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State and Garza County emergency crews handle one of many snow related accidents on Wednesday, December 22, 2004. An 18 wheel tractor trailer jack-knifed and spun out of control just north of Post on highway 84. There were no injuries and no other cars were hit. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

Poka Lambro lays plans for optic lines, local service

Post residents will be able to choose between two telephone companies for local and long distance service when plans for Poka Lambro unfold in the next year or so.

Poka Lambro representatives announced at Tuesday night's Post City Council meeting that the communications company, which has served this area for 50 years, plans to install fiber optic lines throughout Post. The new service will be in direct competition with Valor Telecommunications.

Poka Lambro has already installed similar services in Seagraves and Tahoka. Council

members approved the plan, pending review of legal matters by city attorney Harvey Morton.

The council also approved on first reading a rezoning ordinance change on West Highway 380 near the city limits. The change from residential to commercial zoning on the south side of the highway came from property owners planning to construct a new recreational vehicle park across the highway from the Perez Body Shop. An ordinance change is being prepared by Morton for consideration at the February 1 council meeting.

Council members also approved a grant resolution for improvements at the City-County Airport, following a report by airport board member Drew Kirkpatrick. Funding for the project will be shared equally by Texas Department of Transportation and the airport board from existing funds on hand.

The council also approved an agreement with Tax Research & Recovery Inc. for collecting "hidden taxes" for the City of Post for

"quite some time" and "there is more money available..."

The firm is working in two areas - tariff overcharges on telecommunications and enhancements to franchise fee collections - in hopes of securing additional savings for the municipality.

"Tariff rate structures for telecommunications have changed constantly and are often miscoded, resulting in excess charges," the letter reads. "Additionally, many technological improvements allow the same serviced for lower costs while virtually all users with multiple lines continue to be charged for unused and outmoded services that they are not using. You receive monthly statements, not true bills, and therefore you cannot see the overcharges listed. Our expert auditors find those excess billings and correct them."

According to the letter, the city bears no risk in this venture; instead, it could realize "significant revenue potential." TR&R is paid only when the firm generates refunds and savings for the client.

2004 ... a most interesting year

by Sheri Lewis

As local residents move into a new calendar year, The Post Dispatch looks back at news that made front page headlines during 2004. The following is a synopsis of the Dispatch's coverage of events that shaped and impacted local residents:

January

Seventy-nine 4-H and FHA youth participated in the 40th Annual Garza County Junior Livestock Show, receiving a total of \$56,320 in premium and prize money.

The Post Independent School District board of trustees received a

report from a consultant hired to assist in the creation of a facilities master plan. Several scenarios were explored, including one that focused on moving the middle school into the existing high school building and constructing a new high school facility.

Post Antelope varsity football players Mitchell Mills, Coby Jones and Mark McCallister earned All-State Academic Athletic honors.

County officials conducted a town hall meeting to provide information regarding the upcoming Garza County tax rollback election. About 100 local residents attended the meeting.

Board members for the Garza County Hospital District accepted and adopted the Federally Qualified Health Care program feasibility report and named a nine-member advisory board to oversee the program.

February

Post City Council members voted unanimously to notify the White River Municipal Water District that the city will not shoulder any expenses or responsibility for water treatment.

Garza County voters said no thanks to a tax rollback proposal in a special election conducted this month. A total of 901 voters, or about 32 percent of the county's registered voters, participated in the election.

Softball was added to the slate of extracurricular activities available to Post High School students following approval by the Post Independent School District's board of trustees.

Nearly 30 vehicles were involved in a Feb. 19 pileup on US 84 that left two dead and about a dozen individuals injured. The scene, caused by dust blowing in winds of up to 60 mph, straddled both the northbound and southbound lanes of the highway about five miles north of the city. A 55-year-old Muleshoe trucker and his 55-year-old wife lost their lives when the 18-wheeler he was driving collided with another semi.

March

County officials confirmed this week that overflow prisoners of Garza County will be moved from the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility to the Lynn County Jail in Tahoka.

Kelly Baker was recognized as Citizen of the Year and the Post Volunteer Fire Department's Fireman of the Year Award at the annual Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau banquet. Recognized as Business of the Year was the Post Inn Best Western. The late Carl Rains was honored as the newest member of the Garza County Cowboy Hall of Fame. Named Rookie of the Year for the Post VFD was Joey Stone. Jimmy Byrd of the Byrd Ranch was lauded as Conservation Rancher of the Year. Wes Mason was named Outstanding Post FFA Student, while Erica Binford was honored as Outstanding Southland FFA Student. Receiving the award for Outstanding Garza County 4-H Student was Coby Jones.

Democratic Party voters chose Cliff Laws as their candidate for sheriff in the primary election. Incumbent Precinct 3 Commissioner John Valdez also won the right to run in the November general election.

A pair of sonic booms rocked the area, causing damage and generating



Garza County 4-H members volunteered their time to collect food items for a needy family during the Christmas Scavenger Hunt. Each 4-H family also brought personal grooming items that were sent to the Ronald McDonald House in Lubbock.



White Christmas in Post

Wednesday, December 22, 2004 was marked by heavy South Plains snow fall making for a white Christmas in Post. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

Post Dispatch 2004 Archives

The Post Dispatch 2004 Archives are now available on CD. Compiled throughout the year, the archives are indexed by the month for both individual pages and compiled editions. The archives are missing the first two issues in March due to technical difficulties, but otherwise is a complete set.

The archival CD are saved in Adobe Acrobat PDF. An archival copy of the CD will also be available at the Post Public Library. The cost is \$10 per CD, call 495-2816 for placing orders.

Post Notes

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 Monday, January 10 at 7 p.m. at the post on the Clairmont highway in Post. All members are urged to attend. New car magnets have arrived and can be purchased from Commander Chuck Ratliff at 495-2026 after 2 p.m.

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.

Fund established to benefit Baker

An account has been established at Citizens Bank for Martha Baker, Kindergarten teacher here in Post. Martha has battled cancer for several years and is now preparing for a bone marrow transplant at M.D. Anderson in Houston. Insurance will pay for medical expenses, but Martha will have to be in Houston for approximately three months after the transplant and will have to make monthly trips to Houston for a least a year after she returns home. Anyone interested in contributing to this account can do so at Citizens Bank.

Celebration meeting set Jan. 13

An organizational meeting for the 1st Annual Post City & Ranch Celebration Days event to be held in June will be held at 6:30 p.m. January 13 in the Wells Fargo Bank Room. The event could feature a variety of activities, including a rodeo, motorcycle rally, a cookoff, bass fishing tournament, cowboy poets, antique cars and/or tractors and a wine festival, etc. The event is scheduled June 4-6 to coincide with Old Mill Trade Days weekend, everyone is encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Wanda Mitchell, 495-3461; Thressa Harp, 495-2888; Old Mill Trade Days, 495-3529; or Paul and Kathy Beach at 629-4032.

Coming Jan. 13, Camp Calvary

Are you officer material? Come to Calvary Baptist Church, Thursday, Jan. 13 at 6:30 p.m. to find out. Camp Calvary is a Bible Memory program with a military theme. Starting as a recruit, soldiers from 5-15 move thru the ranks from Private to Five-Star General by memorizing Bible verses. You can be a part of a squad, play spiritual war games, visit the Mess Hall, become a platoon leader. Our first Brigade meeting will be Wed., Jan. 19 at 1830 hrs. (6:30 p.m.). Camp Calvary will be on Wednesdays from 1830-1930 hrs. (6:30-7:30). Our indoor picnic and orientation will be Thurs., Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. Call 495-2342 or 3342 for classified info.

Ladies Auxilliary meeting set Monday

Miller/Luman Post 6797 Ladies Auxilliary will meet Monday, January 10 at 6 p.m. at the post on the Clairmont highway in Post. Members are reminded that dues must be paid in order to attend. Please bring items for the grab bags that will be taken to Austin later this month.

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Mr and Mrs Cody J. Doggett

Christy Whitaker, Cody Doggett united in December 10 wedding

Cody J. Doggett and Christy L. Whitaker were united in marriage Dec. 10 in Amarillo with Robert Field, the bride's lifelong pastor, officiating.

Serving as maid of honor was the bride's daughter, Sarah Whitaker. Best man was the groom's brother, Jayme D. McCall. The bride's son, David Whitaker, served as usher.

The groom graduated from Amarillo College and is employed by AMA TechTel. He is the son of Bill J. Doggett of Amarillo and R. Kay Litton of Lubbock and grandson of Ruth Doggett of Post and the late B.D. and Rubye Litton and Jim Doggett.

The bride, a graduate of West Texas A&M University, is employed by Amarillo Pathology Group. She is the daughter of Wally Moulder of Amarillo and the late Betty Moulder.

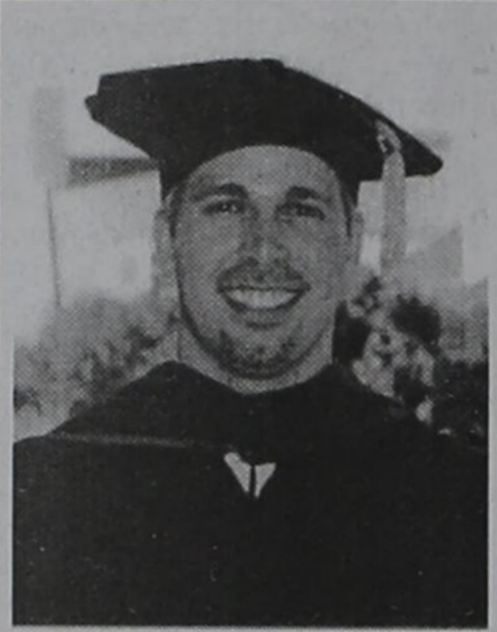
Following a short honeymoon, the couple will make their home in Amarillo.

Roger Adams earns PhD

Roger Edward Adams, a 1990 Post High School graduate and a 1995 graduate of Southern Methodist University, received his Ph.D. in nutrition from Texas Woman's University on Dec. 18.

Adams worked as an engineer for a Big Six consulting firm in Dallas prior to making the decision to continue his education and change his profession. Armed with a lifetime interest in nutrition and exercise, Adams enrolled in the doctorate track in nutrition at TWU in January 1998. During the seven-year journey, he graduated summa cum laude with a 3.92 GPA, became an accredited personal trainer, met and married his wife, Lisa, hosted nutrition seminars and built his own business.

Adams is the son of Dedra and Charles Adams of Post.



Dr Roger Adams

White River Lake Weekly Report Jan. 3, 2005

Gauge reading: 2353.2 Feet below spillway: 19'3" Rise - 0 Rainfall (past week): 0" Rain to-date: 0" Rainfall for 2004 - 43.58"

Source: Mickey Rogers, WRMWD general manager

Local students earn LCU degrees

Two area residents were among graduates who participated in commencement exercises for Lubbock Christian University on Dec. 11.

Rita Sue Mitchell of Post and Jaime Flores Anaya of Southland were among the 201 graduates recognized. Mitchell graduated with a Bachelor of Science in nursing, while Anaya earned a bachelor's degree in kinesiology, according to press releases from the university.

LCU is a liberal arts institution of higher learning dedicated to providing a quality education in a Christian environment.

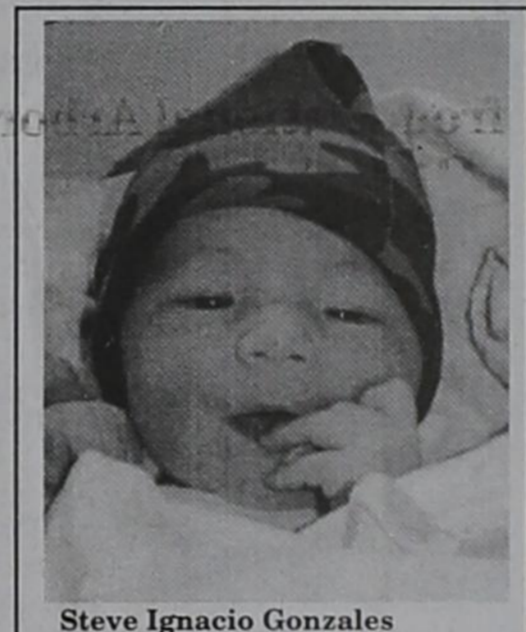
Births

Steve Ignacio Gonzales

Steve and Flora Gonzales of Irving, Texas are proud to announce the birth of their son Steve Ignacio, born on December 17, 2004 at Las Colinas Medical Center.

He weighed 8 lb and 10 oz and was 20 inches long.

Maternal Grandparents are Gustavo and Irma Gomez, Paternal Grandparents are Danny and Susan Gonzales all of Post. GreatGrandparents are Jesus Vasquez and Pascacio Gomez of Mexico, Mike and Eva Gonzales of Post and Ann Strahan of Rising Star Tx.



Steve Ignacio Gonzales

Benjamin Luke Lashaway

Jeff and Marilyn Lashaway are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Benjamin (Ben) Luke Lashaway. Born November 30, 2004, Ben weighed 8 lb, 1 oz and measured 20 inches in length. He is welcomed by his sister, Lily.

Ben's Grandparents are Bill and Jeanette (Bell) Fowler, Sharon and Ray Lashaway, and Great Grandmother Martha Culpepper.



Benjamin Luke Lashaway

Amiah Annette Martin

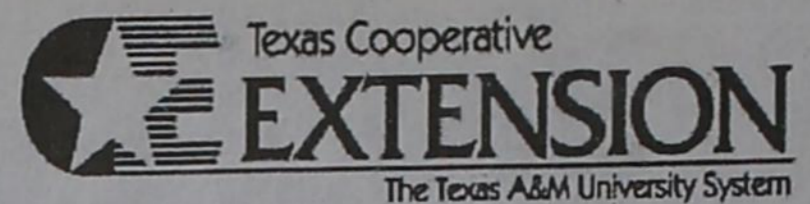
Erica Rivera and Jeremiah Martin are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Amiah Annette Martin, born on December 20, 2004.

She weighed 7 lb and 3 oz and was 20 inches long.

Maternal Grandparents are Gary and Laura Eaton of Post, Alfred and Patricia Martin of Anton and GreatGrandmother Maria Elena Espinoza of Andrews.



Amiah Annette Martin



Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Neitsch,

Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science

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Fitness in the New Year

One of the most common resolutions made each New Year is to get fit and stay fit. While this is a worthy goal for overall health and wellbeing, older adults need to be careful about diet and exercise because of changes in the body that occur with age. For your safety, always remember to discuss changes in diet and exercise, including the following recommendations, with a health provider.

Physical activity can do a number of things for people of all ages but may be especially helpful to older adults. In addition to helping your mood and increasing social interaction, physical activity may help prevent, delay or improve conditions such as diabetes and heart disease. Physical activity also helps strengthen muscles and bones which have a tendency to weaken as the body ages.

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) recommends the following when considering exercise:

Stretch. Before you start any exercise and after you complete any exercise, you will want to stretch your muscles. This will help loosen and warm your muscles in addition to helping prevent injury and cramping.

It is also important to remember that you may or may not be thirsty during or after exercise; however, your body will need plenty of water, especially after you are finished exercising, 30 minutes.

The NIA suggests that you should do something to increase your heart and breathing rate for at least 30 minutes most days of the week. The 30 minutes do not have to be all at once, you could do three 10-minute exercises. A good rule of thumb to see if you are doing enough is to try to talk during exercise: if you cannot talk at all, you are exercising too hard; if you can talk without any trouble, you are not exercising hard enough.

Use your muscles. Every time you move a part of your body, you are using a muscle. When those muscles are not used because of a lack of physical activity they weaken. If your muscles get too weak, you may not be able to walk or even get up from a seated position. In addition, strong muscles help reinforce your bones, making it less likely that you will fall. Whatever exercise you do should include something that uses your muscles, whether you are walking laps or raking leaves in the front yard.

Improve your balance. In addition to strengthening your muscles, it is also very important to strengthen your sense of balance. After all, many falls are caused by loss of balance. To do this, try standing on one foot, holding onto a chair for support if you are unable to do this task alone. Also, try standing from a seated position without using your hands or arms. Be very careful when trying these activities and have someone else present when you are doing them.

Your health provider will be a key player in your exercise routine. Please remember to consult him or her before beginning any type of physical activity. You will want to discuss with him or her how your personal health condition may be affected by exercise. Also, you will want to start slowly with any type of exercise routine. A good adage to remember is "start low and go slow." Doing too much, too soon may seriously injure your body.

Some safety recommendations from the American College of Sports Medicine are:

Do not hold your breath while straining.
Use safety equipment to prevent injury. This may mean a helmet for bike riding or proper shoes for walking or running.

Drink plenty of liquids unless specifically advised otherwise by your health provider.

Bend from the hips, not from the waist. Exercise may cause soreness or a little discomfort but should never cause pain.

The National Institute on Aging has publication entitled Exercise: A Guide from the National Institute on Aging that has more information on exercising for older adults as well as suggestions and illustrations for exercises. This information is available in English and Spanish. The booklet is free and may be viewed on-line, downloaded or ordered from <http://www.niapublications.org/exercisebook/index.asp>. The NIA has also produced a video to accompany the booklet which may be ordered for \$7.00 from the address above.

For more information, contact your County Extension Agent.

Source: Andrew B. Crocker * Gerontology Health Specialist

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The Crow's-foot Chronicles

by Cindy Baker

The following is a reprint of my published, award-winning Christmas story:

"A phew old flames made scents"

Why is it that something always crawls in the wall and dies just before I host a gathering at my house? On cue, it happened again just before Christmas 1999. In addition to opening windows and doors to freshen the house on that cold December day, causing "snotcicles" to hang from my nose, I burned 64 scented candles.

Nothing seemed to help; but I thought if I turned the stereo up loudly, it would somehow subdue the smell. Wrong. The first comment came from my then 80-year-old mother, who immediately snapped, "Cindy, your music stinks!" I shoved a celery stalk in her mouth.

The ten guests included three blue-haired geezerettes (as Lanny Joe fondly refers to them), all using some form of geriatric assistance. Mother was on a four-legged walker; Lanny Joe's mother, Mildred, was using a three-prong cane; and my aunt Neo was in a motorized wheelchair. Understandably, there wasn't a set of good ears or eyes among them.

How the three of them became tangled up and lodged with their hardware in the archway to my den, I'll never know. As I was trying to get Mildred's cane out of the spokes of Neo's wheelchair and Neo's wheel off Mother's foot, I looked into the den and saw the coffee table on fire. (Okay, okay, maybe I had too many candles burning!)

Mother was squawking about her foot; Mildred was tugging to free her cane; and Neo was wailing about her bent spokes. No matter what I did, I couldn't talk above their chatter and make them understand that they needed to get out of my way. Finally, I picked up Mildred and sat her in Neo's lap to make a passage to the den.

They never even noticed that I was beating out flames with a throw pillow. Clutching the cloth that was on the coffee table, I gathered up candles, angel hair, and seven of the eight tiny reindeer. Since none of the three women could hear my pleas to step aside, I plowed through them like a quarterback on a fourth and goal. Flattening my mother and dripping hot tallow all over her, I ran to the door and threw the cloth into the backyard.

The fire, combined with the "deceased" critter in the wall, added a unique stench to Christmas. As Mother struggled with the second step in the hot-wax treatment on her knuckles, she stopped and wrinkled her nose.

"Cindy, I think you've scorched the oyster dressing!"

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In Memory of Nora Jackson

"God looked around the garden and saw an empty space, He then looked down from Heaven and saw your tired face. He knew you were suffering and a cure was not to be, so He put his arms around you and said, 'Come to Me.' With tearful eyes we watched you slowly passed away, and though we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. Many times we will miss you and many times we will cry. If our love could have saved you, you never would have died."

Sister

Coming January 13 Camp Calvary

Would you like to find out if you are officer material? Come to Calvary Baptist Church, Thursday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m., to find out more about Camp Calvary.

Camp Calvary is a Bible Memory program with a military theme. Starting as a raw recruit, soldiers from 5 to 15 move through the ranks from Private to Five-Star General by memorizing Bible verses. You can be a part of a squad, a platoon, play spiritual war games, visit the Mess Hall, work to be a platoon leader, earn decorations for Special Operations, and learn discipline, honor and duty.

Induction and our first Brigade meeting will be Wednesday, January 19 at 1830 hours (6:30 p.m.).

Thereafter, Camp Calvary will be conducted every Wednesday from 1830 to 1930 hours (6:30 to 7:30). If interested, please come to our indoor picnic and orientation Thursday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m. Call 495-2342 or 3342 for more classified information.

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Indonesian Eagle's Nest finds home at Ruby Lane Books

by Rosa Latimer Bell

Although it wasn't an easy task, an ancient piece of Indonesian art has found a home at Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main Street in Post. The hand-carved eagle's nest is 11 feet tall and approximately 42' in circumference and will be the centerpiece of the expansion of the book store. With work scheduled to begin this week, Ruby Lane Books will double its space and inventory at its current location.

"When Rosa and I saw the eagle's nest at the Main Street Mercantile, we knew it would be perfect in the book store," explained Dr. James Bell. "The eagle is considered a sacred bird in Indonesia and it was believed that having an eagle's nest on your land would bring you prosperity. It wasn't uncommon for a landowner to erect an ornate tower holding a protected area (similar to a small tree house) that would provide a nesting place for an eagle. We certainly don't expect any eagles to nest in the store, but we do know that our customers will enjoy this unusual piece of art."

Deciding to purchase the eagle's nest proved to be the easiest part of this project. Because the ceiling height in the book store is just over 12 feet, there was no question the 11 ft. tall wooden piece would fit. However, when it came time to move the eagle's nest into the book store, it became obvious that the large top

piece would not fit through either the front or back door of the book store. "The doorway needed to be about 3 inches wider and with thick concrete walls on each side, there didn't appear to be any flexibility," Dr. Bell continued. "After a few days of con-

sidering our predicament, Rosa came up with the idea to remove the glass in one of the front windows and lift the large piece through the window." With careful coordination by several people: Tina Simms, Brad Moore and his helpers, and KK Glass Com-

pany, the front window was removed, the eagle's nest lifted into the store, and the glass replaced. "Now we pretty much know if we ever decide to sell this building, the eagle's nest will be part of the deal," Dr Bell concluded.



A Most Unique Piece of Art

Dr James Bell and Rosa Latimer Bell with a unique Indonesian Eagle's Nest at Ruby Lane Books. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Brad Moore (left) and crew removed a window at Ruby Lane Books in order to fit the Eagle's Nest through the building for display. (Photo by Rosa Latimer Bell)



Free flowering trees from National Arbor Day Foundation

Ten free flowering trees will be given to any individual who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation this month.

The free trees are part of the non-profit foundation's Trees for American campaign.

The 10 trees are two White Flowering Dogwoods, two Flowering Crabapples, two Washington Hawthorns, two American Redbuds and two Goldenrain trees.

"These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small spaces," said John Rosenow, the foundation's president. "They will give your home the beauty of lovely pink, white and yellow flowers - and also provide winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Feb. 1 and May 31. Planting instructions will be enclosed. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or will be replaced free of charge.

Members also will receive a subscription to the foundation's bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day," and "The Tree Book," with information about tree planting and care.

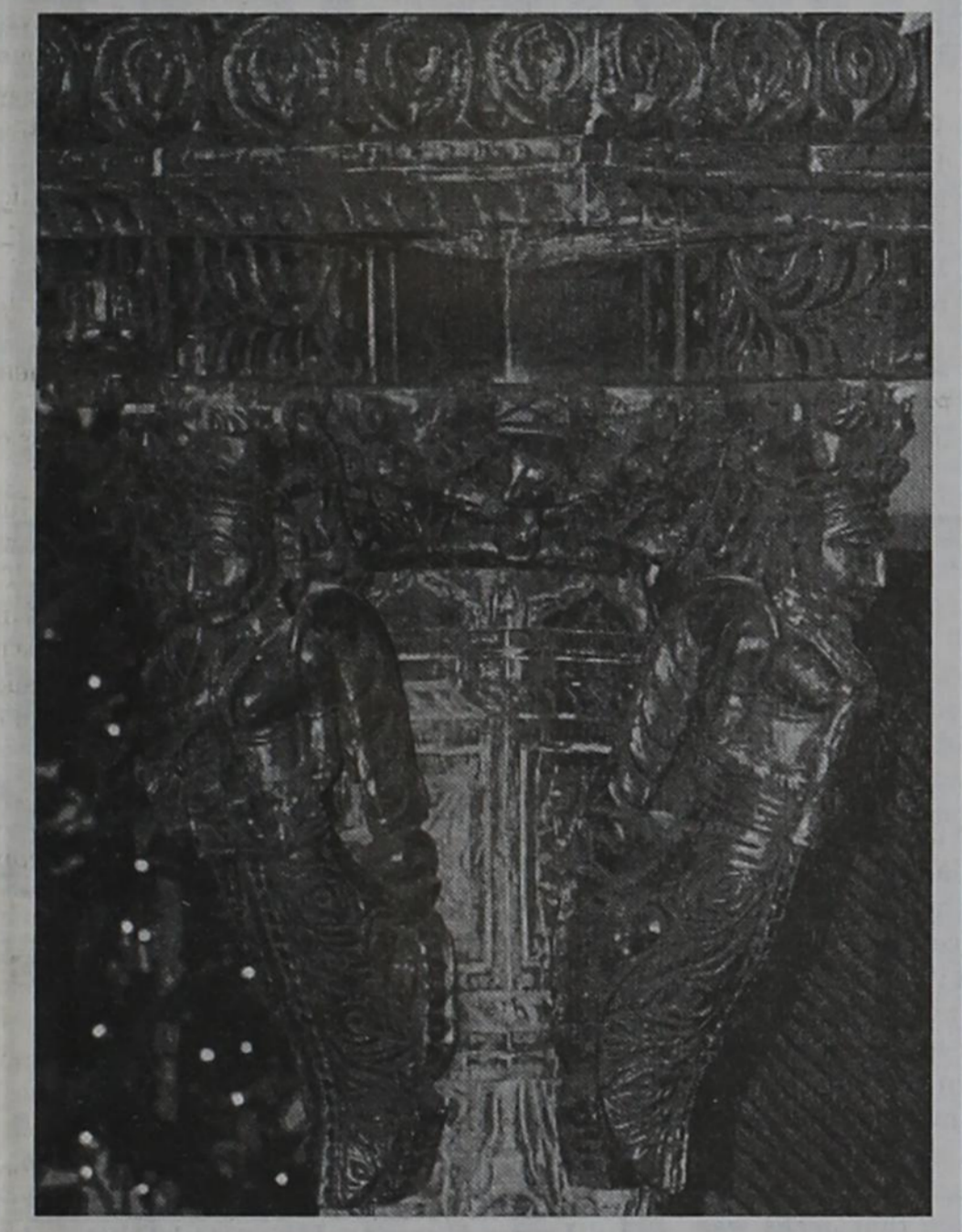
To become a member of the foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410 by Jan. 31 or go online to arborday.org.

What's the difference between theft and taxation?

Theft - the act of stealing; the felonious taking and removing of personal property with the intent to deprive the rightful owner of it. (Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary)

Taxation - a charge usually of money imposed by authority upon persons or property for public purposes; a heavy demand.

When the tax is not paid, it will be collected against the will of the rightful owner, using force if necessary.



Obituaries

Winfred "Ray" Crispin Jr

Funeral services for Winfred "Ray" Crispin, Jr. 63 of Wilson, formerly of Post, were held Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004 in Wilson's First Baptist Church. Interment was in Englewood Cemetery under the direction of Englands Funeral Service of Slaton.

Ray was born August 22, 1941 in Post, Tx and passed from this life Tuesday, December 21, 2004 after a lengthy illness.

Ray graduated from Post High School in 1959. He had worked at Bray's Chevrolet and for the last 24 years for Lyntegar Electric Coop.

He married Margret Crowson Bartley on June 2, 1973 in Wilson.

His survivors include his wife, Margret of Wilson, sons;

Mitch Bartley of Maypearl, Tx, Jayson Bartley of Lewisville, Tx, Kevin Crispin and Kelly Crispin both of Lubbock; daughters, Tracy Kendrick of Lubbock, Barbara Goodwin of Stephenville, Tx and Kerri Dean of Gail, Tx, 22 Grand-children and 1 Great Grandchild. Sister, Rosemary Cole of Post, Tx and brother, Craig Crispin of Odessa, Tx.

Regino "Burrito Man" Mata

Rosary for Regino "Burrito Man" Mata, 75, of Ralls were held, Sunday, December 26, 2004 at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Mass was celebrated Monday, December 27, 2004 at the same church with Father Jesse Cruz officiating.

He died Thursday December 23, 2004 at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born September 7, 1929 in Dille, Texas to Dolores and San Juanita (Santolla) Mata. On September 1, 1948 he married Isabel Cedillo in Dille.

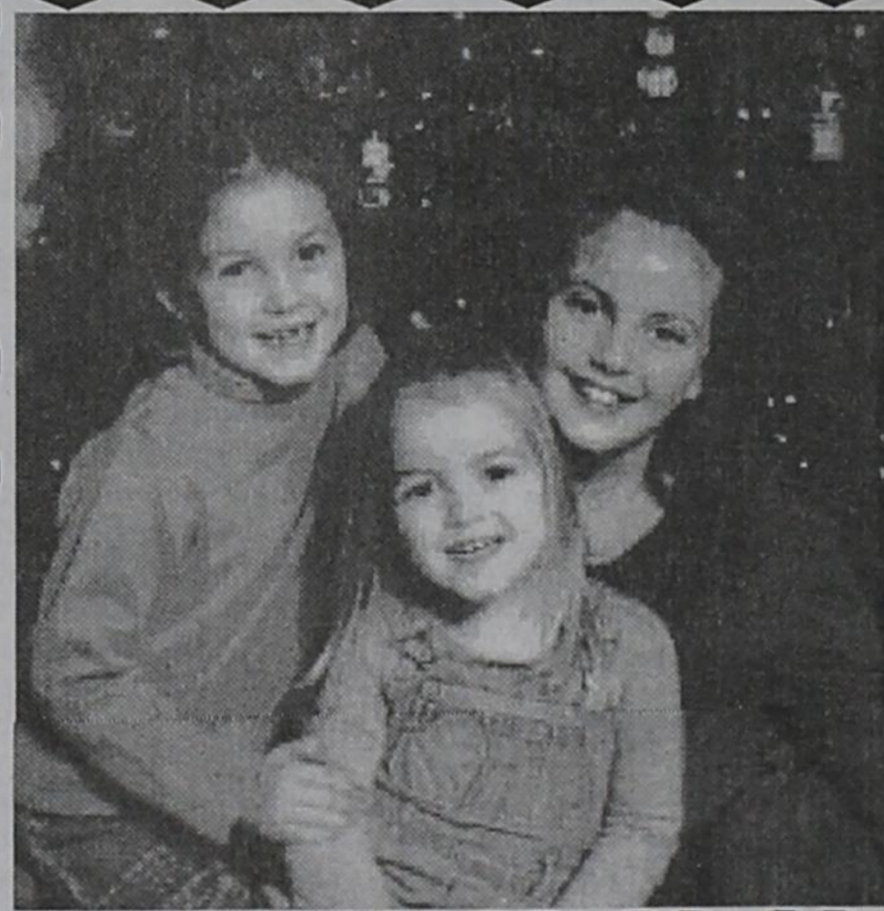
He was an active member of St. Michael's Catholic Church where he was in the Sacred Hearts (Sagrado Corazon) and many other church organizations. He moved to the Ralls area in 1953. He was a farmer.

Survivors include; His wife Isabel of Ralls, three sons; Regino Mata, Jr. of Ralls, Oscar Mata of Carlisle, Israel Mata of San Antonio, six daughters; Lorie Rivera of Post, Melinda Mata of Ralls, Ofelia Mata of Globe, AZ, Elsa Garcia of Ralls, Julia Alvarez of Harlingen and Janie Mata of Colorado, five brothers; Genaro Mata of Carrizo Springs, Texas, Martin Mata of Lubbock, Saturnino Mata, Torivo Mata, and Silvanio Mata all of Ralls, two sisters; Petra Garcia and Fidela Elizondo both of New Braunfels 20 Grandchildren and 13 Great Grandchildren.



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Grandma Brag Pages Feb. 10, 2005



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Pallbearers were Luciano Mata, Rodrigo Mata, Fabian Mata, DeNiro Mata, Eduardo Garcia, Jose Luis Garcia, Emilio Ray Garcia, A. J. Alvarez, Fermin Rivera, Jr., Daniel Compton and Damien Mata. For online condolences go to www.adamsfuneral.com.

David Dennis

Mass of the Resurrection for David Dennis, 59 of Post was held Saturday, January 1, 2005 10:30 A.M. at the Holy Cross Catholic Church. The Rev. Lawrence Hemp of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Slaton officiated and the Rev. Paul Karieakatt of the Holy Cross Church assisted. Private burial followed under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home of Post.

Born in Mercer, PA on March 6, 1945, he was adopted by John Dennis in 1946 (shortly after his mother, Margaret (Peggy) Bruels married John) and moved to the Bar D Ranch in Borden County, Gail, Texas.

David had a wonderful childhood on the ranch with his mother's dog name "Chumbum" as they traveled daily to explore and play. Sometimes, even, ending atop a iced over dirt tank that unbeknownst to him was probably barely holding the weight of dog and boy!!! (Pretty certain this was the beginning of Miss Peggy's heart attacks and David's independency, as coaxing with cookie and candy would not stir his feet. Can you imagine that? A fellow that love sweets!) David's love for animals almost took over the number one passion as he could not pass a stray cat or dog and baby lambs without persuading Miss Peggy with "Oh, the poor babies need a good home and Daddy will help feed them". (By the way, Big John fed several strays and lambs but knew David inherited this trait from his mother!) Within a few years, three sisters, Mary Ann, Jacquie, and Debby came along, and David quickly taught the girls chores so he could spend time with his animals. In fact, David raised a baby (orphan) filly on a bottle and she became one of the ranch's #1 mares for roundups and Jacquie's 4-H events (went to state in the pole bending). Also, teaching a pet goat in just one session to help load the sheep on the trucks at shipping (Big John was so proud!) David was a very curious fellow and was accused of talking your leg off and asking sooooo many questions. Why? Why? Why? Nevertheless, he would bring home good grades from school and excelled in show and tell in fact, later years and especially in high school, he won the UIL spelling contests. David played basketball which was a must in his family. With that tall stature, he should have been a post man underneath the goal, but had a better outside shot than most. Both David and Mary Ann (with Big John's coaching) spent numerous hours teaching Jacquie and Debby the mechanics of the game. And we must not forget the music talent. David had several piano lessons and became quite the pianist (a talent from Miss Peggy). Well, after graduating high school in 1963, David attended West Texas State University in Canyon and received a Bachelor's degree in art (another talent from Miss Peggy).

Teaching years immediately began, and because of the diversified degree all-level certification and successful teaching experiences, furthered his education in the early eighties at East Texas State University in Commerce receiving a Masters of Education. David's last years of teaching before retiring were in



Houston, TX. Several of David's art students received honors and recognition with different shows plus David himself, placing tenth among thousands of outstanding artists. Then, Oh boy! David discovered another talent! He wrote and illustrated a children's book! Sadly, the book was not published, as the company wanted the ending changed and David refused because the true story was his childhood experiences with two baby lambs. Officially retired August of 2000. Moved back to West Texas with his two Yorkies residing in Post. Sold some paintings in Lubbock. Won some honors in shows at Post. Was invited to display and auction a painting for the Texas Tech Arts and Alliances fundraiser in 2002. David passed away Wednesday, December 29, 2004, age 59 with complications from the Kliefelters Syndrome he was born with. Research is very limited for this and limitations include learning disabilities with emphasis on language impairment, writing and social behavior problems (just not fitting in). With the good Lord's help, David defied all these odds and led a super life as a loving son, brother, artist, musician, teacher and friend to many acquaintances. David was preceded in death by his parents, John and Peggy Dennis, and sister Debby Dennis Awtry. Survivors include two sisters, Mary Ann Awtry and husband Paul of Orange City, IA and Jacquie Whalen of Gail, Texas. Nephews and nieces: Michael and Buffi Awtry, Ryan and Riley of Abilene, TX, Russ, Mendi and Morgan Awtry of Lubbock, TX; and Marissa Ann Awtry of Southlake, TX. He was also survived by several cousins. David's wish was for memorials to be made to your favorite charity.

Exa Faye Gilmore

Services for Exa Fay Gilmore, 85, of Lubbock and formerly of Post were Tuesday, December 28, 2004 at 2:00 P.M. at the Calvary Baptist Church of Post. The Rev. Dale Dozier of Andrews officiated and Charles McCook of Post assisted. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home. Mrs Gilmore died on Sunday December 26, 2004 at the Covenant Medical Center. She was born on April 5, 1919 to Mabry Earnest 'Guy' and Kate (Smith) Samples at Justiceburg. She married John Graham in 1935 and later married Travis Gilmore on September 26, 1942 in Tahoka. He preceded her in death May 10, 1983. Exa Fay worked for Jim Hundley, Postex Cotton Mill, cooked for the Rotary Club, Jae's and later for Dr. Butterfield.



She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. She was also preceded in death by a son George Graham in 2001, two brothers Roy Smith and Coy Samples. She is survived by Four Daughters: Johnnie and husband Jim Norman of Brownwood, Beverly and her husband Ed Ray Baker, Barbe and husband Bill Bevers of Post, and Jenda and husband Randy Mattingley of Lubbock. One Daughter in Law: Pat Graham. 13 Grandchildren: Jimmie Norman, Jamie Cooper, Jarita Nowlin, Jay Norman, Randy Baker, Kelly Baker, Gary Baker, Shawn Bevers, Shane Bevers, Travis Slade Bevers, Trey Rowe, Rusty Graham and JoDee Graham;

Nine Great-grandchildren: Justin Norman, Nikki Norman, Amber Jeffrey, Aaron Cooper, Kam Baker, Clint Baker, Amber Dean, Jeremy Baker and Paige Emry Bevers; Five Great-Great Grandchildren: Kaegan Jeffrey, Zoee Jeffrey, Dedra Dean, Alyssa Richardson and Anthony Baker. Pallbearers were Jimmie Norman, Kelly Baker, Trey Rowe, Kam Baker, Steve Cooper and Steve Nowlin. Memorials to the Alzheimers Foundation.

Elaine Sims

Services for Elaine Sims, 96, of Bowie were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, 2005, in the Terrace Cemetery with Travis Sweet of the Post Church of Christ officiating. Hudman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. She died Dec. 30, 2004, in Bowie.

Born Sept. 18, 1908, in Plutoma, Missouri, she came to Texas in a covered wagon at the age of four. She lived in Shamrock for many years. She was a seamstress and a housemother for Smithlawn Church of Christ Girls Home for many years. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include one daughter, Anna Louis McBride of Chico; one brother, Clint Westmoreland of North Highlands, Calif.; four grandchildren, Gary Fry of McClain, Gail Finch of Hartley, Curtis McBride of Lubbock and Tina Sims of Post; 10 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Alberta Fry.

Nora F. Jackson

Services for Nora F. Jackson, 93, of Post, were Friday, December 24, 2004 at 1:00 PM at the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Syl Moore, former Interim Pastor officiated. Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home. Mrs. Jackson died Thursday December 23, 2004 at the Golden Plains Care Center. She was born on August 18, 1911 to Joe and Maud (Rothlis) Pierce at Parker County, Texas. She and her family came to Draw, when she was a young age. She married L.D. Jackson and he preceded her in death. She worked many years in the meat processing plant for her sons Jim and Bo. She was a member of the First Baptist Church. She is survived by four Sons: Jim Cameron and his wife Donna Murrieta, Ca., Jim and his wife Dorth Jackson of Post, Bo and his wife Marita Jackson of Post and Maurice Jackson of O'Donnell. Three Daughters: Modean and husband Bernard Hewitt of Post, Rosie Hair of Lamesa and Kat Welch of Lamesa. One Brother: Burnt Pierce of Lake Proctor. 18 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Jimmy Holleman, Tim Hair, Brian Swiggart, Bem Jackson, E.A. Howard and Delbert Rudd. Memorial are suggested to Visiting Care Hospice, 1010 Slide Road, Lubbock, Texas 79416.



Helen Ruth Truelock

Services for Helen Ruth Truelock, 53 of Lubbock and formerly of Post were at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday at Southeast Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerry Newton of Lubbock officiating. Burial was at 2:30 p.m. at the Terrace Cemetery in Post with the Rev. James Egan, Pastor of the First Baptist Church officiating. Arrangements were under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home. Helen passed away Saturday, January 1, 2005 in Lubbock. Born Feb. 7, 1951 to Dee and Jeanette (Gilmore) Hodges. Helen Ruth graduated Post High School attended West Texas State and later became a Registered Nurse working in Lubbock. She was a life long Baptist and attended Southcrest Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her father Dee Hodges, January 14 1986. Survivors include her son: Quillen of Lubbock, her mother: Jeanette Hodges of Post and a brother Johnny and his wife Lisa Hodges of Flower Mound.



Leta Davies

Services for Leta Pearl Davies, 95, were held at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 30, 2004, in the First Baptist Church in Post with the Rev. Glenn Reece of Lubbock and the Rev. Terry Hodge of Bangs officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Dec. 26 at Mabee Health Care Center in Midland.

Born Feb. 17, 1909, in Erath County to Louis Perry and Almada Young Hancock, she moved with her family to Post in 1927. She married Henry Curtis Davies on Jan. 18, 1931. He died Jan. 16, 1972. She moved to Midland in 1991 and resided at Trinity Towers for 11 years prior to moving to the Mabee Health Care Center. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Post where she sang in the church choir and served in the Cradle Roll Department.

Survivors include her daughter, El Wanda Culvahouse and husband Wayne, of Midland; two granddaughters, Kimberly Pearce and husband Herb, of Hillsboro, Oregon, and Camille Martin of Midland; six great grandchildren, Jordan, Amy and Rebekah Pearce of Hillsboro, Oregon, and Hannah, Caitlyn and Garrett Martin of Midland; two sisters-in-law, Jewe Davies of Cisco and Bessie Davies of El Cajon, Calif., and several nieces and nephews.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the First Baptist Church in Post or to Hospice of Midland.

Garrett Martin, Herb Pearce, Steve Jones, Roy Josey, Jimmy Rodman and Johnny Kemp were pallbearers.



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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Joseph's Meek Response...Matthew 1:18-25

Last week we looked at Mary's humble response to the promise of God. After being exhorted that no word from God shall ever be void of power, she humbly said, "behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word."

In continuing chronologically we move to Matthew 1:18-25. In verse 18 the record shows that Mary was found with a child of God. This verse is significant considering in the next verse Joseph did not believe her. Verse 18 came right after the genealogy of Jesus Christ through Mary. Placed like a gem, God began the record of Jesus Christ's life with a very important truth. Mary was found with a child of God. On to verse 19, "Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily." The word "husband" came from the same Greek word as the word husband in Luke 1:16. It came from a word that referred to the man over the household. Understanding this helps to clear up some confusion concerning Joseph "the husband" of Mary listed in the genealogy. This Joseph could only be Mary's father. Joseph, her marital husband was a just man. He desired to do God's will according to His word. Yet he didn't want to make her a public example. So he made up his mind to divorce her secretly.

Continue to verses 20-22. "But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." God did not leave Mary to be alone without a husband. He

worked mightily to make sure of this. While Joseph deeply pondered his situation Gabriel appeared to him. He told him to not be afraid to take his wife. He reassured him that she was truly carrying the child of God. Now, it stands to reason that if she were his wife then he wouldn't have to "take unto him Mary his wife." When Mary was espoused to Joseph she was contractually married to him. But they had not yet sealed their marriage with the intent to conceive a child. According to tradition this was not to happen until later. Gabriel also made sure Joseph knew to name the child Jesus. Please note that Jesus was actually given the same name as Joshua the son of Nun. Recall that he led God's people into the "promised land." According to verses 22-23 the conception and birth of Jesus Christ fulfilled the word of God that said, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, "God with us" (Isaiah 7:14). Just as God was with His people when Joshua led them into the promised land, so also was God with his people through His son Jesus (Joshua).

Now we come to Joseph's meek response in verses 24-25. "Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife; And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son; and called his name Jesus (Joshua)." The first part of verse 25 states the obvious. Although he sealed their marriage, Joseph did not conceive a child in Mary until after she gave birth to Jesus Christ. With a meek heart for God, he went unto his wife and sealed their marriage. He also made sure Mary's firstborn child would be named according to God's will.

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War Party...

by Bill O'Reilly

You don't have to be a soothsayer to figure out that in 2005, two stories will continue to bedevil America: the war in Iraq and the culture war raging throughout the USA.

On the Iraq front, every American should be hoping that democracy will take root and that terrorism will be defeated in that chaotic country. If that is not what you are hoping, there is something very wrong with your outlook. It is simply disgraceful that so many in the free world cannot put aside political differences and help the USA defeat the brutal villains who are creating mayhem in a country that has suffered for decades.

The world is a screwed up place these days, and the terrorists know it. The United Nations has allowed thousands of innocents to be slaughtered in Darfur, and it has turned its back on the suffering Iraqi people. The U.N. is impotent, and there's not enough Viagra in the world to reverse the condition.

Back home, we are coming off a Christmas season where the federal holiday was bruised and battered by secular forces that see any Christian public display as an affront. Writing in Newsweek magazine, the liberal columnist Anna Quindlen extended sympathy to those offended by Christmas: "It has little to do with separation of church and state or liberal politics and everything to do with the way the blunt cudgel of Christianity has been heedlessly used, the tyranny of the majority."

To Ms. Quindlen, I ask just one simple question: What tyranny? Last time I looked, every form of spirituality was alive and well in the USA. Am I missing some kind of Christian persecution going on? Is Jerry Falwell holding witch trials or something? What exactly is Anna Quindlen talking about?

The answer is, she's blowing smoke. If you are offended by the image of a baby in a manger displayed in front of a public building, you don't need reassurance by a PC columnist, you need therapy. The heroic Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a Christian minister whom we will honor with a federal holiday on Jan. 17. Should we not see pictures of Dr. King displayed on public property?

The unbelievable nonsense surrounding the culture war is not going to end anytime soon. Billionaire secularist George Soros is pouring millions into the ACLU so it can sue your butt off if you step out of the politically correct progressive line. The defamation pipeline that extends from libelous liberal Internet sites to carefully selected newspaper columnists to radio and television talk shows is designed to defame and destroy any high-profile person who dares fight the progressives. Talk about a cudgel!

Of course, intimidation tactics also extend to the Right, which often smears liberal politicians and commentators. The big difference, however, is that conservatives don't have access to the elite media, and progressives do.

Unfortunately, I am a warrior in this take-no-prisoners culture war, and it is a brutal occupation. As you may know, I have been slimed every which way for taking a traditionalist stand. When I defended public displays of Christmas, I was branded an anti-Semite. When I pointed out the deleterious effect "gangsta rap" has on children, I was called a racist. After arguing for border controls, I was labeled anti-Hispanic. But the topper was an accusation that I "despised the Pope" because I criticized him for not being proactive enough during the priest scandals.

In the coming year, I expect things to get even worse. I truly hope I am wrong. In open defiance of the ACLU, I am praying things improve dramatically in Iraq and that the culture war dissolves into a discussion of the issues — rather than the carnival of slander we have today.

So Happy New Year, America, keep fighting the good fight. And pray the good guys win.

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Are we a republic or a democracy?

by Walter E. Williams

We often hear the claim that our nation is a democracy. That wasn't the vision of the founders. They saw democracy as another form of tyranny. If we've become a democracy, I guarantee you that the founders would be deeply disappointed by our betrayal of their vision. The founders intended, and laid out the ground rules, for our nation to be a republic.

The word democracy appears nowhere in the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution — two most fundamental documents of our nation. Instead of a democracy, the Constitution's Article IV, Section 4, guarantees to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government. Moreover, let's ask ourselves: Does our pledge of allegiance to the flag say to "the democracy for which it stands," or does it say to "the republic for which it stands"? Or do we sing "The Battle Hymn of the Democracy" or "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"?

So what's the difference between republican and democratic forms of government? John Adams captured the essence of the difference when he said, "You have rights antecedent to all earthly governments; rights that cannot be repealed or restrained by human laws; rights derived from the Great Legislator of the Universe." Nothing in our Constitution suggests that government is a grantor of rights. Instead, government is a protector of rights.

In recognition that it's Congress that poses the greatest threat to our liberties, the framers used negative phrases against Congress throughout the Constitution such as: shall not abridge, infringe, deny, disparage, and shall not be violated, nor be denied. In a republican form of government, there is rule of law. All citizens, including government officials, are accountable to the same laws. Government power is limited and decentralized through a system of checks and balances. Government intervenes in civil society to protect its citizens against force and fraud but does not intervene in the cases of peaceable, voluntary exchange.

Contrast the framers' vision of a republic with that of a democracy. In a democracy, the majority rules either directly or through its elected representatives. As in a monarchy, the law is whatever the government determines it to be. Laws do not represent reason. They represent power.

The restraint is upon the individual instead of government. Unlike that envisioned under a republican form of government, rights are seen as privileges and permissions that are granted by government and can be rescinded by government.

How about a few quotations demonstrating the disdain our founders held for democracy? James Madison, Federalist Paper No. 10: In a pure democracy, "there is nothing to check the inducement to sacrifice the weaker party or the obnoxious individual." At the 1787 Constitutional Convention, Edmund Randolph said, "... that in tracing these evils to their origin every man had found it in the turbulence and follies of democracy." John Adams said, "Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There was never a democracy yet that did not commit suicide." Chief Justice John Marshall observed, "Between a balanced republic and a democracy, the difference is like that between order and chaos." In a word or two, the founders knew that a democracy would lead to the same kind of tyranny the colonies suffered under King George III.

The framers gave us a Constitution that is replete with undemocratic mechanisms. One that has come in for recent criticism and calls for its elimination is the Electoral College. In their wisdom, the framers gave us the Electoral College so that in presidential elections large, heavily populated states couldn't democratically run roughshod over small, sparsely populated states.

Here's my question. Do Americans share the republican values laid out by our founders, and is it simply a matter of our being unschooled about the differences between a republic and a democracy? Or is it a matter of preference and we now want the kind of tyranny feared by the founders where Congress can do anything it can muster a majority vote to do? I fear it's the latter.

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"Buy American" hurts Americans

by Sheldon Richman

President Bush has a plan to address the so-called trade deficit, which worries people so much. According to the wire services, Bush said, "People can buy more United States products if they're worried about the trade deficit."

That will appeal to many Americans in a nationalistic fever. What could make them feel better than passing up inexpensive, high-quality, foreign-made products and buying pricier, American-made counterparts? But it won't help the economy or the American people in general.

Frankly, I can't tell whether President Bush is kidding or not. His phrase "if they're worried about the trade deficit" implies that he doesn't seriously mean what he said. But either way he has erred big time. If he means it, then he has fallen for one of the silliest fallacies imaginable. And if he doesn't mean it, then he is deliberately propagating that fallacy. A president should be more careful.

The facts are these: "Buying American" doesn't help "America," and buying foreign products doesn't hurt "America." It takes the most naive form of collectivism to believe the opposite. To put it another way, the trade deficit is nothing that needs resolving. It's a deficit only because not everything is being counted. If you only looked at your expenditures and ignored your income, you'd be horrified by your personal deficit. But of course you would be missing the full picture.

The so-called trade deficit refers to the current account, which keeps track of Americans' exchanges of goods and services with people in other countries. If in the aggregate during a given calendar year, the dollar value of the goods and services we buy from foreigners exceeds the dollar value of what we sell to them, that difference is said to be the trade deficit.

But this is obviously a half-told story, because foreigners can do things with the dollars they earn other than buy American goods and services. They can invest in the United States by purchasing stock in companies or corporate bonds. That's good for Americans because it helps create new products and job opportunities. Foreigners can also buy government securities. (There's an easy way to keep foreigners from being creditors for the U.S. government, if that bothers anyone:

stop deficit spending.)

The point is that when you count everything — purchases, investments, and dollar holdings — the books must balance. It's an accounting certainty.

But surely "buying American" can't hurt, can it? Yes it can. It can hurt particular groups of Americans. If we buy Toyotas and Hondas, Japanese people will have dollars with which they can buy, say, American lumber. (They can't spend dollars in their supermarkets.) But if a wave of counterfeit patriotism sweeps the country and we buy only American-made cars, those Japanese won't have the currency they need to buy the lumber. The lumber companies will have fewer sales and will lay off workers. Has America been helped by the "Buy American" policy? Not at all. Some Americans will benefit, but others will suffer.

We live in a global marketplace with a vast division of labor — the greatest exercise in worldwide cooperation ever seen. Nations don't trade with each other. Individuals do. Just because two people are Americans, it doesn't mean their interests are identical. If a Japanese auto corporation offers me a vehicle with the features I want at a price I like, I have a harmony of interest with that group of Japanese. "Buying American" would not make me better off. But it would hurt some Americans: remember the lumber workers.

If American automakers get the government to make it harder for me to buy a Japanese car, my interests are hardly served. So how can that policy be said to be in America's interest?

It is time we got over the trade foolishness that is displayed daily in the nation's newspapers and news programs. Voluntary exchange is good for buyers and sellers, or it would not take place. That the parties live in different countries is irrelevant.

To understand economics, you have to look beyond the immediate effects. "Buy American" hurts many Americans. Buying imports maintains and creates American jobs. Lose your guilt. Buy what you like.

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org), author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *The Freeman* magazine.

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Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones from the files of The Post Dispatch

10 Years Ago January 5, 1995

A retirement ceremony was held last week for James Wise. Mayor Jim Jackson presented Wise with a plaque recognizing Wise's 20 years of service as a city of Post employee. Garza County officials elected during the November general election administered their oaths of office January 1 at the courthouse. Beginning in the ceremony were Justices of the Peace Sheila Melton, Dee Justice, County/District Clerk Tony Gossett, County Judge Giles Dalby, County Treasurer Ruth Ann Young, Commissioners Mason McClellan and Royce Josey.

Charitable bingo prize fees for the third quarter of 1994 netted \$1,076 for local government in Garza County.

Beginning January 3, 1995, long-distance calls originating and competing in area codes 806 and 915 must include the area code ("0" or "7" + the area code number + the seven digit directory number.)

20 Years Ago January 4, 1985

Joshua Ray Greathouse is the first baby of 1985 born in the Garza Memorial Hospital. Joshua is the son of Patricia and Donnie Greathouse. Starting January 1, 1985 Texas motorists caught driving with a child under four years old not secured in a safety seat restraint will be fined not less than \$25 and as much as \$50.

A group of newly elected officials were sworn in by County Judge Giles Dalby on New Years Day in the Garza County Courtroom. They were Precinct 1 Commissioner T. D. (Buck) Craft; Constable Precinct 1 Lonnie Renee Peel; Constable Precinct 3 Terry Demming; County Attorney, Weston Poole; County Tax Assessor-collector, Ruth Reno; Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 Sheila Melton, County Commissioner Precinct 3, Tommy Young and Garza County Sheriff Jim Pippin.

Tim Tannehill has accepted a full athletic scholarship to Texas Tech University, enrolling this month. The former Post Antelope All-State and All-District quarterback was welcomed to the Red Raider football program by head coach Jerry Moore who came to Post for the signing. Tim has been attending Kilgore Junior College for the past three semesters, where he was a starting quarterback. Tim is the son of Marge and Lane Tannehill.

30 Years Ago January 2, 1975

Chester Morris and his three grandsons, Chuck and Barry Morris, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris of Garza County and Todd Guy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Guy of Lawton, Okla., found a government weather balloon, along with an instrument box Saturday afternoon two miles north of Close City. Instructions found with it were to return the instrument box to the nearest postoffice. The balloon has a maximum height of 17,000 feet.

Kelly Mitchell was Mary and Andy Babb played Joseph in the 44th annual presentation of the Teenagers Live Nativity Scene Christmas Eve in the carport of the Cornish residence. Other members of the Nativity cast were Jenny Miller, Kim Mitchell, and Nancy Reno as angels; Jay Strawn, Joni Mays and John McCowan, as the three wise men; Donna Ammons, Earl Davis, Ralph Howell, Bobby Macy and Christy Davis, shepherds; and Lorry Chapman, Dianna Collier and Donny Dye, as towns-people.

Garza County's 1974 cotton harvest is almost over with a Dispatch check Monday showing only 478 bales ginned and very little left to go. This compares with something like 50,000 bales in 1973.

The First National Bank for the first time in its history paid out over half million dollars to its depositors in 1974.

40 Years Ago January 7, 1965

Five county officials, three of them newcomers, were administered their

oaths of office by County Clerk Carl Cederholm in a ceremony on New Year's Day. They are T. H. Tipton, tax assessor-collector; Preston Poole, county attorney; Paul H. Jones, Pct. 1 county commissioner; Ben G. Sanchez, Pct. 2 county commissioner, and L. E. Claborn Jr., sheriff. Poole, Jones and Sanchez are new members of the county's "official family."

Winner of Garza County's 1965 First Baby Contest, sponsored by the Garza Memorial Hospital and 12 Post merchants, is Brent Lewis Reed, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Reed, 405 Osage.

Bill McBride, who moved to Post in February of last year as a barber in Cummings Barber Shop, last Thursday announced the purchase of the shop from Cecil Cummings. He will operate the shop under the new name, Mac's Barber Shop.

A New Public Service - Post Pharmacy's Weather Center. Area, state and national weather as reported direct by Teletype from the U.S. Weather Bureau. When you want to check the weather anywhere or you want the forecast just stop in: Post Pharmacy at 115 E. Main Street or dial 2950.

From Peggy's Pen: Several PHS girls received engagement rings for Christmas. They were: Paula Helms, Carolyn Carlisle, Deborah McCampbell and Paula Smith.

50 Years Ago January 5, 1955

An extensive remodeling job is under way at the Rogers Hotel here, with completion, expected in February, according to Ernest Ameen, owner. The remodeling includes installation of private baths, re-papering and other improvements.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ballentine are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Miss Eleanor Jane Ballentine, to Freddy Mack Terry, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Terry. Miss Ballentine and her fiancé are seniors in Post High School.

Deputies beginning the New Year along with elected county officials, are J. W. (Red) Floyd, deputy sheriff; Mrs. Juanita Lancaster, Mrs. Exa Thomas and Mrs. June Peel, deputies in the tax assessor-collector's office, and Mrs. Faye Cockrell, deputy county clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Storie, Jr., are announcing the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jeanette, to A. F. (Pete) White, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. White.

Jimmy Bird of Post had the best average time in amateur roping at the Abilene Range Riders' Show in Abilene Sunday.

60 Years Ago January 4, 1945

A dinner party was given last Friday night by Giles Dalby in honor of his house guest, Billy Hern of Seagraves.

Post has the distinction of having two representatives in the 1944-45 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Miss Helen Jo Hundley, daughter of Clyde Hundley, and Miss Helen Mack Hume, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hamer, are the representatives.

The Senior class of 1944 held its Alumni banquet Saturday night, December 23, at the Algerita Hotel. Those present were: Gene Caldwell, Mary Carpenter, Hazel Cash, Johnnie Cato, Kathryn Childress, Dale Cravy, Maxine Crider, Alvin Davis, Maxine Doggett, Mary Duckworth, Pearl Fleming, Alene Gerner, Jeanette Gilmore, Mary Graham, Jeff Justice, Spencer Kuykendall, James Lucas, Marshall Mason, jr., Buddy Malouf, Melba Miller, Imogene North, Zora Ann Outlaw, Margret Porterfield, Margie Rylant, Frank Stokes, Betty Travis, Cecil Trull, Kenneth Turner, J. D. Walls, Betty Williams, Wanda Williams, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith.

It was announced Monday by Supt. R. H. Ranson of Post School System that G. R. Day has been elected principal at the Post School. This place has been vacant since the resignation of Lee Smith.

Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

Southern Mesa Ag Conference January 27

"The Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference will focus on regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture as well as the BMP's (Best Management Practices) for cotton, grain sorghum, peanuts, and other crops," says Greg Jones, Extension Agent for Garza County.

This conference will be held Thursday, January 27 in the Dawson County Annex Building, located at 609 North First Street in Lamesa, Texas, and will begin at 8:00 a.m. The registration fee, which includes notepad, pen, pocket knife, technical sessions, door prize ticket, lunch, refreshments, educational materials and access to exhibits, is \$20 if paid by January 21, 2005. After January 21, the registration fee will be \$25. Registration forms and fees, payable to "Dawson Ag Fund," should be sent to the Dawson County Extension office at P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa, Texas 79331.

The program, sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension in Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Mitchell, Lynn, and Garza Counties, will feature information on the Overview of Cotton Production, Bio-Tech Varieties, Water Management on the South Plains, Weed Management and Strategies in Cotton, Pink Bollworm Overview and Management, South Plains Peanut Production Outlook, Commodity and Livestock Market Outlook for 2005, Water Quality Problems and Solutions, Control of Salt Cedar, Mesquite, and Brush (Brush Busters & IPT), Grazing Wheat for Profit-Diversification of Small Grain Production with Livestock, and Laws & Regulations Presentation. Top quality speakers from across the State and the South Plains area will make presentations concerning current research production trials. Producers will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with experts, specialists and other growers. Also, producers will be able to visit commercial booths throughout the day.

Five Continuing Education Units (CEUs) (2 General, 2 IPM and 1 Laws & Regs) will be provided for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators for attendance at this program. Speakers include Dr. Carl Anderson from College Station; Mr. Casey Barrett, Dr. Randy Boman, Mr. J.F. Cadenhead, Mr. Tommy Doederlein, Mr. Dennis Poole, Dr. Calvin Trostle, Dr. Dana Porter, and Dr. Jackie Smith with the Texas Cooperative Extension; and Mr. Shea Murdock with Monsanto.

Producers who wish to pre-register should mail their check for registration to the Texas Cooperative Extension, P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa, TX 79331. Remember, the registration fee is \$20 if paid by January 21, 2005. After January 21, the fee will be \$25. Registration forms are available at the Garza County Extension office at 215 West Main Street in Post.

We will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for this event. We request that you call the Dawson County Extension office at 806/872-3444 as soon as possible to advise us of any auxiliary aid or service that you require.

Menus

January 10 - Breakfast - Muffin, sausage link, fruit, milk.
Lunch - BBQ on bun, tater tots, cole slaw, ice cream, milk.

January 11 - Breakfast - pancakes, sausage, toast, fruit, milk.
Lunch - soup of the day, cheese sandwiches, fried okra, pears, milk.

January 12 - Breakfast - cinnamon roll, sausage link, fruit, milk.
Lunch - chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, gravy, pudding, milk.

January 13 - Breakfast - malt-omeal, toast, sausage, fruit, milk.
Lunch - burrito, salad, fruit cocktail, snicker bar, milk.

January 14 - Breakfast - cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk.
Lunch - sandwich, chips, salad, pickle spears, orange, milk.

Moral people cannot support taxation, an immoral act

What a year 2004 was!

(Continued from Page 1)

Bill Henry Reed, 57, of Post was charged with first-degree murder in connection with the shooting death of 58-year-old Margie Smith Reed. The annual Tabana Yuan'e ceremony predicted "a very good year" for the ag community.

April
The Garza County Commissioners Court approved the MTC contract proposal to continue operations of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility.

PHS Lady Lope Brittney Courtney was named to the All-State Basketball Team. She received other honors as well, including being named to the All-State All Academic Team.

U.S. Postal Service co-workers honored Wayne Thomas for his 50 years of service to the federal service.

Complaints were filed with federal and state authorities accusing the Garza County Commissioners Court of mishandling the bid proposals on the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility operations contract. Local resident Jon Smith filed the complaints.

A trio of sworn affidavits was delivered to The Dispatch in response to Jon Smith's complaints relating to the awarding of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility operations contract. Through the documents, County Judge Giles Dalby, his wife and the senior vice president of MTC, the facility's operator, supplied the affidavits, declared that all actions pertaining to the handling of the proposals were legal.

Incumbent Mike Travis, one of two candidates for the only contested race on the May 15 Garza County Hospital District ballot, announced he was withdrawing his candidacy. Paperwork pertaining to the withdrawal did not provide any insight into Travis' reason for pulling out of the election.

Garza County Hospital District board members welcomed the appointment of Kenda Bartlett to the board. Bartlett was appointed to serve out the unexpired Precinct 3 term held by her husband, Terry, who resigned in March after departing for Iraq where he is involved with prison management and training.

May
Plans for a revival of the OS Ranch Steer Roping & Art Exhibit were announced.

Garza County officials took the first step toward awarding a new contract for the operation of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility after acknowledging an error in the advertising process that preceded the contractual award earlier in the year.

Eleven people were safely pulled from Lake Alan Henry following a boating accident at Rocky Creek and the main river channel.

Two PHS students - Christina Zellmer and Jonathan McGregor - placed in the state UIL academic contests.

Fred Howell and incumbents Ray Bagby and Edna Owen were elected to the Hospital District board.

The Commissioners Court approved the creation of the Salt Fork Water Quality Corp., an entity designed to represent Garza, Kent and Stonewall counties. The effort could generate economic and environmental benefits, according to county officials.

The Post ISD board of trustees agreed to hire an architectural firm to assist in the completion of its Facilities Master Plan.

Fifty-two seniors graduated from PHS. Valedictorian was Coby Jones. Salutatorian was Mitchell Mills. Nine seniors graduated from Borden County High School. Kyle Pinkerton was class valedictorian. Menda James was salutatorian.

Avnee Bhakta, Breann Heckaman and Diann Heckaman earned first place finishes in the state 4-H photography competition.

June
The PHS Trombone Trio - Travis Mathews, Jonathan McGregor and Vince Robles - earned a Division I rating at the State Solo & Ensemble Contest.

County and district clerk Jerry Hays announced his resignation.

The Commissioners Court again tapped MTC to continue the management and operation of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility.

July
The Post City Council pledged \$7,500 to assist the Garza County Trailblazers program in meeting its financial obligations through the end of the fiscal year.

Post ISD officials learned that the middle school has been selected by the state to receive a \$350,000 grant to put laptop computers in the hands of each student and teacher.

August
Three individuals from Kentucky were arrested following a high-speed chase that began with a gasoline drive-off at a local convenience store.

A multi-stage plan to save the historic Algerita Hotel building was presented to City Council members.

Controversy between the City of Lubbock, Garza County and Lake Alan Henry property owners came to a head this month. Lubbock proposed to reduce the amount paid to Garza County for law enforcement at the lake and continued to stand on its policy that no 'structure' can be built within the 300-foot easement around the lake.

An architectural firm was hired by the Post ISD to help gear up for construction of a new cafeteria and high school building.

September
Post FFA members Colt Vernon and Trent McDonald placed fourth in the team roping run of the 76th State FFA Convention Scholarship Rodeo.

Garza County and the City of Lubbock signed an interlocal agreement that provides for the county's continued provision of law enforcement at the Lubbock-owned Lake Alan Henry.

Longtime educator and former Post resident, Danny Jones, was honored when a new school bearing his name opened its doors in the Mansfield ISD.

Dan Bush Cockrum, formerly of Post, received a 60-year award and pin from the Masons Lodge 1058 of Post.

County Commissioners approved an interlocal agreement with Dickens County Commissioners that will allow the housing of Garza County

prisoners in the Dickens County Jail. The move should save money for Garza County.

Garza County Hospital District officials rescinded a Jan. 21 resolution regarding the FQHC program.

October
A Garza County resident, whose name was not released, was diagnosed with West Nile virus, according to state health officials.

Local health clinic officials announced the availability of flu shots in Post was questionable following an announcement that the expected U.S. supply of vaccines for the 2004-2005 flu season had been cut in half. The PHS Marching Band received a Division I rating at the UIL Class AA marching competition.

Ronnie Dunn was credited with harvesting the first bale of cotton for the season.

November
Cliff Laws defeated incumbent Kenny Ratke for the office of sheriff in the general election. Write-in district and county clerk candidate Jim Plummer won his bid for the office, and Gary McDaniel unseated Precinct 1 Commissioner Lee Norman. Constable Daniel Yarbro maintained his post, as did district attorney Ricky Smith.

Garza County voters in the Nov. 2 general election cast a total of 1,949 votes, and more than half of that total - a record-setting 1,086 - were filed early.

The Bold Gold Antelopes captured a bi-district title, winning 28-20 over the Olton Mustangs.

Up to \$20,000 of hotel/motel taxes collected in Post were earmarked for the proposed Post City and OS Ranch Celebration Days project by members of the City Council.

December
Randy Conner was honored with a Distinguished 4-H Leader Award at the District Two Gold Star Banquet. A local firm, Miller Construction, was awarded the contract for construction of a fire station/EMS facility at Lake Alan Henry. County Commissioners awarded the \$26,485 contract.

A recount of ballots from the Nov. 2 general election in the race for district attorney confirmed the win by incumbent Ricky B. Smith. Results from the recount gave Smith a 43-vote victory over challenger Brian L. Kingston.

Plans to construct a new high school facility were put on hold after Post ISD trustees decided to take a more conservative fiscal approach to their facilities plan.

Hospital District board members unanimously voted support to the wording of a contract recently offered to a physician candidate being recruited by PNS. According to the contract, the district could be obligated to construct a new clinic facility if the physician is able to establish a successful local practice.

Wyvonne Kennedy was recognized at a retirement reception at the Hotel Garza. Kennedy, who will retire from the post of city secretary Jan. 15, has served the city for 31 years.

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- TXism: "como" (how are you?)
- three feet
- Middle East chief
- TX Rodriguez tune: "Pass Me"
- Ross State University in Alpine
- TX Audie Murphy got a mess of 'em in WWII
- TX Garrison was tennis coach in 2004 Olympics
- Astro GM fired in '93, now with Reds
- TXism: "hard as putting up _____ a windstorm"
- TX Tanya's "Some Love"
- TXism: "_____ whole hog" (dedicated)
- actor Bruce in film "Comfort, Texas"
- TXism: "_____ your lip" (shut up)
- Biblical man killed with a tent peg
- TX Tommy Lee was this type of marshal in "The Fugitive"
- ex-Cowboy Pro Bowl offensive lineman Nate (init.)
- TXism: "he's _____ a snake's belly"
- TXism: "_____ nuff"
- TXism: "worn _____ frazzle"
- course at 8-across
- TXism: "feel like I had a long drop _____ rope" (sore throat)
- horse color
- brisquet & ribs
- Houston's Indian father-in-law chief: Ole _____ka
- ex-Cowboy QB great Roger (init.)
- TXism: "_____ bien" (good)
- honorary TX Ranger: _____ Stanley Gardner
- Hollywood?
- Swedish car
- approves
- TX Ivory Joe Hunter's "Since I _____ You Baby"
- dir. to Houston from Austin
- TXism: "red _____" (liquor)
- Gen. Houston
- Valley, TX newspaper
- TX agriculturist who needs rain (4 wds.)
- "Acton State Historic _____"
- Bear Head & Sakatah (2 wds.)
- TXism: "_____ Campo, TX"

DOWN

- TX Tech grad & Panama president Lakas (init.)
- LBJ appointed TX Irving _____ Goldberg to federal bench
- oil spill product "Peat _____"
- TX "Babe" _____ Didrikson
- TX "Lady _____" Johnson
- early name: "El Paso del Rio _____"
- where Kay Hutchison serves
- TX Gale in "My Little Margie" (init.)
- "Texas Tea"
- TX Vikki Carr's "_____ Hombres"
- waste conduit
- earthquake
- TXism: "_____ in 'Wind' film"
- Astro scores
- country music cable channel (abbr.)
- exclamation
- hammer or saw
- Van _____, TX
- dir. to Victoria from San Antonio
- TXism: "_____ gravel" (fell)
- eat a little bit
- Gov. _____ Colquitt (1910-1915)

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Post Antelope Jerrad Grisham (12) leaps for two points during last week's Bold Gold Tournament against Crosbyton in Antelope Arena. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Post Antelope Sterling Smith (10) jumps for a lay-up with the support of Cole Easterling (4) against Crosbyton, during last week's Bold Gold Tournament in Antelope Arena. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Lady Lopes JV Basketball

by Julie Young
 The Lady Lopes ended 2004 with a record of 10-5, including a first and fifth place finish in their two tournament appearances. After opening the season with a win over Smyer, 37-14, the Lady Lopes lost a hard fought game to Lubbock Cooper, 24-30. The Lady Lopes had a balanced scoring attack, which was led by Sophomore Kylie Easterling with 5 points. Four juniors, Sunnie Barbosa, Kadie Vernon, Ashley Powell, and Kayla Morris, each chipped in 4 points. Jackie Hays completed the scoring for the Lady Lopes by added 3 points respectively.
 Bouncing back from the hard fought loss to Lubbock Cooper, the Lady Lopes went on to beat Borden County 41-14.

The Lady Lopes awesome defense, led by Sunnie Barbosa and Samantha Hoover, held Borden County to just 1 first half point. Barbosa also led all scorers this game with 9 points. Ashley Powell also had a great shooting night putting up 7 points. Chasity Yates and Kayla Morris each added 6 and 5 points to help the Lady Lopes to victory.
 The Lady Lopes then lost, at home, against Levelland 24-53. Despite a cold shooting night Jackie Hays managed to put up 9 points and 10 rebounds, along with the help of freshman teammate Brenna Postell, who added 6 points and 9 rebounds herself.

Sands Tournament The Lady Lopes went to the Sands Tournament with plans to repeat their performances from last year by bringing home the 1st place trophy. To open the tournament the Lady Lopes had to face Wellman. The Lady Lopes were victorious over Wellman with a score of 47-13. Once again the Lady Lopes defense, led by Sunnie Barbosa, Jackie Hayes, Ashley Powell, and Samantha Hoover, held Wellman to just three first half points. Barbosa, Hoover, Hayes, and Powell were also the leading scorers for the Lady Lopes with 10, 9, and 6 points.

The second day of the tournament the Lady Lopes faced Grady. Once again, the Lady Lopes physical and aggressive defense led to their 45-32 victory. Defensively, freshman Tamara Raymundo led the way with 5 steals which she converted to 10 points. Jackie Hayes led all scorers with 11 points, while Sunnie Barbosa and Samantha Hoover scored 6 points with the help of teammates Kylie Easterling and Brenna Postell.

A win against Grady put the Lady Lopes in the championship game against Wink. The Lady Lopes defeated Wink 43-21 to win the tournament. Sunnie Barbosa paced the Lady Lopes in scoring with 13 points, Samantha Hoover contributed 9 points, and Jackie Hayes put up 8 points for the win. Barbosa, Hayes, and Hoover received All-Tournament

Lady Lopes Place 2nd in Bold Gold Tournament

Girls Bracket	Snyder - Powell 16, Crenwedge 1 Medrano 11
First Round	Post 30, Crosbyton 26
O'Donnell 45, Post JV Black 22	Post - Lott 23, Tatum 1, Gray
O'Donnell - Mott 18, Wilson 11; Post	Hoover 7, Hester 2, Kirkpatrick 1
JV - Easterling 7, Powell 6	Norman 6
Crosbyton 67, Post JV Gold 18	Crosbyton - Justus 10
Crosbyton - Justus 13, Hardin 14,	Consolation
Osuna 14; Post JV - Jones 9, Plummer	Borden Co. 42, Wellman 2
6	Borden Co. - Rinehart 13, John
Snyder 58, Borden Co. 25	12; Wellman - Nutt 9
Snyder - Ragland 18, Medrano 16;	Third Place
Borden Co. - Balaque 8	Crosbyton 39, O'Donnell 32
Post 44, Wellman 22	Crosbyton - Justis 15, O'Donne
Post - Lott 3, Tatum 2, Gray 4,	Wilson 8, Mott 8, Willis 8
Gregory 4, Hester 6, Kirkpatrick 8,	Championship Game
Norman 17	Post 32, Snyder, 34
Wellman - Mercado 12	Post - Lott 2, Tatum 2, Gray
Consolation Bracket	Hoover 6, Kirkpatrick 11, Norma
Borden Co. 51, Post JV Black 34	Snyder - Medrano 11
Borden Co. - Mayes 13, Johnson	All Tournament Team
13; Post JV - Easterling 12	Korie Wilson, O'Donnell; Bro
Wellman 67, Post JV Gold 21	Hardin, Crosbyton; Sirena Medra
Wellman - Mercado 19; Post JV -	Snyder; Rachel Gray, Post; Sar
Norman 8, Jones 6	Kirkpatrick, Post and Tera
Championship Bracket	Ragland (MVP) Snyder.
O'Donnell 33, Snyder 51	
O'Donnell - Wilson 10, Mott 13;	

Team Honors.

Sundown Tournament
 After winning the Sands Tournament the Lady Lopes had hoped to continue their winning streak by bringing home another tournament championship. However, they lost their first round game to New Deal, 26-36, which put them in the bottom of the bracket. The Lady Lopes bounced back after the loss and won the rest of their tournament games. Their first victory of the tournament came against New Home by a score of 36-17. Freshman Brenna Postell led all scorers with 9 points, and Sunnie Barbosa, Jackie Hayes, and Kadie Vernon each helped by adding 6 points.

The Lady Lopes defense took over again as they allowed Meadow just 11 total points to their 53 points in their second victory of the Sundown Tournament. Freshman Lori Jones led all scorers with 12 points. Jackie Hayes scored 10 points, Sunnie Barbosa scored 9 points, and Samantha Hoover chipped in 7 points.

The final game of the tournament the Lady Lopes faced Sundown and

again over powered them with the aggressive play. The Lady Lopes won the game 45-15. Kylie Easterling and Jackie Hayes were the leading scorers for the Lady Lopes with 10 points while Kadie Vernon and Samant Hoover scored 8 and 6 points to help led the Lady Lopes to victory.

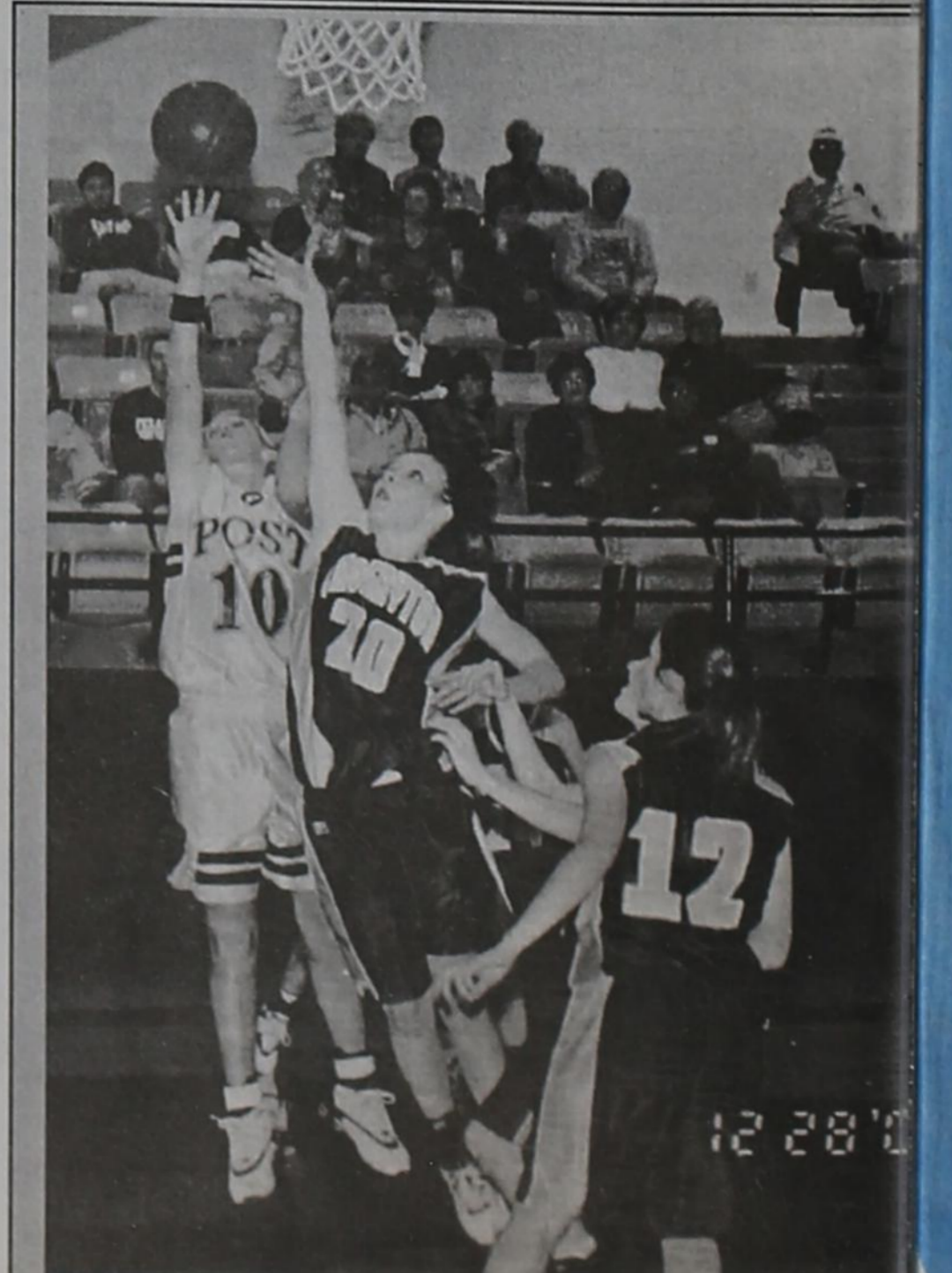
District Results

The Lady Lopes got off to a slow start in their district opener against Denby City. At halftime the Lady Lopes were down just one point, until the Bronco came out in the third quarter to go on a run of sixteen points. The Lady Lopes scored 20 second half points to the Bronco's 36. The Lady Lopes lost the Bronco's 32-45. Despite a poor shooting night for the Lady Lopes Jackie Hayes scored an impressive points to lead the Lady Lopes.

After the loss against Denver City the Lady Lopes defeated Abernathy 47-16. Jackie Hayes and Kylie Easterling led the way scoring 14 and 13 points to help the Lady Lopes victory. Also, helping out was Samantha Hoover who scored 6 points



Lady Lope Sarah Kirkpatrick (32) works the ball up the court against Crosbyton during last week's Bold Gold Tournament in Antelope Arena. Laurel Tatum (11) provided back-up support. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Post Lady Lopes Jenee Lott (10) releases the ball for two points against Crosbyton during last week's Bold Gold Tournament in Antelope Arena. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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