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Post Notes

County awards contract for LAH emergency services building

A local firm was awarded the contract Monday for construction of a fire station/EMS facility at Lake Alan Henry.

Garza County Commissioners awarded the \$26,485 contract to

Miller Construction, one of three companies to bid on the project.

The building is to be erected near the entrance to the Sam Wahl Recreational Area at the Lubbock-owned lake.

According to information made available at an earlier Commissioners Court meeting, the building will be 30x50x14 constructed on a six-inch slab reinforced with 6x6 rebar and 2 3/8 rebar at the perimeter. The all-

metal building will be primed and will feature steel corner posts and a sculptured gutter with downspout full trim on the roof and corners. Three 12'x12' insulated overhead doors with chain pull openers will be included.

In other business, the court approved guidelines for the 9-1-1 system, allowing for the renaming of county and private roads. The move is designed to enable emergency vehicles to find locations throughout the county more quickly and with more ease.

Also approved was a flat \$200 per month expense payment for the community service supervisor. The supervisor previously was required to keep up with mileage and was reimbursed.

County officials also authorized the county attorney to begin eviction proceedings on a specific piece of property on which back taxes are owed.



Qualifying for Academic All District Cross Country are (left to right), Jenee Lott, Lyndee Strawn, Meagan Hoover, Rachel Gray, Christina Zellmer and Christin Collier. (Photo by Melvina Moore)



Qualifying for Academic All District Football are (back row left to right), Colter Creech, Blake Nichols, Jerrad Grisham, Jonathan McGregor and Sterling Smith (front row), Josh Lee, Zach Witcher, Trent McDonald and Wilson Cash. Not in photo, Martin Garcia. (Photo by Melvina Moore)



Qualifying for All District Football are (back row left to right), Zach Witcher, Colter Creech, Chris Reed, Eric Reyna and Zack Sanchez (middle row), Blake Nichols, Jonathan McGregor, Jerrad Grisham, Sterling Smith, Kenneth Garay, Wilson Cash and Travis Mathews (front row), Jace Pollard, Jett Lott, Trent McDonald, Randon Blacklock, Theo Paiz and Israel Beggs. (Photo by Melvina Moore)



Dryer weather helps with cotton stripping

Area farmers are taking advantage of the dryer weather to bring in what looks to be a bumper year for cotton. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Recount vote favors Smith

Incumbent Ricky B. Smith will retain his seat as district attorney for the 106th Judicial District following a recount of votes conducted last week in the four affected counties.

County officials in Garza, Lynn, Dawson and Gaines counties were asked to recount ballots in the district attorney's race from the Nov. 2 general election after challenger Brian L. Kingston sought a recalculation of votes through the Secretary of State's office.

Results from the recount gave Smith a 43-vote victory over Kingston by a margin of 6,249 to 6,209. According to a report from the Garza County clerk's office, a county-by-county breakdown of those results showed the following:

- Garza County - Smith, 997; Kingston, 811.
- Gaines County - Smith, 1,754; Kingston, 2,221.
- Lynn County - Smith, 909; Kingston, 1,308.
- Dawson County - Smith, 2,589; Kingston, 1,866.

Annual Lighted Christmas Parade Saturday

Saturday's lighted Christmas parade will be a blend of cars, floats, music and a mascot or two.

The annual event, set to begin at 6:30 p.m., will roll from the Garza County courthouse, down Main Street through the downtown area and back again, according to Wanda Mitchell of the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau office. And as always, all entries will be lighted.

As of Tuesday morning, six or seven float entries were scheduled to participate. Also slated as part of this year's event are several vehicles, the Post High School marching band and the Cotton Kings mascot.

Three cash prizes of \$300 will be awarded to the first place winners in each of three categories—commercial, organization/individual and novelty or non-float.

Sponsors for this year's parade include Xcel Energy, OS Ranch Shop, Brady's Package Store, Wells Fargo, Citizens Bank, United Supermarkets, OS Museum, Old Mill Trade Days, Hotel Garza, The Frame Shoppe and Post Auto/Radio Shack.

"A Christmas Story" opens Friday at Garza Theatre

Initial performances of the Garza Theatre's "A Christmas Story" are set for this weekend.

Shows are set for Dec. 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. for the Sunday matinee.

Directed by Laura Bryan, the play is based on the movie by the same name and "In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash." Cast members include Stan Tucker, Michael Porter, Laura Bryan, Lori Holt, Ryan Opton, Bill Woodward, Nolan Bryan, Grayson Young, Taylor Garland, Tanner Britton and Bethany Ratliff.

Tickets, available at the Garza Theatre box office, cost \$9 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-12. For tickets, contact the theatre at 495-4005.

Revival set at Bethel AG

The Bethel Assembly of God Church at 407 May Street invites everyone to a revival featuring evangelist Rev. Bernie Guebara on Sunday, December 5 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday, December 6-8 at 7 p.m. All services will be bilingual.

Ladies Auxiliary will meet Monday

Ladies Auxiliary Miller Luman Post 6797 will meet Monday, December 6 at 6 p.m. at the post on the Clairmont Highway. The meeting has been moved up a week for plans to be made for Santa's visit at the post on Saturday, December 11 from 2-4 p.m. Santa will have goodies for the kids at that time. Dues are now due, they will be going up in January so now is the time to pay them.

Benefit bake sale Saturday & Sunday

A benefit bake sale to help defray expenses for Christina Aguilar and family will be held Saturday in front of the Algerita Art Center beginning at 1 p.m. and on Sunday at the south entrance to Old Mill Trade Days starting at 9 a.m. To donate baked goods or cash donations, call Diana at 492-2274, Jackie at 495-4021 or Gina at 495-0049.

Holy Cross Catholic Church

The Holy Cross Catholic Church Mission Preaching Retreat will be held Thursday through Saturday, December 2, 3, and 4 beginning at 6 p.m. Mission (Retiro) Diciembre 2, 3, and 4 a las 6 p.m.

Church selling gorditas plates

Holy Cross Catholic Church will be serving gorditas, rice, beans, salad and tea on Saturday, December 4 beginning at 11 a.m. The price is \$5 per plate. Carryouts are available.

Benefit drawing for free groceries

Raffle tickets to benefit Christina Aguilar's medical expenses are available at \$1 each, with the winner getting \$100 gift certificate to United Supermarkets for groceries. The drawing will be held December 20. To purchase tickets, call Diana at 492-2274, Jackie at 495-4021 or Gina at 495-0049. Christina's new mailing address is Texas Children's Hospital, c/o Christina Aguilar, West Tower 12th Floor Room 26, 6621 Fannin St., Houston, Texas 77030.

Community Christmas sing

The First United Methodist Church will host the annual Community Christmas Sing on Wednesday, December 8 at 7 p.m. Groups or individuals wishing to perform 1-2 selections, please contact either Patty Kirkpatrick at 495-2668 or Pixie Grisham at 495-2942 no later than Monday, December 6.

Caprock music parties set

The Caprock Cultural Association will host a music party at the Post Community Center. Performance slated for December 4 include the Batten Family, Talk of the Town, Lonnie Joe Howell and his harmonica and Audrey Pounds Hunt. This event will run from 7-10 p.m. Admission will be free of charge; donations will be accepted.

Miller Luman Post 6797

Miller Luman Post 6797 men will meet at the regular time on Monday, December 13 at 7 p.m. at the post on the Clairmont Highway. All members are urged to attend. The men still have the car magnets for sell, anyone needing one please call Commander Chuck Rathiff at 806/495-2026.

Showmanship Clinic

A county-wide Showmanship Clinic will be held Saturday, December 11, at the GCJLA show barn. Showmanship skills, Quality Counts and a Livestock Quiz Bowl will be covered for 4-H and FFA youth during the day. The schedule for events will be as follows: 10 a.m. - Lams; 11 a.m. - Goats; 12 noon - meal "on your own"; 1 p.m. - Livestock Quiz Bowl; 2 p.m. - Swine; 3 p.m. - Steers. Bring your livestock to the clinic to practice and learn and "brush-up" on your showmanship skills. The clinic is sponsored by Post FFA, Southland FFA and Garza County 4-H. For more information, call 495-4400.

Post Elementary open house

Thursday, December 9 the Post Elementary School will have an open house from 6-7 p.m. Science fair projects will be displayed in the gym. At 7 p.m. the 4th and 5th graders will present "I Need a Little Christmas Vacation".

Aguilar fund set at Wells Fargo

A fund has been established at Wells Fargo Bank in the name of Christina Aguilar, the 15-year-old daughter of Lupe and Cindy Aguilar who received a new liver November 9 at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. After struggling many years with a failing liver, Christina now has a chance at a long and healthy life; however, the family must remain in Houston for approximately two months. Although most of Christina's medical expenses are covered, the family needs assistance with lodging, meals, fuel, utilities and other needs since Lupe Aguilar is unable to work at this time. All donations will be appreciated. Anyone interested in sending cards or greetings may send them in care of Texas Children's Hospital, c/o Ana Christina Aguilar, PICU Bed #23, 6621 Fannin St., Houston, TX 77030. E-mails may be sent to greetings@texaschildrenshospital.org.

Post High School dinner theatre

Post High School will feature various One Act Plays, on December 6 & 13 at 7 p.m. in the Post Community Center. Tickets for the dinner and show are \$10. You must RSVP and purchase a ticket for a specific night. For more information and to buy tickets call the Post High School office at 495-2770.

Account set for Cowley family

A special account has been established at Citizens Bank to help assist the Cowley family. Rani received 2nd and 3rd degree burns last Wednesday and is in ICU at University Medical Center. These funds will help assist the family with medical bills.

Toys for Tots under way

The Post Lions Club Toys for Tots campaign is in full swing, with unwrapped toys being collected at Cellular One. Both new and used toys in good condition are being accepted. Donations to the program also may be made at Cellular One or mailed to the Post Lions Club, c/o Toys for Tots at P. O. Box 644, Post, TX 79356. Checks should be made out to Toys for Tots. Contributions will be accepted until Christmas Eve.

Theatre presents "A Christmas Story"

Garza Theatre proudly presents "A Christmas Story" directed by Laura Bryan. Seven performances only beginning December 3-5, 10-11, & 17-18. Call for reservations at 495-4005. Box office hours are Monday-Friday from 12:30-5:00 p.m.

Exchange student program seeks reps

ASSE International Student Exchange Program is looking for individuals interested in becoming area representatives. As an ASSE area representative, individuals provide opportunities for high school exchange students who want to experience the American way of life for either a school year or a semester and local youths interested in studying abroad. Area representatives receive training, are reimbursed for expenses and enjoy friendships with people from all over the world. For more information, call 409-745-2433 or 1-800-473-0696.

2005 EQIP program development group

The Garza Soil & Water Conservation District invites the public to participate in the Program Development Group meeting at the Post Community Center on Wednesday, December 8 at 8 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is make recommendations for the 2005 EQIP Program, such as eligible practices, cost share rates and ranking.



Authors of the new cookbook "Remember When We Used To Cook" are (back row left to right), Christie Jack Pare (Lubbock), Melinda Holloway Payton (Lubbock), Jan Stevens Davis (Amarillo), Gail Hunnicutt Simmons (Austin) (front row), Connie Moyers (Clovis, New Mexico), Diane Bim (Amarillo) and Kay Davis (Lubbock). Davis will be at Main Street Mercantile Saturday for a book signing and introductory event.



Bobby and Jennie Cowdrey

Jennie and Bobby Cowdrey celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Bobby and Jennie Cowdrey, married on December 6, 1954, were honored with a fiftieth wedding anniversary reception on Saturday, November 27, at the Post Community Center by their children and grandchildren: Sue, Gary, and Chase Luft of Midland; Garrett and Kristin Luft of Lubbock; Amy, James, Brice, Cole, and Kylie Easterling of Post; Lisa, Carl, and Jennifer Bartley of Ruidoso, New Mexico; Lem Bartley of Denver, Colorado; Curt, Donna, Chad, and Caleb Cowdrey of Midland; Clay, Devonna, and Conner Cowdrey of Millsap.

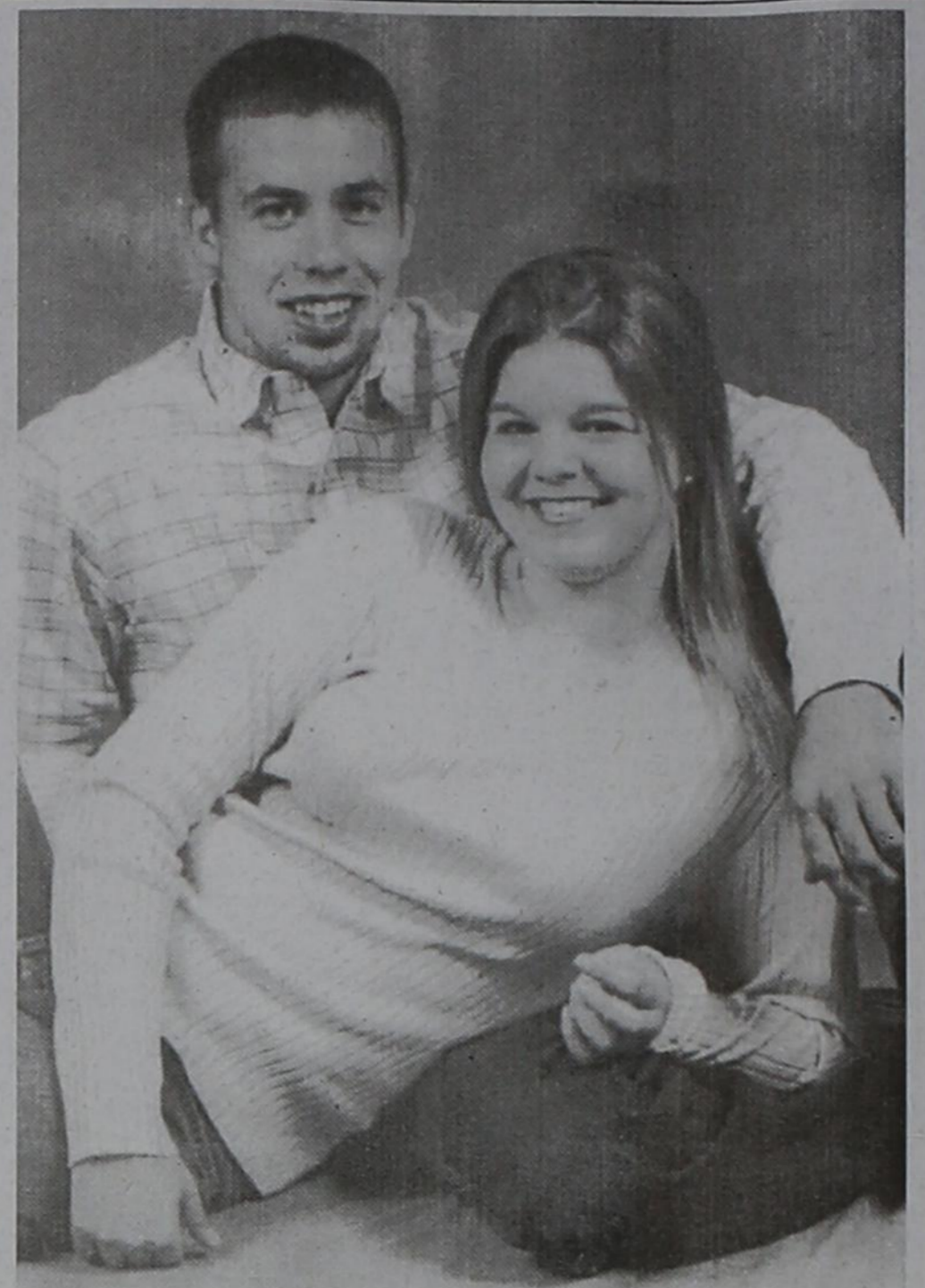
Numerous local and out of town guests attended. Guests enjoyed cake prepared and served by Lisa Bartley and coffee and punch served by Kylie Easterling. Bartley and Jackie Cruse elegantly decorated the center with fresh seasonal flowers, lighted trees, greenery, candles, and pictures of the couple. A new portrait of the couple, which had previously been given to them by their children and grandchildren, was displayed.

Members of the house party were Orabeth White, Jane Mason, Diane Graves, Barbara Tatum, Judy Bush, Oneita Gunn, Tommie Williams, and Janey Middleton. Sound equipment was provided and set up by Noel White and operated by Brice Easterling.

On Friday evening, November 26, Bobby and Jennie honored their family and friends with a catered dinner at the community center. They reminisced about their fifty years of marriage, family, and friends and a PowerPoint presentation prepared by Kylie and Cole Easterling was shown. The evening ended with Bobby surprising Jennie with a serenade of the song "Come Live with Me and a second proposal. David Joyner, Graham Chapel Church of Christ preacher, led the couple in the reaffirmation of their vows and a closing prayer.

White River water level increases

White River Lake Weekly Report Nov. 29, 2004
Gauge reading: 2353.3 Feet below spillway: 19'2" Rise - 4.1" Rainfall (past week): 60" Rain-to-date: 42.88" Rainfall since Nov. 1: 7.43"
Source: Mickey Rogers, WRMWD general manager



Ted Thomas and Jamie Dawson

Jamie Dawson, Ted Thomas announce engagement

Jamie Dawson of Post and Ted Thomas of Post have announced their engagement and approaching marriage. A May 2005 wedding is planned.

The bride-elect, daughter of James and Joy Dawson of Post, is a graduate of Post High School and Covenant School of Nursing in Lubbock. She is employed with the Lynn County Hospital District in Tahoka.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Lynn Graham of Orange Grove and Gary and Janice Thomas of Kingsland. A graduate of Marble Falls High School in Marble Falls, he is employed with AMA Techtel Communications in Lubbock.

Kristen MacKenzie, Colt McDook set wedding date

Kristen Elizabeth MacKenzie and C. Colt McCook have announced their engagement and approaching marriage.

The couple will be wed at 2 p.m. on Dec. 18, 2004, in Abilene Christian University's Chapel on the Hill in Abilene. Following a honeymoon in Riviera Maya, Mexico, they plan to make their home in Abilene.

Parents of the couple are June MacKenzie of Knoxville, Tenn., and Dr. and Mrs. Charles and Dorothy McCook of Post. The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Farragut High School in Knoxville. She received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Abilene Christian in May 2003 and is employed as an RN in the Hendrick Hospital trauma center in Abilene.

The prospective bridegroom, a 1999 graduate of Borden County High School in Gail, received a bachelor's degree in youth ministry from ACU in May 2003. He is a full-time graduate student in ACU's School of Theology and a part-time minister at the Gail Church of Christ.



Cheyenne Bouldin

Cheyenne Bouldin a finalist in Distinguished Youth program

Cheyenne Bouldin, daughter of Steve Miller and Beverly Mesker of Post, has been selected as a candidate in the Distinguished Youth of Texas Scholarship and Recognition Program.

As part of the program, two Texas students will be tapped to receive a \$1,000 U.S. savings bond and the right to serve as state program titleholder for a year. Additionally, both winners will receive \$250 to present to their respective schools from the Distinguished Youth Program. In all, more than \$5,000 in awards and prizes will be presented.

The Distinguished Youth Program is designed to recognize girls who rank high academically and are leaders in their schools and communities.

The judging criteria used to select the two state titleholders includes scholastic record, service to school and community, personality projection and interview.

"This program truly reflects the female youth of the 21st Century," said Warren Alexander, program founder. "The candidates are well-rounded, intelligent students. Sixty percent of the judging involves written resumes, with another significant portion being the interview with the judges."

Bouldin's sponsors in the competition include the Flaming 7's Video Gameroom, Golden Plains Care Center, Jim and Ryan Bouldin, Dorman Welding and Steve Miller.

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A Caprock Cultural Association Event.



Patricia Hester (25) takes a pass from Donae Dalby (22) during last Tuesday's Lady Lopes basketball action at Borden County. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Lady Lope varsity clips Borden County

The Post Lady Lopes picked up their second win of the new season with a victory over Borden County, 61-43, in Gail Tuesday, November 23. Thirtyfive of the team's 61 points were scored by players off the bench. Laurel Tatum, Rachel Gray, and Donae Dalby scored 30 of the bench's 35 points.

The first quarter ended with the score tied at 12 each. Laurel Tatum came off the bench to score five of the 12 first quarter points. Sarah Kirkpatrick scored five in the quarter including a three-point goal.

The Lady Lopes broke the tie outscoring Borden County 18 to 11 in the second quarter to take a 30-23 half-time lead. In the quarter Nikki Norman stepped up and scored eight points while Donae Dalby came off the bench to score a three-point goal and two free throws for five points in the quarter.

In the third quarter the Lady Lopes outscored Borden County 13-7 to extend their lead to 43-30. Tatum added three more points.

In the fourth quarter Rachel Gray came off the bench to score nine points, as the Lady Lopes won the quarter 18-13 and the game 61-43. All 11 of the Lady Lopes scored in the game which included, Gray 13, Tatum 10, Norman 10, Dalby 7, Kirkpatrick 7, Hester 5, Lott 2, Gregory 2, Wilson 2, and Copeland 1.

Leading the Lady Lopes in rebounding was Patricia Hester with a game high 15, Norman 7, Gray 6, Kirkpatrick 5, Lott 5, Hoover 5, Tatum 2, Gregory 1, Dalby 1, and Copeland 1. Meagan Hoover lead the team in assist with 4.

Leading the team in defensive steals were Laurel Tatum 5, and Patricia Hester 4.

The team will compete this weekend at the Borden County Tournament.



Sarah Kirkpatrick (32) drives in for a lay-up during last Tuesday's Lady Lopes win at Borden County. Providing back-up support is Lady Lope Meagan Hoover (21). Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Middle School girls vs. Shallowater

by Kara Swindell
7th Grade

The final score for the 7th grade Gold game was Shallowater 15, Post 1 on November 22. Chandni Bhakta made 1-2 free throws to score 1 point in the game. Brooke Morris did a good job of pushing the ball up the floor and playing defense.

The 7th grade Black game was a very physical game. I really felt we couldn't play a lot better and we didn't respond to the physicalness of Shallowater. I thought Branda Stevens really stepped it up and played a really good game for us offensively and defensively. Branda Stevens and Toni Wait led all scorers with 4 points each, followed by Alex Miller & Mysty Ayala with 2 points and Darlene Araiza with 1 point. The final score: Post 13, Shallowater

35.

8th Grade

The final score for the 8th grade Gold game was Shallowater 9, Post 3. Valerie Moreno led all scorers with 3 points. Kenzie Mason did a good job defensively in this game for us.

In the 8th grade Black game, the girls really worked hard. I was proud of the effort that they gave during

the entire game.

They ran their offense well, but our shots just weren't falling. Sabrina Sanchez played a great game for us offensively & defensively.

Gaby Gomez led all scorers with 6 points followed by Sabrina Sanchez with 4 points and Shyra Perez with 2 points. The final score: Post 12, Shallowater 29.

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Jerrad Grisham (24) leaps for a shot as the Post Antelope basketball team stormed by Borden County last Tuesday. In on the action are Thomas Curtis (00) and Cole Easterling (4). Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Cowboy's ball carrier Tylo Kirkpatrick shoots by Longhorn tacklers with the blocking support of Campbell Kirkpatrick during the Post Flag Football Superbowl on Saturday, November 6 at Antelope Stadium. In on the Longhorn defense are Blace Stevens, McLayne Hall and Baine Osborn. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Longhorn's Austin Williams sets for the pass during Post Flag Football Superbowl on Saturday, November 6th at Antelope Stadium. In on the play are Longhorn's Christen Pena, McLayne Hall, Cowboy's Tristan Benavides of Gail and Longhorn player Amanda Esparza (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Sheriff reports 16 arrests

Sixteen individuals were jailed in the past two weeks, according to Garza County Sheriff's Department reports.

Arrests included three individuals, ages 18, 18 and 19, arrested for possession of marijuana and making alcohol available to a minor; a 53-year-old arrested for DWI with a child passenger; a 43-year-old, public intoxication; a 22-year-old, Garza County warrant; and a 42-year-old, Lea County, N.M., warrant. A 27-year-old was picked up and placed in protective custody.

Also, a 17-year-old picked up on a Garza County warrant, possession of marijuana, under two ounces; another 17-year-old, possession of marijuana, under two ounces; and an 18-year-old, possession of marijuana, under two ounces; a 24-year-old, Hockley County warrant; a 19-year-old picked up on a warrant; a 36-year-old held for INS; a 20-year-old picked up on a warrant; and a 41-year-old also arrested on a warrant.

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Obituaries

T.J. Wardlow

Services for Thomas Jefferson Wardlow, 85, of Richardson, formerly of Post, were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. James Egan officiating. Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Nov. 27 in Richardson. Born Feb. 18, 1919, in Garza County, he married Fannie Lewis on June 2, 1937, in Grassland. She died June 18, 1995. He married Faye Payton in November of 1996. She died May 10, 2001. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and managed the Close City Gin for many years.

Survivors include one daughter, Janice and husband, Donald Waters, of Rio Hondo; two sons, Jeral and wife, Gayla Wardlow, of Richardson and Michael Wardlow of Houston; five grandchildren, Bruce and wife, Karen Waters, of Rio Hondo, Shelly Waters of Rio Hondo, Seth and wife, Amy Wardlow, of Richardson, Jodie and husband, Mitch Ellis, of Frisco and Sandy and husband, Greg James, of Oklahoma City; and nine great-grandchildren.

Thelma Mitchell

Services for Thelma Mitchell, 82, of Post were held at 3 p.m. Nov. 18, 2004, at the Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Kevin Blackburn officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Nov. 17 at Covenant Medical Center.

Born Sept. 15, 1922, in Emblem, she married B.A. Mitchell on Dec. 12, 1942, in Unity. He died April 11, 1997. She was retired from the Postex Cotton Mill.

Survivors include two sons, Billy Mitchell of Spring and Herbert Glen Mitchell of Post; two brothers, Wesley Redman of Amarillo and A.E. Redman of Post; six sisters, Claudia Odom of Post, Velma Lou Vaughn of Fort Worth, Martha Treadwell of Fort Worth, Moselle Smith of Tahoka, Melba Roberts of Idalou and Edna McCowan of Austin; 12 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Kenneth Mitchell, on March 9, 1957, and by one daughter, Elaine Sherrill, on Jan. 3, 2003.



Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor Policy: We require all letters to be signed. Letters may be edited for brevity, grammar and punctuation. Opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect those of The Post Dispatch nor its staff.

Losing a best friend...

Today I lost my best friend. Sissy was a golden haired Cocker Spaniel that loved me with a passion that I have never known before. She was my constant companion. We went everywhere together. She was beautiful, and she knew it. She loved attention and everywhere we went people stroked her hair and told her how pretty she was. She glowed in the praise, and gave away tons of kisses.

My wife Juanita, and I have had several dogs over the last couple of decades, and they've all been "Momma's Babies." They all loved me too, but were definitely hers.

Sissy was different. She was a Daddy's girl from the get-go. It was the first time that that had ever happened. Juanita always cooks for our dogs and I always fed Sissy with a fork. She was a lady.

She followed me everywhere. The last time I was in the hospital, Sissy waited by the front door for me day and night for a week until I came home. She was despondant and listless. She wouldn't eat. Juanita finally called me at the hospital and told me what Sissy was going through.

I told my wife to put the telephone to Sissy's ear. I told Sissy that I loved her, that she was a pretty girl, that I was OK, and that I would be coming home soon.

Sissy kissed the phone. She was happy then. She had heard my voice. She still waited by the door, but she ate her supper. When I came home she was ecstatic. She bounced and jumped and kissed and was just beside herself. What a reunion!

Never again. About 11:30 this morning, I headed out the door on an errand. Sissy and her buddy CoCo, a brindled mixed breed, went charging out the door to go with me, tearing across our yard and, terrifyingly, into the street.

My heart leapt to my throat. I screamed, NO Sissy. Both Sissy and CoCo ignored my warning, running joyfully towards the neighbor's house, ears flying in the wind.

A late model truck came out of nowhere running fifty to sixty miles an hour. The driver plowed into both dogs, never touched his brakes until after he hit them. He slowed a little then, and kept going.

I witnessed the whole episode. You can't imagine the horror I felt. Heartsick, nauseated, terrified, I ran to the street. Sissy was obviously dead. Instantly.

CoCo was still alive, but her right front leg was torn almost completely off. I put Sissy on our front porch, put CoCo in our van, and drove to our vet, Dr Mills' office as fast as possible. CoCo will most likely recover, but will probably be crippled. My precious Sissy is dead. My heart is heavy, and my eyes are red from crying. Juanita is grieving and the driver that killed our baby never even stopped to say "I'm sorry."

Please, please slow down on Avenue S. The next time might be a child. And please, if you cause anyone the kind of heartbreak and pain that you've caused us, please be kind enough to stop and say your sorry.

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Opposes building new high school

I recently attended a meeting of the Post ISD school board to discuss the building of a new high school. My purpose was to try to explain to the board my belief that this project should be put before the voters. My reasons are as follows:

1. Garza County has lost millions of tax dollars from the demise of the cotton mill, Kerr-McGee and several of our county gins. The reason that these businesses are no longer here is due in part to taxes.

2. The oil wells that Garza County has depended on for years are on their way out.

That leaves the average taxpayer to foot the bill for this new high school (after all of the school district's reserve fund has been depleted, of course). I was told that our school taxes were not high enough. I believe that mine are plenty high, and I am greatly concerned about all of the other taxpayers who honestly cannot afford another hit to the pocketbook. There are many people in Garza County who are struggling to make ends meet, and every penny counts to them.

Has anyone considered the cost of the upkeep on a building like this? Think of what your own personal utilities cost - and then multiply that by a \$6-7 million building. What about insurance? The current cost of upkeep will skyrocket and again will fall into the average taxpayer's pocketbook.

Is a new high school building truly needed? Where is the common sense in stating that the middle school can no longer be used as a school, but it would be fine for office space? If you need offices, build offices. If you need a new cafeteria, build a new cafeteria. (The existing cafeteria would make a number of classrooms, offices, etc., if you really need the space.) Add on and update where you need to, but why build an entirely new facility?

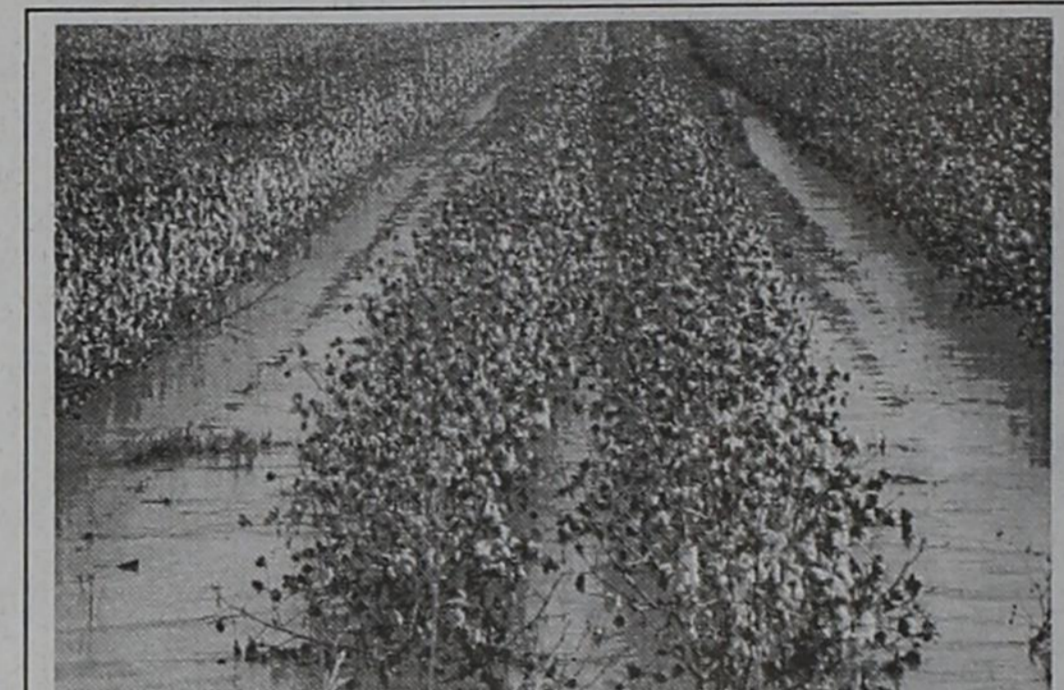
It worries me that (Superintendent) Mr. (Marlin) Marcum is pushing this issue so hard. I am concerned that when he spends all of our hard-earned money, he will hitch up his mobile home and head out of here.

Roy Josey

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November's wet weather leaves a mark on area cotton fields, keeping farmers from harvesting what looks like a bumper crop. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett).

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Stories of Jesus Christ

During the Thanksgiving and Christmas times of the year, families often come together for what are in essence reunions. Sometimes it involves only the household nuclear family. In other cases it brings together extended families. And we should not forget the reunions between friends and comrades who may not have close-knit families. A special part of these gatherings is story telling. As we sit and listen closely to our relatives' stories we come to understand our selves a little better. This is especially true for stories told by the elders in our families. Our mannerisms and traits are better understood. Maybe we hear stories that help us to recognize something about ourselves that need to be changed for the better. One elder's story can help a younger family member.

God in heaven also gave us many stories to learn. He wants us to learn patience and be comforted from the stories of our spiritual heritage. "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we, through patience and comfort of the scriptures, might have hope" (Romans 15:4). Our underlying hope is that of salvation. Because of that hope we can learn patience and be comforted by the stories of other believers in times past. We can read through the Acts and see wonderful stories of God's people. We are encouraged by their courage. Present troubles are faced with peace and soundness of mind as we dwell on the stories of God's people in the first century church who suffered great persecution under the Jewish and Roman governments. And to see that after they were scattered abroad, they simply continued to teach the truth of Jesus Christ to others.

When we read the stories of Jesus Christ's sufferings we learn how to handle false accusations, mock trials and unjust punishments for acting rightly. 1 Peter 2:11-25 covers this beautifully. See verses 20-23, "For what glory is it, if, when you are buffeted for your faults, you shall take it patiently? But if when you do well, and suffer for it, you take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were you called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow his steps. Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth. Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again. When he suffered, he threatened not. But committed himself to Him that judges righteously." We can identify with the stories of Jesus Christ's sufferings and be encouraged by his courage.

In this light, next week will begin a series on the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. While reading through the conception and birth of Jesus Christ, notice the stories of his mother and step-father. Jesus learned love, humility, meekness, confidence, patience, endurance, and more by watching and learning from his parents to the end that he could have the courage to give his own life for all of mankind. While in that garden he prayed to his Daddy and asked for that cup to pass by him. He could have just as easily walked off and refused such suffering and death. But instead he said, "Not my will be done, but your will be done" (Luke 22:40-44).

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Opinions



And thereafter, attacking Condi

by Walter E. Williams

Dr. Condoleezza Rice, President Bush's national security adviser and now his secretary of state nominee, has been the subject of nasty, demeaning and disrespectful cartoons and commentary. Some of the worst has come from people like Julian Bond, chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who said on TV's "America's Black Forum" that he agreed with "The Boondocks" cartoonist Aaron McGruder's characterization of Dr. Rice as "a murderer." A lead article in Black Commentator said, "Condoleezza Rice is the purest expression of the race traitor. No polite description is possible." Those kinds of attacks by blacks have emboldened guilt-ridden white liberals to join in as seen by the recent cartoons of Pat Oliphant and Garry Trudeau ("Doonesbury").

First, let's look at a few of Dr. Rice's credentials. She holds a doctorate from the University of Denver. While senior fellow at the prestigious Hoover Institution, she taught courses in Stanford University's political science department. Later, she served as the university's provost. Dr. Rice is a recognized expert in Soviet and Eastern European countries, and she's fluent in Russian. She landed her job as national security adviser not because President Bush was trying to pay off a black constituency and not because Bush had an affirmative-action policy; her qualifications got her the job.

If Dr. Rice is confirmed by the Senate, she will hold the most important Cabinet office not only because she'll direct the president's foreign policy but because she'll be third in the line of succession should the president and vice president become incapacitated — the first two are the speaker of the House of Representatives and president pro tempore of the Senate.

Being 68, I lived at a time when the idea of a black Cabinet official was little more than a pipe dream. Robert C. Weaver's 1966 appointment to the Department of Housing and Urban Development made him the first black Cabinet officer. Since that time, there have been other blacks appointed to high office. None has encountered the vicious attacks visited on Dr. Rice and Gen. Colin Powell, and what's worse, the most vicious attacks have come from their fellow blacks.

To make sure I was correct in my recollection of blacks in earlier

periods, I called my 81-year-old friend Chuck Stone, former writer for the Philadelphia Daily News and now professor at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. I asked him whether he recalled instances of today's demeaning, insulting attacks. He said no, and we recalled how black people came to the defense of people like Reps. Robert Nix and Adam Clayton Powell, for whom Stone served as chief administrative assistant. Professor Stone also reminded me that the differences between Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. DuBois didn't produce today's virulence.

To put yesteryear in perspective, in 1941, Joe Louis knocked out Billy Conn. If you weren't around then, you cannot imagine the uplift and pride that it gave black people. In the scheme of things, Joe Louis' feat doesn't begin to compare to the achievements of Dr. Rice and Gen. Powell.

Black people have become Democrats first and whatever else afterward. The Democratic leadership, along with its leftist allies in Hollywood, on college campuses, in labor unions, in the education establishment and in the media, detests President Bush. Too many black people are dependent on the Democrats for handouts and racial preferences. Black politicians depend on the Bush haters for financial resources enabling them to gain office. Black civil rights organizations are beholden to liberal foundations. The bottom line of all of this is that he who pays the piper calls the tune and black people dance along.

The attacks on Dr. Rice and Gen. Powell are the results of one-think where all blacks are to think alike. Any who stray are race traitors. A monopoly on ideas serves no one well and explains why solutions to problems for a large segment of the black community will remain elusive.

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A good way to spend Thanksgiving?

by Sheldon Richman

U.S. Surgeon General Richard H. Carmona has a swell idea for how we should spend the Thanksgiving holiday. He's declared Thanksgiving the first annual National Family History Day. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, "Americans are encouraged to use their family gatherings as a time to collect important family health history information that can benefit all family members."

As tempting as it sounds, I doubt that families throughout America will be eager to put aside football and the traditional reminiscing over turkey dinner to catalogue the diseases that have afflicted their recent and distant ancestors. But there is a much more serious reason to be wary of Carmona's suggestion.

It is certainly a good idea to know one's family medical history. As Carmona says, "When a health-care professional is equipped with a patient's family health history, he or she can easily assess the inherent risk factors and begin tests or treatment even before any disease is evident." But because the government is so deeply involved in our medical affairs, what is sensible in principle is folly in practice.

There was a time when what you told your doctor was confidential. The information could not be passed on without your consent. But no more. The federal government's misnamed "medical-privacy rule" changed all that. Now whatever you tell your doctor can end up in lots of people's computers without your permission or, in many cases, your knowledge. Under this rule, says Sue A. Blevins, president of the Institute for Health Freedom, "the information can be shared with over 600,000 hospitals, doctors, insurers, medical data-processing companies, public-health departments, and others without the individual's consent." Patients are not even owed an accounting of how their personal information was distributed for most purposes. All this is compliments of a government that claims to be protecting our privacy.

According to officials, a thorough family medical history includes not only heart disease, diabetes, cancer, high blood pressure, and the like. It also includes so-called mental diseases, such as depression and schizophrenia, which actually are names for bothersome behavior and statements, not bona fide physical ailments. A person who confides to his doctor that his grandfather was depressed or committed suicide could be compromising himself in untold ways. The Bush administration is already pushing to have general practitioners look

for signs of mental illness in all patients, including children. If this happens, perfectly well people will be stigmatized and possibly subjected to powerful drugs.

Government actions always have perverse and unintended consequences. When people realize that they have no confidential relationship with their doctors, they will have an incentive to provide inaccurate information when asked for a family history. What will the coming comprehensive computerized medical databases be worth then? It's hard to see how they will help make people healthier.

One health-policy expert I know has a better idea: "I think the Surgeon General has a duty to warn the American public about how the so-called federal medical-privacy rule is really a data-sharing rule because it eliminates patient consent. Perhaps we need a surgeon general's warning that says something like, 'Warning: The Surgeon General has determined that under federal law, anything you tell your doctor can be shared without your consent or knowledge.'"

Those words should be posted outside every doctor's office. Leave it to the government to turn prudence into foolishness. Our wise leaders have left us at an uncomfortable fork in the road: We can have doctor confidentiality and accurate medical information or the bogus federal medical "privacy" rule. We can't have both.

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Semper Fi

by Bill O'Reilly

As soon as I saw the tape of a U.S. Marine shooting a wounded insurgent in Fallujah, I knew there'd be trouble. The Iraqi had violated the rules of war by fighting from a mosque and was left for dead in combat. But he wasn't dead. So when a squad of Marines entered the mosque in a mop up operation and the prone insurgent moved — a young Marine shot him dead.

But the tape of the incident actually helps the Marine because you can clearly hear him yell to his squad: "he's (blinking) faking he's dead! He's (blinking) faking he's dead!" Then the soldier shoots. On the tape you can see the insurgent move before the soldier pulls the trigger.

One day earlier, another Marine in the same unit was killed by a booby trap that was strapped to a dead insurgent's body. The enemy in Iraq rejects all rules of warfare, and American troops know it. Iraqi insurgents and foreign terrorists routinely dress in civilian clothes, hide behind civilians while shooting, mount operations from inside mosques, wear the uniforms of pro-American Iraqi police and National Guardsmen, attack civilians, and on and on and on.

Having survived a combat situation in Argentina during the Falklands War, I know that life and death decisions are made in a flash. If that wounded insurgent had a grenade or other explosive device, the entire Marine squad and the photographer could be dead right now. In a killing zone one cannot afford the luxury of knowing what is certain.

If that young Marine had homicide on his mind, he would have entered the mosque firing. But he did not. The Marine proceeded cautiously and reacted to perceived danger. Another wounded Iraqi in the same room identified himself and was taken prisoner. This was not some My Lai action.

But the so-called "human rights" groups are all over the incident calling it a "possible war crime." What a bunch of bull. The Marine made a decision that was reasonable. His own words before the fact clarified the danger he felt.

Most of the American press has been cautious in covering the Marine controversy, although the L.A. Times ran this sub headline: "Marine May Be Charged in the Fallujah Killing of an Unarmed Fighter. The Footage Aired on Arab TV, Further Tarnishing America's Image."

Now there's nothing factually wrong with that headline. But does it reflect what actually happened? Or is it designed to put the Marine and the USA in a dubious light? You make the call.

The Pentagon is not releasing the name of the Marine and is investigating. Both of those things are fair. But this case is not complicated, and anyone condemning that soldier should himself be condemned.

The war in Iraq as well as the war on terror is as ugly as it gets. Mistakes will be made. But this action is not one of them.

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What Did We Do to Deserve Condoleezza Rice?

by Sheldon Richman

Is this a great country or what? Thanks to President George W. Bush, we will now have the first secretary of state who once had an oil tanker named after her. No kidding. Chevron put Condoleezza Rice's name on a tanker when she served on its board of directors, from which she resigned just before the 2001 inauguration. Chevron later changed the name, and President Bush appointed her national security adviser. (See it here: <http://atztlan.net/oiltanker.htm>.)

But that factoid is overshadowed by her career since moving from Chevron's board. Does she deserve this career move? Set aside her lack of experience as a diplomat. Except for some time spent as provost of Stanford University, before her government appointments she was an specialist in Russian studies. I presume one can learn diplomatic skills on the job. Also set aside her weak management skills, which were manifest during her tenure as national security advisor. One might pick up those skills as the head of the State Department.

But can she learn to tell the truth to the American people? Her record is not encouraging. Rice was one of the key administration people in the massive deception campaign leading up to the invasion of Iraq, which continues to cost the lives of countless Iraqis. (The U.S. government refuses to keep count.) More than once Rice stood before the American people and blatantly lied to them. On at least one occasion the White House acknowledged that she fell down on a crucial job.

It was Rice who told us shortly after the 9/11 attacks that she and the rest of the national security apparatus never dreamed that al-Qaeda would ever fly airplanes into buildings. We learned later that the CIA had warned of this. She also said she was unaware that the CIA doubted that President Saddam Hussein of Iraq had tried to buy enriched uranium from the African country Niger. The CIA had made its doubts more than obvious and had even gotten Bush to remove the claim from a speech. That was before he used it in his state of the Union address, although the claim was no more solid then.

The Niger story, which was debunked by former diplomat Joseph Wilson, is related to Rice's malfeasance, which was acknowledged by the White House. In the summer of 2003, an anonymous presidential aide held an official press briefing to discuss a key National Intelligence Estimate about Iraq's alleged weapons of mass destruction. The aide told reporters that neither the president nor Rice had read the entire document (which was fewer than 100 pages). The parts they failed to read contained, among other things, the CIA's and State Department's doubts about the uranium story. Either that was a lie or Rice failed to do her job.

Yet Rice played on the American people's fears of a nuclear attack from Iraq. It was she who said, "We don't want the smoking gun to be a mushroom cloud." The lack of WMDs, of course, is hard to ignore. So the administration continues to claim that everyone believed they existed before the invasion. Well, not quite everyone. In early 2001 both Rice and Secretary of State Colin Powell said that Saddam had not rearmed and was no threat to anyone. Some of the footage of these statements can be seen in Michael Moore's Fahrenheit 9/11.

So now we have an interesting situation. The woman who played so important a role in deceiving the American people into war — a war that continues to take innocent life every day — has been nominated for the most prestigious job in the U.S. government. Some years ago Laurence Peter formulated the Peter Principle: "In a hierarchy every employee tends to rise to his level of incompetence." If Rice is confirmed as secretary of state, Dr. Peter's principle will have to be revised. The question is not, "Does she deserve it?" No. The question is, "Do we?" Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org) in Fairfax, Va., author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *The Freeman* magazine.

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It is expected that the audit will be performed in accordance with (i) generally accepted auditing standards, (ii) standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, (iii) compliance and other requirements as described by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Requirements and in accordance with OMB Circular No. A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and (iv) other guidelines as typically required.

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. Construction/Maintenance/Building Facilities Contract(s) Dist/Div: Lubbock Contract 6123-17-001 for CRACK SEAL in Garza County will be opened on January 19, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$30,000.44.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 14945 State Office Constr./Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Dr Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540 Dist/Div Office(s) Lubbock District District Engineer 135 Slaton Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771 Phone: 806-745-4411 Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin.

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Thank you Post EMS, Betty Posey and Ronnie Metsgar for your quick response and care after I fell September 30 and broke my ankle. I also want to thank Billy and Wilma Williams for all you have done for me since my accident. God placed angels on this earth and you have been mine. Thanks to the George R. Brown Partnership employees for the hand rail, friends for their visits in the hospital and at home, calls, food and cards. You all hold a special place in my heart and I'll be forever grateful for all your concern. Barbara Crenshaw

There aren't enough words to express our appreciation for all the prayers, phone calls, cards and food we received during the loss of Linda Earlene. Our thanks go to Rev. Grant Gardner and Rev. Gary Baird of the Red Bud Baptist Church of Lubbock for the beautiful service. Services were held in the Chapel at Hudson Funeral Home. Jean Foreman provided the music and sang some of Linda's favorite songs. Curtis and Richard were so helpful. We certainly won't forget Hospice for all the help they provided after we brought her home. We also want to thank the pallbearers. We hope we haven't forgotten anyone. Thank you all again.

The family of Linda Robinson Her husband Michael, daughters Christy and Gregory Kirby and children Elizabeth Robinson and children Jane Bias Diana Byron

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Lunch - Corn dog, french fries, mixed vegetables, cobbler, milk.
December 8 - Breakfast - Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, milk.
Lunch - Antelope wrap, salad, fruit, cocktail, reece's cup, milk.
December 9 - Breakfast - Muffins, sausage, fruit, milk.
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Yesteryears

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10 Years Ago December 7, 1994

The annual Post Christmas Parade was held downtown Post, Saturday, December 3. The top three floats were awarded honors. The Girl Scouts took first place, Boy Scouts, second and third place went to Twins Fashions. The World's Largest Christmas Stocking was won by Bruce Ledbetter.

J. W. Jolly, Sr. Vice Commander, and Rebecca Jolly, Secretary, recently presented new American and Texas flags to the First Baptist Church Christian School on behalf of VFW Post #6797 and the Ladies Auxillary, respectively.

The Caprock Cultural Association was holding its "Outstanding Leadership and Contribution to the Texas Local Arts Agency Movement for Small Organizations" by the Texas Alliance for Education and the Arts at the TAEA Annual Conference.

Former Post residents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hovell Hutto will celebrate their 72nd wedding anniversary Sunday, December 11 at the Silver Seasons Care Center in Lubbock where they reside. Hutto and the former Gladys Puckett were married December 10, 1922 in Spur.

The Lady Lopes Varsity basketball team took second place in the Double Mountain Shoot-Out Aspermont Tournament. Members are Tiffany Steel, Holly Hardin, Christie Oden, Chelisa Williams, Nikki Pollard, Tracy Shumard, Amber Cooper, Jill Stelzer and Katina Davis.

20 Years Ago December 5, 1984

Glenda Morrow, local artist, will be the featured "Artist of the Month" at the First National Bank. Glenda has been an active and inactive member of the Art Guild for the past 20 years.

Amanda Alaniz celebrated her 10th birthday with a surprise party given by her parents. Cabbage Patch dolls were carried out in decoration. Peggy Lofton invites you to the opening of the "Sunshine Place" on Saturday, December 8 on the corner of 4th and Avenue P. She will offer Silk Floral Arrangements, Indian and Western Art, and Ceramics.

Effective January 1, the Texas legislation will bring agricultural labor under worker's compensation while providing exemptions for some employers under specific circumstances.

With only three days practice on the court, the Post Antelope team opened up its first basketball outing with 43-27 win over Motley County. Tracy Price led the scoring with 19 points, followed by Dennis Lee with 13, Greg Storie had four, Joel Kirkpatrick with three and two each by Sam Hardin and Bruce Crenshaw.

30 Years Ago December 5, 1974

R. E. Josey of Marshall, Tex., former George R. Brown employee here who made it big in rodeo calf roping won his third world calf roping title in five years during the first annual World Championship Quarter Horse Show conducted in Louisville, Ky.

Graying Johnson, 190-pound senior tackle for the Post Antelopes, capped his high school football career by being selected to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's Class AA All-South Plains team on offense.

There are quite a few new faces in the halls of PHS. We are very proud to have a new principal, Mr. Billy Hahn and his efficient staff consisting of Mrs. Ruth Ann Young and Mrs. Nancy Kemp.

Post Dispatch loses their editor and friend with the death of Charlie Didway. The veteran small-town newsman, who began his newspaper career at 14 died in the intensive care unit of West Texas Hospital in Lubbock.

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40 Years Ago December 3, 1964

Billy Jack Hodges and Jo Beth Dillard were named Garza County's Gold Star Boy and Girl of 1964. Billy Jack is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hodges and Jo Beth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dillard.

Postings: Downtown windows and stores took on a Christmas glow. There was almost the smell of snow in the air - mingled with the gin smoke - as the season's second "norther" swept into Texas. High schoolers worked late in garages and empty buildings around town building Christmas floats.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Morris are announcing the recent marriage of their daughter, Anne, to David Baldwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Baldwin of Dumas.

Don Richardson of Post, a graduate student at Texas Tech, is doing his vocational agricultural student teaching at Henrietta High School. Don, the son of Floyd Richardson, is a 1960 graduate of Post High School.

Congratulations to Mrs. Dezzie Bevers upon becoming a great-grandmother Nov. 25. Her first grandchild, Bobby Bevers, and his wife are the parents of a son born in a Snyder hospital. Bobby is a private serving with the Army at Fort Hood.

50 Years Ago December 2, 1954

With the 1954 cotton harvest nearing an end, Garza County's six gins had turned out 9,346 bales up to Wednesday, and indications were that about 1,000 more bales will be ginned before the season ends.

The Garza County commissioners' court made one reappointment and two new appointments to the board of the Garza County Memorial Hospital. Ott Nance was reappointed as a member and Walter Duckworth and Henry Wheatley were appointed as new members. Other members of the hospital board are Lowell Short, Russell Wilks, Jr., and E. S. (Buddy) Stewart.

Two members of the Post Antelope football team, end Ted Tatum and tackle Billy Meeks, were named to the 5-AA All-District team. Tatum, who is a junior this year, was named at an end position on the offensive team. Meeks, a senior, was selected at a guard position on the defensive eleven.

W. O. Holly retired Tuesday after 30 years as a postal employee, nine years of which he has spent in Post.

Seven hundred and eighty-two men, women and children were fed at the Post Lions Club's pancake supper. Tickets sold at 50 cents each. Proceeds are to be used by the Lions in their child welfare work.

60 Years Ago December 7, 1944

The S. S. C. W. Post, a 10,500-ton Liberty Ship was named in honor of the founder of Post, Texas. Christening of the ship was held at St. John's River Shipbuilding Company yards, at Jacksonville, Fla., on November 8. Mrs. Marjorie Post Davies, daughter of the late Mr. Post and wife of the Ambassador to Russia, was sponsor of the ship.

Sgt. Mason Justice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Justice has been serving overseas more than eighteen months. He is with the Headquarters Unit of the Air Borne Division and is stationed in Italy.

Rev. J. E. Stephens was appointed pastor of the Graham and Grassland Methodist churches recently and last week moved into the county. Rev. Stephens was pastor of the First Methodist church here in 1932 through 1936.

First Lieut. William W. Kelly, son of O. B. Kelly, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action with the 91st Division in Italy.

Jimmie Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tol Thomas and Miss Margorie Morrison of Hereford, were united in marriage on December 1 in Hereford, Texas.

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Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Neitsch,
Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science

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Holidays May Be Stressful For Some Families

For many Texans the family togetherness that accompanies the holiday season may be more stressful than joyous. Conditions such as dementia or events such as placement in a care facility may leave families wondering how best to celebrate the holidays. These tips will help families make the best out of the holidays regardless of their situation.

Care facility placements may be stressful at any time of the year but especially during holidays. Many families struggle with the question of whether or not to take their loved one out of the facility to celebrate together. While it might be fine for some patients, for others it could be a very traumatic experience.

Consider the following:
* Adjustment to new surroundings. Has your loved one adjusted to his or her new life in the care facility? If your loved one has not gotten used to the fact that he or she no longer lives at home, a return home may be a very stressful situation. Talk to the facility staff to see how they feel your loved one has adjusted to the new surroundings. Also, trust your instincts * do not put yourself, your family or your loved one into an uncomfortable situation.

* Explore options. Check with the staff to see if you and your family might be able to celebrate part of the holidays in the facility. The facility may even be willing to let you eat a holiday meal with your loved one. Most places tend to be accommodating to family members, especially during the holidays.

* Talk to your loved one. No matter what you and your family choose to do for the holidays, make sure your loved one understands what is happening. If you decide to spend time at home with your loved one, use positive reinforcement to make sure he or she understands that you enjoy being together at home but it is temporary. For example, "We don't want you to miss anything happening at your new home."

Where dementia is concerned, families may not know what to expect each new day, much less on holidays. You may want to talk to family members not used to your loved one's condition so that they may be prepared for any surprises that may arise during your time together. In addition:

* Keep a routine. Predictability is a very important aspect in the life of a person with dementia. You and your family should try to adjust your schedules so that you all may celebrate together but still preserve your loved one's schedule.

* Plan events earlier in the day. In dementia, confusion often occurs as the day goes on * a condition known as "sundowning." For this reason, you may want to plan your holiday celebration earlier in the day.

* Keep it simple. While tradition and decorations may be an important part of your family's holiday celebration, remember that too much distraction may be frustrating to your family member. You may want to have some decorations that hold some family memories

* something to which your loved one may respond. Also, you may want to consider traditional holiday music that your loved one knows and with which he or she may be able to sing along.

* Involve your loved one. If your family's holiday celebration includes exchanging gifts, you may want to consider recommending what other family members could get your loved one: comfortable clothing, music or photos of family members, to name a few. In turn, involve your loved one in the gift giving as well * you may want to buy something and allow your loved one to wrap it.

No matter what situation you and your family may face this holiday season, remember that much of the stress from holiday celebrations stems from expectations being too high. Many times family members expect things to be like they have always been before. Realizing that you and your family are in a different situation will help reduce the risk of a stressful holiday season.

For more information, go to the Alzheimer's Association at <http://www.alz.org> or contact your County Extension Agent at <http://county-tx.tamu.edu>.

Source: Andrew B. Crocker * Gerontology Health Specialist
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Extension Extras

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Showmanship Clinic

A county-wide Showmanship Clinic will be held Saturday, December 11, 2004, at the GCJLA show barn. Showmanship skills, Quality Counts and a Livestock Quiz Bowl will be covered for 4-H and FFA youth during the day. The schedule for events will be as follows:

- 10:00 A.M. - Lambs;
- 11:00 A.M. - Goats; 12:00 Noon-meal "on your own";
- 1:00 P.M. - Livestock Quiz Bowl;
- 2:00 P.M. - Swine;
- 3:00 P.M. - Steers. Bring your livestock to the clinic to practice and learn and "brush-up" on your showmanship skills. The Clinic is sponsored by Post FFA, Southland FFA and Garza County 4-H. For more information, call 495-4400.

EPC Executive Board Meeting

The Extension Program Council Executive Board will meet Monday, December 6 at Noon at the Extension office. Lunch will be provided. Call 495-4400 to RSVP by 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 3.

4-H & Youth Development Committee.....

.....will meet Monday, December 6 at Noon at the Extension office. Lunch will be provided. Call 495-4400 to RSVP by 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 3.

2005 EQIP Program Development Group Meeting Dec. 8

The Garza Soil & Water Conservation District invites the public and any agencies with interest to participate in Program Development Group meeting to be held at the Post Community Center in Post, Texas.

This meeting will be on Wednesday, December 8 at 8:00 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to request participation and invite comments from a broad range of local agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals that have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs.

The discussion in the Program Development Group will help the Local Work Group, led by the Garza County Soil and Water Conservation District, to address county based funding for the FY2005 Environmental Quality Incentives Programs (EQIP). The LWG will make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed, eligible practices, cost share rates, and ranking for county based funding.

One of the guiding principles of the 2002 USDA Farm Bill is that conservation programs are locally lead. Through stakeholder meetings the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities. These meetings are open to the public.

The Post Dispatch

Holiday Deadline Schedule

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- 16 where Rangers play in Minnesota
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