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Winter storm strands motorists, cuts electricity

Ice closes county highways

by Sheri Lewis

Christmas delivered more than just surprises under the Christmas tree Monday.

Bone-chilling temperatures and a flow of moisture from the Gulf teamed up to deliver a blanket of ice across Garza County and much of the South Plains. Although the amounts varied throughout the area, local estimates indicate that as much as a half-inch of ice covered the streets and highways in and around Post.

Sheriff's department dispatchers received dozens of calls concerning accidents, keeping deputies and Department of Public Safety troopers busy throughout the day and into the night. Several accidents were reported, but none involved injuries. At one point Monday afternoon, the drivers of five separate 18-wheeler rigs found themselves sidelined by the treacherous highway conditions.

In addition to handling calls concerning traffic, dispatchers also fielded numerous calls about

downed power lines and poles. Ice on lines caused many utility lines to break, and some Garza County residents found themselves without electricity for extended periods.

By 1 p.m., all highways in and out of Post were closed due to the icy conditions. Many travelers found themselves stranded, and local authorities and churches responded by opening temporary

shelters. Local motels were full and an estimated 500-plus individuals were housed in the various shelters operating throughout the community, but dozens of other travelers opted to tough out the inclement weather conditions by spending the night in their vehicles.

Although snow began falling early Tuesday morning, roads began reopening by about 10 a.m.

Area power outages reported

Ice played havoc with local utility companies this week, leaving a handful of Garza County residents without electricity for almost 24 hours.

As of 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, crews for Lyntegar continued to work frantically to restore power to households south of Southland which lost power at about 5 p.m. on Christmas day.

"We sure want to get them on as fast as we can," said Lyntegar's Clint Gardener.

There were "spotty" outages in the affected area, he said. Most

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Travel in Garza County was difficult, and in some cases impossible, Monday night and into Wednesday this week. A strong winter storm began Sunday evening with freezing fog, followed by temperatures in the 20s all day Monday, along with freezing drizzle. Ice began building up on roadways late Monday, with highways closed to traffic until afternoon on Tuesday. City streets were also slick, with snow on top of the ice, and especially brick-lined Main Street. (Photo by Thomas Zachary)

Local folks shelter 750 travelers

by Sheri Lewis

The population of Post took a temporary jump Monday thanks to icy weather and dangerous driving conditions.

An estimated 750 travelers were stranded in the city Monday afternoon and evening after officials were forced to close all highways in and out of Post. Through the use of an emergency management coordinating plan devised by city and county officials, local residents moved quickly to open six temporary shelters for the unexpected Christmas day visitors.

Shelters were established at the Church of Christ and the Methodist and Baptist churches, as well as at the Emergency Response Team building, the community center and the MAD DADS facility.

A sheriff's department dispatcher said several local residents also called in, offering additional accommodations if needed.

Officials with the juvenile detention center and the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility provided blankets, and several volunteers pitched in to operate the shelters.

Jason Fry, acting as emergency management coordinator in the absence of his father, Arnold Fry, worked closely with County Judge Giles Dalby and Commissioner Lee Norman in coordinating the shelter effort.

Fry estimated that about 500-550 individuals were housed in the six shelters, and probably another 200 chose to spend the night in their vehicles. Many of the commercial parking lots in town were

full Monday night, he said, particularly those with any sort of covering. Local motels were at capacity as well.

Because of the holiday, the visitors had limited choices of dining establishments. One observer said businesses such as Allsup's were "covered up" Monday evening as stranded motorists clamored to find food during their unexpected layover. On Tuesday morning, McDonald's, too, experienced a healthy surge in business.

Shortly before 6 a.m. Tuesday, Dr. Bobby Bain, superintendent of the Post Independent School District, received a phone call requesting that district personnel open the school cafeteria to help serve a meal to the hungry would-be motorists. Bain obliged. Knowing the school district's cafeteria manager was out of town, he called on Marie Odom, a cafeteria employee, to join him in the kitchen. County officials delivered food to the cafeteria, and Bain and Odom began cooking at about 7 a.m. Pancakes, eggs, juice, milk and coffee were served to about 300 individuals from 8 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

"A lot of people there were just trying to make it back to Lub-

bock," said Bain, who had the opportunity to talk with some of the stranded motorists. "I talked with some people from Louisiana and one couple on their way to Ruidoso."

Bain said the Baptist church served breakfast to those in their shelter, many of whom had spent the night sleeping on pews, and provided a noon meal to those who remained later in the day.

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Newspaper, mail must go on...

by Wes Burnett

Come rain or snow, the Post Office and The Post Dispatch will still be on the job. Well, there just isn't any other option, it's what we get paid to do.

So, on Wednesday morning we got an early start, and headed off to Lamesa where we print every week. I'm writing this little missive at about 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, planning to head up the caprock on U.S. Hwy 380 in about an hour.

I'm driving our Dodge van, because it's got front wheel drive, and hopefully it'll give a better grip on the snow covered roadway. One thing I learned when we lived in Omaha, Nebraska a few years ago... don't get in a hurry when there's snow or ice on the road.

Now, those were the days... I drove a 1954 Kaiser Manhattan, which weighed about 8,000 pounds... it was a monster, but I never got stuck or off in a ditch. If you're reading this, you know I made it to Lamesa and back okay.

Sheriff waiting for complete toxicology tests

The investigation into the Nov. 6 automobile collision that claimed the life of a 20-year-old Post man continues as local law enforcement officials await the results of all toxicology tests made on both of the drivers involved.

Earlier this month, an official with the Garza County Sheriff's Department indicated the results of the toxicology tests had been received and were negative; however, Deputy Chris Miller, lead investigator in the case, indicated last week that that statement was premature as only a portion of the results had been received. Miller called the early test results "incomplete reports" and said they reflected a portion of the tests run on each of the drivers involved in the accident.

The "negative" test results released earlier this month represent that portion of the tests submitted to the Lubbock Department of Public Safety for review. Additional test materials have been sent to Austin for a more extensive examination, Miller said.

Tested as a result of the accident were Jeremy Edwards, driver of the 1998 Ford pickup in which Justin Rudd was a passenger, and Cassie Miller, driver of a 2000 Mitsubishi Eclipse. Edwards' pickup and Miller's auto were involved in the 8th Street and Avenue Q collision which resulted in Rudd's death.

No fault as been determined in relation to the death which occurred as a result of this accident, the deputy said.

The sheriff's deputy in charge of investigating this case is in no way related to the driver of the Mitsubishi.

Post Notes

Grandma Brag Pages deadline

Photos for the annual "Grandma Brag Pages" will be due at The Post Dispatch no later than Friday, February 2, 2001. The special edition will be published February 8 to celebrate Valentine's Day (Wednesday, Feb. 14). The cost for each photo (with no more than two children per photo) remains at the low price of \$5, the same price for the past 18 years. Photos with more than two children will be priced \$5 for each additional child.

Pool tourney benefits Post Cares

A pool tournament Saturday, December 30 will be held to benefit Post Cares Food Drive. The tournament begins at 7 p.m. at Caprock Lounge, 208 N. Avenue F. Entry fee for the tournament is 10 cans of food. First place winner will be awarded a \$150 valued custom pool cue. Second place winner will get a 48 quart ice chest. T-Shirts will be awarded to the first 10 entries.

Post City Radio new web site

Post City Radio has a slightly new name... postcityradio.net, following a recent change of web server host. More improvements are planned in the near future.

Blood drive set January 4

A blood drive has been announced for Thursday, January 4 in Post. Contact Paul Jones for more details at 495-2946.



Riley Short spent some quality time with Santa during the VFW Ladies' Auxiliary sponsored Children's Christmas party December 16. Word is, Santa was busy at the event, with more than 100 children enjoying the event. (Photo courtesy VFW Ladies' Auxiliary)

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Post Elementary students recognized for science fair projects

Ms. Norman's class placed first in the first grade contest, followed by Ms. Copeland's class with a second place finish. Both classes received a

certificate. Corybelle Bland finished in third place, winning a ribbon, and Shirley Araiza earned a ribbon for her fourth place finish in the

first grade event. Ms. Jones' class received a certificate for fifth place. In the kindergarten contest, Radle finished first, followed by Fluitt in

second, Baker, third, and Webb, fourth place. Each class received a certificate.

In the prekindergarten event, 33 won first and 32 and 31 tied for second place. Certificates were awarded.

Post Elementary recently conducted its annual Science Fair, and many students walked away with certificates and ribbons.

At the fifth grade level, Kelsey Sanderson took first place, followed by Kaitlyn Dillard, Tamara Raymundo, Allen Heckaman, Lori Jones and Steven Short in places second through sixth respectively. Each received a ribbon.

Topping the list of fourth grade contestants was Matthew Owen. Stacy Bocko placed second, Alex Hart

took third and Kenzee Mason placed fourth. A four-way tie for fifth place emerged between Whitney Williams, Valerie Moreno, Timothy Gonzales and Claudia Hernandez. Each received a ribbon.

Garrett Pena won first place in the third grade competition, followed by Chloe Mason, second place; Kelly Chapa, third place; Heath Palmer,

fourth place; Alex Miller, fifth place; and Keagan Soto, sixth. Each received a ribbon in recognition of his or her effort.

The Henderson class received a certificate for its first place effort in the second grade contest. Capturing ribbons for places second through sixth respectively were Jessica Jones, Amber Wilson, Syrina Perez, Cheyenne Poe and Shawn Perez.

Post opens doors to travelers

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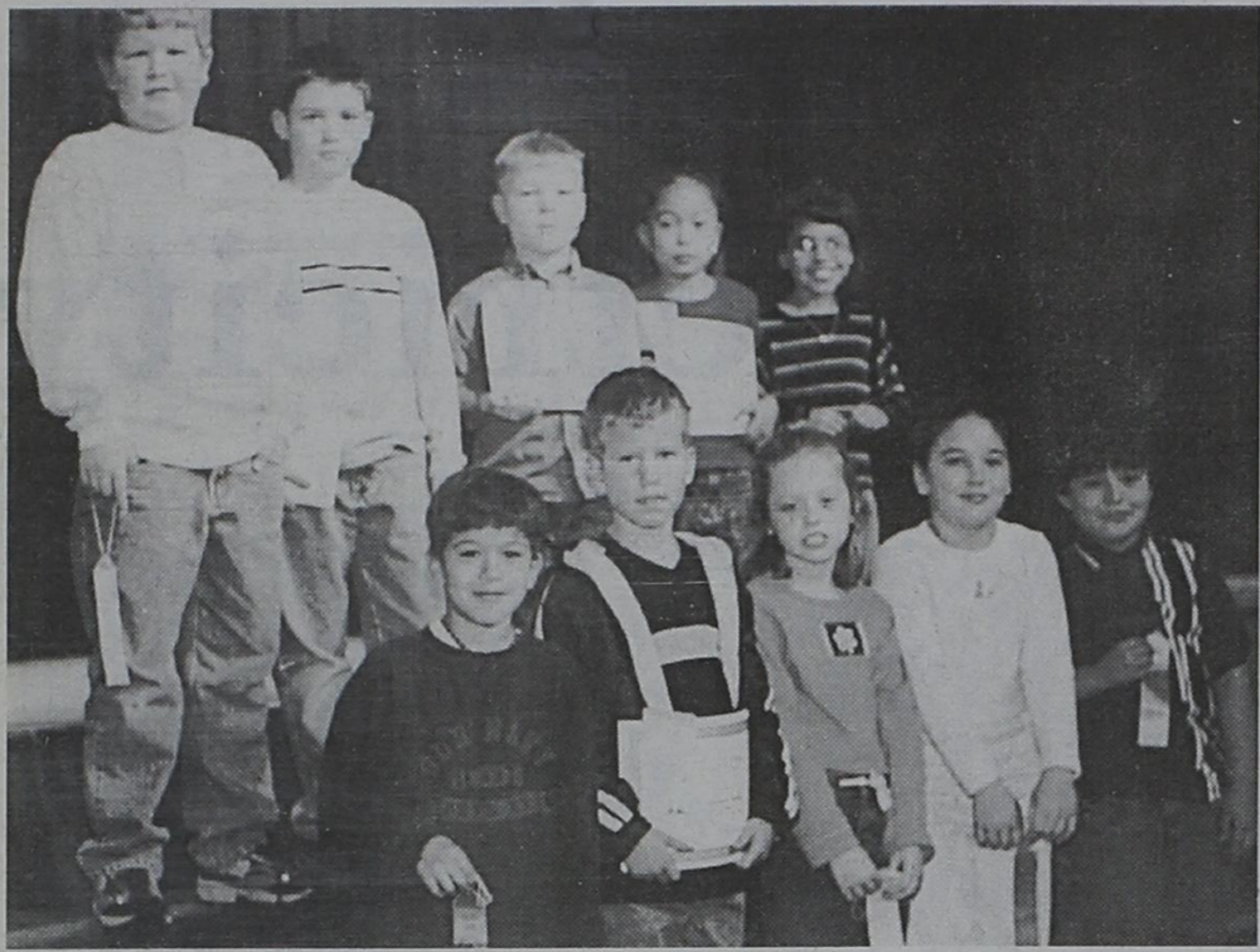
Fry said Tuesday afternoon that a couple of the churches still had a few stranded motorists in their shelters and noted that it was quite possible that a similar scenario could play itself out Tuesday evening and night.

"We may have some tonight," he said. "Just in case, we went out and bought some groceries to have on hand."

Fry said there was no way he could estimate the total number of volunteers who participated in the successful shelter of so many stranded motorists. Pastors and church members operated the church shelters, and Rodney Tidwell oversaw operations at the MAD DADS facility.

"It was quite a few people involved," he said. "It's a pretty nice thing, too. It was definitely a learning experience."

"It was uplifting to see," Bain said.



Third grade Post Elementary students earning recognition at last week's Science Fair award ceremony were (back row, left to right) Heath Palmer, Clint Windham, Matthew Tanner, Alexandra Rodriguez, Kelly Chapa, (front row) Garrett Peña, Caleb Tanner, Alex Miller, Chloe Mason and Keagan Soto.



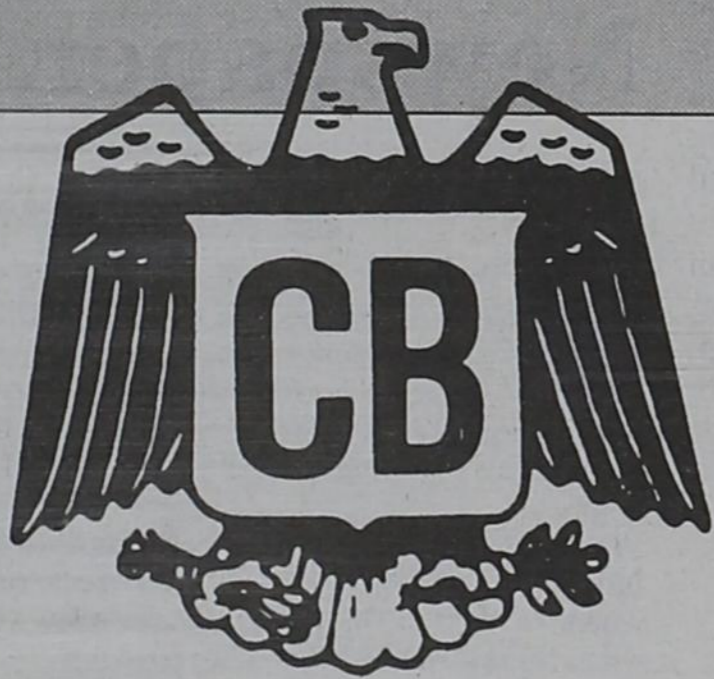
Fourth grade Post Elementary students earning recognition at last week's Science Fair award ceremony were (back row, left to right) Whitney Williams, Adam Meredith, Alex Hart, Dalton Doran, Claudia Hernandez, (front row) Valerie Moreno, Kenzie Mason, Stacy Bocko, Matthew Owens and Timothy Gonzalez.



Fifth grade Post Elementary students earning recognition at last week's Science Fair award ceremony were (back row, left to right) Tyler Odom, Lydia Mendoza, Ricardo Gonzalez, Alan Heckaman, Steven Short, (front row) Kaitlyn Dillard, Tamara Raymundo, Kelsey Sanderson, Lori Jones and Roman De Luna.



Second grade Post Elementary students earning recognition at last week's Science Fair award ceremony were (back row, left to right) Shawn Perez, Cheyenne Poe, Syrina Perez, Phyneshia Rutherford, (front row) Jessica Jones, Amber Wilson, Franchesca Verela, Tonisha Paiz and Evette Rodriguez.



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Devin Odom, Richard Halford exchange vows

Devin Denise Odom became the bride of Richard Ladon Halford in a Friday, Dec. 22, 2000, ceremony conducted at 7 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Post with the Rev. Buddy Payne officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Dennis and Jane Odom of Post. The groom's parents are Ronnie and La Donna Halford of Post.

The church was decorated in a holiday theme. A gold and white Christmas tree stood in silent witness to the ceremony, and the altar was trimmed with garland and sparkling white lights. Heart-shaped candelabrum, white poinsettias and pew bows tied of tulle, white ribbon and greenery completed the seasonal setting.

For her wedding, the bride selected an elegant traditionally-styled gown created in rich white bridal satin. The soft vee neckline was complimented with a full-length tapered sleeve, and the princess bodice was fashioned from the satin and adorned with imported Alencon lace embellished with pearls and sequins. A fitted basque waistline allowed the ballgown skirt to float softly to the floor and sweep into a mid-cathedral-length train. The detachable train enabled the bride to remove the train and enjoy a short bustle train at the reception. The skirt and train were adorned with the same imported beaded lace of the bodice.

In her hair, the bride wore a garland of demi silk rosettes. A soft pouf added an accent to the back of the garland, and a multi-layered veiling fell softly from the back of the veil.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, carried a bouquet of cascading calla lilies and star-gazer lilies accented with greenery.

Serving as maid of honor was Shelly Bertrand of Lubbock, cousin of the bride.

Best man was Ricky Halford of Post, the groom's brother. Ushers were Matt McCallister of Post and Jason Dennis of Lubbock, the groom's cousin.

Patty Kirkpatrick served as organist, and Margie Maestas was the soloist. "The Wedding Song" and "The Lord's Prayer" provided a musical backdrop for the wedding.

Following the ceremony, a reception was conducted in the fellowship hall of the church. White Christmas trees decorated the hall, and the tables were covered in white cloths and set with centerpieces of votive candles and

greenery. The buffet table featured silver and gold appointments and offered an assortment of fruits, meats and cheeses prepared by Teresa Williams.

Silver appointments were used at the bride's table. The cake featured white lotus and silk flower toppers in three individual tiers mounted on pedestals. Rose wedding mints and punch were served.

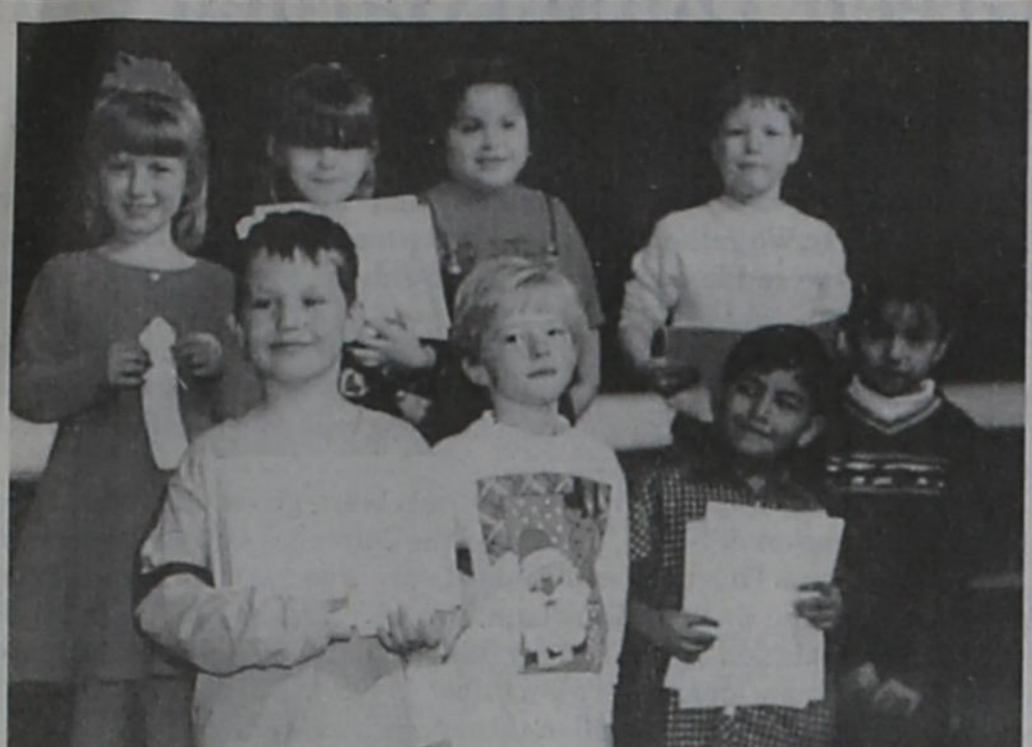
The groom's table also featured silver appointments. The cake was a square double-layer confection decorated with the groom's initials, frosted grapes and greenery. Coffee and mixed nuts were served from the black cloth-covered table.

Members of the house party included Voda Beth Gradine, Alexa Collier, Jane McCallister, Barbara Babb, Donna Stelzer, Earline Bagby, Wilma Williams, Ruby Williams and Teresa Williams.

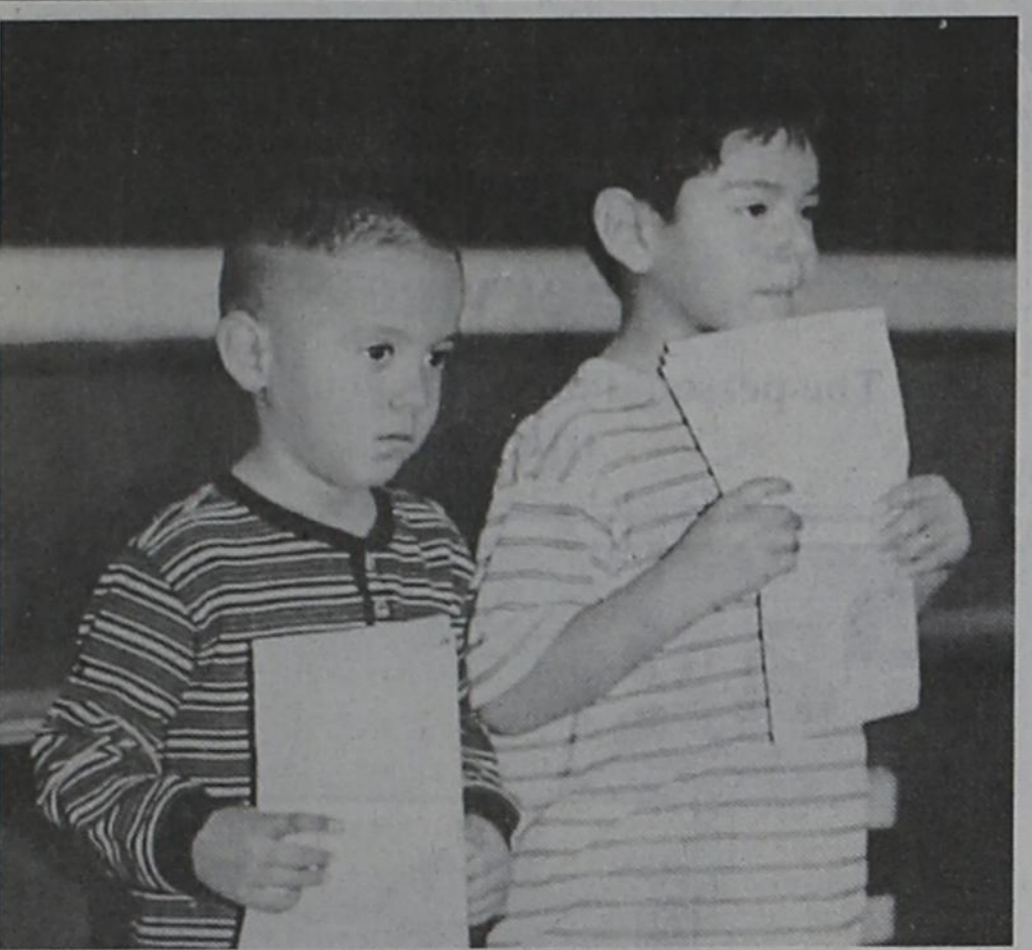
Following a wedding trip to Las Vegas, the couple will reside in Post.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Post High School who holds an associate's degree from WTC in Snyder and a bachelor's degree in business administration from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. The groom, a 1996 Post High School graduate, received an associate of science in criminal justice from WTC in Snyder. He is employed by the George R. Brown Partnership.

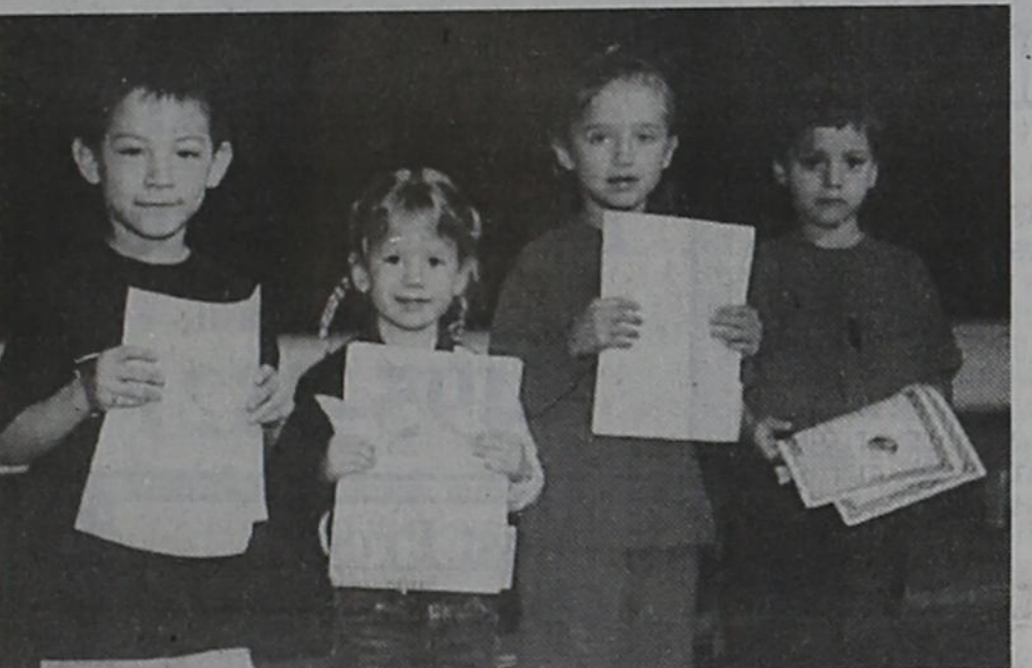
The couple's rehearsal dinner was given by Ronnie and La Donna Halford at Babb's Bar-B-Que.



First grade Post Elementary students earning recognition at last week's Science Fair award ceremony were (back row, left to right) Cory Belle Bland, Kali Hewitt, Vanessa Hernandez, Jeron McAdams, (front row) Chris Teel, Kari Dunn, Jose Rodriguez and Shirley Araiza.



Post Elementary pre-kindergarten students earning recognition at last week's Science Fair award ceremony were (left to right) Jordan Barboza and Jose Araiza.



Post Elementary kindergarten students earning recognition at last week's Science Fair award ceremony were (left to right) Justin Hodge, Julie Boren, Tina Peters and Brandon Carrell.

Births

Russell Ryan Wilks

Vanessa and Kipp Wilks would like to announce the birth of their son Russell Ryan Wilks. He was born December 2, 2000 at 4:35 a.m. weighing six pounds, 13 ounces and was 21 inches long.

The proud grandparents are Ronnie and Annette Riggs and Kim and Patsy Wilks, all of Post.

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Devin Odom graduates at Texas Tech

Devin Denise Odom graduated Dec. 16 from Texas Tech University in Lubbock with a bachelor of business administration and general business.

Odom is the daughter of Dennis and Jane Odom and the granddaughter of Mozelle Hutchins, all of Post.



Ashlee Gray enjoyed a moment with Santa Claus during the recent VFW Ladies' Auxiliary sponsored Children's Christmas party. Santa is also known as Sandy Smith. (Photo courtesy Ladies' VFW Auxiliary)



Taylor Gray chatted with Santa Claus during the recent VFW Ladies' Auxiliary sponsored Children's Christmas party. Santa is also known as Sandy Smith. (Photo courtesy Ladies' VFW Auxiliary)

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Election served good purpose

I'm sure that most are happy that the presidential election is finally over. Not only did it demonstrate that our system of government can transition from one administration to another without a coup, but more importantly, it provided the television stations with something to work with during this slow news time of year.

Not since the OJ trial or the Gulf war has the television media had such juicy stuff to sink their teeth into. Maybe they can even take the credit for starting the problem by announcing the victor in Florida prematurely.

I can recall many years ago as a kid wondering how the TV guys could so calmly and confidently "project" the winner of a given race about two minutes after the polls closed! How could they be so sure?

Well, it appears that they can't be sure at all. Any decent television news magazine would be running expose after embarrassing expose to let the American people know how they had been duped by such early projections. Only thing is, they would have to embarrass themselves. Not good for ratings, you know.

A less noticed side effect of all of the television coverage was that the viewing public was spared the countless news shows going over the events of the past year. Instead of being reminded of the top ten sensational news stories of the past year, we got to see an armored car full of ballots drive down the road, being driven by some guy named Chad or carrying chads or whatever.

This was riveting stuff. Still, it was better than "rehashing" as by mother calls these "year in review" shows we are overwhelmed with this time of year.

So, why do I give a darn about this kind of thing and what possible health connection could it have? I'll tell you, naturally.

Most mental health professionals will agree that in order to preserve a sense of well being, one must learn from ones mistakes and then move on. To such an end I spend hours trying to convince patients that carrying around the "garbage" of the past is pointless and harmful.

That the past cannot be changed is not a hard concept to grasp. Just try to change it. Can't be done. What we tend to do, though, is recreate the past in our minds, beating ourselves up over what we should have done. Ouch! Such thinking leads us quickly into the only logical emotional response available to us: GUILT!

At least when we arrive at guilt we are at home, most of us anyway. Of all the emotions we have to choose from, guilt is nurtured and passed along from generation to generation. It is our heritage. Even forgiveness cannot get rid of it most of the time, and that is the treatment of choice!

From guilt springs remorse and from remorse comes anxiety and before you know it, bada bing bada boom...you got ulcers. Or headaches. You can't sleep. Your bowels are knotted up.

Oh, I can treat those things. Heck, I could spend a great deal of your money investigating the cause and making sure that it is not, you know, the "C" word. In the end I would find nothing. I would treat your symptoms and send you packing. And if I do this then, I have missed the diagnosis.

So they lost a few votes down their in Florida, so what? The constitution worked. The sun continues to rise and set, and would laugh at us if it could, over the things we worry about. Don't get an ulcer over it!

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Obituaries

K.T. Lofton

Services for K.T. Lofton, 87, of Edmond, Okla., were held Friday, Dec. 22, 2000, at 11 a.m. in Peaceful Gardens with George Dawson of Lubbock officiating. Burial followed in the Peaceful Gardens Mausoleum under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Dec. 19 in Oklahoma City.

Born March 8, 1913, in Gomez to Sam D. Lofton and Emma Dooley, he married Frances Belk Dec. 25, 1937, in Snyder. He was in the U.S. Army during World War II, serving in the Asiatic and Pacific Theaters and the Philippines. He was a retired USDA Soil Conservation Service area soil scientist, a position he held for 30 years. A member of the Lubbockview Christian Church, he moved from Lubbock five years ago.

Survivors include his wife, Frances, of Edmond; three children, Byron Lofton of Edmond, Gary Lofton of Jefferson City, Missouri, and Bobby Lofton of Fort Worth; one sister, Lola Mae Ledbetter of Post; and five grandchildren.

Roy "Pete" Tongate

Services for Roy "Pete" Tongate, 89, of Brownwood were held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2000, at the Davis-Morris Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Eastlawn Memorial Park.

He died at 8:22 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center in Brownwood.

Born in Brooksmith Jan. 23, 1911, he was a lifetime resident of Brown County. He married Pauline Robinson at Santa Anna Jan. 14, 1935, and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. A member of the Church of Christ, he was a retired heavy equipment operator and a farmer.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Sherrel and Emmett Mathews of Bangs and Karen and Joe Pennell of Post; five grandchildren, Terri Sturgeon of Tolar, Shawn Pennell and Shanna Pennell, both of Post, and Kris Mathews and Seth Pennell, both of Stephenville; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pauline Tongate, on Oct. 1, 2000; his parents, E.B. and Elnora Robertson Tongate; and nine brothers and sisters. W.E. "Bill" Thomas

Graveside services for W.E. "Bill" Thomas, 91, of Lockney will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, 2000, at the Floyd County Memorial Park with the Rev. Joe Weldon, pastor of the South Plains Baptist Church, officiating. The Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements.

He died Tuesday, Dec. 19, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born April 1, 1909, in Clay County to H.D. Thomas and Ida Taylor Thomas, he attended school in Post. He moved to the South Plains community in 1936 from Post and married Jo Farmer in 1955 in Floydada. She preceded him in death in 1974. He was a farmer and worked in maintenance at Mangold Memorial Hospital. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served during World War II and was a member of the American Legion, the VFW, the Lockney Senior Citizens and the South Plains Baptist Church.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the Lockney Senior Citizens, 118 W. College St., Lockney, TX 79241.

Green Thumb Garden Club celebrates Christmas

by Louella Bilberry

On the night of Dec. 14, the Green Thumb Garden Club met for their Christmas party. We gathered together at the meeting room of Citizens Bank. Our hostesses were Ida Jones, Carlene Markham, Fletta Caffey and Betty Hill.

Our tables were decorated with small candles and greenery. The serving table was laden with finger sandwiches, chips and dips, a veggie tray, cookies, pecan pie and a strawberry cake along with lots of coffee and spiced tea.

After our meal, the gifts from secret pals were given out. When we got through "ooing" and "ahing," out came the dominoes and SkipBo cards.

Attending were Thurman and Annie Laura Francis, Hans and Maurine Hudman, Glen and Carlene Markham, Ben and Edna Owen, Ples and Betty Hill, Iva Hudman, Ida Jones, Gladys Blair, Georgia Slough, Naomi Matsler, Virgil and (our new member) Patsy Bilbo.

Some of our members were ill and they were missed.

Oh, yes, we had a door prize — a box of chocolate candy, and guess whose chair had the winner sticker? Mine! I passed the box around one time and then hurried home with it! Some day, I might tell you what my mother said I would eat if it had chocolate on it!

Merry Christmas to all and if you are hitting the road, be careful!

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THE MAN WHO BURIED JESUS



JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA, A RICH MAN, WAS A SECRET DISCIPLE OF JESUS. MANY WEALTHY JEWS OF THE TIME WERE FINANCING REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS IN THE HOPE OF OVERTHROWING ROMAN RULE IN THEIR LAND — FOR, BESIDES THE HIGH ROMAN TAXES, THEIR ANCIENT RELIGION WAS IN DANGER OF BEING STAMPED OUT! WHETHER JOSEPH SAW IN JESUS, THE PROCLAIMED MESSIAH, A MAN WHO WOULD END ROMAN RULE OR IF HE UNDERSTOOD AT THE OUTSET THAT JESUS WAS CONCERNED WITH MAN'S FUTURE IN ITS SPIRITUAL ASPECT ONLY, IS NOW HARD TO SAY.

AS AN EXTREMELY WEALTHY MAN, JOSEPH WAS A MEMBER OF THE SANHEDRIN, THE HIGHEST RULING COUNCIL IN JERUSALEM. WHEN THE SANHEDRIN LAID PLANS TO DESTROY JESUS, HE MADE NO PROTEST WHATSOEVER, INDEED, IF HE HAD, HIS OWN LIFE WOULD HAVE BEEN ENDANGERED. IT'S QUITE POSSIBLE HE FIGURED HE WAS WORTH MORE TO THE CAUSE ALIVE RATHER THAN DEAD!

IT IS INDICATIVE OF THE MAN'S HIGH POSITION THAT, RIGHT AFTER JESUS' DEATH ON THE CROSS, JOSEPH COULD GAIN AUDIENCE, IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT, WITH PONTIUS PILATE TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO REMOVE THE BODY FROM THE CROSS AND BURY IT, WHICH HE AND NICODEMUS, ANOTHER RULER OF THE JEWS AND SECRET ADMIRER OF JESUS, DID.

SOME AUTHORITIES ARE AGREED THAT IN THE YEAR 63 THE APOSTLE ST. PHILIP DISPATCHED JOSEPH TO GREAT BRITAIN WHERE HE LIVED OUT HIS REMAINING YEARS IN COMPANY WITH HIS BROTHER DISCIPLES AT GLASTONBURY.

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After 4 million arrests, Clinton is 'shameless hypocrite' on marijuana

from the Libertarian Party
 President Clinton is a "shameless hypocrite" for advocating the decriminalization of marijuana in a new Rolling Stone magazine interview — after he stood by silently as 4 million Americans were arrested on marijuana charges during his administration, the Libertarian Party said today.

"Shame on Bill Clinton for remaining silent for so long," said Steve Dasbach, the party's national director. "Where was this shameless hypocrite for the last eight years, as millions of Americans were arrested — and tens of thousands were jailed — for using a drug that Clinton himself used, and now admits should be decriminalized?"
 In the December 28 issue of Rolling Stone, Clinton strongly criticized the War on Drugs in general and marijuana laws in particular. In the interview, conducted days before the November election, the president asserted that "we really need a re-examination of our entire policy on imprisonment" of drug users, and said marijuana use "should be decriminalized."
 The remarks are "frankly, shocking," said Dasbach, because Clinton has waged a more vicious War on Marijuana than any other president in U.S. history.

* Since Clinton assumed office, 4,175,357 Americans have been arrested on marijuana charges, according to FBI figures — 88% of them for simple possession.
 * The number of people arrested for marijuana increased during seven of the eight years that Clinton has been president, climaxing in a record 704,812 arrests in 1999.
 * Approximately 36,560 people are in jail today after being convicted solely of marijuana charges, according to the Washington, DC-based Marijuana Policy Project.
 * Clinton has "even taken the lead in prosecuting AIDS and cancer victims who use medical marijuana, and the doctors who prescribe it," said Dasbach. After California voters passed a statewide medical marijuana initiative in 1996, Clinton ordered his drug czar, Barry McCaffrey, to threaten California doctors with federal prosecution and loss of their licenses if they recommended the drug to their patients.

Given these facts, said Dasbach, it's odd that Clinton chose to speak out against marijuana laws just a few weeks before he left office. "Why did Clinton remain uncharacteristically silent for eight years as more than 4 million Americans were arrested, handcuffed, and hauled down to the police station?" asked Dasbach.
 "And why did he continue his silence as thousands of Americans every day watched their lives, families, and careers destroyed by a crime that Clinton now admits shouldn't be a crime at all? Perhaps because Bill Clinton always cared far more about his own political viability than he ever did about doing what's right — which makes him a coward with a capital C."

However, it's not too late for Clinton to redeem himself, said Dasbach. "Instead of simply suggesting a re-examination of drug laws, Clinton should spend his remaining days as president trying to repair the damage he's done — starting with a public apology and a presidential pardon for every American who has been victimized by marijuana laws," he said.
 "If Clinton really means what he said, it's his last chance to put justice above politics."

"If the principals are disregarded upon which the annexation of Texas was consummated - Louisiana was a purchase; California, New Mexico, and Utah, a conquest; but Texas was a voluntary annexation - sorrowing for the mistake she made in sacrificing her independence on the altar of her patriotism, she would unfurl again the banner of the Lone Star to the breeze and reenter upon a national career."
Sam Houston

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And thereafter, racial rope-a-dope

by Walter E. Williams

Democrats have no constituency more loyal than black Americans. Much of that loyalty is delivered by black elected officials, civil-rights organizations and church leaders such as Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton.



During the last election, these people did a yeoman's job of getting out the black vote for Democrats. In doing so, there was no strategy, even if disgusting, that wasn't employed toward that end.

For example, the NAACP produced a political ad that portrayed the Jasper, Texas, lynching of James Byrd Jr. The ad's voice-over featured the voice of Byrd's daughter, saying: "My father was killed. He was beaten, chained, and dragged three miles to his death, all because he was black."

So when Gov. George W. Bush refused to support hate-crimes legislation, it was like my father was killed all over again." The ad all but accused George W. Bush of being a party to the lynching. It made no mention that two of Byrd's murderers have been sentenced to death and the third to life imprisonment.

Al Gore did his part in this racial rope-a-dope, telling a black audience, "When my opponent, Gov. Bush, says he'll appoint strict constructionists to the Supreme Court, I often think of the strictly constructionist meaning that was applied when the Constitution was written — how some people were considered three-fifths of a human being."

Gore knows that strict constructionism has nothing to do with counting slaves as three-fifths of a vote; he was simply exploiting the audience's ignorance and emotion. Gore didn't stop there. Pro-Gore leaflets distributed in New Jersey showed Bush's face superimposed on a Confederate flag.

Early signs that the race card would be part and parcel of the Gore campaign came when his manager, Donna Brazile, explained to The Washington Post that she would never let the "white boys win."

Then there was Jesse Jackson. He told black audiences that a Bush win

would turn the civil-rights clock back to the days of Jim Crow. Shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court rendered its final election decision, making a Gore win all but hopeless, Jesse Jackson likened the Court's actions as equivalent to Dred Scott vs. Sanford.

That's the 1857 Supreme Court decision that held a black slave could not become a citizen under the U.S. Constitution. By the way Brother Jesse, Dred Scott had nothing to do with voting.

Jackson and Al Sharpton are now peddling the claim that blacks were "disenfranchised" in Florida. That would be a violation of the 1965 Voting Rights Act and the U.S. Constitution, but has anyone taken these charges to the court where they belong?

No — Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton and other race hustlers have taken the charges to an uninformed media, where they have a chance for a warmer reception. On Inauguration Day, Jesse Jackson threatens to use "black disenfranchisement" as a rallying point for demonstrations.

Some elements of Florida's voting problems bring out the rope-a-dope. Gore might be right that he won Florida — that's if we counted voter intention. In Florida's Duval County, many black voters voted for two presidential candidates after being instructed by Democratic election workers to punch every page.

This led to the invalidation of some 27,000 votes in black precincts in Duval County alone. According to a story by Village Voice, a 1993 study puts the black adult functional illiteracy rate in Duval County at 47 percent.

While such an illiteracy rate is tragic, in a sense it's poetic justice for civil-rights leaders and the Democratic Party: Their staunch support for public schools and the rotten education they produce just might have helped deliver a constituency that can't manage simple voting instructions.

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"I'll be home for Christmas, you can plan on me"

by Vin Suprynowicz

And now the bustling streets and malls fall strangely quiet. In many a home the living room rests ankle-deep in an effluvia of ribbons and paper and bows, while in the background someone has left the TV running — Alastair Sim throws open his window on a bright and shining world for the 47th time, and asks the lad in the street what day this is.

It's Christmas morning, sir. And yes, we certainly do know the shop on the corner with the big, fat goose still hanging in the window.

The bleatings about "commercialization" seem to have faded a bit of late. (Perhaps it's finally sunk into the public consciousness that our mutual funds stay up only so long as the merchants do some business.) Since Christians didn't exactly invent the date — merely superimposing their own celebration onto a Winter Solstice week of feasting and merriment observed by the Romans and the pagan tribes of a thousand years — it does seem less than generous to protest whatever traditions others may cherish at this time of year.

Even if that does include animated Santas sledding across the snow on highly unlikely rotary-blade razors.

It even occurs to me that the ancient and modern holidays aren't such a bad fit. The superstitious ancients lighted bonfires and hauled the sacred mistletoe and evergreens indoors out of fear that ghosts of the dead might walk abroad on the longest and darkest night of the year. Yet still they looked on the bright side, celebrating the fact that the lengthening of each day from this point promised the vital return of spring.

Modern Christians, too, celebrate on this date the arrival of a new hope to lead mankind from the darkness.

Here is a day for friends and family, for again celebrating our freedoms and the bounty they create. For make no mistake, the notion that armed men can enforce some uniform brand of "compassion" by mandating the redistribution from those who have earned "too much" to those with less, has been tried now for most of a century across half the globe ... and has universally collapsed in a pitiful heap of poverty, devastation, denial, and finger-pointing.

Only by allowing men and women to profit from the fruits of their labors can a society be truly moral and just. And only by thus allowing each soul to remain a free agent is true, voluntary kindness and charity made possible.

Old-fashioned charity passing away? In fact, with various "well-meaning" governments funding their own "compassionate" demonstrations by delicately filching more than 40 percent from the average paycheck, the wonder is that so much selfless charity still persists.

Back in 1996, Fortune magazine reported the nation's top 25 philanthropists alone gave away \$1.5 billion to charitable causes. And the magazine found most of the most generous Americans were self-made; only four inherited their wealth.

Drug legalization activist George Soros donated \$350 million that year, followed by retired grocery and drug store magnate L.S. Skaggs, who gave away \$155 million.

Computer whiz Bill Gates, chairman of Microsoft, ranked third on

Fortune's list with \$135 million in donations that year — back before the federal government decided to try and bring him down for selling a product too many people want.

Heartless capitalists, every one.

Here is a day to thank our lucky stars we live in a land where economic freedom has created so much affordable bounty that — in the vast majority of American homes this day — we find ourselves surrounded, in the dead of winter, far from any fertile field, with more delicious plenty than is humanly possible to consume.

There's a tendency to think today's crises must be more complicated and dispiriting than those of simpler days gone by. But in fact, most of today's doubt and confusion pales when we consider how the future hung in the balance for a generation of cold and lonely sailors and G.I.s and Marines, stretched thin on freedom's line, in the desperate Christmas of 1943.

Listen to the radio. When were those songs written? Isn't it interesting, how many come down to us from those desperate days?

Even today, have we no moment of gratitude to spare for the young men and women who stand a frozen vigil on some lonely shore this Christmas day, wishing they, too, could be home sipping cider by the fire?

It was for such as they that Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane wrote, in the far darker days of 1943:

"Have yourself a merry little Christmas, let your heart be light. From now on, our troubles will be out of sight.

"Have yourself a merry little Christmas, make the Yuletide gay. From now on, our troubles will be miles away ...

"Through the years we all will be together, if the fates allow. Hang a shining star upon the highest bough ... and have yourself a merry little Christmas, now.

It was for such as they that Kim Gannon and Walter Kent wrote, in 1943:

"I'll be home for Christmas, you can plan on me. Please have snow and mistletoe, and presents on the tree.

"Christmas eve will find me, where the lovelight gleams. I'll be home for Christmas ... if only in my dreams."

So Merry Christmas to all. May your days be cheery and bright. And may all your Christmases ... be white.

(Irving Berlin: 1942).

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 "When great changes occur in history, when great principles are involved, as a rule the majority are wrong. The minority are right." — Eugene V. Debs (1855-1926)

"The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed — and thus clamorous to be led to safety — by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary." — H.L. Mencken

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ACROSS

1 this Alan starred with TX Burnett in "The Four Seasons"

5 above Parmer Co.: Smith Co.

6 often found in TX supermarkets

7 TXism: "___ blazes a wide trail"

8 seat of Brooks Co.: furias

9 in Ellis Co. off I-45

15 this Harrison starred with TX Tommy Lee Jones in "The Fugitive"

16 TX Earle was Bailey's "Tallest Man in the World"

19 "breakfast" town in Burnet Co.

21 TXism: "a watched pot ___ boils"

22 TXism: "bought ___" (died)

27 "Bum" Phillips

28 TX investors want high interest

29 ex-Rangers pitcher Roger

30 Peter of Alamo spool "Viva Max!"

32 football score

34 '91 Killeen tragedy was ___ mass shooting in history

37 TXism: "___ your poison" (choose)

38 ___ Grande

39 football posture

40 TXism: "there's more of them than ___ Texas"

42 Winnsboro FM radio

43 TXism: "he'll kick you ___ funeral home" (mean horse)

46 TX settler lived in ___ cabin

47 TXism: "___ buster"

48 ex-Cowboy coach Turner

49 TX Waylon's "That's What You ___ for Lovin' Me"

50 X-mas tree grown in TX: long-___ Eldarica pine

53 TXism: "does ___ dog stink?" (yes)

DOWN

1 TXism: "it don't ___ up"

2 Gov. W. ___ O'Daniel

3 seat of Dallam Co.

4 TXism: "safe as ___ a ___"

5 ___ haystack

8 TXism: "he's all beer and no ___"

9 TX Kenny's "Don't ___ a Dreamer"

10 TXism: "let ___ rip!"

11 TX nurse

12 stat Astro pitcher: earned ___

13 TX Ivory Joe Hunter's "Since You Baby"

14 TXism: "salt some away"

15 big TX ranch: Pitch ___ & Cattle Co.

16 TXism: "___ a line" (fish)

17 bird's ___ site

18 ___ Pepper

20 Marshall region: ___ Texas

22 this Petty sang with TX Wilburys (init.)

23 TXism: "___ my boots retreaded"

24 Laredo has New Year's ___ party

25 "joy juice" holders near Austin

26 Willie's Farm ___ was held in Starr Co. on 83 athletic confer. for some TX colleges

33 TXism: "___-right boys" (police)

35 federal agency on TX's so. border

36 UT Heisman winner Earl (init.)

38 TX saying: "One ___ one Ranger"

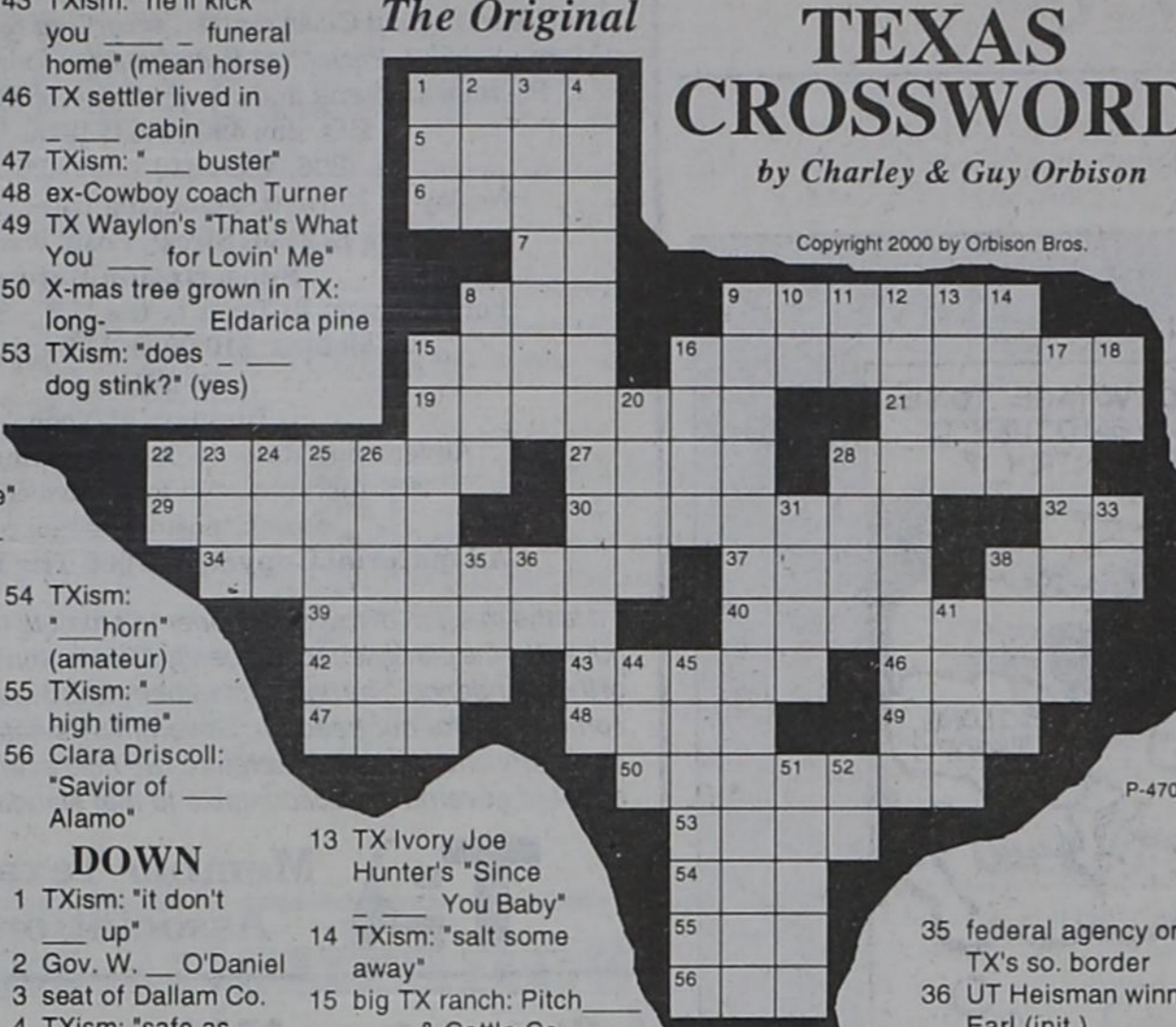
41 winter glider

44 A&M's "12th Man" is ___ scholarship athlete

45 TXism: "___ with kid gloves"

51 TXism: "dumber than a post"

52 ___ Gov. Rick Perry



NEWSWORTHY TRENDS

Newsworthy Trends

New Year's Resolutions: How Long Do They Last?

(NAPS)—On New Year's Eve, the ball drops—and so do most Americans' resolutions. According to the WingspanBank.com financial survey, 50 million individuals made New Year's resolutions in 2000—but almost half broke their



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resolutions. The majority of those who broke their resolutions did so within three weeks. Only two million, or eight percent of the "resolution-makers," were able to keep their resolutions for more than three months.

Still, even more people plan to make resolutions in 2001 than this past New Year's, experts say. The keys to success are: set smaller goals, accomplish them and build from there, said Dr. Deborah Bright, spokesperson for WingspanBank.com, a leading financial services Web site. Some tips to help you:

- *Get real:* make one or two resolutions
- *Grasp your goals:* make smaller, more achievable goals
- *Let your fingers do the walking:* look for online financial planning tools and services, like Wingspanbank.com, for financial-related resolutions
- *Get a new attitude:* adopt positive behaviors

Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

December 19, 1990
10 Years Ago

Dear Santa
I want for Christmas is a teenage nutin nija turtles and a pig with a mud puddle and a dogland a car.
Love,
Joseph Saldivar

Dear Santa
I like you. I like you elves. I want nija turtles and dump trucks.
Love
Tim Pena

Dear Santa
I want all the nija turtles and all the bad guys and all the stuff of nija turtles.
Love,
Mandy Osborn

Dear Santa
I want a bike and teddy bear and a Barbie.
Love,
Anabel Maldonado

December 18, 1980
20 Years Ago

Steven Mark Holder and James Walker have been initiated into the Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Western Texas College. Six 4-H'ers competed at the District 2 4-H Food Show in Lubbock Saturday. They were Janell Jones, Korren Payton, Leigh Sneed, Keitha White, Kayla Peel and Melissa Striblin. Dennis Becker earned all-district in District Six-Man football and Ray Vasquez was honorable mention. They play for the Southland Eagles. Lewis and Roberta Herron start their dream retirement in nine more days.

December 24, 1970
30 Years Ago

Susan Solis was crowned as Guadalupe queen last Saturday night. The Garza County Historical Museum Association was organized at a meeting Tuesday night. F.A. (Chief) Runkles was elected president of the organization.

Mr and Mrs R.E. Brannon will leave on a Christmas vacation December 20. Sherry Bird of the Post Does is averaging 25.1 points per game in basketball.

The movie this week at the Tower Theater is "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang." Donald Adamson of San Antonio will be visiting his mother, Mrs Bonnie Adamson for an early Christmas celebration this weekend.

Congratulations to the cross country track team for winning first place at the Brownfield meet. Those boys include Arthur Torres, Arthur Ayala, Tony Rosas and Mark Bevers.

December 22, 1960
40 Years Ago

Final rites held for Dr Williams, pioneer physician, Monday, December 12th.

Texas Tech's E.J. Holub, a member of the College Coaches' All American team, will be the guest speaker at the Post Antelope football banquet. Randy Baldwin and Danny Pennington were the first place winner in the Post Dispatch's annual Christmas coloring contest.

Post Girl Scouts receive their wings at their Fly Up Ceremony. They are Iris Howell, Barbara Bingham, Voda Beth Voss, Kay Litton, Brenda Ward, Jane Strofer and Zelika Freeman.

December 21, 1950
50 Years Ago

Miss Lola McWhorter will spend Christmas with her parents in McKinney. A new arrival is Jan Elaine Justice born December 16.

A cartoon carnival is set for Saturday at the Tower Theater with an all day program of comedies.

Joyce Evans of Canyon and Mr and Mrs Jack Evans and family of Amarillo will spend Christmas with Mr and Mrs B.F. Evans.

Happy Birthday today goes to Billie W. Huie. Letters to Santa are: Dear Santa Claus, I am a boy 6 years old. I want a lunch box like Tommy's lunch box. I like Tommy's pen and pencil set. Bicycle and my little sister want a doll please. Love, Roger Camp. Dear Santa, I am a girl, 7 years old. Please bring me a bicycle and a baby coo. Love, Beverly Kay Bird.



VISITING SANTA CLAUS - Amanda Quintana peers into the eyes of Santa last Saturday afternoon, closely inspecting Jolly ole Saint Nick. Amanda is the six year old daughter of Guadalupe and Adellina Quintana. Santa was at Manna Square as part of the Post Merchants' Association sponsored Christmas promotion.

From The Post Dispatch, Dec. 19, 1990



George Duckworth, 75, honored at Chuck Wagon Party Sunday
From The Post Dispatch Nov. 10, 1960

Remember happiness doesn't depend upon who you are or what you have; it depends solely upon what you think.
—Dale Carnegie.



The first public school system in what is now the United States was set up in Massachusetts in 1647.

I believe that each newborn child arrives on earth with a message to deliver to mankind, clenched in his little fist is some particle of yet unrevealed truth, some missing clue which may solve the enigma of man's destiny.

He has a limited amount of time to fulfill his mission and he will never get a second chance, nor will we.

He may be our last hope. He must be treated as Top Sacred.

— Sam Levenson



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—(Photo courtesy Casteel Studio)

H.M. Ford's 50th anniversary event set for Sunday

Mr and Mrs Ford were married Nov. 24, 1910 at the home of her mother, Mrs F.A. Young of Young County.
From The Post Dispatch Nov. 24, 1960



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Christmas Creditors

So, the Christmas Holidays are over. Your family is enjoying their new gadgets and clothes. You're finally getting some much needed rest. Everything is really going great... until you get your first credit card bill!



Maybe you are like the rest of us who "slightly" overspent this holiday season. Credit cards can really help when you are strapped for cash, especially around the holidays, however, they can also be your worst enemy if they are paid off. It is important for everyone to know the value of paying creditors.

- Why should you pay bills when or before they are due?
- You prevent evictions, repossessions, and having services cut off, which definitely disrupts the family system.
 - You build a good credit rating.
 - You cut credit costs and late penalties.

What should you do if you can't pay on time?

- Check the creditor's policy on grace periods, late charges, repossessions, and cut-off services.
- Carefully decide which bills can wait. Wrong choices can be expensive and disrupt services and family spending.

Contact creditors before they contact you to show you are responsible and intend to pay.

- Tell creditors when and how much you can pay.
- Keep your promise.
- Get credit under control. Make a list of all the credit payments you owe. How can you find money to help pay bills?

Save money in your home budget. Have a garage sale, do extra jobs, and give up something you buy often but can live without.

Use your "found money" to pay off the creditor you owe the least money. Every time you pay off a creditor, add the amount of the payment you've been making to the amount you pay other creditors. Pay more to the creditor charging the highest interest rate.

Think of low cost ways to celebrate each time you clear a debt. When all creditors are paid, add the amount you've been paying creditors to the amount you save from each pay check.

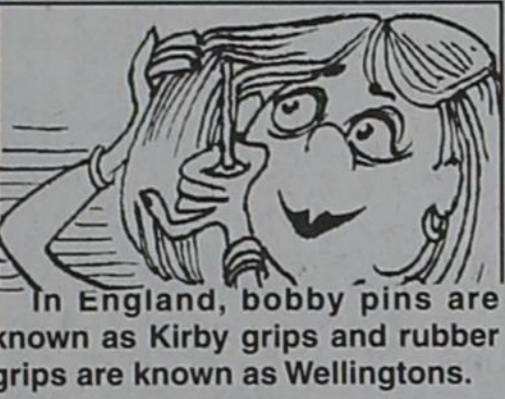
Decide how you will use this new savings * maybe for your child's education or a down payment on a home.

Don't get discouraged. Keep paying the creditor as much as you can afford. And remember what got us into this mess in the first place... OVERSPENDING!

The first postage stamps issues by the Post Office went on sale on July 1, 1847. The 5-cent stamp had a picture of Benjamin Franklin and the 10-cent stamp bore the likeness of George Washington.

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

Post Group of Alcoholics Anonymous
 Meets every Thursday night at the First Presbyterian Church, 901 West 10th at 8 p.m. Closed meetings are held except on the last Thursday of the month, which is an open meeting. Door opens at 7 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. cake and coffee following the meeting. Anyone who wishes to talk or ask about an alcohol problem, call 495-2452, 495-4185 or 629-4185.

Services and Repairs
 Call Becky at 495-4779 for your Avon needs.

R & B Mobile Car Wash in Post on Wednesday (weather permitting). Call 789-1608 or 495-3639 and I'll come to your home or office!

Help Wanted
 Shapes Head Start is accepting applications for a Teacher Assistant positions at Shaping Success in Post. Job responsibilities: Help prepare lesson plans, activities, interact with 17 children and maintain records/paperwork. Experience: High school diploma/GED minimum. CDA or Associates in Child Development preferred but not required. Must be willing to obtain courses in related field. If interested call Marsha Villanueva at 806-894-2207, or go by Shaping Success or your nearest Shapes Head Start Center for an application form. Deadline date: January 5, 2001 EOE

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Homes for Sale
 Cedar Hills home, over 3000 sq. ft. 4 bedrooms, 3 bath, large 4 car garage, fireplace, all electric 2 1/4 acres. Serious inquiries call 495-3739.

For sale by owner: Brick home on 1 1/2 lots, storm windows and doors, three bedrooms, two baths, one living area w/ fireplace, walk-in closets, CH/A, two car garage, gazebo, fenced yard; 12 x 24 metal storage building on concrete slab, insulated and paneled w/floored attic, located at 705 N. Ave. O. Call 495-3021 for appointment.

Miscellaneous for Sale
 Two Steel Buildings, Engineer Certified. 40X40 was \$8,680, now \$4580. 50X100 was \$17,940, now \$11,935. Must sell. can deliver. 800-292-0111.

Vehicles for Sale
 1989 Chevy Astro, runs good. Call 495-4555 after 6 pm.

Local power outages...

(Continued from Page 1) could be attributed to either a downed power line or a broken pole.

Gardener explained that when heavy icing occurs, the weight of the ice can down lines or snap a utility pole.

"We've been working 'round the clock," he said, noting that Lyntegar serves residents of 11 counties in the area. "All of our crews are out."

While every effort is made to reestablish power to Lyntegar customers as quickly as possible, Gardener said priority is given to households with elderly or disabled individuals when possible.

The Dickens Division of South Plains Electric said that as of mid-afternoon Tuesday, they had no reports of current outages from their Garza County customers. A few outages had been reported earlier, according to the division's spokesperson, but it was unclear as to whether or not those outages were within Garza County. All reported outages within the Dickens Division had been corrected as of about 3:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Despite repeated attempts, officials with Southwestern Public Services could not be reached for comment Tuesday afternoon.



The first cuckoo clock was built by Franz Anton Ketterer in Germany in 1740.

Deadline News and Classified Tuesday Noon

ATTRACTIVE! 2 story, C-H/A, 2.5 baths, 4 BR, double CP, cellar, large lots. 107 W. 12th.
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