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The Post Dispatch

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City Council approves sale of property

Members of the Post City Council, following in the steps of the Garza County Commissioners Court, approved the sale of two lots Tuesday evening to the Caprock Springs Fellowship Church.

The lots, located at the corner of East 12th Street and Avenue H, will be sold for \$2,250, plus an additional \$1,000 to be paid to the city to release environmental liens against the property.

As outlined in a letter to the council from County Attorney Leslie Acker, because the amount offered for the property is less than the property's

\$8,625 market value and/or the judgment against the lots, the consent of each of the taxing entities involved - the city, the county and the Post Independent School District - is required prior to the sale.

According to Acker, Garza County owns the property as trustee for the involved taxing entities following a judgment for delinquent property taxes recorded in November 1998.

In addition to delinquent property taxes, the City also holds environmental liens against the property totaling almost \$3,000. These liens were recorded after the

city was forced to demolish an abandoned residence located on the property and for "subsequent moving of growing weeds."

In Acker's letter, he states that City Manager Fred Stephens has indicated that the city will release the liens in return for \$1,000.

Council members also took action to adopt a resolution authorizing the joining of other Texas cities in a joint seal coat project coordinated through Oller Engineering. Through the joint project, city officials hope to "allow the City of Post to benefit from the

cumulative effect of more buying power," according to a resolution of support for the measure.

City officials also resolved to submit a tree planting grant application to the Chapman Forestry Foundation. The application for \$2,500 in grant funds would, if approved, provide the municipality with money to "carry out tree planting activities,"

according to the resolution of support. The council agreed to commit \$2,500 in matching funds to the program.

Council members heard a request from Summer Baseball program board members for maintenance and improvement support at the baseball field. New lights are being installed and a sprinkler watering system is on the agenda for 2005.

Sheriff Kenny Ratke presented plaques of appreciation to council members and city staff, explaining that he wanted to recognize them for their years of cooperative support for Garza County law enforcement.

The council held an executive (closed) meeting for the annual review of city manager Fred Stephens.

Energy shortage expected Thursday

Xcel Energy will be doing some repairs to overhead facilities northwest of Post Thursday, Dec. 9, in the Close City area. A brief outage is anticipated Thursday morning, beginning at 10 a.m. The outage will last for about an hour.

Post Notes

Deadline for Santa letters

The Post Dispatch will be accepting Santa letters until Wednesday, December 15. The letters will be printed in the December 23rd publication.

Showmanship Clinic

A county-wide Showmanship Clinic will be held Saturday, December 11, at the GCJLA showbarn. 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. - Lambs; 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 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.

Post Office extended hours

The Post Office will have extended holiday hours on Saturday, December 11 and Saturday, December 18 from 9 a.m. until noon.

Reception honoring Wyvonne Kennedy

The public is invited to attend a Retirement Reception honoring Wyvonne Kennedy for thirty-one years of dedicated service to the City of Post on Saturday, December 18 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Hotel Garza.

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.

Garza 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.

New subscriptions through Dec. 23

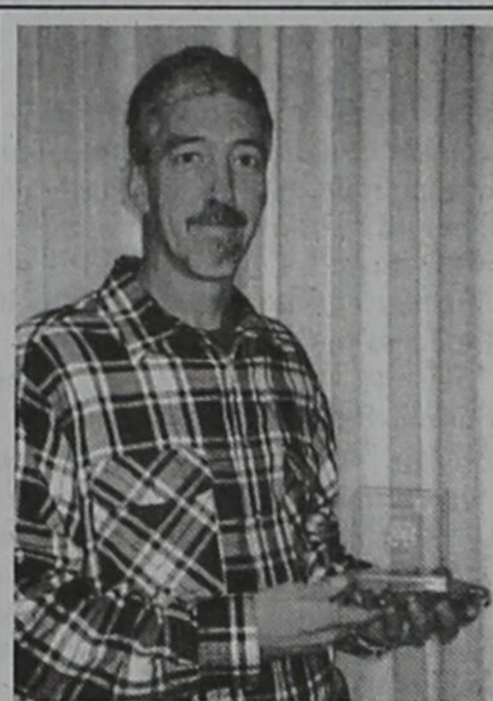
The Post Dispatch will donate \$10 to Toys for Tots for each \$30 new subscription now through December 23. Call 495-2816 for details.

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.

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 sale, anyone needing one please call Commander Chuck Ratliff at 806/495-2026.



Randy Connor Distinguished Leader Award

Randy Connor was honored recently with a Distinguished 4-H Leader Award at the District Two Gold Star Banquet in Lubbock. Connor served as Southland 4-H Club Manager two years, organized and currently serves as 4-H Archery Club Manager for Garza County.

Blood drive Friday at Dalby Unit parking lot

A blood drive will be held from 1-6 p.m. Friday in the United Blood Services mobile coach at the Dalby Correctional Facility parking lot.

The drive is designed to replenish the local blood supply and stock hospitals' shelves for the upcoming holiday season.

UBS encourages local residents to donate once more prior to the end of the calendar year, a time when people are busy with holiday plans. The nation's blood supply is traditionally tight during the holiday season.

Volunteer blood donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. All donors must present a photo ID and a list of medications.

Each donor will be given a choice of a T-shirt, cup or insulated mug. To make an appointment, contact Ruby Williams at 495-2175.

Post Antelopes earn top District honors

The Post High School Antelopes earned a strong presence on the District 5-2A All-District Football Squad, including a pair of District MVPs.

Seniors Jerrad Grisham and Jett Lott were tapped as Most Valuable Players in the district. Grisham was recognized for work on the defense, while Lott was listed as MVP for his offensive offerings.

Eighteen PHS athletes were named to district honor teams, including 12 who will return for the 'Lopes' 2005 season, according to reports.

An overview of all recognitions is as follows:

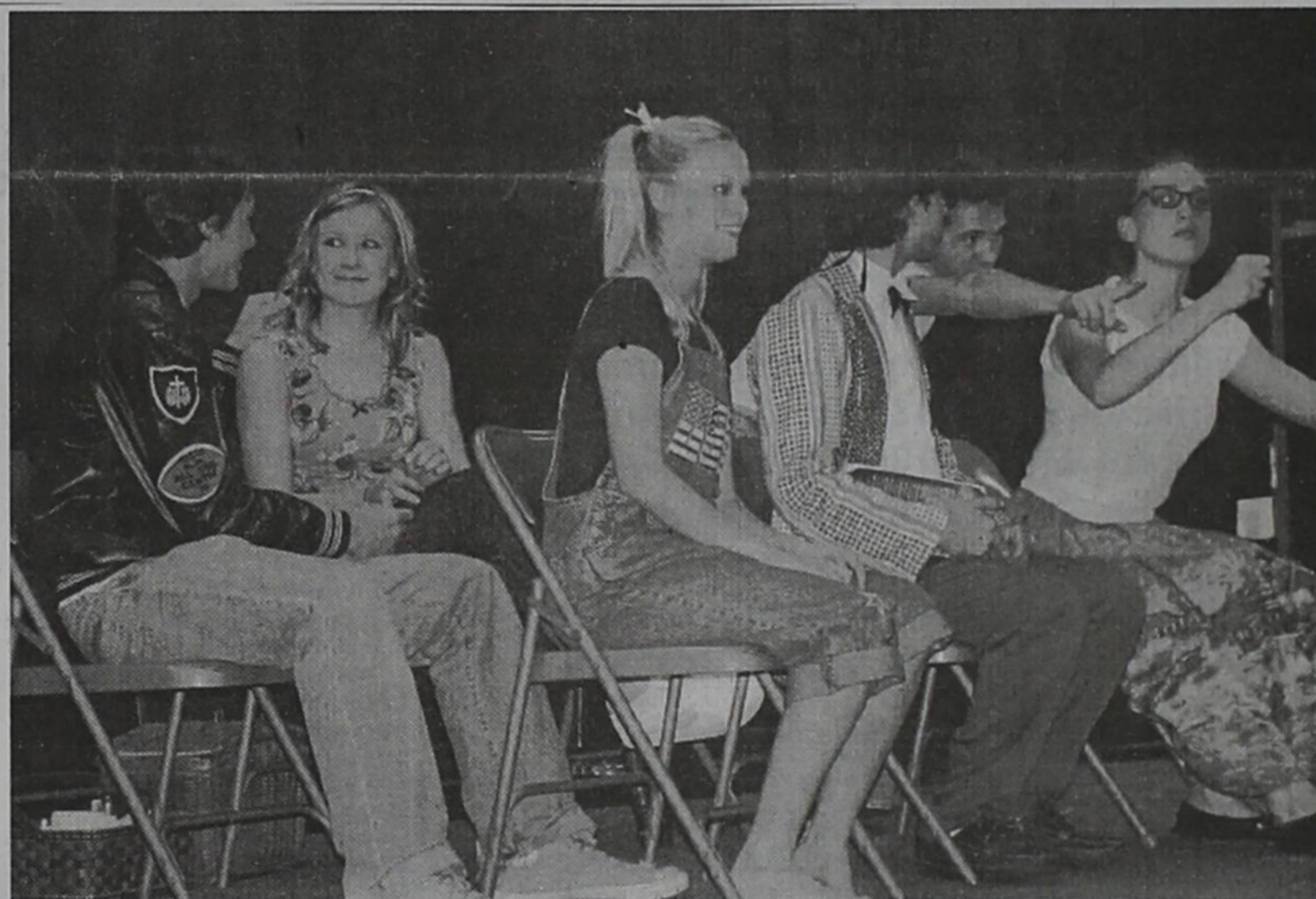
- Jerrad Grisham (senior) - District MVP/Defense; 1st Team WR; 1st Team Punter
- Jett Lott (senior) - District MVP/Offense; 1st Team DE
- Randon Blacklock (senior) - 2nd Team Secondary; Honorable Mention RB
- Travis Mathews (senior) - Honorable Mention OT
- Trent McDonald (senior) - 1st Team Secondary
- Theo Paiz (senior) - 2nd Team DE
- Israel Beggs (junior) - 1st Team OG
- Kenneth Garay (junior) - 2nd Team WR
- Jonathan McGregor (junior) - 1st Team TE; 2nd Team LB

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'A Christmas Story' at Garza Theatre

The Garza Theatre's "A Christmas Story" continues this weekend. Performances are set for Dec. 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. 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 are (standing, left to right) Bethany Ratliff, Michael Porter, Grayson Young, Nolan Ryan, Tanner Britton, (seated) Taylor Garland, Ryan Opton, Bill Woodard, Laura Bryan, Stan Tucker and Lori Holt. Tickets, available at the Garza Theatre box office, are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-12. For more information, contact the theatre at 495-4005.



PHS Theatre students delight audiences

Entertaining a packed house, Post High School Theatre students featured the One Act Comedy 'Antic Spring' under the direction of Sterline Marcum, at the PHS Dinner Theatre in the Post Community Center. Cast members are (left to right), Colter Creech (as Sam), Claire Kirkpatrick (Gwendolyn), Hayley Massey (Blossom), Brandon Hernandez (Robert), Jerin Tyler (Elbert) and Laurel Tatum (Ginger). Theatre also includes the scenes from 'Greater Tuna' written by Joe Sears, Jaston Williams and Ed Howard and played by Brant Guthrie, Kyle Kirkpatrick and Jace Pollard. Other skits include Emily Marcum's rendition of "Because I'm Blonde," Val D. Cheatham's "Our Crazy Mixed Up Language" as performed by Brandon Hernandez, Ericka Cravy, Josie Whisenhunt and Bailey Odom, and a scene from Louisa Mae Alcott's "Little Women" with Kelsey Sanderson. Jared Smith plays The Sympathetic Psychiatrist Dr. Randolph who is easily manipulated by his Secretary Liz played by Emily Marcum. As a special treat, Courtney Copeland Jenee Lott, Kenny Garay and Sterling Smith offer a 1940's USO dance to "The Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B." The final Dinner Theatre performance will be Monday, December 13. For more information call the PHS office at 495-2770. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)



The Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility took first place in the "commercial" category of last Saturday's Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau's annual Lighted Christmas Parade. The float represents a scene from "The Grinch." (Photo by Rosa Latimer Bell)



Tenisha & Company dance team performs at Christmas Trade Days

Tenisha & Company dance team performed at Christmas Trade Days with their hiphop routine. The team will travel to Dallas for competition in June. Dance team members are (back row left to right), Sydney Shipp, Lauren Arguello, Maricela Guerrero, Monica Blea, Kristin Lewis, Steffi Norman, Kelli Martin and Martina Norman (front row), Sunnie Martinez, Haylee McDaniel, Cheyenne Bouldin, Sydney Jones, Branda Stevens, Ashley, Brittney Bouldin and dance instructor Tenisha Graham. (Photo by Eagle Eye Photography)

Angela Harvey honored at baby shower

A baby shower for Angela Harvey was held Oct. 30 at Wells Fargo. Approximately 50 guests registered. Hostesses for the shower were Metta Tyler, Billie Redman, Geneva Belongia, DeAnn Daugherty, Susan Pennell, Diana Valdez, Wendy Lewis, Patsy Aguilar, Lucy Martin, Susan Valdez, Nora Valdez, Rita Cleveland, Lisa Villegas and Anita Deleon. The hostess gift was an infant carrier and a high chair.

District honors...

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- Jace Pollard (junior) - Honorable Mention DL
- Chris Reed (junior) - Honorable Mention DL
- Eric Reyna (junior) - 1st Team Center
- Sterling Smith (junior) - 2nd Team Quarterback
- Wilson Cash (sophomore) - Honorable Mention Quarterback
- Colter Creech (sophomore) - Honorable Mention Safety
- Blake Nichols (sophomore) - 1st Team OT; 1st Team DL
- Zack Sanchez (sophomore) - 1st Team Kicker; Honorable Mention LB
- Zach Witcher (sophomore) - 2nd Team OG



Happy 45th Anniversary
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William Michael Morris
 Tracy and Terri Morris proudly announces the arrival of their son William Michael Morris at 12:31 p.m. on November 11, 2004. William weighed 7 lbs. and 5 oz. Grandparents are Roger and Kathy Hair of Post, Sunny and Elaine Howard of Pittsburg, Texas and William Kent Morris of Atlanta, Georgia.

Merry Christmas and

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PHS Theatre Dept. offers Dec. 13 performances

The second Post High School Theatre Department's Dinner Theatre performance is set for 7 p.m. Monday at the Post Community Center. The first performance was well received in a packed house Monday evening, December 6.

The performance will feature a few of the students' "favorite scenes," including Brant Guthrie and Kyle Kirkpatrick in a scene from "Greater Tuna"; Emily Marcum, accompanied by Karen Nichols, with "Because I'm Blonde"; Brandon Hernandez, Ericka Cravy, Josie Whisenhunt and Bailey Odom in "Our Crazy, Mixed-Up Language"; Jace Pollard, "The Tuna Midday Report"; Kelsey Sanderson in a scene from "Little Women"; Jared Smith and Emily Marcum, "The Sympathetic Psychiatrist"; Courtney Copeland, Jenee Lott, Kenny Garay and Sterling Smith, "The Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B"; and "The Tuna Bedtime Report."

Laurel Tatum, Brandon Hernandez, Jerin Tyler, Haylee Massey, Colter Creech and Claire Kirkpatrick will perform in "Antic Spring," under the direction of Sterline Marcum and Nikki Pollard.

Sidelining the entertainment provided by PHS students will be a meal of lasagna, green beans, salad, dinner rolls and chocolate dessert. Special thanks go to Nancy McDonald, Leslie Tatum and Marinetta Tyler, as well as Debbie Line and the Post ISD cafeteria.

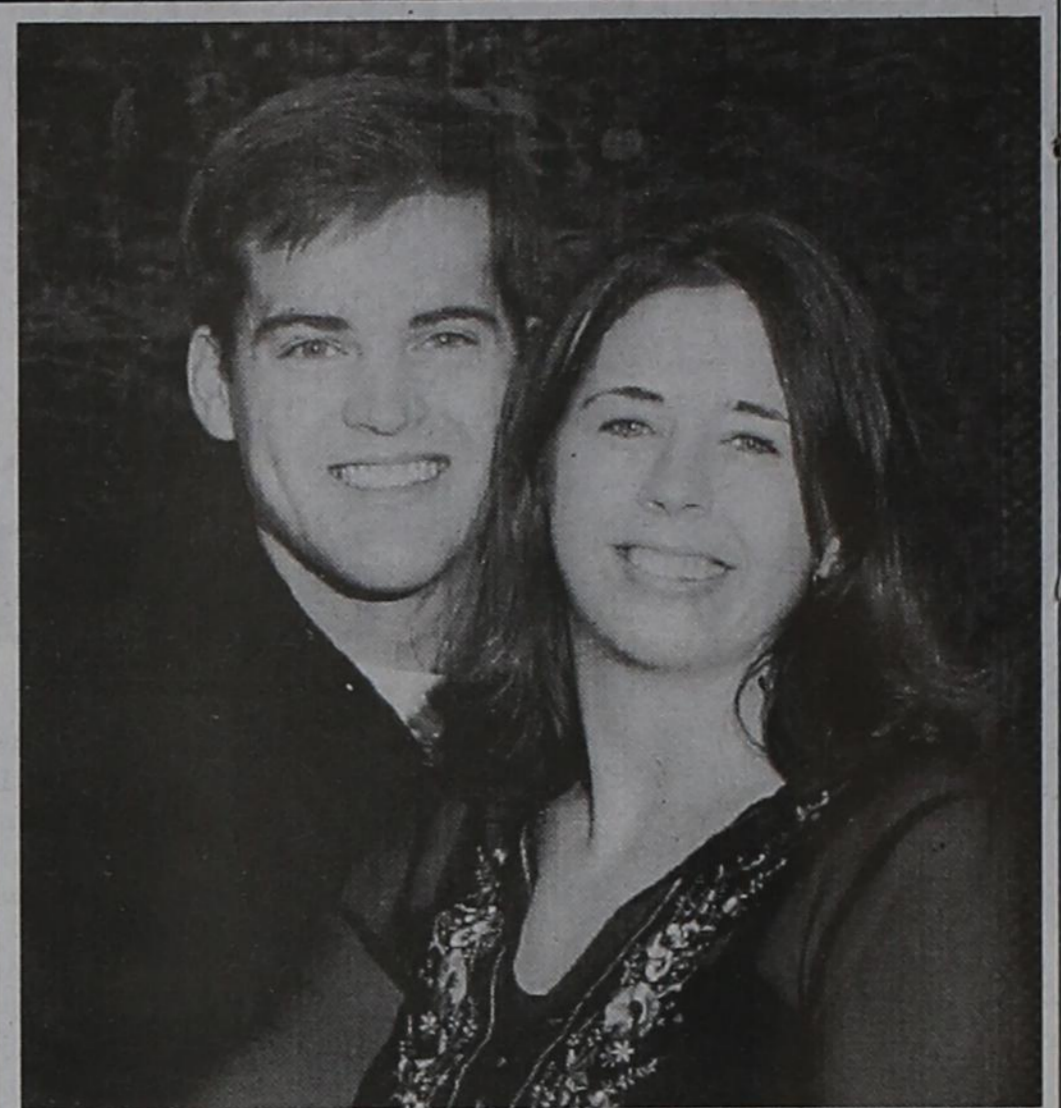
Servers will be Kim Barbosa, Sunnie Barbosa, Rene Benavides, Allison Blevins, Kaeley Bramblett, Samantha Hoover, Meagan Howard, Cristina Lopez, Heather McGettes, Travis Mathews, Austin, Brenna Postell, Ashley Powell, Shannon Rasberry, Rebecca Striblin and Ashley Wilson.

Lisa Kirkpatrick and Sherry Pollard will be in charge of decorations. Carolyn Garrett will provide the '40s dresses for the "Boogie Woogie" sketch.

Jordan Tatum will provide the welcome and blessing. PHS theatre students who will assist with set-up include Monica Lopez, Heather McGettes, Ashley Powell, James Soto and Erin Wartes.

"A special thanks goes out to all parents who have cooked, decorated, served and cleaned during the dinner theatre performances," PHS drama department's Sterling Marcum emphasized.

The Post High School One-Act Play for the coming year will be William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."



Kristen MacKenzie, Colt McCook 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.

Carolyn Derington, Troy Willis united in November 30 wedding

Post residents Carolyn Terry Derington and Troy Lee Willis were united in marriage Nov. 30, 2004, in the Post Community Center. Silas I. Short officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride was escorted and given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Jim Robinette.

Matron of honor was Sue Robinette, the bride's sister. Carolyn Willis, the groom's sister-in-law, served as bridesmaid.

Groomsmen were Roy Willis, brother of the groom, and Ronnie Riggs, the groom's brother-in-law.

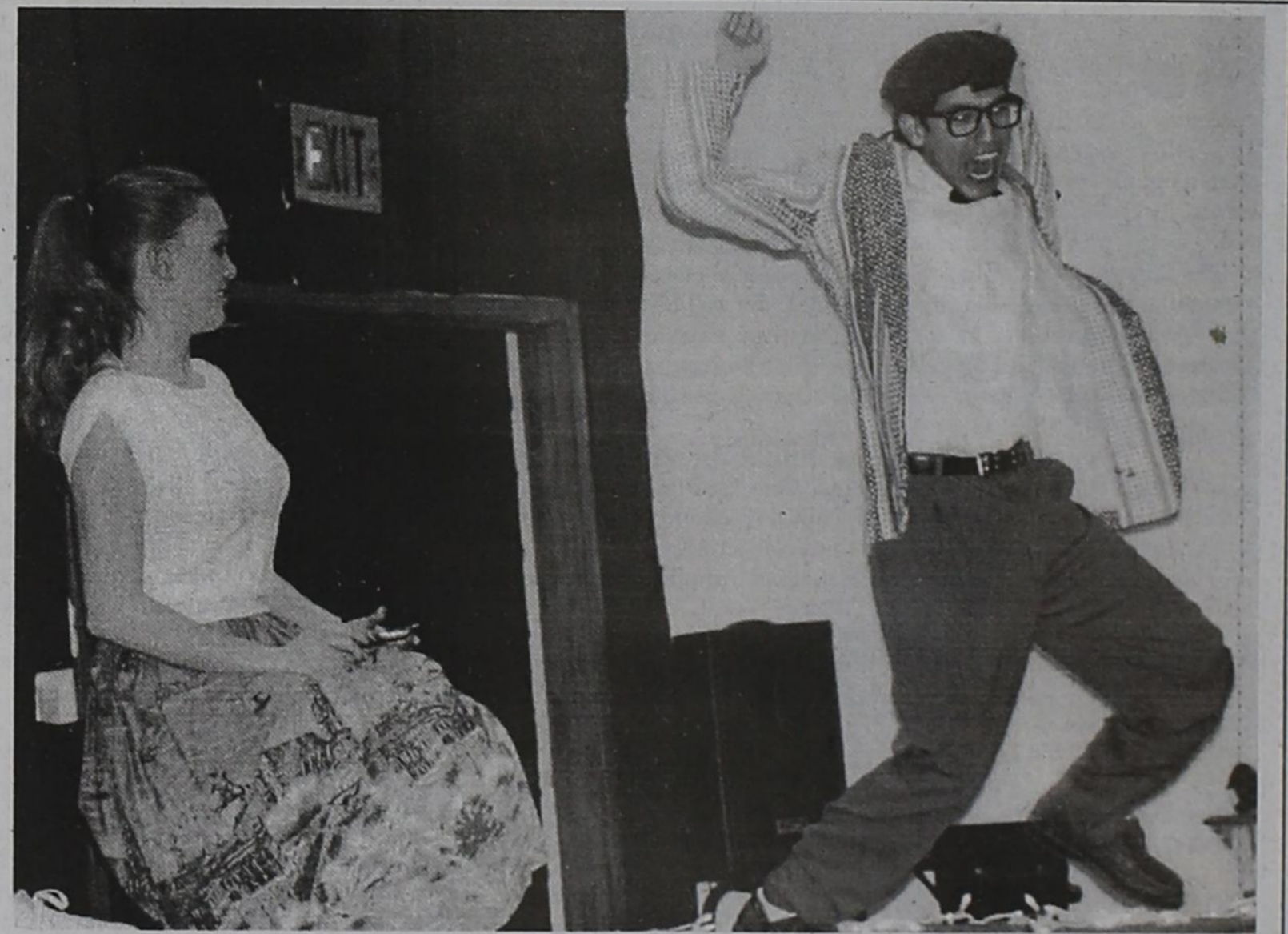
Special guests included Lillie Mae Willis of Lubbock, mother of the groom; Ray D. Abney of Brownfield, the groom's uncle; Wendell Heatley of New Home, the bride's son; and Glenna Estenson, Glenn Willis and Gayla Willis of Brownfield, children of the groom.

A reception was held following the ceremony.

Adorned with burgundy and cream-color linen, the bride's table held a three-tiered wedding cake and the floral arrangements of the bride and her attendants.

The groom's table, also decorated in burgundy and cream-colored linen, featured a double-layered chocolate cake created by Kay Willis, sister-in-law of the groom.

Following their wedding, the couple traveled to Louisiana, Alabama and Arkansas for their honeymoon.



PHS Dinner Theatre presents the One Act comedy 'Antic Spring'

The Post High School Dinner Theatre featured the frantic comedy 'Antic Spring' Monday night in the Post Community Center, under the direction of Sterline Marcum. While reciting poetry in the country side, Brandon Hernandez (as Robert), suddenly discovers he's been standing on an ant bed and historically tries to remove them, as Laurel Tatum (Ginger) looks on.

The Dinner Theatre's final performance will be Monday, December 13 at 7 p.m. For more information call the PHS office at 495-2770.

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Post Middle School girls competing with Idalou

by Kara Swindell
7th Grade

The 7th grade Gold team came away with a win Monday night. The final score was Post 5, Idalou 2. Tianna Reyna & Alex Cruz lead all scorers with 2 points each & Kelly Chapa added one free throw. Kelly Chapa did an outstanding job for us defensively.

The 7th grade Black team really struggled against Idalou. Idalou had a 5'11" post player that was really hard to defend. I felt we could've played better defensively. We were not running our press as well as we usually do & that really hurt us. Branda Stevens lead all scorers with 7 points and did a great job for us offensively & defensively. Toni Wait contributed 6 points as well. The final score: Post 13, Idalou 39

8th Grade

The 8th grade Gold team ended with a tie, 4-4. Kenzie Mason & Valerie Moreno both had 2 points each. I was real proud of these girls because they played the whole game with only 5 players. Everyone really worked hard during the entire game.

The 8th grade Black team played a great game. They really fought hard and had a 5-7 point lead throughout the entire game. Towards the end of the 4th quarter, we got behind by one and it was hard for the girls to come from behind. Turnovers really hurt us in the 4th quarter. Shyra Perez lead all scorers with 19 points and played a tremendous game. She did a great job for us rebounding, stealing the ball and playing great defense. Haley Lester was 3-4 from the line and had 3 points. Shawnda Wiley ended with 2 points. The final score: Post 24, Idalou 30

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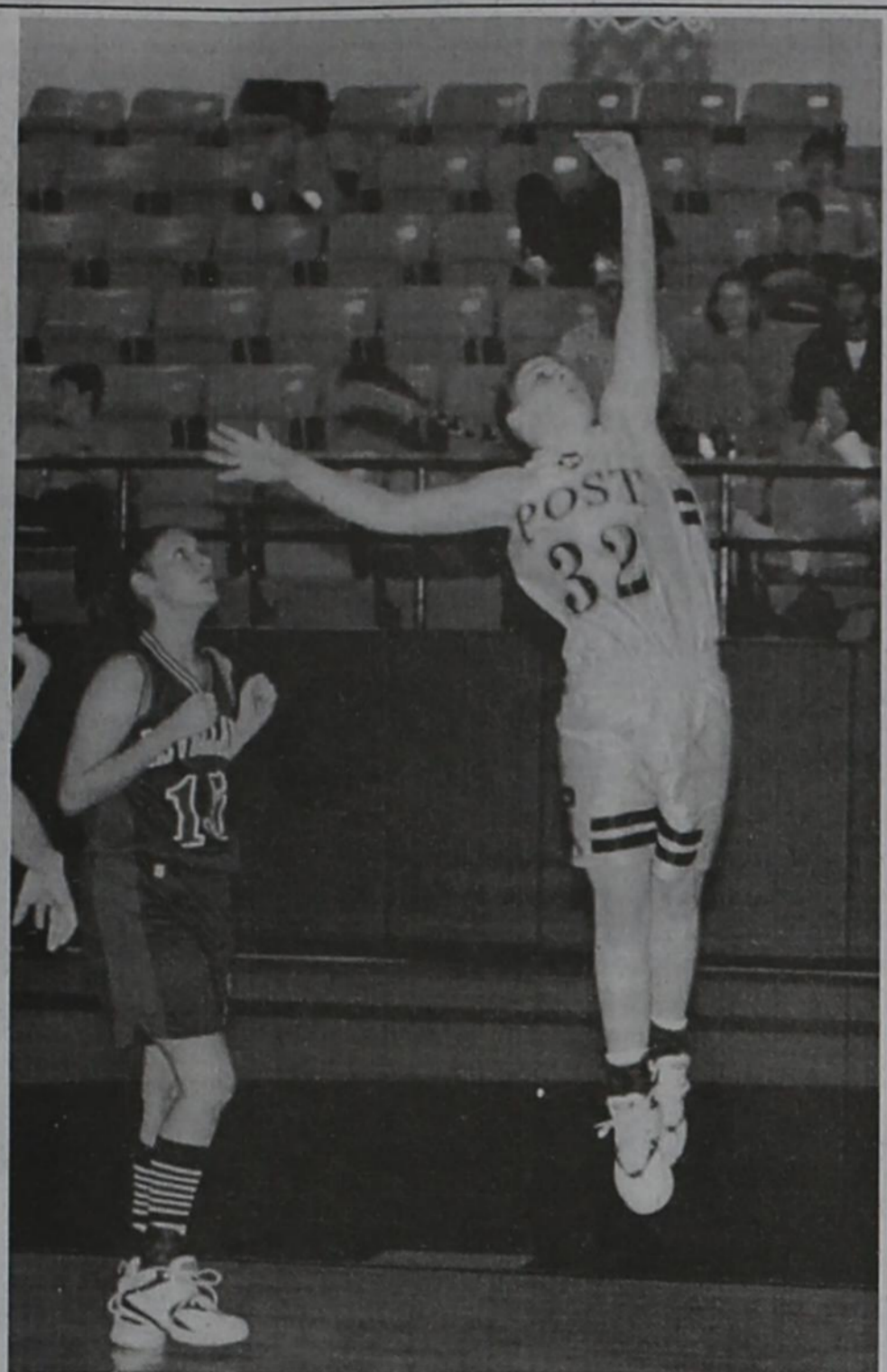
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Lady Lopes' Point Guard Sarah Kirkpatrick (32) gracefully lays up two points during basketball action against Leveland last Tuesday in Antelope Arena. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Sterling Smith (10) shoots for two more points against Leveland last Tuesday in Antelope Arena. Photo by Jerry Taylor

Post Jr. High Girls vs. Tahoka Dec. 6

by Kara Swindell

7th & 8th Gold Teams The 7th and 8th grade gold teams played together Monday night due to the fact that Tahoka only had one team.

This is the best game all of these girls have played all year. They really hustled on defense and ran the floor well. Ashley Stenzel & Valerie Moreno led all scorers with 8 points each, followed by Alexandra Rodriguez, Brooke Morris, Chelsey Sapp, Joanna Menjares & Kenzie Mason with 2 points each. Final score: Post 26, Tahoka 11

7th Grade The 7th grade black team played a great game up until the 4th quarter. We had a lead throughout the whole game Tahoka scored 18 points in the 4th quarter versus our 2 points in the 4th quarter. I felt we could've ran our offenses & press better. Branda Stevens played a great game for us. She was smart on the floor and really worked hard on defense. She led all scorers with 16 points followed by Toni Wait with 3, and Darlene Araiza & Danica Williams with 2 points each. Final score: Post 23, Tahoka 38

8th Grade We were up against a very physical team that liked to run. Once we slowed them down, it hurt Tahoka. I thought we let them make the game a running game too much and that hurt us. Sabrina Sanchez & Haley Lester did a great job on defense. I felt we needed to get the ball inside more to be more effective on the offensive end. Shyra Perez led all scorers with 6 points followed by Shawnda Wiley & Haley Lester with 4 each. Final score: Post 14, Tahoka 39

Leveland upends Lady Lopes

by James White

The Post Lady Lopes hosted a very good Leveland team Tuesday, November 30. The Lady Lopes fell 63-40, falling behind 34-14 at the half.

The Lady Lopes played a much better second half, losing the half 29-26. Scoring for the Lady Lopes were Kirkpatrick 14, Gray 11, Tatum 5, Gregory 3, Hoover 2, Dalby 2, Hester 2, and Norman 1. Leading rebounders were Kirkpatrick and Gray with 4 each.

Making three-point shots were Kirkpatrick and Gray with 1 each. Gray led the team in steals with 4.

Jr. High Girl's Tournament at Slaton Dec. 2-4

by Kara Swindell

8th Grade

Our first game on Thursday was against Slaton. I thought the girls did a great job handling their zone since not a lot of people play us in a zone. Shawnda Wiley & Gaby Gomez really shot the ball well and had 3 three pointers between them. I was proud of the girls that they played hard until the very last buzzer. Gaby Gomez was the leading scorer with 8 points followed by Shawnda Wiley with 5, Shyra Perez with 4 and Jackie Slauch with 2 points. Final score: Post 17, Slaton 36.

We played New Deal Friday on the consolation side of the bracket. The girls started off the game the best that they have all year long. They were really moving the ball up the

court and doing a great job in their press. They lead by 5-7 points almost the whole game. We had a hard time coming back after we got behind in the 4th quarter. I really felt they should've won that game, but we couldn't come from behind that well. Shyra Perez played a great game and lead all scorers with 15 points followed by Gaby Gomez with 5, Shawnda Wiley with 3, and Jackie Slauch, Whitney Williams & Haley Lester all with 2 points. Final score: Post 32, New Deal 38.

We started off the tournament against Snyder. We really never had our intensity up throughout the whole game. We struggled with our press and our offenses from the very beginning. I do feel we were a better team, but it was our lack of intensity

that caused us to get beat. Danica Williams played a great game for us defensively and offensively. We just didn't get her the ball when we needed to. Darlene Araiza led all scorers with 4 points followed by Branda Stevens with 3, Danica Williams with 2 and Kelly Chapa & Crystal Sanchez with 1 point each. Final Score: Post 11, Snyder 20

We played Muleshoe Friday on the consolation side of the bracket. The girls really played well & played together as a team. I really feel that was the missing link on Thursday. The press really hurt Muleshoe and we capitalized off of it. Alex Miller & Branda Stevens led all scorers with 5 points each, followed by Danica Williams with 4, Darlene Araiza with

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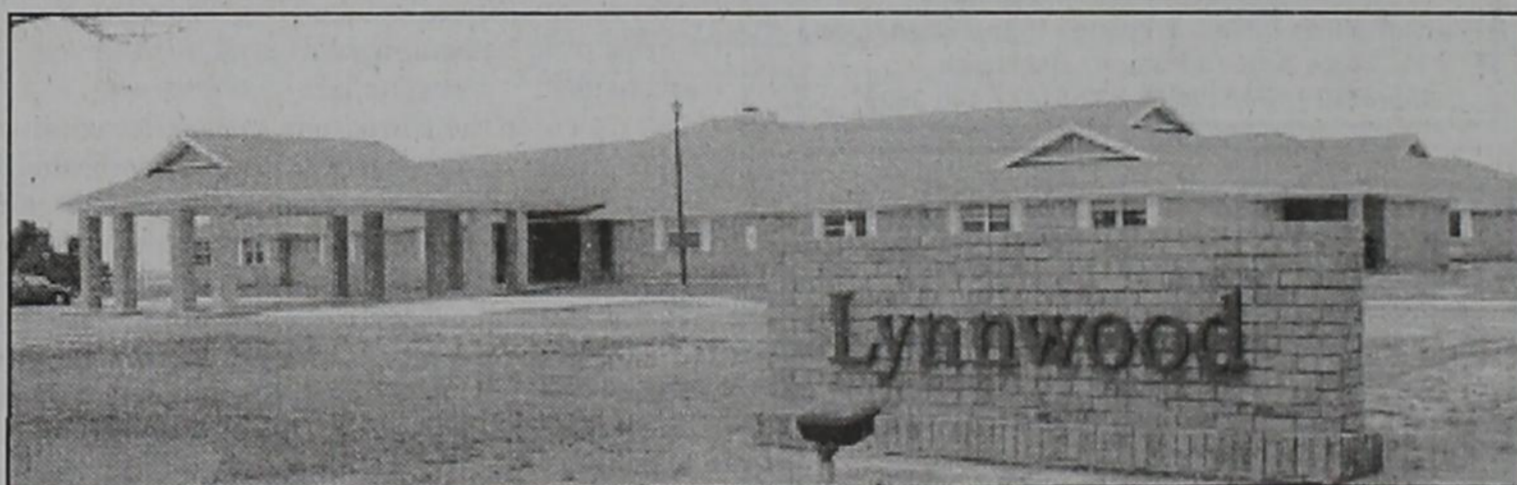
Placing first in the December 2-4 Borden County basketball tournament are Post Antelopes (back row left to right), Jerrad Grisham, Cole Easterling, Colter Creech, Assistant Coach Mark Young and Zachary Lopez (front row), Head Coach Lonnie Scott, Kenneth Garay, Thomas Curtis, Sterling Smith, Jett Lott, Tyson Scott and Coco Valdez
Photo by Gena Lott



Placing first in the December 2-4 Borden County basketball tournament are Post Lady Lopes (left to right), Rachel Gray, Ashley Wilson, Laurel Tatum, Courtney Copeland, Logan Gregory, Nikki Norman, Meagan Hoover, Patricia Hester, Jenee Lott, Donae Dalby, Sarah Kirkpatrick and Head Coach Jerry White. (Photo by Gena Lott)

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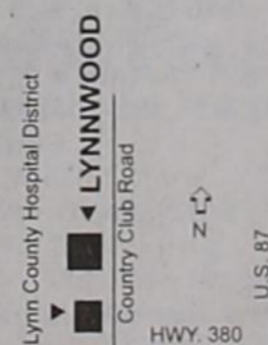
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Need help finding "hit & run"

I wrote you last week about losing Sissy, my little golden Cocker Spaniel. There was a tremendous outpouring of sympathy and an unexpected amount of incredulity that the driver of the pickup that killed her, and wounded Coco, our brindled mix breed, didn't stop to help with the little ones he destroyed.

We had to return to Dr. Mills' office today for surgery on Coco. Her right front leg had to be amputated. In spite of staying with her 24 hours a day and all the tender, loving care we could give her, gangrene set in and there was no other choice.

This week has been horrendous. Juanita has been terribly ill for three-and-a-half weeks. She will be having a kidney transplant Christmas week. She has been so nauseated and weak, and now she has spent the week caring for Coco and crying for Sissy. I don't believe I have ever seen her more depressed and broken-hearted. She loved Sissy and Coco like the children we never had.

You know, I'm a grown man of retirement age. Men are not supposed to cry; however, I am so broken over the loss of my companion, I have spent hours and days in the most inconsolable grief. There is just no end to the pain. I can't imagine losing a son or daughter. That kind of agony, the heavy, heavy, dull heart, the aching void, the sweet, bitter memories are just out of my grasp.

I truly believe that the driver of that truck did not intend to hit my girls.

I have no personal animosity towards that person. I only wish that the driver would come forward. We have spent hundreds of dollars on vet bills and surgeries that we have no money to pay. Your liability insurance would cover all of these expenses.

That would not bring Sissy back or give Coco a leg, but it would be a very real effort to right a wrong and give you the peace of mind that I know, in my heart of hearts, that you must long for.

I want to personally thank every one of you who called or made a point of speaking to me about Sissy.

Should you be the person who had the accident and want to reach me, I live at 101 South Ave. S here in Post and can be called at 495-0470.

Juanita and I can sure use all of your prayers.

Mel Clements



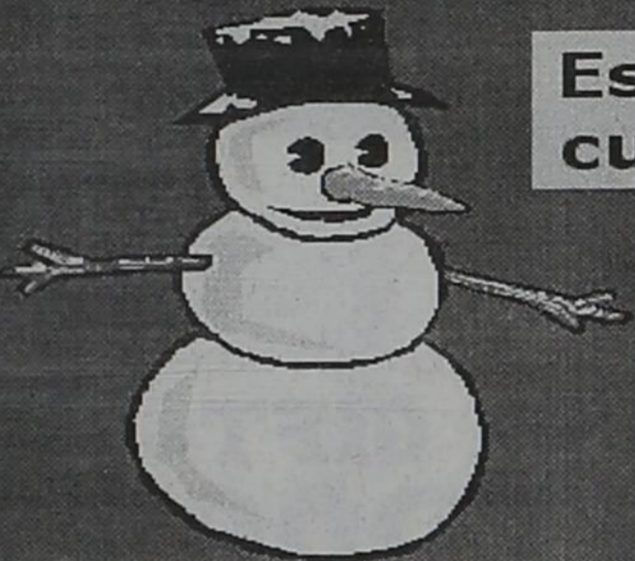
The Boy Scouts and Whelos Pack 316 enjoyed the festivities during the annual Post City Christmas Lights parade. (Photo by Rosa Lattimer)



The annual Post City Christmas Lights parade was nicely ornamented by the Daisy Girl Scout Troop 864. (Photo by Rosa Lattimer)

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

The Identity of Jesus Christ

The life of Jesus Christ is by far the greatest subject of study. The history of mankind reaches its peak during the period of time recorded in the Gospels. The records of Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection are numerous, and thanks to God we are blessed with four men of God who faithfully accounted for the life of Jesus Christ. With the harmonic use of all four Gospel records, any Biblical student can track the life of Jesus Christ from before his conception all the way to his ascension.

As we enter the Christmas season, let us dive into God's words of life everlasting concerning the life of Jesus Christ. More specifically, we will look into the beginning of his life. We start with a basic truth... Jesus' life came from God. God gave Jesus life. It is written, "For as the Father has life in himself, so has He given to the son to have life in himself" (John 5:26). Please notice that the above verse does not say anything about God giving life to Himself. As we study the life of Jesus Christ it is very important that we set aside our own private interpretations as to his identity, and simply let God's word speak for itself. When we begin this research with an underlying belief that Jesus Christ was and is in essence God Himself, we start off on weak footing. Immediately our stumbling begins because of the presumption that God somehow decided to brake His own laws of genetics when it came to the conception of Jesus Christ. One of those laws is that the child's life comes from the seed of the father, which impregnates the egg in the woman. Ok...you're probably thinking, "No Duh!" It doesn't take a genetics scientist to figure that one out. According to God's word all of mankind came from one man and one woman. Even unbelieving scientists agree on this matter. Yet, there is no record throughout the scriptures or in all of history where a man gave life to himself in the womb of his wife.

Why is this so important? The integrity of God's word is at stake. We know that people are known by their word. When someone's word has no integrity, they start losing friends and acquaintances. Business starts to drop. If we want to learn how to walk in a close and personal relationship with God in heaven, then we must respect the integrity of His word and make our beliefs match what God's says. Let's read some verses that help to define who is Jesus Christ. "And lo a voice from heaven, saying, 'This is My beloved son, in whom I am well pleased'" (Matthew 3:17). "And there came a voice from heaven, saying, 'You are My beloved son, in whom I am well pleased'" (Mark 1:11). "You are My beloved son, in you I am well please" (Luke 3:22). "And I knew him [Jesus] not; but He [God] that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, 'Upon whom [Jesus] you shall see the spirit descending, and remaining on him [Jesus], the same is he which baptizes with the holy ghost.' And I saw, and bare record that this is the son of God" John 1:33-34.

All four Gospels clearly reveal from the start that God introduced Jesus Christ as His beloved son. Now, just to make sure there is no confusion as to who Jesus Christ is now, let's turn to Romans 8:29, "For whom He [God] did know before, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His son [Jesus Christ] that he might be the first born among many brethren." During this period of time in which we currently live, when spirit filled saints get born again they become Jesus Christ's brothers and sisters.

For no other reason than to respect God's word, let's read through and study the first few years of Jesus' life with the simple understanding that he was and still is the son of God.

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It's news to us...

by Bill O'Reilly

The changing of the guard at NBC and CBS News is more a media event than a people event. Even though there is some sentimentality attached to the departures of Tom Brokaw and Dan Rather, few of us have emotion invested in them simply because our lives are so frenetic. Long gone are the days when guys like Walter Cronkite and Chet Huntley had an honored place in millions of American homes. That time in America featured an early family dinner and a ritual of national news viewing. Talk about "Jurassic Park!"

Another factor that has eroded the power of TV news is the deep suspicion among many Americans that the press is not looking out for them. While there is some paranoia in this area, there is also some truth to the notion that what you get with TV news is not always "the way it is," to quote Cronkite.

Many of the news decision makers today were children of the anti-war, anti-establishment 1960s. Their perceptions were formed in those freewheeling, anti-war years and core liberal philosophies were ingrained. So, now, we have a bunch of Baby Boomer journalists imparting their view of life to a nation that, often, does not share the '60s sensibility. Remember, surveys showed that about 80 percent of the media favored John Kerry for president. The divide between the press and the everyday folks is enormous.

There is no question that the daily headline service provided by the Big Three networks is valuable. But it is a random, often timid, reportage. The intense culture war in America is often ignored or presented in a one-sided manner. Even network news supporters would have to admit that the presentations are extremely politically correct. For example, the joke in the industry is that the only time you hear a pro-life point of view is when some nut blows up an abortion clinic.

Thus, traditional and conservative Americans often feel they are underserved by national news services that pander to the elite and see the world from a Manhattan or Georgetown point of view. Folks in Tupelo, Miss., have figured out their values don't matter in Rockefeller Center.

So the guard is changing, and the more traditional Fox News Channel is the chief beneficiary. That, of course, has caused enormous fear and loathing among the media establishment. In one of his last interviews before stepping down, Mr. Brokaw made it a point to say that the network news still dominates in the ratings. He pointed out that "Bill O'Reilly maybe gets 2 1/2 or 3 million viewers a night."

Well, my total audience last month doubled Brokaw's estimate, but that's not really the point. Fox News continues its dramatic rise as our competitors fall because it makes room for the traditionalist point of view and provides provocative analysis that is lacking in the network operations.

In this age of spin, deception and defamation, honest analysis is a must, even if one disagrees with the analyst. Most Americans realize the danger this country is facing both inside and outside our borders. Confronting that danger in a straightforward way will attract an audience. Doing a politically correct dance no longer will.

And that's really the way it is. Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Who's Looking Out For You?" To find out more about Bill O'Reilly, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com. This column originates on the Web site www.billoreilly.com.
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Attack on decency

by Walter E. Williams

Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction," Nicollette Sheridan's towel malfunction and naked leap into the arms of Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Terrell Owens in a promotion before ABC's "Monday Night Football," and the recent Detroit Pistons/Indiana Pacers game melee are just the most recent signs of a new culture that has emerged among Americans, and it's just the tip of the iceberg.

Years ago, the lowest of lowdown men wouldn't use the kind of language that's routinely used today not only in the presence of women but often to women. To see men sitting while a woman was standing on a public conveyance used to be unthinkable. Children addressing adults by their first name was also unthinkable, not to mention the use of foul language in the presence of or to adults. How about guys and girls walking down the street whilst the guy has his hand in the girl's rear pocket?

What might explain the differences in behavior today versus yesteryear? A significant part of the explanation is seen by recognizing that society's first line of defense is not the law but customs, traditions and moral values. Customs, traditions and moral values are those important thou-shalt-nots such as: thou shalt not murder, shalt not steal, shalt not lie and cheat. They also include respect for parents, teachers and others in authority plus those courtesies one might read in Emily Post's rules of etiquette.

The importance of customs, traditions and moral values as a means of regulating behavior is that people behave themselves even if nobody's watching. There are not enough cops, and laws can never replace these restraints on personal conduct so as to produce a civilized society. At best, the police and the criminal justice system are the last desperate lines of defense for a civilized society. Unfortunately, too many of us see police, laws, and the criminal and civil justice systems as society's first line of defense.

For nearly a half-century, the nation's liberals, along with the education establishment, pseudo-intellectuals and the courts, have waged war on

traditions, customs and moral values. Many in this generation have been counseled to believe that there are no moral absolutes. Instead, what's moral or immoral is a matter of convenience, personal opinion, or what is or is not criminal.

During the 1960s, the education establishment launched its agenda to undermine lessons children learned from their parents and the church with fads like "values clarification." So-called sex-education classes were simply indoctrination that sought to undermine family/church strictures against premarital sex. Lessons of abstinence were ridiculed, considered passe, and replaced with lessons about condoms, birth control pills and abortion. Further undermining of parental authority came with legal and extra-legal measures to assist teenage abortions with neither parental knowledge nor consent.

Customs, traditions, moral values and rules of etiquette, not laws and government regulations, are what make for a civilized society. These behavioral norms, mostly transmitted by example, word of mouth, and religious teachings, represent a body of wisdom distilled through ages of experience, trial and error, and looking at what works and what doesn't.

Customs, traditions and moral values have been discarded without an appreciation for the role they played in creating a civilized society, and now, we're paying the price. What's worse is that instead of a return to what worked, many of us fail to make the connection and insist "there ought to be a law." As such, it points to another failure of the so-called "great generation" — the failure to transmit to their children what their parents transmitted to them.

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U.S. regime change, torture and murder in Chili

by Jacob G. Hornberger

President Bush's recent trip to South America provides a valuable foreign-policy lesson for Americans.

The president was greeted in Santiago, Chile, by some 30,000 angry demonstrators. But it was not only Bush's invasion and war of aggression against Iraq that Chileans were angry about. Unlike so many Americans, the Chilean people have not fallen for the "We invaded Iraq to spread democracy" line that U.S. officials moved up to rationale number one after failing to find those infamous weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

The reason? Chileans have not forgotten — and are still angry about — the U.S. government's role in bringing about "regime change" in Chile in 1973. (Just as the Iranian people have not forgotten the U.S. government's "regime change" in Iran in 1953.)

Chileans still remember that in the 1973 "regime change" in their country, the U.S. government played an active role in ousting their democratically elected president because he was a communist and replacing him with a brutal military dictator, Augustin Pinochet, who ended up ruling Chile for almost two decades, until 1990.

Yes, you read that correctly — the U.S. government, the paragon of democracy around the world, helped to oust a man who had been democratically elected by the people of Chile and helped replace him with an unelected, military brute.

What mattered to U.S. officials was not democracy in Chile but rather the same thing that matters to them today in Iraq — the installation of a ruler, brutal or benevolent, democratically elected or not, who was friendly to the U.S. government. If that meant supporting a cruel and brutal military dictator whose forces killed, tortured, or disappeared his own people, so be it.

It is even likely that Chileans are much angrier than Americans over the U.S. government's role in the murder of an American journalist, Charles Horman, during that Chilean "regime change." In fact, despite the fact that a movie, entitled "Missing," was produced about Horman's execution, I'll bet most Americans are not even aware of that execution or that the CIA played a role in it.

(Unfortunately, but not surprisingly, the CIA refuses to open all its files on U.S. government involvement in the Pinochet coup, the Horman murder, and the succeeding years of torture, executions, disappearances, and other human rights abuses under the Pinochet military regime. "National security," of course.)

Chileans remember the decades of military rule in their country, characterized by middle-of-the-night arrests, obliterations of civil liberties, torture, executions, disappearances of suspected terrorists, and other human rights abuses that eerily bring to mind the U.S. military's "war on terrorism" policies in Iraq, Cuba, Afghanistan, and the United States.

As their counterparts in the U.S. military are doing today, Chilean military officials long avoided responsibility for the wrongdoing by claiming that the human-rights abuses were committed by a few lowly soldiers. However, today's Chilean army officials are finally taking responsibility for the institutional framework that permitted and encouraged the abuses to take place.

Obviously, we're still a long way from that here in the United States. After all, don't forget that the next U.S. attorney general is likely to be the very man who provided the president with the "Geneva Convention is quaint and obsolete" memo that not only opened the door to Abu Ghraib, Guantanamo, and the Pentagon's suspension of habeas corpus and due process but also conveniently provided the president and other U.S. high officials with "legal cover" when the U.S. Army's human-rights abuses came to light. Let's also

not forget the ongoing deception and cover-up in the Abu Ghraib scandal.

Just as bad, if not worse, has been the supine position that has been adopted by Congress in the face of the U.S. military's torture, sex abuse, rape, murder, denial of habeas corpus and due process, and massive violations of civil liberties of prisoners.

For all practical purposes, Congress's silence has been no different from the silence adopted by the Chilean parliament under the Pinochet regime. Come to think of it, the "We're here to support you and not ask questions" attitude of Congress toward the president and the Pentagon in the U.S. government's "war on terrorism" is no different than it was when the U.S. government was "regime changing" and participating in the murder of an American journalist during the dark days of Chile's "war on terrorism."

Mr. Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation. Send him email.

Who really owns "our" property?

by Wes Burnett

On November 29, 2004 the Garza County Commissioners' Court, after several attempts to negotiate payment, closed the doors on a Post "home owner," ordering the county attorney to begin eviction proceedings. Her crime? She failed to pay taxes on the property where she lives.

This action, all very legal and taken only after much careful thought by our elected officials, is a stark reminder of who actually owns real property in Garza County and Texas.

You think you own "your" property? Stop paying taxes on that property, and you'll find out who the real owner is... your government.

Somehow this just doesn't seem like the American way... to have to admit that government actually owns "private" property. The idea of government owning all property, although foreign to the nature and concept of the founders of this great nation, is a direct result of Americans adopting communist doctrine.

Karl Marx would be greatly surprised that his communist revolution has been so very successful in the United States. At the time of his earthly influence and writing, no one could envision that the staunchly independent American people would ever allow government to own the homesteads and businesses of U.S. citizens.

It has been a slowly growing cancer, beginning with the Eastern "elite" adopting the communist educational system they fell in love with on a visit

to Prussia in the 1840s. They found the Prussian military system of "kindergarten" and "middle school" ideal playgrounds for indoctrinating the "ignorant" masses.

After 1865, the socialist-communist movement became much more aggressive... taking advantage of class warfare, communist leaders (hiding behind the "progressive" label) sold the idea of taxing the "rich," which found favor among the "masses."

Now we suffer from this communist scheme in almost all facets of our lives... but most egregiously by giving the power of taxation to government, allowing and condoning the theft of property of our neighbors.

Shame on us. We have been led to believe that we are free and that we have the right of property ownership... but how can we enjoy either of those rights when government has the power and authority to steal our earnings and our property?

Freedom and liberty can not coexist in a climate of tyranny such as we currently endure. It comes home to roost... our immorality and turning our heads when another is abused will be our ruin. The next victim might be you or I.

A day of reckoning is coming... we will be forced to face the immorality of our lives. Allowing government to steal from our neighbors is unacceptable. We must reject the communist notion of government ownership of property and earnings.

We must stand up and demand that our elected officials stop this immoral behavior.

A friend asked me earlier this week, "Well, you are right, taxation is immoral... but how will we fund government?" My answer, "That's an entirely different question... it makes no difference how government is funded, as long as it is not immoral."

Then I reminded my friend that we do not use the force of arms to fund our churches, we give freely. When God freed his people (Exodus) he gave them a form of government that did not include theft... it included "tithes." Shouldn't we consider God's example before we defend the evil communist idea?

Stealing from others is not an option. It is a direct violation of God's commandment: "Thou shalt not steal."

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Fleta Caffey

I would like to take this time to thank everyone for the words of encouragement, all the many prayers and visits while I was in the hospital. A very special heartfelt thank you to my First Baptist Church family, I love you all and words simply cannot express how I feel. You are the greatest and your prayers kept me going and gave me great peace. A special thank you to my parents, my brother Charlie, my kids Sam, A.J. and Michael. Thank you to my cousin

Jane George and Bro. James for being with me at the hospital when they called me for the surgery to remove my brain tumor. I hope to get out to see everyone real soon.
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Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

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Garden Checklist for December

- * Red cabbage - a good garden choice. Place orders for seeds now so you will have them available when you are ready to plant. By ordering early, you will be more certain of getting the varieties you want.
 - * Don't get in a hurry to prune woody plants. Late December through February is usually the best time to prune them.
 - * Reduce the fertilization of indoor plants from late October to mid-March. An exception would be plants in an atrium or a well lighted window.
 - * Drain gasoline from power tools and run the engine until fuel in the carburetor is used up.
 - * Drain and store garden hoses and watering equipment in a readily accessible location. The lawn and plants may need water during a prolonged dry spell.
 - * November through February is a good time to plant trees and shrubs. In the Panhandle, planting is often delayed until February or early March.
 - * In all but North Texas and the Panhandle, continue to set out cool-season bedding plants, such as pansies, violas, stock, snapdragons, and dianthus.
 - * Prepare beds and individual holes for rose planting in January and February. Use composted manure, pine bark, and similar materials mixed with existing soil.
 - * Use good pruning practices when selecting Christmas greenery from landscape plants. Don't destroy the natural form and beauty of the plant.
 - * Protect your lawn from excessive winter damage by providing irrigation during dry periods.
 - * Plant spring-flowering bulbs if you haven't already done so.
 - * Prolong the life of holiday-season gift plants by providing proper care. Check to see if the pot wrap has plugged up the bottom drainage. Don't over water. Keep out of drafts from heating vents and opening doorways. Fertilizer is seldom needed the first few months.
 - * Take advantage of good weather to prepare garden beds for spring planting. Work in any needed organic matter, and have beds ready to plant.
 - * Don't forget tulip and hyacinth bulbs in the refrigerator. They can be planted any time in December if they have received 60 or more days of chilling.
 - * Want to start cuttings of your favorite Christmas cactus? As soon as it has finished blooming, select a cutting with 4 or 5 joints, break or cut it off, and insert the basal end into a pot of moderately moist soil. Place it on a windowsill or other brightly lit area. The cuttings should be rooted within 3 to 4 weeks.
 - * Don't spare the pruning shears when transplanting bare-rooted woody plants. Cut the tops back at least one-third to one-half, to compensate for the roots lost when digging the plant.
 - * Take advantage of bad weather and holiday time to study seed and nursery catalogues as well as good gardening books.
 - * Berrying plants, such as holly and yaupon, may be pruned now while they can be enjoyed as cut material inside the house.
- Source: by Dr. Bill Welch, Horticulturist, Texas Cooperative Extension
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Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones from the files of The Post Dispatch

10 Years Ago December 14, 1994

Thirteen Antelopes players earned district 4-2A honors in recognition for their football finesse this past season. Selected to the all-district first team are Stuart Childers, Cody Bain, Brad Lawson, Bodie Simpson, Ray Perez, Noe Gomez and Alvin Reed. Post Antelope players chosen for the all-district second team include Javier Saldivar, Casey Hart, Manual Zubia, Cory Cruse, Russ Bird and Sammy Zubia.

Garza County precinct four commissioner Herbert Walls was congratulated by Judge Giles W. Dalby during a retirement ceremony. Walls served the county as an employee and as commissioner for 31 years.

Tobacco users may have to change their habits at school activities if a recommended policy change is implemented by the Post Independent School District board of trustees. The current policy restricts the use of all tobacco products by school employees or students, but does not demand adherence by the public.

Wesley W. and Patsie R. Burnett have purchased The Post Dispatch from Post Publishing Co. The ownership change took effect Friday, December 9.

Post Chamber of Commerce secretary Wanda Mitchell presented the \$100 Christmas parade prize to Cub Scout pack members Michael Huff, Chance How, Brandon Hernandez and Colt Vernon.

20 Years Ago December 12, 1984

For What It's Worth... Another Christmas gift idea is the release of the "Post Millionaire Game". I understand the Rotary Club is selling this game. Then there's the story of Carolyn Williams (Mrs. Kenneth). I understand she went Christmas shopping and when presenting her credit card for use, the computer refused to accept the card because it said she was getting a divorce. MILD SHOCK SET IN!! Now she thinks the whole incident is kind of funny, but the foul up on the computer got Kenneth just a little upset with the electronic genius... and to set the record straight, they are not getting a divorce, the computer had some other Kenneth Williams in mind.

Margie Harper is Employee of the Week at Garza Memorial Hospital. Margie is Supervisor of Medical Records and Accounts Payable. She's been with Garza Memorial for seven years.

Ida Mae Wilks, program assistant with the Garza Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service received a 30 year service certificate from ASCS District Director, Don Tatum. Mrs. Wilks has been working in the local ASCS office since the mid 1950's.

Josie and Jorge Armendariz announce the birth of a daughter, Andrea, born December 3 in Garza Memorial Hospital.

Johnnie Johnson brings more than 30 years experience back to Post as he has become the new dealer at Garza Exxon.

Jan Herring Crawford, native of Post, and her husband, Phil, have opened two shops in old historic Sevierville, Tennessee.

30 Years Ago December 12, 1974

United Fund workers and givers responded so well to the call to try harder this year that the 1975 Garza County United Fund drive has not only topped its \$10,000 goal, but has soared above \$11,000.

This is going to be the biggest Saturday of all in Post's downtown Christmas promotions. Featured will be the first seasonal visit of Santa Claus, the Merchants Gift Drawing, and the "five minute run" through United Super Market by some lucky shopper.

The Post Antelopes who missed the 5AA district football crown "by only a foot" when they failed on a two-point conversion try at Denver City placed eight players on the all-dis-

trict team. Selected are Grayling Johnson, Tony Conner, Chris Wyatt, Garland Dudley, Dennis McDonald, Bryan Davis, George Hester and Joe Moore.

Post's first snow of the season was a "poop out." It melted as it fell and not a whole lot of it fell. Officially the city received .10 of moisture to bring the total for 1974 to date to 23.28 inches.

40 Years Ago December 10, 1964

The Postex Cotton Mills were presented with the "C" award from Lt. Col. Lewis Harris Williams of the U. S. Army for quality production of sheets for the men and women of the U. S. Armed forces in a ceremony here before some 325 applauding Postex employees.

Postmaster Harold Voss said today he has received notification from the regional office at Dallas that the post office here will go from second class to first class on July 1, 1965.

E. R. (Buster) Moreland, who has served almost eight years as a school trustee - the last seven as president of the trustees - resigned from the board on advice of his physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frank (Boe) Wheatley will be honored on their Golden Wedding anniversary in the Community Room on December 13. The Wheatleys have lived in the Post area for 41 years. Mr. Wheatley and the former Miss Ida Lavelle Boren were married in the home of her parents on December 13, 1914.

Announcing Grafard (Smitty) Smith is the new customers relations manager and service manager at Scott-Pool, Inc. The largest Ford dealer on the South Plains.

50 Years Ago December 9, 1954

Taking part in the recent Girl Scout Fly Up Ceremony were Jeanette Hutto, Basillisa Villa, Linda Dulaney, Earlene Holly, Beverley Young, Estella Agueros, Kay Ballentine, Judy Ann McCullough, Ruthell Martin, Judy Clary and Jerilyn Davies. Leaders of the troop are Mrs. Jack Ballentine, Mrs. Bernie Martin and Mrs. Alton Clary.

After fifty years of blacksmithing - 37 of them in Post - W. M. (Bill) Zetzman says he's going to retire after this season.

Twenty-five bales of cotton and eight remnants were destroyed by fire early Sunday morning at the Storie Gin, resulting in a loss estimated at \$4,300 by S. C. Storie, Sr., owner.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mason announce the arrival of a son born December 5 in Slaton Mercy Hospital. He was named Stephen Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Francis entertained Sunday with a dinner honoring his mother, Mrs. C. C. Francis, on her birthday.

60 Years Ago December 14, 1944

The Post Volunteer Fire Department met in a regular meeting to elect officers for the new year. Dick Woods was elected fire chief, Ralph Carpenter, assistant fire chief, and C. M. Walden was elected second assistant fire chief and Walter Crider was re-elected fire marshal. Other officers are: Homer McCrary, R. B. Dodson, Carl Hughes, Jesse Barnes, Cecil Osborn, Charlie Williams and Tom Miller.

Mrs. Morris Neff heard from her son, Cpl. Edward Neff, he is now in France and is with an Air Corps motor pool. He works at a repair base where jeeps and armored cars, etc., are repaired.

A surprise birthday party was given Friday for Tommie Bird when his mother, Mrs. Charlie Bird, appeared at the Verberna school with the birthday cake and hot chocolate.

The Addax: The Senior Class met Dec. 5 for the purpose of electing their nominee for Queen of All Sports. Nominees were Alene Jones, Wanda Thomas, Marian Edwards, Jo Ann Smith, and Iris Parker. Iris was elected from the five.

Texas Cooperative EXTENSION Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Neitsch, Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science
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Take-Out and Delivered Holiday Foods

Some who entertain for the holidays decide to forego cooking at home and choose to purchase precooked dinners or party foods. For convenience in serving family or friends, more people are relying on others to prepare their food.

Food safety precautions are necessary to prevent foodborne illness whether foods are prepared by others for later service, or prepared at home. Consider the following regarding food safety in selecting, transporting, storing and serving take-out or delivered holiday foods.

When selecting a foodservice provider or caterer, it may be advisable for consumers to check out the credibility and food safety record of the restaurant or caterer before deciding. If the food is delivered and to be served immediately, keep hot foods hot (above 140 degrees F and cold foods cold (below 40 degrees F).

A long delivery time or travel time between pickup and storage or service can be risky. Foods should be picked up or delivered when they are hot if they are to be served immediately.

Plan for a way at the entertaining site to keep these foods hot in the oven or a warming device if service will be within a couple of hours. Hot foods should be kept at a temperature of 140 degrees or higher for safety. Chafing dishes, preheated warming trays or slow cookers can be used to keep foods hot. Plan for space to keep cold foods in refrigeration or in coolers.

If you are not eating the take-out or delivered food immediately, follow food safety guidelines to be sure the food remains safe for you and your guests to eat at a later time. Plan for adequate storage space in your refrigerator or freezer.

Be sure perishable foods are refrigerated as soon as possible after pick-up or delivery. If pre-prepared foods are to be refrigerated and reheated later, divide food quantities into smaller portions or pieces, place in shallow containers and refrigerate or freeze immediately upon delivery or pick-up.

An example would be whole roasts, hams and poultry products should be sliced or cut into smaller pieces or portions before storing for later

reheating. Use a microwave, or range to reheat foods quickly to a safe temperature of 165 before serving. If reheating in the oven, set oven temperature to now lower than 325 degree F.

For microwave reheating, cover and rotate food for even heating. The allow for standing time before checking the internal temperature of the food. Always use a food thermometer to verify the internal temperature of reheated foods before serving.

If you are transporting the food yourself, plan to have hot-holding or cold-holding storage pieces available for the take-home. To transport cold food, wrap and place in an ice chest with cold ice or freezer packs. If transporting hot food, kept hot by wrapping in kitchen towels, newspapers and then packed in corrugated box or insulated container.

SOURCE: Peggy C. Van Laanen, Extension Nutrition Specialist
For more information on holiday food safety, contact your local county Extension office at (806) 495-4400.

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EPC Annual Meeting

All EPC-Executive Board, FCS, Ag, and 4-H and Youth Development Committee members are encouraged to attend the Extension Program Council Annual meeting and Interpretation Event December 13 at the Extension office beginning at Noon. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP at 495-4400 by Noon December 10.

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 provided; 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.

County Horse Show Rescheduled

The Garza County Jr. Livestock Association Horse Show has been rescheduled again for Sunday December 12, at 3:00 p.m. at the rodeo arena depending on the weather. If participants have a question, please call Glenna Reiter at 495-2774.

4-H Christmas Party

All 4-H members make plans to attend the county-wide Christmas Party December 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. A food drive/scavenger hunt will be held to gather non-perishable food items for needy families. 4-Hers need to bring a personal grooming item (ie: toothpaste, lotion, deodorant, soap) to be given to Ronald McDonald House.

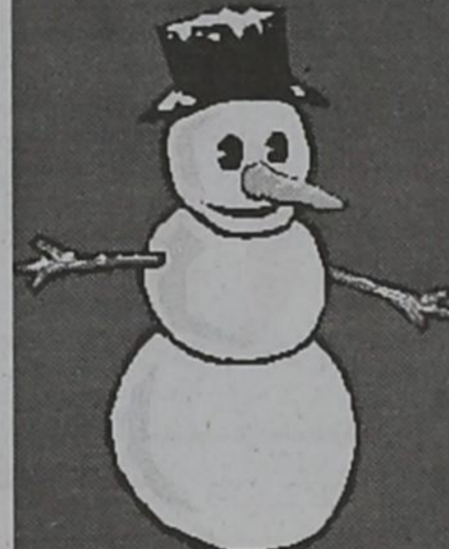
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Lunch - Popcorn chicken, smiley fries, salad, applesauce, milk.

December 14 - Breakfast - Churros, sausage link, fruit, milk.
Lunch - Steak fingers, whipped potatoes, black eyed peas, hot rolls, gravy, pudding, milk.

December 15 - Breakfast - malt-o-meal, sausage, toast, fruit, milk.
Lunch - Chili mac, fried okra, peaches, cornbread, cookie, milk.

December 16 - Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk.
Lunch - Burrito, salad, pears, snicker bar, milk.

December 17 - Breakfast - Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk.
Lunch - Sandwich, chips, salad, pickle, orange, milk.

Sheriff reports four arrests

Four individuals were held in the Garza County Jail in recent days, according to sheriff's department reports.

On Nov. 29, a 32-year-old was arrested for driving while intoxicated/second offense.

On Dec. 3, two individuals were arrested, including a 21-year-old for public intoxication and a 20-year-old for DWI.

A 30-year-old was arrested for driving under the influence and possession of marijuana, under two ounces, on Dec. 4.

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- TX Kay Granger in U.S. govt. (abbr.)
- cotton bundle
- "Mama, don't let your babies grow ___ be cowboys"
- horse color
- TXism: "___ hill for a stepper"
- TXism: "cold ___ banker's heart"
- TXism: "he likes to pull ___" (drinker)
- TX Sly's "Everybody ___"
- a TX Willie benefit: Farm
- USS Houston was launched from ___ News, VA
- Cowboy & Texan negotiators
- TX Chennault was adviser to ___ Kai-shek
- bootmaker Tony
- inquires
- TXism: "got it from the ___ mouth"
- Astro four bagger
- Grand Saline, TX is called "___ City"
- TXism: "crooked ___ snakes"
- offsidess mark for the Dallas Stars (2 wds.)
- TX Willie once sang gospel ___ with his sister
- points a gun
- social misfit
- 50 how Astros might get a new player (2 wds.)
- 51 TX Kay Granger in U.S. govt. (abbr.)
- 52 TXism: "___ to the dogs"
- 53 religious divisions
- 54 Dallas Stars organization
- 55 TXism: "changes his mind as often ___ does socks"
- 56 TXism: "could walk under a turtle wearing ___ gallon hat" (short)
- 58 TX singer Orbison
- 59 song: "Texas When I ___"
- 60 Cowboys scores

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "ran like red ants out of ___"
- 2 TXism for "child"
- 3 Lady Bird: Claudia ___ Taylor Johnson
- 4 TXism: "never sign anything in the glow of a ___ light"
- 9 TX "super" ___ smasher was never built
- 10 a famous guest at San Antonio's Menger Hotel
- 11 it's displayed in a TX gallery
- 12 Buna h.s. class
- 13 TXism: "coffin nails"
- 14 works by TX poets
- 15 where TXns skate
- 16 snake bite medical containers
- 18 how TXns pronounce "oil"
- 19 resort
- 21 Austin's last words: "Texas ___ recognized..."
- 24 this Hilton started his hotel chain in Cisco (init.)
- 25 Santa's word
- 26 TX Willie got in debt to this agency
- 27 TXism: "busy on ___ tender on payday"
- 28 wife of John Connally
- 33 TX ___ "Bum" Phillips
- 34 Rayburn: "___ Sam"
- 35 TXism: "let ___ rip"
- 37 Rangers league
- 38 what TX Willie does on stage
- 39 TXism: "___ light idea" (good idea)
- 40 Dallas actor Ted Cassidy's role on "Addams Family"
- 41 founder of El Paso: Juan de ___
- 42 INS agents
- 44 ex-Cowboy Emmitt (init.)
- 46 to Bryan from Waco
- 49 shoulder muscle
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8th grade at tournament...

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2 & Mysty Ayala with 1 point. Final score: Post 23, Muleshoe 20 Saturday we played for the consolation trophy at 9:00am against Cavasos Jr. High. This is the best game the girls have played all year. They worked together so well & really kept the intensity up throughout the whole game. Our press really hurt Cavasos as did our offense. Branda Stevens played an outstanding game for us offensively & defensively. Her effort was key in our press. Branda led all scorers with 17 points followed by Toni Wait with 10, Danica Williams with 6, Alex Miller with 3 and Crystal Sanchez & Mysty Ayala with 2 points each. Final Score: Post 39, Cavasos 19.



Radio Station OKKK

PHS Theatre students (left to right) Jace Pollard, Kyle Kirkpatrick and Brant Guthrie put a special touch of "Great Tuna" in Monday's performance at the Post Community Center. Kirkpatrick and Guthrie perform as Thurston Wheelis and Arlie Struve at Tuna's radion station OKKK. Pollard performs as Tuna's football coach giving a report on a "losing season."

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