbug) and, of course, Santa! Some lucky person will win a personal CD player or one of the other prizes and every child attending the show will receive candy as they leave the auditorium. Christmas may never be more magical!

The show is family entertainment at prices a family can afford and will be presented at 7 p.m. in the Elementary school auditorium.

Advance tickets are \$4 each and will admit either a child or adult. Tickets at the door are \$5. Don't miss this show!!!



In 1933, fluorescent lamps were introduced for floodlighting and advertising purposes.

Letters to the Editor

Blood drive a success...

Congratulations and thank you to the Post Community for supporting the November 7 blood drive.

A total of 45 volunteered to donate blood that day, and 42 of them were able to give.

We at Texas Blood Institute are the sole suppliers of blood to 21 hospitals in 16 South Plains counties. We extend our utmost appreciation to Paul Jones, Jim Graham, the Lions Club, and the citizens of Post for truly being heroes to area patients!

Sincerely,
Cheryl Keefer
Texas Blood Institute

Uniqueness of community life in West Texas...

Life has unusual ways of reminding us about the simple things. Growing up and then anxious to leave Post to discover the adventures of the world, we soon forget the uniqueness of community life in West Texas.

On October 29th, my father Oscar Gordon passed away; my family made the journey to take care of final needs and say "good bye." We were met with an outpouring of love, care and sympathy from old friends and loved ones. To me, the old saying, "everybody in a small town knows all your business" is not all bad.

Thank you for reminding me what community life is all about and the beautiful demonstration of love in a great town just off the Caprock.

Sincerely,
Jack Gordon
McAllen, Texas

Blessings all around us...

You know, really, it just doesn't take much to make us happy anymore, does it?

Like this morning, coming to work, I noticed no porch lights on at the funeral homes, what a blessing...

And, looking back, I remember that the bulbs have all been replaced in the time/degree sign at the downtown bank, what a blessing...

Then, at each corner, no cars coming, therefore I could proceed, what a blessing...

At each blink of the old eyes I could spot another blessing.

Go ahead, make my day...

Sincerely, and in love,
Wynelle F. Craft

You can make things better

Dear Teens of Post,

It appears that your city council members are ready to inflict a curfew on you as an alternative to catching and punishing those who damage property and cause trouble at night. It is always much easier to restrict the rights of the innocent than to prosecute the guilty.

Sadly, this is the system or "solution" you will inherit from us. You can change things. Try to develop a habit of thinking deeply about solutions to problems you encounter. The easiest solution is not always best, nor is the majority or mob rule always preferable. Maybe someday you will be able to find a solution to this problem that allows liberty to those who are responsible and mature enough for freedom.

Consider these points: Somebody you may know has done some irresponsible things at night and if you have laughed it off or cheered them on they are getting the attention from you that they desperately crave and they will continue. Don't feed their habit.

You need to learn how to ask questions and gather facts. For instance, find out if teen crime has dropped in Lubbock since the curfew went into effect. Ask if the sons and daughters of the elite will be prosecuted as vigorously as the working class kids. Find out if laws that are enforced selectively are constitutional.

Talk to adults...if they know you personally it will be harder for them to pass blanket ordinances against you than it would be to restrict nameless faces they don't know. You can question authority respectfully.

Lastly, consider the irony of this society you live in. You are considered old enough to have a fairly risky, very scary, personal, and invasive surgery performed on you without notifying those who love and care for you most (abortion without parental consent). Yet...you are not considered responsible enough or smart enough to be out past curfew time.

May your wisdom and love of freedom exceed ours. Good luck,
Richard H. King, Lubbock

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Hundreds of bright-eyed, well-educated students throughout the world are looking forward to living in the United States for the upcoming second semester and school year. There's only one

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Host families benefit greatly from the cultural exchange, and the exchange students carry their memories back to their homelands to share with their countrymen. It is the hope of Youth Exchange Service (YES), the nonprofit organization which arranges the cultural exchanges, that world peace will be enhanced through its efforts. Since 1974, YES has brought more than 9,500 students together with host families throughout the nation.

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Zubia in "delayed enlistment program"

Manuel R. Zubia, son of Manuel and Eva Zubia of Post, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program, according to SSgt Anderson, Air Force Recruiter.

Manuel graduated from Post High School in May 1995 and is scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force on 10 February

1996. Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six weeks basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, near San Antonio, Texas, Manuel is scheduled to receive technical training in the Aircraft Armament Systems career field.

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Yesteryears

by Becky Warren

November 26, 1986
10 Years Ago

Funeral services for Rufus Lenford Warren, 89, were held Monday, Nov. 24, 1986, in the Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Jim Goodwin, pastor officiating.

Mike and Kim Burch are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Jamie Nicole, born Oct 30, 1986 at Garza Memorial

Hospital.

Jim Rainbolt of Post, a Freshman student at Western Texas College, was named best actor at the American College Theatre Festival held Nov 20-22 in El Paso.

November 23, 1976
20 Years Ago

Snyder's Tiger stadium was filled with flying footballs Friday night - 48 of them to be exact - as the Post Antelopes took to the air for the first time this season to stomp Stamford, 42-12, for the bi-district football crown before a big turnout of howling and horn hooting Post rooters.

Mr and Mrs Sam Byrd were honored recently on their 48th wedding anniversary with a reception in their home.

Mr and Mrs Robert Harrington announced the birth of a daughter, Miranda Donnell, born Nov 10 in the Lynn County Hospital weighing 8 lbs, 6 oz. Maternal grandparents are Mr and Mrs Don Tanner and paternal grandparents are Mr and Mrs James V. Wise, all of Post.

November 24, 1966
30 Years Ago

Post edges Memphis, 20-19, for bi-district victory. Iowa Park next.

Dr. C. H. Bausman, now recuperating at his home here from recent major surgery, will resume his medical practice Monday at the Bausman clinic.

30 guests were present to help Steve Short celebrate his ninth birthday when his mother, Mrs Bob Short, entertained with a party last Saturday afternoon from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m.

November 29, 1956
40 Years Ago

Receiving the prized Gold Star Boy and Girl pins were Tommy Young and Linda Livingston, with the presentations made by County Agent Lewis C. Herron and Miss Jessie Pearce, home demonstration agent.

Mr and Mrs Sam Bevers recently visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr and Mrs Spence Bevers at Pleasant Valley.

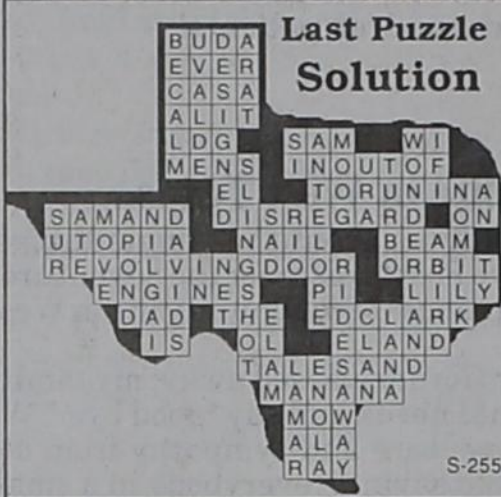
Mrs Loree Thaxton, who received a broken right knee and two broken ribs in an automobile accident near Lubbock Friday morning, was reported improving this week in West Texas Hospital.

November 28, 1946
50 Years Ago

A lonely and confirmed bachelor when he got out of the army 4 years ago, Southland School Superintendent J.P. Hewlett adopted two boys from Mrs Milam's Orphanage in Lubbock.

In celebration of their 1st anniversary in business in Post, Hudman Furniture Co. is staging a store-wide sale of furniture and household appliances.

Mr and Mrs Billie Basinger of Southland are announcing the arrival of a daughter Wednesday, November 20, at Mercy Hospital in Slaton. The young lady was named Sylvia Ann.



The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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ACROSS

1 TX Gatlin's Golf & _____ benefits MD

5 Kuwait's ruler

6 XIT once covered _____ counties

7 TXism: "como _____ (How are you?)"

8 _____ Mary's Univer. is in San Antonio

9 _____ western State is in Wichita Falls

12 TXism: "fire and fall _____" (retreat)

16 in NE Oldham Co.

19 TX Johnny Horton's "North to _____"

22 Sam Houston was _____ by a Cherokee chief

23 "Remember _____ was a TX war cry

24 "Situation _____ all fouled up"

29 Aggie kisses his _____ after a score

30 transportation to DFW International

31 this Earle was Dallas mayor at time of JFK assassination

32 TXism: "a fine how do _____?"

36 military color

37 TXism: "pull the _____ fire" (rescue)

43 TXism: "if you _____ gotta pay the band"

45 "The Great Texas Dynamite _____"

47 San Antonio pianist Samaroff

DOWN

1 head coach at A&M and Alabama

2 Lake _____ means "friendship"

3 belly button fuzz

4 Hill Country Natural _____

9 in McLennan Co. on I-35: Elm _____

10 TX Tanya's "Can _____?"

11 traffic light was invented by TX Henry _____ Garrett

12 TXism: "eating out of the same feed _____" (associated)

13 TXism: "_____ to shuck" (big chore)

14 TXism: "_____ boose" (jail)

15 Corpus Christi AM radio

17 TXism: "_____ buster"

18 TXism: "tax wrangler"

20 TX Claire Chennault was adviser to Chiang _____ shek

21 "in the year of our Lord" (abbr.)

24 Mrs. Connally (init.)

25 _____ Ridge North, TX

26 Gov. Hubbard (init.)

27 TXism: "_____ muffins" (cow chips)

28 Dublin's Dr. Pepper plant uses water to clean bottles

33 Texas _____ weekend

34 Bevo's school

35 TXism: "that'll _____ nicely"

37 Santa _____ TX

38 TXism: "spin _____" (lie)

39 TX Ginger's "Flying Down _____"

40 TXism: "as hard as finding a horse _____ in heaven"

41 TXism: "lend a _____"

42 Phil Gram's time on the job (abbr.)

44 Rangers' headwear

46 Cowboy Emmitt (init.)

49 TX athletes take a _____ test

50 TXism: "_____ in the neck"

57 wagering numbers at TX race tracks

Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

Traveling turkey basics!



Planning a wonderful holiday feast for friends and family? Making last minute pies and side dishes is usually topics for discussion this time of year. Thanksgiving is such a wonderful holiday to spend visiting the people we enjoy and giving thanks for the generous opportunities each of us have.

Last minute grocery shopping can sometimes add unnecessary stress and strain on food preparers. Look for holiday bargains on all your favorite items such as turkeys, cranberry sauce, yams and all of the pie fixings. Now is not too early to start thinking about Christmas either. Keep an eye out for holiday sales and start planning your Christmas feast.

If you are planning a Thanksgiving trip this year, here are some traveling tips to ensure your holiday treats arrive in ready-to-eat condition. In Aladdin's time, it took "five and forty" days for a camel train to plod from Cairo to Baghdad. Obviously, people in those days didn't travel such distances carrying a cooked turkey for a holiday celebration.

Today, in airplanes, cars and trains, however, people do go over the mountains or through the desert with a turkey destined for Grandmother's house. Is it any

safer to carry a cooked turkey now than it was on a camel then? Yes, it's all right—if some safe handling rules are followed to avoid foodborne illness. Be sure to cook the bird in an oven set no lower than 325 degrees, making sure it is completely cooked. Remove any stuffing and let it cool in small, shallow dishes.

Carve all the meat from the turkey, letting it cool in shallow containers and making reheating easier once you arrive at your destination. Pack the turkey and perishable foods in an insulated cooler with ice or frozen gel packs. To transfer an unstuffed cooked turkey, take it out of the oven, immediately wrap it in foil and put it directly into the cooler before putting it into the warmest spot in the car.

Remember that it is NOT safe to slow cook a turkey at 200 degrees overnight or in oven set lower than 325. It takes too long for the turkey to reach a temperature high enough to kill foodborne illness. Always cook the bird completely before traveling with it. Transport cold or frozen foods in insulated coolers.

Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Sometimes it's safer to just give up on the idea of taking your feast across the country. Look for new traditions when you get there. Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!!!!!!

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Thanksgiving Holidays

The Garza County Extension Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29 for Thanksgiving. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Extension Office Open House

Come celebrate the opening of our new office Wednesday, December 4, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at 102 South Avenue L. Join us for refreshments.

F.C.E. Christmas Party

December 9 is the date set for the Family and Community Education Christmas party. The group will meet at the Extension Office at 5 p.m. to depart for Lubbock for a tour of Christmas lights and dinner. Please bring a \$5 gift for exchanging.

4-H & Youth Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Garza County 4-H and Youth Committee will be December 12 at 7 p.m. at the Extension Office at 102 South Avenue L.

G.C.J.L.A. Meeting

The Garza County Junior Livestock Association will meet Thursday, December 5, 7 p.m. at the show barn.

Menus

Trail Blazers

Friday, November 29, 1996

Roast pork, mashed potatoes, wax or green beans, tossed salad w/French dressing, wheat roll, carrot cake, choice of beverage.

Monday, December 2, 1996

Pork chop, candied sweet potatoes, wax or green beans, beet onion salad, wheat roll, lemon cake, choice of beverage.

Tuesday, December 3, 1996

Fried chicken or strips, new potatoes w/sauce, broccoli, tossed salad w/Ranch dressing, hot rolls, brownies, choice of beverage.

Wednesday, December 4, 1996

Tuna croquettes, blackeye peas, okra, cornbread, cabbage salad, chocolate pudding, choice of beverage.

Thursday, December 5, 1996

Meatloaf, corn, green beans, tossed salad w/Ranch dressing, wheat roll, dry Jello salad, choice of beverage.

Post I.S.D.

Friday, November 29, 1996

School out for Thanksgiving holidays.

Monday, December 2, 1996

Breakfast: Breakfast pocket, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Frito pie, ranch style beans, broccoli, cornbread, fruit cocktail, milk.

Tuesday, December 3, 1996

Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, sausage link, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Sloppy Joes, pinto beans, slaw, cookie, milk.

Wednesday, December 4, 1996

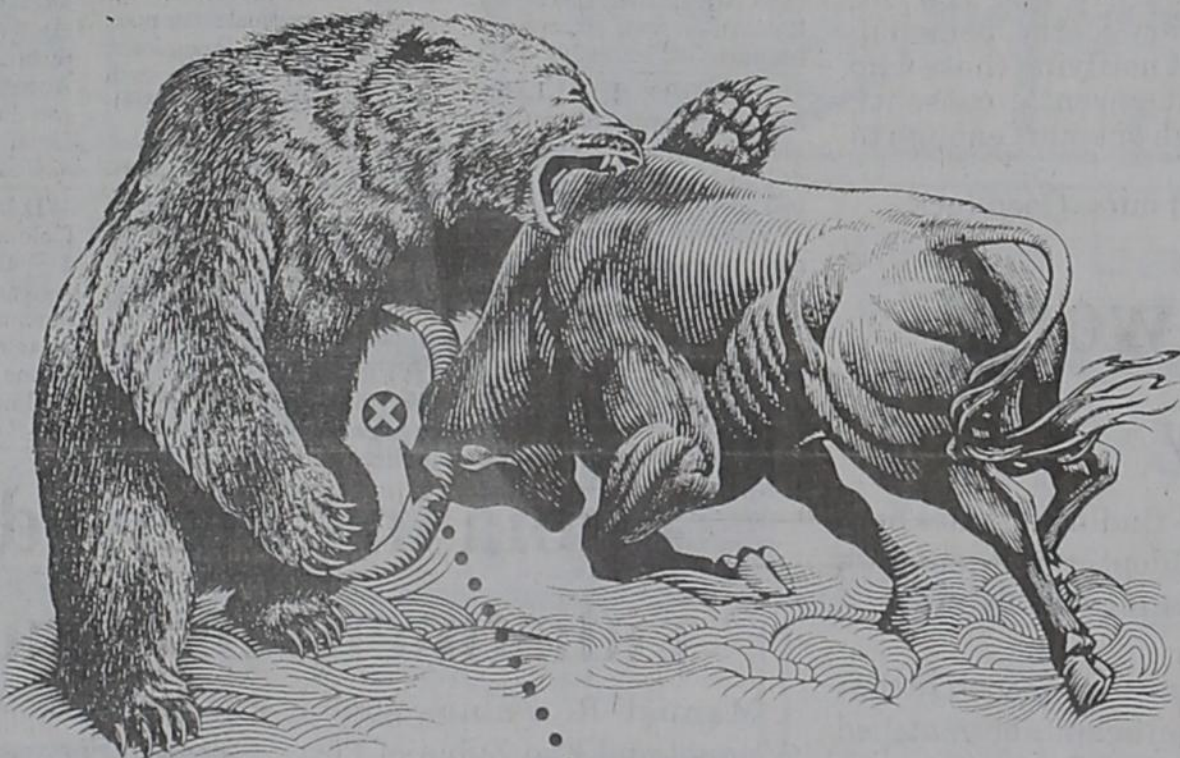
Breakfast: Elfin loaf, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Chicken fried steak w/gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, homemade roll, milk.

Thursday, December 5, 1996

Breakfast: Oatmeal, bacon, homemade bread/toast, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Burrito w/sauce, corn, tossed salad, apple crisp, milk.



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Obituaries

Eugene Munselle

Graveside services for Eugene Munselle, 90, of Rancho Tehama, California will be held Wednesday, November 27, 1996 at 2 p.m. in the Terrace Cemetery. Burial will be under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home. Mr Munselle died Tuesday, November 19, 1996 at Cottonwood Convalescent Home.

He was born on June 5, 1906 in Willow City. He was a 20-year resident of Pep and had lived in Rancho Tehama since 1993.

He was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church in Red Bluff, the Whitharral Senior Citizen Club and was a flower garden specialist. He was recognized by Lady Bird Johnson in 1972 for his flower garden specialties at the Tahoka State Park in Tahoka.

Survivors include two son, Billy G. Munselle of Rancho Tehama, California and James A. Munselle of Spring, Texas; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 787, Red Bluff, Ca 96080.

A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 23, 1996 at Hoyt-Cole Chapel of the Flowers in Red Bluff, California.

Channel 31

Thursday, Nov 21, 1996
 8 a.m. Gospel Music
 10 a.m. School Board
 12 noon Sky warn weather.
 2 p.m. Commissioner's Court.
 4 p.m. 8th grade football.
 6 p.m. Gospel music.
 8 p.m. Bold Gold Football.
 10 p.m. 1st Baptist Church.
 12 a.m. Post on screen.

Friday, Nov. 22, 1996
 8 a.m. Gospel music.
 10 a.m. Tower theatre.
 12 noon Gospel Music.
 2 p.m. J.V. Football.
 4 p.m. Flag Football.
 6 p.m. Gospel music.
 8 p.m. Miss Texas
 10 p.m. Gospel music.
 12 a.m. Post on screen.

Saturday, Nov 23, 1996
 8 a.m. Gospel music.
 10 a.m. J.V. Football.
 12 noon Train rides.
 2 p.m. Bold Gold Football.
 4 p.m. Freshman Football.
 6 p.m. Gospel music.
 8 p.m. Meet the Lady Lopes
 10 p.m. Flag Football.
 12 a.m. Post on screen.

Sunday, Nov 24, 1996
 8 a.m. Gospel music.
 1 p.m. Church of Christ.
 2 p.m. Church of the Nazarene.
 4 p.m. 1st Baptist Church.
 6 p.m. Gospel music.

8 p.m. Bold Gold Football.
 10 p.m. Gospel Music
 12 a.m. Post on screen.

Monday, Nov 25, 1996
 8 a.m. Gospel music.
 10 a.m. Tower Theatre.
 12 noon Church of the Nazarene.
 2 p.m. Health Matters.
 4 p.m. Miss Texas
 6 p.m. Gospel music.
 8 p.m. Meet the Lady Lopes
 10 p.m. Church of Christ.
 12 a.m. Post on screen.

Tuesday, Nov 26 1996
 8 a.m. Gospel music.
 10 a.m. Bold Gold Football.
 12 noon Church of Christ.
 2 p.m. Women's Culture Club.
 4 p.m. Flag Football.
 6 p.m. Gospel Music.
 8 p.m. Harley Davidson Motorcycles
 10 p.m. Post on Patrol
 12 a.m. Post on Screen.

Wednesday, Nov 27, 1996
 8 a.m. Gospel Music.
 10 a.m. City Council.
 12 noon 1st Baptist Church.
 2 p.m. Bike Safety Rodeo
 4 p.m. Kid's Special.
 6 p.m. Gospel Music.
 8 p.m. Meet the Lady Lopes
 10 p.m. Church of the Nazarene.
 12 a.m. Post on Screen.

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Watch this spot for a continuing series on health related topics that will be of interest to the residents of Garza county. Through out the coming weeks, general health safety measures will be covered as will such topics as health screening, well care, seasonal and chronic diseases. A sample of some of the up coming topics include:

- Maintaining your health during the holidays.
- Traveling with your medical history.
- The flu and how to prevent it.
- Hazards in the home.
- How to store your medications.

These are just a few of the many topics that should be of interest to the citizens of Garza County. Should you have a subject you feel is important and would like it covered do not hesitate to drop us a note or call at the address provided.

Your Rural Health Connection is a collaborative effort between The Post Dispatch, Methodist Hospital, Dr. Larry Leininger, Dr. Abel Salas, Michael Travis P.A., and all the staff at the Methodist Medical Group in Post. Inquires to:
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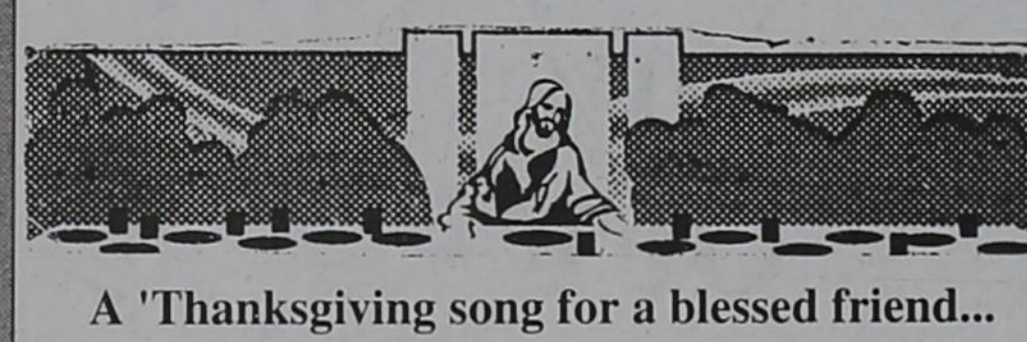
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Templo Bautista	315 W. Main, 495-2416
Trinity Baptist Church	915 N. Ave O, 495-3038
Justiceburg Baptist Church	Justiceburg, Don Blackcock, pastor
Catholic	
Holy Cross Catholic Church	Ave. K and Main St., 495-2791
Disciples of Christ	
First Christian Church	812 W. 13th, 495-3716
Church of Christ	
Church of Christ	108 N. Ave. M, 495-2326
Graham Chapel Church of Christ	5 miles W. Hwy 380, 2 miles south
Church of God	
Church of God of Prophecy	602 W. 14th, 495-3644
Power House Church of God and Christ	Pine Ave.
Lighthouse Christian Center Church of God	314 N. Ave I, 495-2237
Church of the Nazarene	
Church of the Nazarene	202 W. 10th, 495-3044
Grassland Nazarene Church	327-5656
Lutheran	
St John Lutheran Church, Wilson	1305 Dickson, 628-6573
St Paul Lutheran Church, Wilson	628-6471
United Methodist	
First United Methodist Church	216 W. 10th, 495-2942
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Presbyterian	
First Presbyterian Church	910 W. 10th, 495-2135
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Abundant Grace Church	1 Mile East Hwy 380, 495-4624



A 'Thanksgiving song for a blessed friend...'

The Rev. Dr. Robert D. Nicholson of Seattle, Washington, a former pastor for the First Presbyterian Church in Lubbock, recently penned several lines of "thanksgiving" in memory of the late A. Doyle Justice, the residents of Garza County and members of the First Presbyterian Church in Post.

In a letter written to the Post Dispatch, the Rev. Dr. Nicholson asked that the newspaper reprint his writings.

"At the graveside of A. Doyle Justice I included these lines I wrote in thanksgiving for him, his heritage and the wonderful people of Post, Garza County, Texas," the reverend wrote to the editor. "If you could find it possible to share this with your readers as we approach the Thanksgiving, 1996 season, I would be most grateful as I am for the people you serve. When I was senior pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Lubbock, I was a faithful subscriber of yours and often came your way for church, community and cultural events. The folks there are the salt of the earth."

The Rev. Dr. Nicholson's writings follow:
 Thanksgiving 1996 - In Gratitude to God for the Life and Work of A. Doyle Justice and with thanksgiving for the people of Garza County, Texas, and those in the First Presbyterian Church, Post, Texas.

A Hymn of the Plains, by the Rev. Dr. Robert D. Nicholson (tune: Lancashire 7.6.7.6.D Presbyterian Hymnbook <maroon> #208, The Day of Resurrection, #332, Lead On O King Eternal)
 "We thank Thee Lord of Harvest
 For fields of sorghum grain
 For cotton white and ready, upon our patterned plain
 Through years of life and labor,
 Thy love has made us strong
 And now, O Lord of Harvest, we lift our thankful song.
 We thank Thee, Lord of Harvest, For cattle on the land
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
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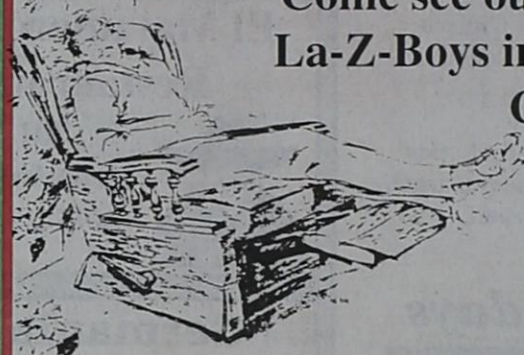
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