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## Texas Ranger investigates hospital board

by Wes Burnett

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Garza County Hospital District board members were informed last Board member Zoe Kirkpatrick asked what could be done to cor-Thursday evening at the regular meeting that Texas Ranger War- rect the situation, requesting that the matter be put on the Garza behave? And why should we pay any attention to anything he writes, ren Yeager is investigating a complaint against the board; and an- County Commissioners' Court agenda. Judge Dalby agreed to the I have no confidence in the man." other letter declared that the hospital district does not own the hos-request. pital building.

presented a copy of a letter from Smith to board members during court in 1980. the "public comment" portion of the meeting. Tobias told the board board members in violation of the law.

letter from Tahoka lawyer Philip Mack Furlow was read by hospi- minute points of law." tal administrator Gina Norman.

Board member Carol Tobias questioned the accuracy of that declaration, and showed copies of deeds transferring ownership by the county to the hospital district. County Judge Giles Dalby was asked what he knew about it, and he explained that the county had in fact transferred ownership through a warranty deed, but that the deed had never been recorded by the hospital district.

"Then, if we don't own the building," Tobias emphasized, "we can not lease the building, and the current lease with Covenant is invalid."



Steffi Norman's entry at the Post Elementary School science fair was chosen by judges as Best of Show. (See details on Page 6).

County citizen Frank Tobias to District Attorney Ricky Smith. Tobias hospital district when the deed was signed by the commissioners' question."

The issue of who owns the hospital building was aired when a the board was wasting valuable time and resources "arguing over

"I am offended by this letter," Tobias added. "I specifically asked Board member Charles Propst asked who was responsible for fail- for information as to whether or not Chapter 286 of the Health and Yeager's investigation is the result of a complaint filed by Garza ing to record the deed, and Dalby said that it was the duty of the Safety Code applies to us, he didn't even bother to address that

Tobias repeated the question, "If 286 applies in regards to the au-Propst and Tobias both expressed disdain for Furlow's letter, in thority for leasing the building, then it must also apply for holding that his complaint was related to various actions by the majority which the Tahoka lawyer lectured the board for its "continued divi- an election. Which is it? One time the lawyer tells us it doesn't apsion as to the strict interpretation of the Enabling Act." He also said ply, that was when we wanted to use it for authority to hold the

## City may need to expand landfill

by Sheri Lewis

The City of Post may need to create an additional landfill to handle the overflow of construction debris generated in recent months.

City Manager Fred Stephens told Post City Council members Tuesday that a recent TNRCC (Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission) inspection of the municipal landfill sites indicated the new cell opened seven months ago is about 50 percent filled.

The cell was designed to serve the city for four years.

Apparently an increase in "construction debris," or garbage generated through construction of the new prison facility, has contributed to the cell's fast fill-up, Stephens said. Another contributing factor is the large amount of shingles that have been dumped in the site in recent months as local residents have hail-damaged roofs repaired.

The city manager told council members that the TNRCC inspector suggested the city might want to look into creating a Type IV landfill. Such a landfill would accept only "construction debris," shingles, yard waste (tree limbs, leaves and grass) and wood by-

The only cost associated with the creation of such a facility would be the permit, Stephens said. The city could use an existing pit for

The proposal would save the city money by extending the longev-

ity of the new cell. The council took no action on the suggestion but asked the city

manager to explore the suggestion further. Stephens also reported to the council that the TNRCC inspection found small amounts of methane gas in the new landfill. City officials plan to work to determine the source of the gas, which was discovered in an area where petroleum products exist. If it is determined the methane gas is the result from deposits in the landfill cell, the municipality will be required to install a vent pipe down to the area to vent the gas upward.

In other business, council members:

 Adopted a resolution supporting the seal coating program proposed by Oller Engineering. The city has budgeted \$50,000 for the project, which should seal coat about 50 streets of approximately 33-feet in width. Stephens suggested that the council might want to look into seal coating the streets in the cemetery with additional funds from the city's cemetery fund.

· Received a report from the city manager on condemnation/demolition projects. Stephens said five properties that were turned over to the city, the Post Independent School District and Garza County as a result of a March sheriff's sale are in need of attention. The buildings located on these properties are "substandard" and need to be condemned and torn down to satisfy safety and health needs within the community; however, the taxpayer who relinquished the properties in the sheriff's sale have, according to the law, 24 months in which they may reclaim their property by paying the taxes owed. Stephens suggested the city go ahead and condemn the buildings, tear them down and place liens on the property. If during the 24-month redemption period the owners step forward to reclaim their property, they will be responsible not only for the taxes owed but also for the costs associated with demolition. Affected properties are located at 614 N. Avenue M; 315 N. Avenue H; 608 S. Avenue H; 401 N. Avenue F; and 114 E. 4th Street.

· Heard a report from Mario Avila, resource team leader for the Natural Resource Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service) office in Tahoka. Avila heads the Garza/Lynn Counties headquarters and is in Post two times each week to provide services. Tentative plans call for the placement of a full-time representative in Post sometime early in 2000.

· Approved, on second reading, the abandoning of a dedicated street — a portion of South Avenue L located between Block 152 (Continued on Page 3)

## Post Notes

#### Little Dribblers meet Dec. 15

The Little Dribblers organizational meeting will be held Wednesday, December 15 at 6 p.m. in the Norwest Bank's community room.

#### Letters to Santa deadline

The annual "Letters to Santa" special edition of The Post Dispatch will be published Thursday, December 23, with a deadline of Wednesday. December 15 for letters Letters may be sent by fax (806) 495-2059 or by e-mail: tpostdispa@aol.com or delivered to the office at 123 E. Main.

#### Food drive aims to help victims

The Garza County Victims' Assistance Program is sponsoring a canned food drive next week. The drive benefits victims of crime, MHMR clients and Meals on Wheels. Contact Jayta Cravy at 495-2479 for more information.

#### **Merry Christmas edition**

The annual "Merry Christmas" edition of The Post Dispatch will be published Thursday, December 23, with the deadline for Christmas greeting ads on Friday, December 17. Businesses and individuals may reserve space and select Christmas greeting ads by

#### calling Judy Bush at 495-2816. Clothes drive for victims

The Garza County Victims' Assistance Program and the Child Welfare Board is sponsoring a clothes drive through December 17 for the families affected by violence. If you have donations they may be dropped off at 225 W. Main or at several businesses throught town.Contact Jayta Cravy at 495-2479 for more information.

#### Victims' Assistance needs volunteers

The Post Victims' Assistance Program is seeking volunteers. Those interested in being a volunteer and making a positive differ-

#### ence in someone's life, please call Jayta at 495-2479 or 495-5511. Christmas Eve service

The First United Methodist Church is inviting the public to attend a special Christmas Eve worship service at 10 p.m. on Decem-

#### Memorial fund for Basquez

A memorial fund has been established at Citizens Bank to assist the family of the late Prudencio (Pru) Basques in offsetting medical expenses. Contact Christie Curb at 495-3545 or Cindy Aguilar at 495-3539 or 495-2274.

#### Benefit dinner to help Basquez family

A benefit dinner and bake sale will be held Saturday, December 11 at the Holy Cross Parish Center beginning at 11:30 a.m to assist the family of the late Prudencio (Pru) Basquez. The benefit is designed to help pay for medical expenses. The \$5 per plate meal includes fish and all the trimmings as well as gorditas, tacos, rice and beans. Donations are greatly appreciated. Call Cindy at 495-3539, Adelina at 495-2298, Sue at 495-3958, Jackie at 495-4021, Juanita at 495-3059 or Paula Valdez at 495-3054

## Ledbetter earns Gold Star Award

Matthew Ledbetter of Garza county was on the roster of outstanding 4-H'ers honored November 22 at the annual South Plains District Gold Star Banquet.

Approximately 35 South Plains 4-H'ers received their Gold Stars at this year's banquet. The Gold Star award is the highest honor 4-H'ers can earn at the county level. It is a true mark of their 4-H achievements.

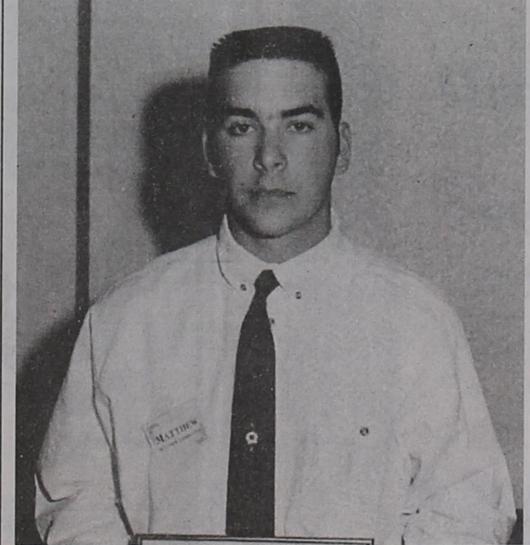
Ledbetter, 18, is a Senior at Post High School, and the son of Bruce and Debbie Ledbetter. He's been an active 4-H'er for nine years participating in Shooting Sports, Swine and Beef projects.

He has served as Junior and Teen Leader for the Shooting Sports and Swine Projects. He has also served as Vice President, Reporter and Council Delegate for the Graham 4-H Club and as District Council Delegate for Garza County for the last three years.

Matthew was awarded the coveted Overall Sportsmanship Award by the Garza County Jr. Livestock Association in 1999 and his steer won the Rate of Gain Award in 1998.

Parents, government and community leaders, Extension faculty, educators and others were on hand to watch the youths receive their award certificates from Jett Major and Colleen Chadwick, South Plains District Extension Directors.

4-H is the youth development program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, part of the Texas A&M University System. A complete overview of Texas 4-H is available on the Internet at http:// texas4-h.tamu.edu.



Matthew Ledbetter

## Lighted Parade, Santa arrival set for Saturday

Santa Claus is coming to town this weekend, even if Mother Nature doesn't cooperate.

The lighted Christmas parade and related activities, postponed last Saturday due to inclement weather, have been rescheduled for this weekend, according to organizers.

"It was regrettably postponed," said Judy Bush, one of the organizers behind the activities. "Due to the wind, which we thought might damage some of the floats, and due to the snow in other counties that was going to keep some parade entries away, it was postponed. But we will have it this weekend for sure."

The annual lighted Christmas parade will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday on Main Street. Parade entries will begin lining up at 5:30 p.m. behind the courthouse.

Following the parade, several local merchants will offer special late-night shopping. Many merchants are planning to remain open until 9 p.m., and several have open houses planned.

"There will be plenty of bargains for all," Bush said.

Santa will be in the window at the mini mall beginning at 7 p.m., and at 8:30 p.m., a drawing for \$100 in Post City Bucks will be conducted.

## "On Golden Pond" at Garza Theatre

The final performances of the Garza Theatre's last production of the year, "On Golden Pond," will be staged this weekend.

Performances of the play, written by Ernest Thompson and directed by Glenn Polk, are set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Curtain times are at 7:45 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. for the Sunday matinee.

The production will feature the talents of Polk, Jake Morgan,

Juanice Myers, Sam Mercer, Steve Berry and Rob Holton. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12 and may be purchased at the theatre's box office, 226 E. Main.

For more information or to make reservations, call 495-4005.

### Golden Plains Care Center News

by Sandy Smith

Time sure does fly when you are having fun! I was having sooo much fun at Golden Plains, I forgot to make the deadline for the paper last week!!!

I would like to let everyone know that Lauren Lynch has a new baby sister, her name is Morgan Dally, she weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. And she was 18 in long, for now Lauren calls her "Baby". Bunny says that she wakes up every morning looking for her baby.

I suppose everyone is getting ready for Christmas, I know we are at Golden Plains. Everything is decorated and lit up, We are singing our Christmas Carols every chance we get. Johnnie Melton and several others seem to favor Jingle Bells. The laughter rings throughout the facility while singing these good ole fashioned carols.

We have our float ready to roll down the main street of Post, now if only the weather will allow. I hope it is warm enough so that everyone can attend from Golden Plains. Tommy, has gone beyond the call of duty to help on this beautiful float, and not to mention Kent for allowing us to use his trailer, we really appreciate do! your kindness.

We have some more very fine people

who deserve a very big thank you, Angie Henderson, for all the Physical Therapy Equipment that you donated to Golden Plains. David and Nellie Tyler for the beautiful hand made Christmas decoration, everyone must come by to see this, it is on the front counter when you come in the door, words can not express just how pretty Willis Blevins. this ornament is.

Sue Warren for the time and hard work that she also put into making pretty crocheted Christmas Trees for each resident door. Maria Neff for the sweet Christmas jewelry for everyone to wear. Helen Fields for her treats of Christmas cards with candy canes. What a group of special people you all are. I know that you all do these great things out of love and we just want you all to know it really means so much to all of us at Golden

Popcorn is a real treat to everyone at Golden Plains, whenever I pull out the popcorn popper, the smell of the good ole buttery stuff gets everyone's attention and a smile on every face. Do we want seconds? Of course we

Well, I hope to see everyone at the parade Saturday, and don't forget, "Keep Smiling!"

## Buckle up against motion sickness

A few minor adjustments to your College of Medicine in Houston. child's car seats might help eliminate motion sickness.

the difference between what the eyes are experiencing," she said. otorhinolaryngolosit at Baylor is less stimulation at night."

"By elevating car seats so children return to can look out the window, they can see Motion sickness can be caused by the direction of travel their bodies see and what the body senses, said "Traveling at night can also help Dr. Ellen M. Friedman, an reduce motion sickness because there

Birthday Celebration!! Birthday Celebration!!

Inviting all family and friends to join

Birthday Celebration!!



Barnie December 17, 1914

Evelyn April 10, 1915

in celebrating 85 years of their life.

Saturday, December 11, 1999 From 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Norwest Bank Reception Room 216 West Main, Post, Texas (use west side entrance)

your presence is your gift

## Births

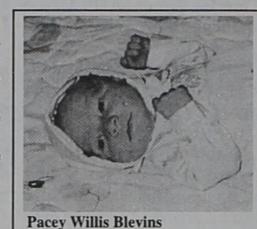
#### **Pacey Willis Blevins**

Teraka, Tyler and Destiny Cowley would like to announce the birth of their cousin, Pacey

Pacey was born November 17, 1999 at 10:08 pm in Lynn County Hospital.

He weighed eight pounds, four ounces and was 23 and 1/2 inches

Pacey is the son of Angel Blevins and the grandson of Gary and Jaquita Blevins of Post. Great grandparents are Bill and Juanita Blevins and Glenn and Vinnie Darnell of Eunice, N.M.



## Acker seeks county post

Leslie C. Acker has announced he has filed with the Democratic Party for reelection as Garza County attorney for the term beginning Jan. 1, 2001.

Acker, 56, is a graduate of Post High School and the University of Texas Law School. He has served as Garza County attorney since Jan. 1, 1996. Prior to returning to his hometown, Acker served as assistant city attorney in Midland and as Midland County attorney from 1975-

In addition to acting as legal adviser to the county commissioners court, Acker prosecutes an average of 204 new criminal cases each year in the Garza County court, involving offenses such as DWI, possession of drugs, assault and theft. He is also responsible for the prosecution of an average of 10 new cases each year filed in that court acting as the Garza County Juvenile Court.

In 1997, Acker began a hot check collection/prosecution program which has collected and refunded to local merchants and vendors more than \$12,000 during the past 18 months. Acker and his wife, Jan, are parents San Antonio.

of three daughters. They have five grandchildren.



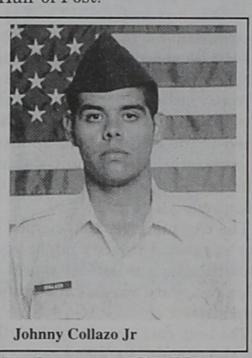
#### **Brooke Elaine** Blair

Robby Blair and Amanda Hair would like to announce the birth of their daugher, Brooke Elaine Blair, born November 26, 1999 at 3:26 p.m.

She weighed seven pounds, eight ounces and was 21 and 3/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Roger and Cherryl Blair of Post and Donnie and Carolyn Hair of Post. Great grandparents are Jim and Bessie Strawn of Post and Dale and the late Jane Hair of Post.

Great great grandparents are Mrs. S.W. Hair and the late S. W. Hair of Post.



### Johnny Collazo graduates from basic training

Air Force Airman Johnny Collazo Jr. has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base,

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete Community College of the Air Force.

Collazo, son of Linda Collazo of Post and the late Johnny Collazo, is a 1997 graduate of Post High School.

### McDonald's denies rumors

Rumors that a McDonald's restaurant is to be built in downtown Post could not be confirmed this week. Todd Blackwell, account executive with the corporation's advertising agency, said Tuesday that no such project was "on the list" of planned

projects with a 90-day lead time. Talk around the community indicates that plans are in motion for the construction of a McDonald's restaurant at the northeast corner of Main Street and U.S. 84.

restaurants. The list includes all

## Judy's Jabberin' By Judy B. Bush

Well, let me apologize for Mother Nature and the parade being cancelled. We were just afraid that the wind would demolish the floats that everyone had worked on so hard.

BUT! The parade will go on this Saturday, no matter the weather, still 6 pm and our merchants will again plan to be open until 9 pm. So everyone plan on being there and lets get Christmas rolling in Post!



#### BE THERE To Win

Don't forget that the merchants taking part in the Christmas activities have the forms for everyone to register for "Post City Bucks". We will give away \$100 to a lucky winner for some extra Christmas cash. Drawing will be at 8:30 and you must be present to win.

#### **Most Important**

As you have seen in past papers, the Womens Protective Service Adopt-a-Quad campaign has been in progress since November 16. This is of course, for Garza County to adopt a quad in our county's

Now some interesting facts I learned today; this year alone, 19 Garza County women and their children have had a place to go because of the new shelter. Now Garza County can adopt a quad for \$10,000; we are nearly there. Any individual or business, for a \$100 donation, will have their name on a plaque, on the quad. You can also have the satisfaction that you gave to a really good cause, to accomplish a very important task.

All donations may be mailed to Womens Protective Services, c/o Nelda Dalby, 228 E. Main, Post.

#### Florida Trip

Corroll and Corrol Jean Light recently vacationed in Florida. While there they visited his sister, Aimee Hill and family. They also enjoyed Cypress Gardens at Winter Haven, Gatorland at Orlando and Silver Springs at Ocala Florida. Cypress Gardens was a very beautiful place and the entertainment was outstanding Caroll said. The size of the gators at Gatorland was a real eye-opener. They were huge.

#### Weekend Guests

Alma and Joe Williams had guest for the weekend. Sara Williams, Joe's granddaughter from Dallas was here for the weekend. They had a nice visit and Sara joined them for church at Graham Methodist. Leslie McBride was also there for the weekend.

#### Birthdays this Week

Thursday, December 9; Brock Foster: Friday, December 10; Jessie Raben and Kevin Horton; Anniversary, Ricky and Eva Quinonez: Saturday, December 11; My Mom, Fannie Ballentine, my son, Kevin Crispin, Max Haney and Debra Cullinane: Sunday, December 12; Lance Dunn, Ashliegh Valdez and Janet Dean.

Monday, December 13; Peter Benavidez, Lionel and Robin Taylor: Tuesday, December 14; Ricky Morris: Wednesday, December 15; Kari Dunn and Kevin Morris.

#### **Clothes Donation**

Please remember, we have a barrel here at the Dispatch and there is also one at the Post Office provided by Victim's Assistance and Child Welfare. They are asking for any clothes you might be willing to donate to a very good cause. Clean out those closets and lets fill up these barrels.

#### Get Well Wish

I want to send a special get well to a special lady and a friend. Seccora Storie is in Covenant Hospital and underwent a triple by-pass Thursday afternoon. She has lots of recovering to do but I know she will get there. She is really missed over on Caprock Dr. especially by my mom. Seccora, you get home soon and we love ya.

#### Till Next Week

We're on the short side this week. Everyone call in your news so I'll have something to "Jabber" about. For you out of towners, you can email me at Jabber@poka.com. Let me hear from you. May God bless each of you, I'll see you at the parade.

## basic training earn credits toward an Special Christmas associate degree through the Special Christmas event at Trade Days

The final Old Mill Trade Days event "We've got quite a few new vendors." take place this Friday, Saturday and available."

Sunday.

"We're expecting a good crowd," he visiting with Saint Nick said, "and looking forward to a big show this weekend .... We should be Weather permitting,

been for the past two months.

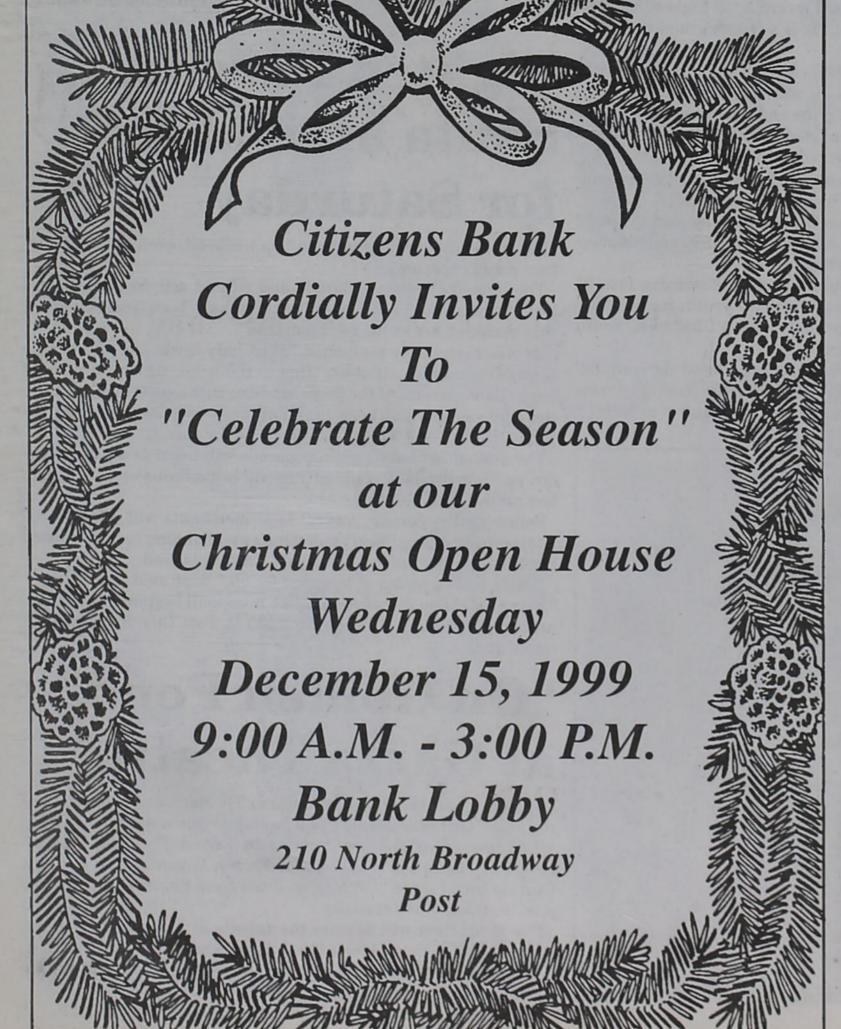
prior to the Christmas holidays will There ought to be a lot of new things Santa Claus will be on hand in

Gates to the park will be open from Needlepoint Peak to distribute candy 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day of the canes all three days of the event, special "Christmas show," according Parents and grandparents are urged to Trade Days manager Charles to bring their cameras and snap photos of their young family members

Special entertainment is also event. We think it will be an exciting scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, completely full on the inside. We have Elementary school groups also will be in the park caroling.

A good reputation is more valuable than money.

-Publilius Syrus





## **Photos with Santa**

In front of Manna Square on **East Main Street** Saturday 7 to 8:30 p.m. \$5 per photo All proceeds benefit Garza County **United Way** 

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## Children's Art Project important

For 26 years, the Children's Art served every year at M.D. Anderson. Project at the University of Texas Additionally, for the first time this M.D. Anderson Cancer Center has year, the project will fund pediatric made life better for children with cancer research initiatives to improve

Through worldwide sales of young with cancer. cancer patients' original artwork This summer, some 200 youngsters featured on seasonal note cards and will attend summer camp, and this gift items, the project has funded fall, 58 young adults will attend more than \$11.5 million worth of college with help from scholarships programs that benefit cancer patients funded by the project's proceeds. and their families.

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sales totaled a record \$1.2 million, programs. funding programs that benefit M.D. In addition to greeting and note Anderson patients. While the cards, the project offers T-shirts, gift Children's Art Project's highest bags, ornaments, tote bags, silk priority is giving children with cancer scarves and other items featuring opportunities to live a more normal young patients' creative art work. childhood and prepare successfully New additions to the product line

for adulthood, the project also include children's books with provides programs accessible to the accompanying plus toys and puzzles more than 64,000 patients of all ages and sterling silver jewelry for men New drug studied for childhood leukemia

A promising new therapy being common forms. tested at Texas Children's Cancer As in most cancers, treatment for Center might increase survival rates T-cell leukemia producers better for one of the least curable forms of results upon initial diagnosis, Berg

childhood leukemia. Currently, about 30 percent of treatment is more difficult. children with T-cell Acute Lymphoid Leukemia, also known as T-cell

leukemia, do not survive the disease. "For many childhood tumors, a 70 percent cure rate is a pretty good rate, although we're never satisfied," said Dr. Stacey Berg, assistant professor of pediatrics at Baylor rate the first time around," she said. College of Medicine.

"We're particularly unsatisfied with that number for leukemia. We know there are other kinds of leukemia where we do much better."

Berg, the national coordinator for the study, said the cure rates in some forms of leukemia are in the rage of take part in the study, which should 90-95 percent.

The study taking place at children's hospitals across the country uses an injection of a new anti-metabolite drug to kill T-cell leukemia cells.

ALL is the most common form of incorporate the drug into standard anti-leukemia therapy and increase childhood leukemia. The T-cell variation of ALL is one of its less

the long-range outlooks for children

Additional programs include a ski Each year, the project offers trip for amputee patents; music and collections of cards and gift items. young adults; an in-hospital Proceeds from 1998 card and gift classroom; and a variety of child life

said. When the patient has a relapse,

"The goal in developing any new

drug for cancer is to find something

you can rapidly move into the

treatment of newly-diagnosed

patients. That could help decrease

the relapse rate and improve the cure

for T-cell leukemia is an intensive,

In this study, patients who have

About 100 patients nationwide will

"We hope this drug will get the

had a relapse are being treated with

the new anti-metabolite injection.

be completed within the next year.

disease into remission," said Berg.

"The ultimate goal is to have enough

information that would enable us to

multi-agent chemotherapy.

The current standard treatment

County residents get help from pharmaceutical firms

Ronnie Jay Parrish got his first buck on November 28 hunting trip. And

what a buck it was ... a 12-pointer. Amazingly, Ronnie got it with one shot,

the first shot he's ever taken at a deer. He's the son of Ronnie and Ruby

Almost 30 pharmaceutical firms from throughout the United States pitched in to provide more than \$27,000 worth of medications to needy individuals served by the Garza Hospital District during the past fiscal year.

provided by these firms.

grateful to the... firms which have Pont, \$1,459.71; Eli Lilly, \$1,659.45; provided needy individuals with Esi Lederil, \$140; Forest, \$178.09; medications who otherwise would Glaxo Wellcome, \$430.90; and have had to make a difficult choice - Hoechst Marion Roussel, \$3,934.32. medicine or food," the report read.

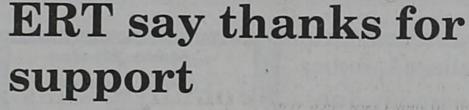
afford the medication or medications \$480.08; and Du Pont, \$1,459.71. prescribed. These patients were Other participating firms included

Although the clinic serves several indigent patients, Norman said that not necessarily everyone assisted through this effort could be classified

Participating firms and the value of their contributions, made during a According to a recent report from period stretching from Sept. 28, 1998, the hospital district, a total of to Sept. 30, 1999, included Astra \$27,949.94 worth of medications was Merch, \$48.18; Bertek, \$1,084.22; Boehringer Ingelheim, \$35.52; "The Garza Hospital District is Bristol Myers Squibb, \$4,418.48; Du

Also, Knoll, no amount listed; Gina Norman, hospital district Medeva Pharmacital, \$55.64; Merck, administrator, said the individuals \$1,135.92; Novartis, \$3,086.89; Ortho served by these companies were McNeil, \$149.89; Parke Davis, no patients of the clinic who could not amount listed; Pfizer, \$670.60; Roche,

assisted in making application Schering, \$140.92; Schwarz, directly to the pharmaceutical \$1,009.96; Searle, \$610.77; Smith company that manufactures the Kline Beecham, \$1,459.71; Solvay, needed medications, and the firms \$88.21; Tap, \$342.25; 3M, \$422.94; made the final decisions as to who Warner Lambert, \$2,016.38; Wyethwould or would not receive assistance. Ayerst, \$1,119.34; and Zeneca, \$1,119.34.



by Arnold Fry The Garza Co. Emergency Response Team would like to thank Norma Cunningham from Lubbock for her resent donation. The Team is working on a very limited budget and every donation helps to keep us in operation.

Garza Co. finally got some winter weather Saturday. The snow on top of the Caprock was nice to see, we finally got to put the video camera to use. The snow took several motorist by surprise as several ended up in

the ditch. The next meeting of the G.C.E.R.T. will be Thursday, December 9th at 7:pm at 216 south

Anyone interested in learning more about the operation of the Team is encouraged to attend. The G.C.E.R.T. hopes everyone who plans to travel through the Christmas Holidays plans their trip in advance with Safety in mind.

The Team reminds everyone to Think Safety First while traveling.

**Womens Division sets** Christmas party plans

Commerce and Tourism Bureau met in a called meeting Tuesday afternoon at the Post Library. Fourteen ladies were present. President JoAnn Stelzer announced the need to change the group's Christmas party plans.

Our party will be at the Algerita Art Center Dec. 17 from 7-9 p.m. Our meal will be prepared by Post's premier cook, Mary Cade. President Services.

The Women's Division of the Post Stelzer welcomes members to come and help to set up tables and decorate.

Members are asked to bring a gift to be exchanged (value not to exceed \$2) and husbands attending are asked to bring a gift for a man.

As for regular business, members are reminded to bring to our Dec. 15 meeting three gifts for Golden Plains and the gifts for Women's Protective

#### Tax 'n Facts by Terri Cash

Who Gets The Fringe Benefits

In two-career families, when both workers are offered certain taxfavored fringe benefits, it may matter which one takes them.

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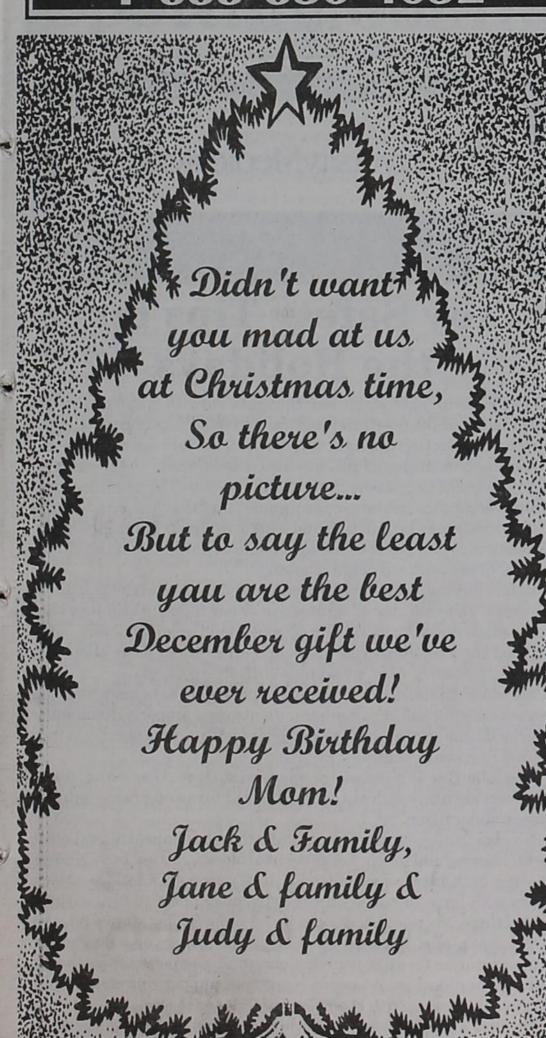
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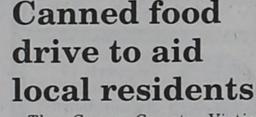
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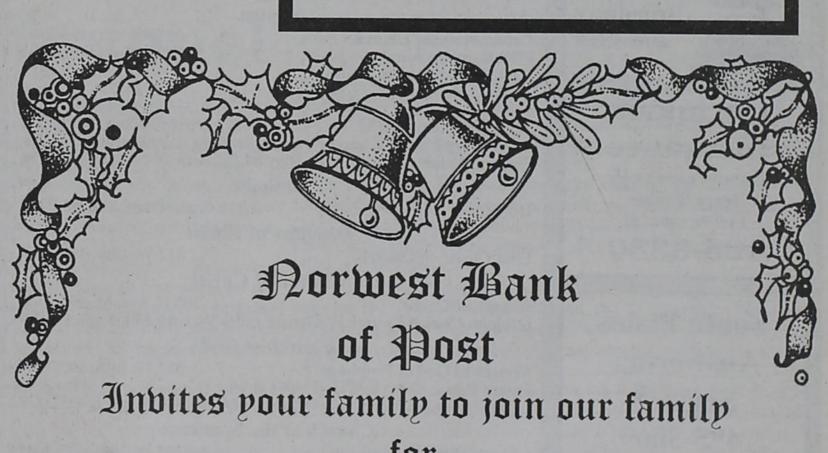
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She died Tuesday, Nov. 30, at the Golden Plains Care Center in Post. Born Sept. 23, 1924, in Henrietta, she married Harley Wallace Sept. 6, 1941, in Post. He died Jan. 6, 1982. She was a housewife and a Baptist.

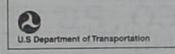
Survivors include three sons, Charles Wallace and Dickey Wallace, both of Post, and Johnny Wallace of San Antonio; one daughter, Shirley Bishop of Hondo; three sisters, Dorothy Mason of Andrews, Billie Meeks of Slaton and Mary Lee of Post; two brothers, Fritz Hester of Breckenridge and George (Shorty) Hester of Post; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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## Hospital board ...

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dissolution election. Now, when it is convenient to support the leasing of the building, then he says it does apply. If that's so, then we need to go ahead and schedule the election."

Kirkpatrick said the board should wait until the Attorney General issues

"We are liable for following the law," Propst emphasized, "and if we don't know what law we're supposed to follow, is that what he calls nick pick-

A motion by Tobias to follow the county indigent care program for establishing appropriate rate charges by Covenant Health Systems failed when David Tyler voted with Zoe Kirkpatrick, creating a tie of 2-2. Tyler was moderating the meeting in the absence of board president Mike Travis.

"I can vote if I want to," Tyler said, and quoted from Robert's Rules of Order. "It says here that the president can vote if his vote alters the outcome of the decision or if there is a tie."

Kirkpatrick also pointed out that the district's establishing legislation requires a positive vote by three board members for any action to be approved. Propst reminded the board that at least once in the past the board approved an action with only two votes.

The matter about rate charges resulted from a revelation by Tobias that Covenant had been paid full reimbursement for indigent care. Tobias consulted with Norman about the \$32,000 paid for one indigent, and the hospital administrator contacted Covenant, who agreed to reimburse the district \$24,000.

"We should establish a rate now," Tobias said, in defending the motion. Kirkpatrick and Tyler insisted that the changes should not be made until more study has been made into the matter. Propst urged the approval of the rate standard, "we can always change it later, but in the meantime we could be stuck with a back-breaking case." The district has a \$150,000 cap on indigent care charges for each fiscal year.

In other matters, the board approved the payment of bills, which did not include payment to Covenant Health Systems. "Where's the payment to Covenant?" Propst asked after studying the list of bills. "I don't see Covenant in this list anywhere," Tobias added.

"We decided not to include it this month," Norman responded. "Who is the 'we' who made that decision?" Propst queried.

"Well, it was Mike and Covenant and myself," Norman answered.

"I want to remind you," Propst emphasized, "that Mike has no more authority than any other board member, you don't work for Mike, you work for the board. This is highly irregular."

"We knew that it would be defeated, and Covenant agreed to delay payment until later or the next board meeting," Norman said.

"How could you know how we're going to vote?" Propst asked. "This is not the way we should conduct our business."

In another matter, the board rejected by a tie-vote a motion by Tobias to request State Representative David Counts to begin preparation of a simple amendment to the enabling legislation to provide a method to hold a dissolution election.

In the debate, Kirkpatrick said that the matter should wait, "There's no hurry." She also said that other changes were needed to satisfy the complaints by Tobias and Propst.

"I'm perfectly content with HB 1325," Tobias said, "you are the ones who want to change it so that you can do the things you want to do. All we want is a change to allow the taxpayers here the chance to decide about whether or not to continue this district."

Kirkpatrick said that the district is responsible for the health care of all Garza County residents. Tobias and Propst both countered that the only responsibility the district has is to care for the indigent and needy. "We don't have the authority to spend one thin dime on people like you and

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A discussion about conducting a survey to find out the cost of reopening the hospital was cut short when Propst reminded the board that the district does not own the building, and any improvements to it are the responsibility of the county.

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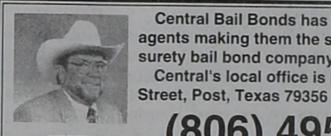
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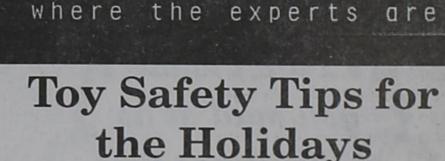
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## Opinions



## And thereafter, Cigarette Nazi update

by Walter E. Williams

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Since Carnival Cruise Lines banned smoking on its "Paradise" ship, 14 passengers and one employee have been put off at the nearest port. One of the passengers was put off the ship after the steward simply found a pack of cigarettes.

According to Carnival, she was guilty of possession. The Guest Choice Network also reports that Arizona has a new state law that prohibits the use or possession of tobacco products by any adult on all school campuses.

Parents can be arrested for lighting up outdoors and subject to a \$100 fine for carrying tobacco products in their purse, pocket or even in their car. According to an Oct. 10 Associated Press story, the Boca Raton, Fla., City Council aims to ban smoking everywhere for new employees.

Smoking is already off limits in city government buildings and one city park. The City Council's planned ordinance would ban employee smoking at home or anywhere else. Employees found to have smoked at home would be fired. Roughly 700 employees already on the payroll would be grandfathered and allowed to continue smoking in their homes and cars.

The City Council claims their ordinance would mean lower healthinsurance premiums for all employees. The ACLU contested the nomore-smokers employment rule in North Miami as a violation of privacy, but the Florida Supreme Court upheld the rule, saying that lower insurance costs outweighed the privacy issue.

To support these attacks on smokers, the American people have to be either stupid or short-sighted. Think about the Florida Supreme Court's decision for a moment: Health insurance costs outweigh privacy issues.

Like abstention from tobacco products, daily exercise lowers healthcare costs, and so does daily consumption of fruits and vegetables, six to

eight hours of sleep, and moderate alcohol consumption. If, for example, the Boca Raton City Council passed an ordinance

requiring all employees to do a half-hour's worth of exercise daily, would the Florida Supreme Court uphold that, as well? Why not? It would be consistent with its opinion that lower insurance costs outweigh privacy issues. For everybody except tyrants, private property is the answer to the smoking issue.

to decide whether smoking is allowed or not. You have the right to decide whether you wish to enter the premises. By the same token, if you own a home, office building, factory or bar, you have the identical right and I have the right to decide whether I shall enter.

I have no more right to use the law to force you to permit smoking on your property than you have to force me not to permit smoking on mine. Tyrants can't live with such a liberty-oriented solution; they like to forcibly impose their preferences on others. A major problem with the smoking issue is that smokers have been cowed into believing they're

doing something wrong. I say balderdash. Cigarette smoking has always been an acceptable part of American life, but not in modern America. But look at the kind of moral filth, once unacceptable, that has become part and parcel of modern America. Actors can commit any kind of indecent behavior on screen, but only if they light up will there be a protest.

Our youngsters use foul language, engage in lewd conduct, have babies out of wedlock and engage in unspeakable violence, and we worry about whether they smoke. I say America's nearly 50 million smokers should not timidly comply with one attack after another.

I doubt there's jail space to house all of us.

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## Spotting bonfire at end of tunnel

by Vin Suprynowicz

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The skeptics were right. The NATO press briefings insisted it was vital that the United States and her allies launch an air war against Serbia, to stop the Serbian genocide of ethnic Albanians in Kosovo. (Just think of the czar and the kaiser invading the United States in 1876 to halt war criminal U.S.

Grant's genocide of the Sioux.) Why, the Serbs had already murdered more than 10,000 Muslim Albanians, the NATO press briefing officers declared — with estimates sometimes soaring to as many as 100,000 bodies in the "mass graves."

Of course, it now turns out it was all a lie. "United Nations and European Union investigators in Kosovo have all but completely confirmed that NATO's estimates of the number of Kosovar Albanians being slaughtered by Serbian forces during the propaganda buildup to the war were grossly overblown," wrote Alan Bock of the Orange County Register last week. "The latest evidence suggests that somewhat fewer than 3,000 Kosovars were killed ... and that much of the slaughter took place after the NATO bombing campaign

had begun." Nor were these untruths merely incidental. They went to the heart of the campaign to drum up support among an understandably skeptical American public for military intervention ... in a forbidding, isolated, mountainous region which neither the Germans in the 1940s nor the Turks before them were ever able to successfully pacify, even with enormously greater allocations of manpower (and far more ruthless tactics) than Americans are ever likely to knowingly endorse.

"A virtually constant drumbeat of NATO briefings during the war revolved around aerial photographs of alleged mass graves 'reliably' suspected to hold the bodies of hundreds of Kosovars murdered by Serbs," Bock continues. But in subsequent investigations "No 'mass graves' at all have been documented. ... In short, US and NATO officials repeatedly lied to us."

Now, no one is saying the slaughter of 3,000 civilians is acceptable (any more than was the conquest of the Sioux.) But "U.N. and EU investigators now estimate that between 3,000 and 5,000 Serbs, many of them civilians, were killed by the NATO bombing attacks on Yugoslavia," Mr. Bock continues. "And an unknown and perhaps unknowable number of the Kosovar Albanian casualties" were also years? caused by the NATO bombing - a cure quite possibly worse than the disease.

And that was just for starters. After Slobodan Milosevic agreed to Bill Clinton's terms for halting the air war — terms far more favorable to Milosevic than those he was offered (start ital)before(end ital) the bombing - it then became necessary for America and her allies to send in ground troops to "police the peace," of course.

This has mainly consisted of attempting to disarm the Kosovars a step which would render them far more vulnerable to the next Hay, 1872 genocide, which will doubtless begin as soon as we leave.

About the best thing that can be said of this attempt by United States forces to violate the founding principle of this nation (that "All Men ...

are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights," among them "the right to keep and bear arms") is that it appears to have failed as dismally as everything else we've tried there.

The news is now full of vicious reprisals by the Muslim ethnic Albanians — the oppressed minority which we occupied Kosovo in order to protect, let us recall - wreaking their own murderous retribution on the local Serbs.

It appears, for instance, that 63-year-old Serbian engineering office and the law. professor Dragan Basic's mother-in-law became ill last week, on the night of local Albanian Independence Day celebrations — requiring him to take the chance of loading her and his wife into the family car and revelers toward the closest hospital.

When Basic and his family were recognized as Serbs, they were dragged from their car and beaten. The car was turned over and set afire. Professor Basic was shot. Lighted firecrackers were shoved into the mouths of the terrified women. When a U.N. patrol car approached and the driver rolled down his window to ask what had happened, he was punched in the face. The crowd of more than 1,000 then started to rock his vehicle, too.

gear, tear gas, shields - nothing at all for trying to control a mob of 1,000 or more" ... just as our boys in Mogadishu had no tanks.)

The U.N. soldiers finally held the crowd back so the three Serb victims could be loaded into an ambulance — though the high-spirited partyers threw more lighted firecrackers into the back of the vehicle as it pulled away, many clapping as though they were "at a football match," according to one blue beret.

American officers faced shouts of 'Yankee go home!' "the AP reports. The mob that killed Professor Basic and left his wife and stepmother in critical condition "has prompted soul-searching here over whether the West ... underestimated the cost of securing Kosovo's peace," writes the AP's Danica Kirka from Pristina.

Oh, good time to ask. Once more now: Why are we in the Balkans? What makes us think we can clear up a stew of ethnic hatreds that's been festering for 600

And what shall we do next — bomb the Albanians?

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## **Definition of** indigent splits GCHD board

by Wesley W. Burnett

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A statement toward the end of last Thursday's Garza County Hospital board meeting summed up the basic and fundamental split in that board when Zoe Kirkpatrick declared that the hospital district should provide health care for all county residents.

Her statement was in response to the insistence by board members Carol Tobias and Charles Propst that the only purpose for the district is to serve the indigent and needy.

It is the same difference that was exposed when this board first met last summer after the May election. No matter that federal and state law clearly defines indigent and needy by financial considerations, Mrs Kirkpatrick and fellow board members David Tyler and Mike Travis refuse to accept the law as it is written.

Although that central issue has not been debated since last August, accepting the lawful definition of indigent and needy is at the center of every controversial issue that comes before this board. Propst and Tobias measure each and every agenda item based on whether or not If I own a home, office building, factory or bar, I should have the right it is authorized by the law. And when they challenge decisions based on violations of the law, they are ridiculed and, as in the letter from Tahoka lawyer Philip Mack Furlow, are accused of arguing the "minute points of law."

Is the lawful definition of indigent and needy a "minute point of law?" If so, is Mr Furlow suggesting, as did the majority of the board in its August meeting, that the law is so inconsequential that it should be ignored? If this be the case, then Mr Furlow and any who follow his line of reasoning, must be, by their own admission, advocates of anarchy.

Mrs Kirkpatrick stated that she interprets the law as giving the board authority to spend tax funds on anyone who "needs" health care. Her interpretation is in direct conflict with the clear and unequivocal definitions of law as to who are and who aren't needy and indigent. Basically, Mrs Kirkpatrick and her fellow board members who stick to this interpretation, are declaring that the plain meaning of the law is of no consequence, since they hold the majority, then the law will be

This situation is a clear example of why we do not want to live in a democracy. If the majority decides to do so, it can very easily push the law aside in order to satisfy its own goals and ambitions. That is why the United States and Texas political systems are in such disarray. The majority rules, and today the majority has decided to ignore that part of the law that stands in the way of its tyranny.

And tyranny is what happens when political systems degenerate into democracies. The Garza County Hospital District is but a small microcosm of that sickness which has engulfed a nation, once a proud defender of justice (law) and individual liberty.

Want to steal some money and use it for your own favorite project? No problem, get the mob behind you, declare taxation of property and personal belongings, and simply take it from people under the umbrella of the law. That's what democracies do - claiming the "will of the people," the majority simply trounces the minority, using the power of government to silence any opposition.

Now the Texas Rangers have been called in to investigate this unlawful behavior. The result of a challenge from a courageous Garza County citizen, we trust this investigation will be a wake-up call for government officials who demonstrate their disdain for their oaths of

Those three elected officials made a promise that they would faithfully execute the laws of this state and the U.S. When they publicly denounced the law, as they did last summer in rejecting the lawful attempting to thread a path through crowds of drunken Albanian definition of indigent and needy, they clearly violated their oaths of

What recourse do taxpayers have in fighting this theft of their resources? According to Mr Furlow, the question before the board is a matter of "judicial interpretation" which "would require a contest by a resident of the District with standing." In other words, "take us to court, otherwise keep your mouth shut."

Of course, there is one other option ... the ballot box. Perhaps candidates who believe in the following the law, as it is written, not as Finally, U.N. soldiers arrived (though the AP reports "None had riot" it is interpreted, will make themselves available at the next election.

## Texas Constitution 2000

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Part 2. National Executive Council

Section 3. The office of vice president shall be limited to the following

a. Serve as president in the absence of the president.

b. Maintain and publish official records of all National Ex-

ecutive Council proceedings. c. Operate and maintain physical facilities for official func-

tions of the National Executive Council.

Section 4. The office of treasurer shall be limited to the following functions:

a. Receive and disburse funds to support constitutionally au-

thorized national government functions. b. Maintain accurate and timely records of national revenue

collections, expenditures, and disbursements. c. Serve as president in the absence of the president and the vice-president.

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## Post Elementary School Science Fair Awards

Fifth grade student Steffi Norman was selected as Science Fair "Best of Show" during ceremonies held at the Post Elementary School last week.

The following were named winners in the event.

• Pre-kindergarten — Gafford afternoon class, first place; Gafford morning class, second place.

• Kindergarten — Edna Owen class, first place; Susan Radle class, second; Kathy Fluitt, third; and Debbie Webb class, honorable mention.

• First grade — Nancy Norman class and Martha Baker class, both first place finishes; Jessica Jones and Jacob Wisecamper classes, both second place finishes; and Amber Wilson and Dorothy McCook's classes, both third place finishes.

• Second grade — Rebecca Haney's class, first place; Carol McDonald's class, second place; Marsha Norman's Henderson's class, honorable Brad Reed. mention.

and Adriana Eustace, first place; Zachary Nava and Matthew Owens, Moreno, Susan Littrell, Dalton Doran, Erika Ortiz and Fabian Soto, third place.

• Fourth grade - First place winners included Ethan Bilbo, John David Boren, Steven Contreras, Zachery Kocurek, Allen Heckaman. Call Windham, Victoria Hampton. Lori Jones, Kelsey Hays, Marlee Plumber, Tamara Raymundo, Kelsey Sanderson and Kamron Shumard.

• Fourth grade — Second place

winners included Martha Alaniz, Amber Bustoz, Marsi Diaz, Jose Esparza, Timothy Garza, Tisha Hair, Madison Mason, Tyler Menchaca, Marisa Basquez, Brend Menjares, C.J. Meyers, Lexi Nobles, Felicia Vargas, Paige Bullard, Leonard Lopez, Josana Perez, Pat Reiter, Ashleigh Harris, Stephenie Garcia, Shelli Gearhart, Samantha Hoover, Brenna Postell, Jeremy Short, Steven Short, Timothy Wilson and Mariella

 Fourth grade — Third place winners included Roosevelt Brown, Patrick Courson, Krisopher Crenshaw, Sherika Thurman, Dylan Davis, Erik Guerrero, Lydia Mendoza, Byron Soto, Rebecca Curtis, Gloria Martinez, Tyler Odom, Fatima Rodriquez, Naquisha Taylor, Cherokee Ybarra, Ericka Cravy, Victoria Fannon, Lauren Gonzales, Ricardo Gonzales, Maria Mendoza, class, third place; and Natha Jo Marcella Perez, Richard Suit and

• Fourth grade — champion, Allen • Third grade - Whitney Williams Heckaman; runner-up, Kamron Shumard.

• Fifth grade - first place winners, second place; Tasha Runnels, Valerie K'Nell Dalby, Kylie Easterling, Wes Mason, Jason Worthington, Steffi Norman and Claire Kirkpatrick; second place winners Bailey Odom, Shyan Todd, Chelsey Reed, Wilson Cash, Larissa Halford and Adrian Nava; and third place winners, Blake Nichols, Jordon Payne, Zachery Dissenger, Anai Saucedo, Rachey Gray, Lorenzo Ortiz and Zachery

> • Fifth grade — champion, Steffi Norman; runner-up, Kylie Easterling. • Best of Show — Steffi Norman.



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Fourth Grade - (back row, left to right) Gloria Martinez, Fatima Rodriguez, Naquisha Taylor, Marcella Perez, Maria Mendoza, Lauren Gonzales, (front row) Rebecca Curtis, Sherika Thurman, Victoria Fannon and Erika

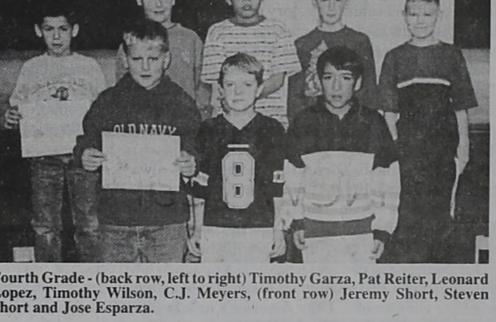




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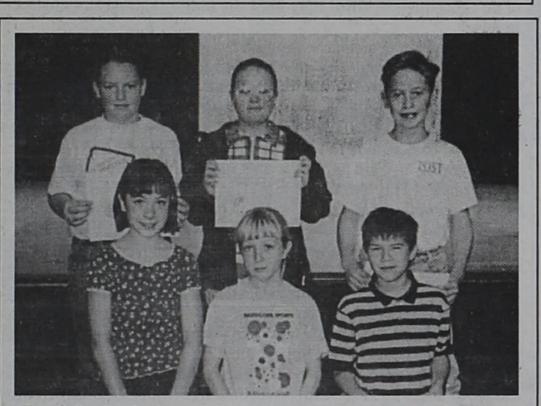
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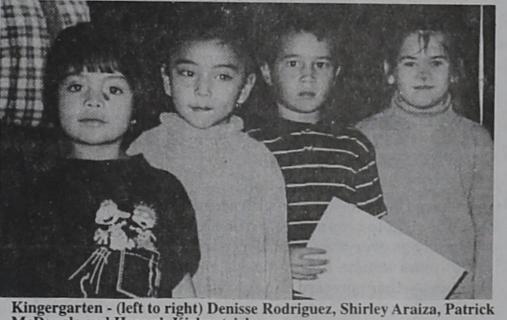
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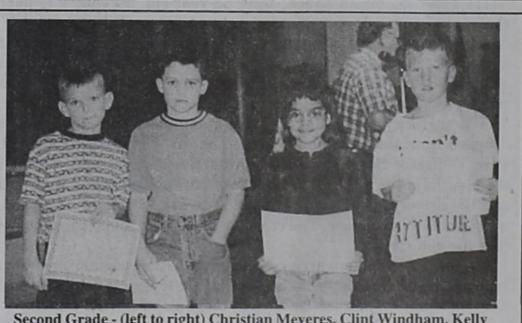
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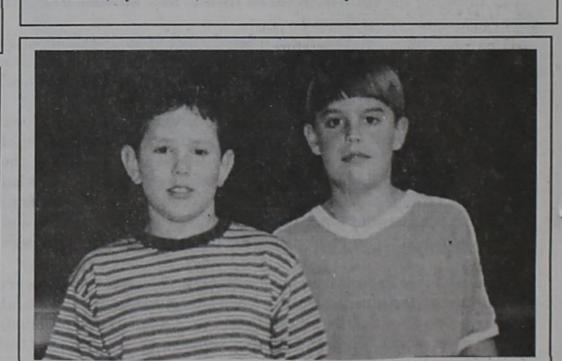
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First Grade - (left to right) Morgan Williams, Tanisha Paiz, Allisha Jones, Jake Wischkaemper, Ben Mason and Amber Wilson.



Second Grade - (left to right) Christian Meyeres, Clint Windham, Kelly Chapa and Kaleb Turner.



Fourth Grade - Allen Heckaman and Kamron Shumard.

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## **Lunch Menus**

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sausage, juice and milk.

and milk.

and milk.

Tuesday, December 14, 1999

Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, juice

Lunch: Fish, cole slaw, macaroni

Wednesday, December 15,

Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, fruit

Lunch: Chicken fried steak, salad,

Thursday, December 16, 1999

Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls,

Lunch: Nachos, salad, corn, brownie

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and cheese, fruit rolls and milk.

#### Trail Blazer

Friday, December 10,1999
Turkey and dressing, carrots, salad, wheat roll and pineapple cake.

Monday, December 13, 1999
BBQ beef, baked potato, broccoli and cheese, hot roll, pears and cookies.
Tuesday, December 14, 1999
Chicken and dumplings, macaroni salad, cornbread and peach cobbler.
Wednesday, December 15,

Enchiladas, pinto beans, stewed okra and tomatoes, tortilla chips and banana pudding.

Thursday, December 16, 1999
Oven fried chicken, corn, spinach, salad, hot roll and spice cake.

#### Post ISD

Friday, December 10, 1999
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Manwich, salad, sliced peaches, animal crackers and choice of milk.

Monday, December 13, 1999 Breakfast: Muffin, sausage link,

fruit and milk.

Lunch: Frito pie, Ranch Style
Beans, broccoli, corn bread, cobbler

and choice of milk.

Tuesday, December 14, 1999

Breakfast: Malt-o-meal, toast, sausage, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Ham/gravy whipped

Lunch: Ham/gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, banana pudding and choice of milk.

Wednesday, December 15,

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Breakfast: Breakfast taco, fruit, apple juice and milk.

Lunch: Burrito/w sauce, salad, carrots, Skittles and choice of milk.

Thursday, December 16, 1999

Breakfast: Apple quick bread, sausage link, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Fajitas, onions and peppers, salad, pinto beans, Reese's Cup and choice of milk.

#### Southland ISD

Friday, December 10, 1999
Breakfast: Cereal, Graham
crackers, fruit and milk
Lunch: BLT sandwich, chips,

Lunch: BLT sandwich, chips, lettuce and tomato, push-up pops and milk.

Monday, December 13, 1999

Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, juice and milk.

Lunch: Chopped BBQ sandwich, potato salad, pickles, cherry peppers,

## Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor Policy: We require all letters to be signed, however, names may be withheld from publication by request. Letters may be edited for brevity, grammar and punctuation.

## Truant officer accused of

harassment
I don't understand this school system
(Post ISD) at all. They let one man do
and say what ever he wants and backs
him up 100 percent. I would like to
know when the truant officer was given
the authority to harass parents or

guardians of pre-k aged children.

I also understood that children need not be enrolled until age six or first grade. Pre-k and kindergarten are voluntary, yet I was informed they had to be there every day once enrolled.

My grandson has chronic allergies and sinus problems and when it flares up, he runs a low grade temperature. I was told not to send him to school when this happens. Each day that he was out, I called the school and talked to the nurse, elementary principal and secretary, to let them know. I took several doctor's excuses also.

Our very busy truant officer actually followed my husband all the way to his place of employment (harassment), to see why this child was not in school.

We enrolled him in the pre-k program because we thought it would be good for him to get an early start on his education, we want the best for him. I called the school to withdraw him after this latest harassment, and I was told that I could not, that it is mandatory for him to be in school. The person talking to me was very rude.

I guess government funds (federal and state funding based on daily attendance rate) are more important than the child's problems. Well, as we all know, money talks.

all know, money talks.

I then called the superintendent's office and was asked to visit with Dr Bain before writing this letter. After giving it some thought, I did some research and discovered that any parent can home school their children. Even those parents without high school or college education have the right to home school their children.

We as parents do have a choice. We can choose not to send them to the government schools. We have a Godgiven right to home school or Christian

I withdrew my four year old grandson and will home school him until God leads me to a place for his education. I will not have the government tell me where to educate my children and I will not have the truant officer knocking on my door - I wonder - what they thought a four year old was out doing?

Brenda Sweeten

## Water Management Conference set for December 14 in Tahoka

The Second Annual Lynn/Garza County Water Management Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, at the Center for Housing and Community Development in Tahoka. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the conference will conclude with a Noon meal.

Natural Resource Conservation Service, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and High Plains Underground Water Conservation District personnel will be on hand to discuss water management strategies and issues. Topics to be discussed include: Soil Moisture Monitoring, Irrigation Scheduling, Nozzling Packages, Aquifer Pumping Trends, Chemigation, Wellhead Protection and Water Testing.

Pesticide License holders will receive two CEU's. For more information, contact Bryan Reynolds at 998-4562 or Mario Avila at 495-2056.

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

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While no one knows exactly what will happen when we start ringing in the new year, rest easy, We're Ready for Y2K. And with us safeguarding your interests into the next century, you can get back to worrying about your resolutions.





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## Lady Lopes win Floydada Tournament

by Wes Burnett

Standing with an undefeated season record of 8-0, the Post Lady Lope varsity basketball team won the first two games at last weekend's Floydada Tournament and captured the championship spot Saturday when Clarendon scoring is coming from all the girls," the coach added. forfeited by not attending.

"Naturally we are disappointed about not getting to play Clarendon," coach Ron Taylor said, "but we have beaten some really good basketball teams so far."

Last week's action began with a 52-51 win over visiting Sands (November 30). "We had a 15 point lead going into the fourth quarter," Taylor reported, "but we had trouble at the free-throw line, hitting only four of 12. It was a great game between two really good basketball teams."

In that contest Davida Gregory scored 14 points. Others scoring included Kenda Looney (10), Meagan Mills (6), Erin Gregory (6), Vondi Gradine (6), Manuela Hernandez (6) and Kelly Moore (4).

The Floydada tournament opened with 52-38 win over Guthrie. "This was a great win for us," Taylor explained. "Guthrie is rated in the top 10 Class A teams in Texas."

Davida Gregory led the team with 16 points, with Looney scooping up 10.



Kenda Looney (left to right), Meagan Mills and Vondi Gradine pressure a Sands player during action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

## **PHS Basketball Schedule**

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Dec. 11	Caprock JV Tournament	Post
Dec. 14	Aspermont (J.V., Varsity)	Post
Dec. 16,17,18	Ira Tournament (Varsity)	Ira
Dec. 20	Sudan (J.V. & Varsity Boys)	Post
Dec. 28-30	Crosbyton Tournament (Varsity)	Crosbyton
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Others scoring were Mills (8), Erin Gregory (7), Moore (4), Hernandez (3) and two each by Yvonne Lopez and Emily Smith. "The good news is that our

On Friday night the Lady Lopes faced one of their toughest challenges this year, defeating a very good Floydada team 52-44. "It wasn't one of our better games," Taylor said. "We played well, but didn't shoot consistently, and in the second quarter we only got one of 10 from the free throw line. It was a very big game, and we came out in the second half to come from behind and

Erin Gregory led the team with 10 points, followed by Davida Gregory (8), Mills (7), Looney (6), Hernandez (6), Lopez (5), Kelly (4) and two each by Camie Payne, Smith and Gradine.



Meagan Mills takes off the loose basketball for the Lady Lopes during the game here against Sands last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

## 8th grade girls win one of three

The Post 8th grade girls' basketball team, competing in the All Saints Tournament last weekend, lost to Roosevelt 42-41, beat All Saints 41-26 and lost to Trinity Christian 38-30.

In the opening game the Post girls "played an excellent game, that came down to overtime," coach Madawn Sherrin reports. Starlett Greathouse scored 15 points, followed by Tayler Starker (10), Terri Curtis (7), Paula Voyles (7) and Jerica Tyler (2).

In the win over All Saints, "The Lady Lopes capitalized against their zone defense and pulled ahead 18-15 at the half," the coach said. "Our girls never looked back after that."

Greathouse got 17 points, Jennifer Reiter and Starkey hit for 12 each and Voyles got eight.

"They played very well against Trinity Christian," coach Sherrin said, "but they just couldn't contain them." Greathouse led with 14 points, followed by Breann Heckaman (8), Curtis (4) and two each by Starkey and Voyles.



Davida Gregory shoots a two-pointer for the Lady Lopes in the win over Sands last week. Manuela Hernandez (33) sets for the rebound. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



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Manuela Hernandez (33) sets for a two-pointer for the Lady Lopes here last week. Teammate Camie Payne (23) joins in the action. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

## Post Rotarians host Governor

Faver's visit

Rotary District Governor Dudley Faver visited the Post Rotary Club Tuesday, Nov. 30. He was accompanied by Lubbock Rotary Club

members Jim Reardon and J.B. Potts.

The district governor annually visits each of the 53 clubs located in District 5730, which covers the area from Perryton and Dalhart to Pecos and Sweetwater.

A university professor and retired Air Force major general, Faver encouraged Post Rotarians to renew their enthusiasm, drive and intensity for community service.

### Hodges helps with Adopt-a-**Child Program**

Other Action

Post resident Lacey Hodges was recently a part of the Hardin-Simmons University annual Adopta-Child program.

Sponsored by HSU's Student Ministries, the program paired some 100 students with 50 children from area elementary schools for a time of food, fellowship and entertainment.

## Deck the halls, but count your drinks

make them even more joyful.

"Too much alcohol is one of the factors, along with fatty food, that cause blood vessels to narrow," said Dr. Richard Lange, a cardiologist at UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas. "The alcohol acts like a poison. In addition, excessive alcohol can directly damage the heart muscle, a condition called cardiomyopathy."

Once the heart is damaged this way, it may beat dangerously fast and can cause a heart attack or heart failure, Lange said.

Arecent study reported that deaths from heart disease rise dramatically after Thanksgiving and peak around New Year's Eve. Researchers believe that this may be at least partially due to overindulgence in all of the holiday goodies, including alcoholic

## J.V. girls edge Three Way Varsity

The Post Junior Varsity girls' basketball team capped an exciting game last Friday night with a 37-36 win over Three Way varsity.

"These girls proved how badly they wanted to win," assistant coach Madawn Sherrin comments. "Jessica Mason got on a roll and started hitting key shots, while Regina Collazo and LaRinda Ledbetter pulled down the

defensive rebounds that led to big buckets." Mason led the team with 15 points, followed by Ledbetter with 10, Heather Palmer with eight and Tandi Humble getting four points.

On November 16 the young Lady Lopes lost to New Deal 44-23. Scoring included Ledbetter (5), Paige Lott (4), Mason (3), Amanda Workman (2), Palmer (2), Tiffany Hair (2) and K'Leigh Babb (1).

The team took a 40-35 win over Rotan at the November 22 game, with Mason hitting for 14 points. Others scoring were Ledbetter (8), Jenny Jones (6), Lott (4), Mandy Terry (3), Humble (3) and Workman (2).

Motley County was no match for the Post J.V. girls in the 51-39 win November 23. Ledbetter took the lead with 18 points, followed by Mason (16), Jones (9), Palmer (3), Humble (3) and Collazo (2).

Continuing their winning ways, the girls dominated Sands 51-10 in the November 30 contest. Ledbetter scored 12 points, followed by Collazo (8), Mason (7), Jones (4), Humble (4), Lott (3), Workman (3), Babb (3), Palmer (2), Terry (2), Nicole Gray (2) and Kim Craig (1)

## 7th grade girls slam Stanton

The Post seventh grade girls' "A" team hammered Stanton November 29 in a 43-13 shellacking. "These Lady Lopes came out strong and would not let Holidays are merry, but be frugal up," coach Madawn Sherrin comments. "They pressed extremely well and with your alcohol consumption to forced Stanton to turn over the ball."

The team also handled Stanton's press and forced them into a zone defense by the second quarter.

Patricia Hester led the team in scoring with 15 points, followed by Donae Dalby (8), Nikki Norman (7), Christy Shifflett (6), Meagan Hoover (3), Kaycee Gorman (2) and one each by Courtney Short and Logan Gregory.

The "B" team was every bit as impressive, winning its game 26-1. "These girls are pulling together and making some things happen, especially with the fast break," coach Sherrin adds. "They are also improving on field goals and free throws, they played a great game against Stanton and each member of the team contributed to the win."

Scoring was spread evenly with Dalle May Foy getting six, Tracy Nelson and Lacee White each scored four, Christin Collier and Mendy Morgan got three and two each by Cherrell Reed, Lesley Rutherford and Dianna Ratke.

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## Antelopes put team above self

by Wes Burnett

"We have a saying around here," Post Antelope varsity boys' basketball coach Dane Vickers says, "Success begins when selfishness ends." Winning two of its last four games, the team is improving on its stated goal and transition from football.

The varsity boys trounced Sands 53-36 on November 30. "Billy Crawford had a really good game," Vickers said. "He played well inside and Michael Huff rebounded well on defense."

Crawford led the team with 12 points, followed by Jarrett Vickers (8), Tyrone Jefferson (7), Johnny Jefferson (7), Michael Huff (5), Clinton Curtis (4), Jeremy Payne (2) and Raymond Jefferson (2).

At the Floydada tournament, the 'Lopes whipped Guthrie 61-39 last Thursday. "I was pleased with the intensity and effort," coach Vickers said. "We need more intensity on defense."

Crawford was credited with 16 points, with Huff getting 13. Other scorers were Johnny Jefferson (9), Vickers (9), Tyrone Jefferson (9), Raymond Jefferson (3) and Justin Gorman (2).

On Friday the 'Lopes fell to Floydada 57-34. "We didn't get the effort we needed defensively," the coach explained. "I thought we had way too much selfishness."

Huff led the scoring with 12 points, followed by Crawford (7), Gorman (4), Johnny Jefferson (3), Vickers (3), Tyrone Jefferson (3) and Jamie Collazo (2). The 'Lopes lost Saturday's game for third place to Lockney 57-41. "I was pleased with our effort, the team played hard and together," the coach added. "Our intensity and rebounding on defense needs improvement."

## J.V. boys clobber Sands 70-43

The Post Junior Varsity boys' basketball team dominated Sands 70-43 on November 30 then lost to Three Way's varsity 86-34 on December 3.

"Everyone played really well," coach Chris Morrow reports about the November 30 win. "We are learning the system and starting to play better." All members of the team scored, with Lance Curtis leading at 27 points. Other scoring included John Eilenberger (9), Hector Reyna (8), Brandon Bell (7), Seth Redman (6), Luis Zubia (5) and two each by Brody Robertson, Kenny Ratke, Noah Gutierrez and Tye Mason.

"With the exception of the first quarter, we played very hard," Morrow said about the loss to Three Way varsity. Curtis again led the scoring with 20 points, followed by Zubia (5), Robertson (5) and Eilenberger (4).

"Anytime you only score two points in two straight quarters," coach Morrow commented, "you will have problems." That was the case with the Junior Varsity "B" team, which faced Plains December 6 in a 39-27 loss. Mikey Gonzales led the team with 12 points. Others scoring included Brice

### 8th grade boys win 2 of 3

Easterling (8), Renee Mendoza (4) and Waylon Strawn (3).

The Post 8th grade boys' basketball team won two of its last three games. On December 3 the team outscored Crosbyton 54-48, with Jerry Curtis hitting 24 points. Mitchell Mills got 19, Adrian Laredo got 10 and Brody Conner scored two.

On December 4 the team lost to New Deal 44-41, with Mills leading the scoring at 25 points. Other scoring went to Curtis (8), Laredo (4) and Anthony Merrell (2).

The team edged Plains 41-37 on December 6, with Mills again leading the team at 19 points. Other scoring included Conner (7), Curtis (6), Eric Soto (4), Laredo (4) and Francisco Duran (1).

## 7th grade boys whip Plains 28-19

Setting a winning pace, the Post seventh grade boys' basketball team took a 28-19 win over Plains in the December 6 contest. Jerrad Grisham led the team with 12 points, with Jett Lott getting 10 and Tony Garay scroing six.



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Tyrone Jefferson puts two more points on the board for the Post Antelopes during action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

## Poison ivy can ruin holiday fun

If poison ivy is the last thing on your mind as you head to your winter cabin or ski lodge, think again. Twigs of the plant mixed in with firewood or vines mistakenly woven into Christmas wreaths or decorative swags can still release the sap called urushiol.

At least 70 percent of the U.S. population has an allergic reaction to even casual contact with the poison ivy plant. In order to keep the rash from appearing after contact, you must act quickly.

"If you can wash it off with water immediately after you're exposed, that's probably sufficient," said Dr. Rajani Katta, an assistant professor of dermatology at Baylor College of Medicine. "Just to be on the safe side, be sure to launder clothing, wash off gardening tools and even animals that might have come into contact with the plant. Urushiol that has rubbed off the plants onto other objects an remain potent for years."

## Sunscreens needed in winter

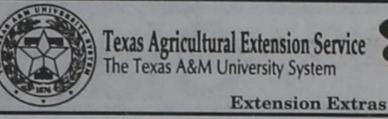
Wolf said.

Sunscreens should not be packed away with the swimsuits and picnic baskets. You need it on the ski slopes and cross-country trails as well.

"Use a sunscreen every day. It's not just for the beach," said Dr. John Wolf, chairman of the dermatology department of Baylor College of Medicine.

Sunscreens of SPF 15 or more should be used. For those planning to be in the sun for several hours or those especially sensitive to the sun,

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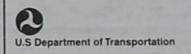
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Hugs and Love, Anna, Diana and Courtney Basquez Cindy, Lupe and Christina Aguilar Gina, Miquel, Evette and Rubi

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For Carolyn's excellent care we thank all of the doctors, nurses and staff of South West Cancer Center and University Medical Center in Lubbock

For our friends who extended their kindness through phone calls, cards, food, floral tributes and visits to our home, we will always be grateful.

To Reverand Buddy Payne of the First United Methodist Church in Post, Steve Stevens of the Plains Community in Borden County, who delivered the eulogy, for the special music by Joe Sears of Brownfield and members of the First United Methodist Church of Post, we thank you for the special service and the family

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

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

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## Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

December 13, 1989 10 Years Ago

Jeremy Rogers, the son of Nan and Dan Rogers and the grandson of Louella Bilberry and the late Luke Bilberry, received a big honor. recently when he was chosen by the coaching staff as the Most Valuable Player for the Unicom Junior Varsity football team at New Braunfels The applicant proposes to inject fluid -High School, where he is a junior

student. Navy Airman Recruit Ronnie K. Cornett, son of Ronnie D. Cornett of Post, recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Midway, homeported in Yokosuka, Japan.

Cornett is a 1988 graduate of Post High School and joined the Navy in July 1988.

The fourth anniversary production, "See How They Run" opens at 7:45 p.m. tomorrow and features evening performances again Friday and Saturday and a Sunday matince at 2 p.m.

> December 13, 1979 20 Years Ago

Boy Scout troop 316 celebrated its 50th anniversary December 6 and honored six of 20 scoutmasters who led the troop during its first 50 years. Honored were Victor 1932-1936; Hudman, Simpson, 1954-1958; Marshall Ticer, 1960-1961; Silas Short, 1970-1971; James Mitchell, III, 1972-1977; and Jerry Stegall, present scout master.

Mrs. Wanda Wray, attorney, has opened a practice in Post and will be in her office two days a week.

Tom Power has been installed as new president of the Garza County Trailblazers.

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-Herodotus

Sanderson, Arnold Kirkpatrick, Marie Neff, Lil Conner, Ed. Neff and JoAnn Mock all received awards at the recent Gaines . County Art Association Show in Seminole.

Mark Holly, the Antelopes' standout offensive end, was named to the 5AA All-District football team by district coaches at a meeting in Slaton.

Jim Jackson, Danny Shaw and Syan Nichols were named Post EMT officers at the groups' December meeting.

December 11, 1969 30 Years Ago

Soloists Randy Hudman, Don Collier, Beth Peel, Jackie Gordon, Rodney Holmes and Barbara Lucas will be featured in Handel's "Messiah" to be presented by the Post High School mixed choir, under the direction of Georgie M. Willson, on December 17.

Garza County cotton harvesters were on "hold" most of the past week due to rain, snow and a strong wind, but are back to work now. It will be up to the weather as to when the harvest, which is slightly past the halfway point, will be completed.

Harold Lucas Chevrolet-Olds is holding a 40-hour "Scllathon" featuring five different Chevrolet Impalas at one low price - any of the five for only \$3,925.

U.S. Air Force Sgt. Charles A. Wallace is on duty at Phan Rang AB, Victnam.

December 10, 1959 40 Years Ago

Plans for a new housing addition containing 144 home sites within the expanded city limits of north Post were presented to the city council at its December session Monday night.

The engagement and forthcoming marriage of Ruth Ann Long to Tommy Young is being announced by the bride-elect's parents Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Long.

Post quarterback Derwood

Mayberry was named to the All-District 3-AA offensive team. Receiving honorable mention were Glendon Washburn, Clarence Ivie and Forrest Claborn.

Norm Cash has been traded by the Chicago White Sox to the

Cleveland Indians. Garza County's six cotton gins have turned out 17,707 bales with the crop estimated at 99 percent harvested.

> December 15, 1949 50 Years Ago

Funeral services for Jesse Oliver Hays were conducted at the Calvary Baptist Church, Décember 10. He came to Post in 1911 and was foreman of a crew who carried out the late C.W. Post's plans of "shooting for rain" in the early days

Forty-three cars of a Santa Fe freight train were derailed at Justiceburg, with no injuries reported.

Charles Chandler was second place winner in the district with his Sear Foundation chickens.

County home demonstration agent Jewell Strasner is taking orders for rose bushes to be purchased on a cooperative plan for 40-cents a

planting. Mrs. J.C. Fumagalli, Mrs. Wilburn Morris, Mrs. W.H. Barton and Mrs. George Evans were honored as outstanding clubwomen at the County Home Demonstration Council Christmas dinner in the

First Methodist Church. Santa Claus will pay a visit to Wacker's on Friday and looks better than ever, according to Wacker's manager, W.S. Land. Santa has a new all-velvet red suit, real leather boots and a beard of real hair. After Santa leaves Wacker's, his suit will be available for rent during the holidays.

The Post High School junior class play, "The Perils of Prudy," opens Thursday with LaRue Stevens playing the part of Prudy.

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MR. AND MRS. OMAN TICER

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## 50th reception honors Ticers

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A 50th wedding reception honored Mr. and Mrs. Oman Ticer Thanksgiving Day in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dockery in Lubbock.

around Caddo Lake 48 TX Babe won gold

45 confederate Texans

in '32 Olympics in

\_\_\_ hurdles

Other host and hostesses were their children, Mrs. Dockery, Claudia Monk, Billie Whaley, Junelle Nixon, Ronnie and Marshall Ticer.

The couple was married Nov. 23, 1929, in the Post Methodist Church parsonage by the Rev. Edd Thorp.

## First Editor Of **Senior Paper Was** Hudman In 1927

This week's Issue of The Audax newspaper published by the Post High School Senior Class, reproduces an interesting article from the first issue of The Addax, Oct. 11, 1927. It follows, in

"Victor Hudman was elected e litor-in-chief; Langley Doyle, business manager; Elizabeth Fickett, society editor; Jack Davison, sports editor; and Howard Smith, joke editor.

"Many good names have been handed in, among them were: 'The Antelope,' 'Post Hi Life,' 'The Broadcaster,' "Station PHS,' 'The Caprock,' and others. After discussing all these names the committee decided upon 'The Addax,' which was handed in by the president of the class, Leroy McCrary.

"No doubt the student body is wondering what the name Addax means and just why it was chosen for the name of our paper. The Antelope is the symbol of our athletics and Addax is the corresponding symbol of literary events. The Addax is a species of antelope about three feet in height at the shoulders and reddish with white in color. It has large rounded hoofs which enable it to run with great speed. The horns are about four feet long, beautifully twisted into wide sweeping spirals with the points directed outward. It has tufts of hair on the forehead and throat and a white stripe on its

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## Weston, Cowdrey **Exchange Wedding Vows**

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Gaiza Theatre 

226 E. Main

Post, Texas 79356



ALL DISTRICT HONORS - Post Antelope athletic director and head coach Dewayne Osborne (right) was named as co-Coach of the Year for District 3-AAA. Named to the All-District football team were (back row, left to right) Roger Adams, Robby Blair, Jimmy Holleman, Bobby Blair, Trey Jones, Keith Holly, Lannie Lee, (front row, left to right) Jamie Perez, Bill Rankin, Darren Brown, Jay Whitehead, Rance Sappington and Victor Chapa.

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By Playwrite Ernest Thompson Directed by Glenn Polk \* STARRING \* GLENN POLK JUANICE MYERS STEVE BERRY JAKE MORGAN SAM MERCER ROB HOLTON Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service. Dec. 10-12, 1999 **Curtain Times:** Friday & Saturday - 7:45 p.m. - Sunday Matinee - 2:30 p.m. Tickets: Adults - \$8.00 Children 6 to 12 - \$5.00 Box Office Hours: Monday - Friday

12:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Except Show Weekends 12:00 p.m. - Curtain Time



# **Christmas Celebration**

Saturday, Dec. 11
• Lighted Christmas Parade ...
6 p.m.

• Drawing for \$100 in gift certificates... 8:30 p.m. Stores Open 'til 9 p.m. Photos with Santa Claus

• Hudman Furniture Co.

• Twins Fashions

• OS Ranch Shop • Radio Shack

• The Frame Shoppe • Caprock Boots

• Tea Rose • Cellular One • The Bee Hive

• Hotel Garza Bed & Breakfast

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## Lighted Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 11, 1999
6 p.m.
Main Street
Sponsored by:



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Store

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Have you seen Post lately? When was the last time you checked out the merchandise and services offered by your hometown businesses and friends?

Well-l-l-l, that's too long! We think you will be pleasantly surprised by what your local merchants offer over the other large out of town retailers... customer service and unique selections.

Could that possibly save you time, which after all, is money? Maybe save you gasoline? Allow you to stroll down Main Street and actually enjoy your shopping experience? Eliminate stress in fighting the shopping crowds? Not have to fight for that last parking space?

Think about it... What if shopping for the holidays was actually a pleasurable experience since you are giving business to your friends and neighbors, keeping dollars in town that strengthen the tax base and leading by example by shopping in Post?

Did you know that 30 to 40% of the shoppers in Post come from outside the area? We challenge the "hometown" folks to "shop at home" this season and experience the difference.

Adams Boot & Shoe
Rumors
Starkey Oilfield
Wallace Lumber
Central Bail Bonds
Allsup's #124
BJB Company
Terry Tire Shop
Allsup's #61
Justice-Mason Funeral Home
Gold Plains Care Center
Karla's Klippers

Mason Warner & Co.
Conley Heating & Air Conditioning
My Special Place
Maurine's Flower Shop
City Barber Shop

Wes-T-Go
Post Heating & Air Conditioning
La Posta
Bee Hive
FINA #10
Caprock Golf Course
Caprock Lounge
Brady's Package Store

"A Texas Main Street City"

Pollard & Lott

Dairy Queen

Energas Twins Fashions **United Supermarket** Germania Insurance Roger Hair Plumbing Caprock Boots Ira Pump & Supply Cellular One **Tea Rose Quilts** Collier Drug J&Y Cellular The Frame Shop Hartoil Palmer Oil Rocker A Well Service El Matamoros The George R. Brown Partnership Garza Abstract **Family Dollar Store** Two Draw Welding George's Restaurant Subway Old Mill Trade Days Citizens Bank **Fashion Cleaners** DeLeon Phillps 66 **Dollar General Store** Holly's Drive In

Pizza Hut

Babb's Bar-B-Que

Higginbotham-Bartlett

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**Hotel Garza** 

Wells Pharmacy Norwest Bank **OS Ranch Shop** Giles Dalby Correctional Facility J&T Designs Post Insurance Covenant Home Health Care Garza County Family Clinic **Town & Country** Main Street Mercantile A Lock Shop Sikes Super Wash Saddle Traders & Tack **Country Carousel** Dee's Boot Shop DeLuxe Inn Ace Bail Bond Radio Shack **Morris Electric** Seals Appliance Post Auto Parts Post Automotive Tia Juanita's Tamales Post Beverage Barn

Derek's Barber Shop
Budget Inn
Twin Cedar Motel
Holly Bros. Muffler
The Mercantile
Mason's Farm & Ranch Store
Caprock Veterinary Hospital
B&A LP Gas
Foster's

Joe Gregory (American National Insurance)

**Stanley Transports** Amoco Pipeline Intercorporate Trucking Stelzer Drilling Garza County Regional Juvenile **Detention Center** Mitchell Real Estate Vibes Ammons Printing & Office Supply Sawyer's Laundry 2001 Video Miller Construction Jenkins Bros. Electric Benham's Garage Perez Auto Anne Sims Real Estate BOF Services, Inc. Post View RV Park **Wheeler Operating** Carlos' Barber Shop Ronco Sonny Mason Garage Payano Auto Clinic RJC Management Inc. R&D Automotive Nancy's Bait House Handy Oilfield Supply Thompson & Thompson Transport Jackson Bros. Meat Packers Willborn's Welding South Plains Answering Service Close City Co-Op Gin Graham Co-Op Gin Grassland Co-Op Gin Hackberry Co-Op Gin Davis Gas Plant Postex Warehouse P&L Welding & Machine Small Motor Shop

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