

# Sheriff claims computer records destroyed

by Wes Burnett

Graze County Sheriff Cliff Laws told the Garza County Commissioners' Court Monday morning that several problems surfaced at the sheriff's department on January 1, including the discovery that computerized records had been removed.

Laws said that important case records were apparently removed from department computers prior January 1, when he was sworn in and took office. "We have managed to recover a few of the files, but we think the commissioners' court should take a look at this situation to see if it can be avoided in the future," Laws said.

He also distributed photos of the general "trashing" of the office as it was found on January 1.

Laws also presented a formal request to add two county jailers. He said that it was very inefficient as well as a potential violation of state jail standards to have the dispatcher also serve as a jailer. The court voted to study the matter for three months before making a decision.

In other matters, commissioners agreed to make necessary changes to consolidate the voting box at the Post Middle School, moving it to the Post Community Center. A formal map will be prepared and submitted to state and federal authorities.

A lease extension for the building at 225 W. Main was approved, setting a rental of \$485 for the 48 month lease. The county continues to reserve the right to purchase the building, which houses the Juvenile Probation and Crime Victims offices.

Commissioners also approved the 2005 holiday schedule, keeping the same as has been in place for a number of years. Commissioner appointments to various boards and agencies was also approved along with the 2005 county court terms.

A change to the grievance committee was approved in accordance with

state law, with five elected officials serving along with four grand jury members. The grand jury members were chosen by a draw of names, along with four alternates.

Lake Alan Henry zoning board members John Boren, Fred Stephens, Clyde Cash and Weldon Reed were reappointed. Commissioner Mike Sanchez chairs the committee.

Precinct One Commissioner Gary McDaniel was named to serve as alternate to sign and approve billing related to the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility.

Precinct Two Commissioner Mason McClellan was elected to serve as Judge ProTem.

Although not on the agenda, the court also approved the purchase and recovering of newer chairs for the district and county courtroom.

# Post ISD shelves new school plans

by Sheri Lewis

All work on plans for a new high school for the Post Independent School District will halt following action taken by district trustees last week. During their regular monthly meeting, board members voted to stop all proceedings and expenditures tied to the high school building project.

Last month, the board agreed to move forward with the cafeteria project, which is projected to cost between \$750,000 and \$1 million, but opted to put plans for a new high school facility on hold. The decision, based on a recommendation by Superintendent Marlin Marcum, followed a detailed report on an audit of the district's finances.

Several concerns factored into the Dec. 14 decision, including a downward trend in the school district's average daily attendance, which is expected to result in lost revenues; anticipated losses in state funding due to changes in the district's tax base; and the possibility that early projected costs of construction, which were to have been paid for by cash in hand, were too conservative.

In other business this month, trustees approved a resolution commending

the "excellent performance by students and staff" during the fall semester. The resolution reads as follows:

"Whereas the Board of Trustees and superintendent of the Post Independent School District recognize that its staff is the most important asset in educating the students of this community, and... trustees are very aware of the many and varied successes of individual students and team competition, both in curricular and extracurricular competition in the fall of 2004, and... staff and students have had their hard work and effort validated by excellent success in numerous academic and extracurricular activities this fall..."

"Whereas excellence in academics and competition are fundamental to an effective school, and... the Board of Trustees is very proud of these numerous achievements by both staff and students; therefore, the Board of Trustees... declares and resolves that these individual and team accomplishments by staff and students on the Post Elementary campus, the Post Middle School campus and the Post High School campus contribute to well-rounded, well educated students and are a source of pride for the board and superintendent and community at large. And they further resolve... and acknowledge that the fall semester was indicative of the excellent achievement trustees hope to see in the future."

The board also received, accepted and approved the State of the District report presented by the superintendent.

# Christina Aguilar and Family give thanks

Words cannot express the gratitude and concern that was sent and felt during our precious daughter's liver transplant.

Ana Christina is truly a miracle from God. We want to thank each and every one who took time out of their busy lives for all the prayers. God is so good!

Thank you for all who participated with the bake sale and grocery raffle. The winner was Mrs. Bridgett Ayala. Every donation was greatly appreciated.

It is so comforting to be far away from home and know that prayers and thoughts from your hometown are being sent your way. Thank you for all the e-mails and get well cards and wishes that were sent by the wonderful children and staff from Post ISD. To those who came by upon our return from Houston, it was great to see your beautiful faces.

Although we are home, we will have to return to Houston for follow-up visits for about one year. We hope you will continue to pray for us.

To all who have contributed to the benefit account, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Friends and love make the world go around. One thing for sure, folks! We have an awesome God!

God bless each of you! We love you!

Lupe and Cindy Aguilar and Christina Anna, Diana and Corutney Basquez Gina, Miguel, Evette and Rubi Rodriguez Jackie, Mikey and Patrick Gonzales and Dee

# Celebration Days meeting Tonight

by Thressa Harp

We would like your help in organizing the 1st Annual Post City & Ranch Celebration Days on June 4-6, 2005, in Post. We will be having an organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 13, 2005, in the Wells Fargo Bank Room. Everyone who is interested in helping our community with this event or if your organization would like to do a fundraiser for the event, please come to this meeting.

The 1st Annual Post City & Ranch Celebration Days will promote the rich western and historical heritage of Post and Garza County. This event will also build the interest of both the citizens of Post and tourists for the Post Centennial in 2007. This event could be a cornerstone in helping us to understand the benefits of attracting visitors to our community and making the most of our centennial.

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## Post Notes

### Tsunami Relief Fund

Post Middle School organizations of STARS, NJHS, and Student Council are sponsoring a fundraiser in conjunction with the American Red Cross for the Tsunami Relief Fund. Faculty, staff, students, parents, and community members are all asked to make a contribution by Wednesday, January 19. Profit of 100% will be contributed by the organizations for the cause. Any checks should be made to Post Middle School and noted as American Red Cross contribution. For further questions, contact Dedra Adams, Gini Aldridge, or Pam Humble at Post Middle School (495-2874).

### Gordita plates on sell Friday

Church of God of Prophecy are will be selling gordita plates on Friday, January 14 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at 602 W. 14th street. The plate will include three gorditas, beans, rice, salsa and salad for \$5. Call in orders at 495-3644.

### Softball meeting set for Wednesday

There will be a meeting in the High School Library at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 19 to discuss the upcoming softball season. Parents of any athlete who has signed up to play on the high school softball team are encouraged to attend. If you have questions please contact Julie Young, jyoung@post.k12.tx.us.

### Southland FFA Stock Show

Due to the large number of animals, the Southland FFA Stock Show will be held at the Garza County show barn in Post. It will be held on Saturday, January 15 beginning at 1 p.m. The public is invited to come out and watch. Many of these same animals will be coming back to the show barn for the Garza County Stock Show, which starts on Thursday, January 20, so this should be a good preview of what is to come.

### 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.

### 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.

### Seeking ID's for service men and women

The James C. Cole Post #270 of the American Legion supports our men and women from Garza County who are serving in the military in Iraq and plans to honor them when they return home. Please help identify them by calling either Jack Ault at 495-2238 or Leon Miller at 495-0305.

### Fire department's chili supper set

The Post Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual Chili Supper on February 5, 2005 at the Fire Station beginning at 6 p.m. It will last until the chili is gone and will be on a donation basis. Part of the proceeds will go to the newly established Post Volunteer Fire Department Scholarship Fund which will present a scholarship to a graduating senior of Post High School and some of it will go to assist with middle school students going to STARS camp this summer. The remainder will go to help purchase equipment for the department.

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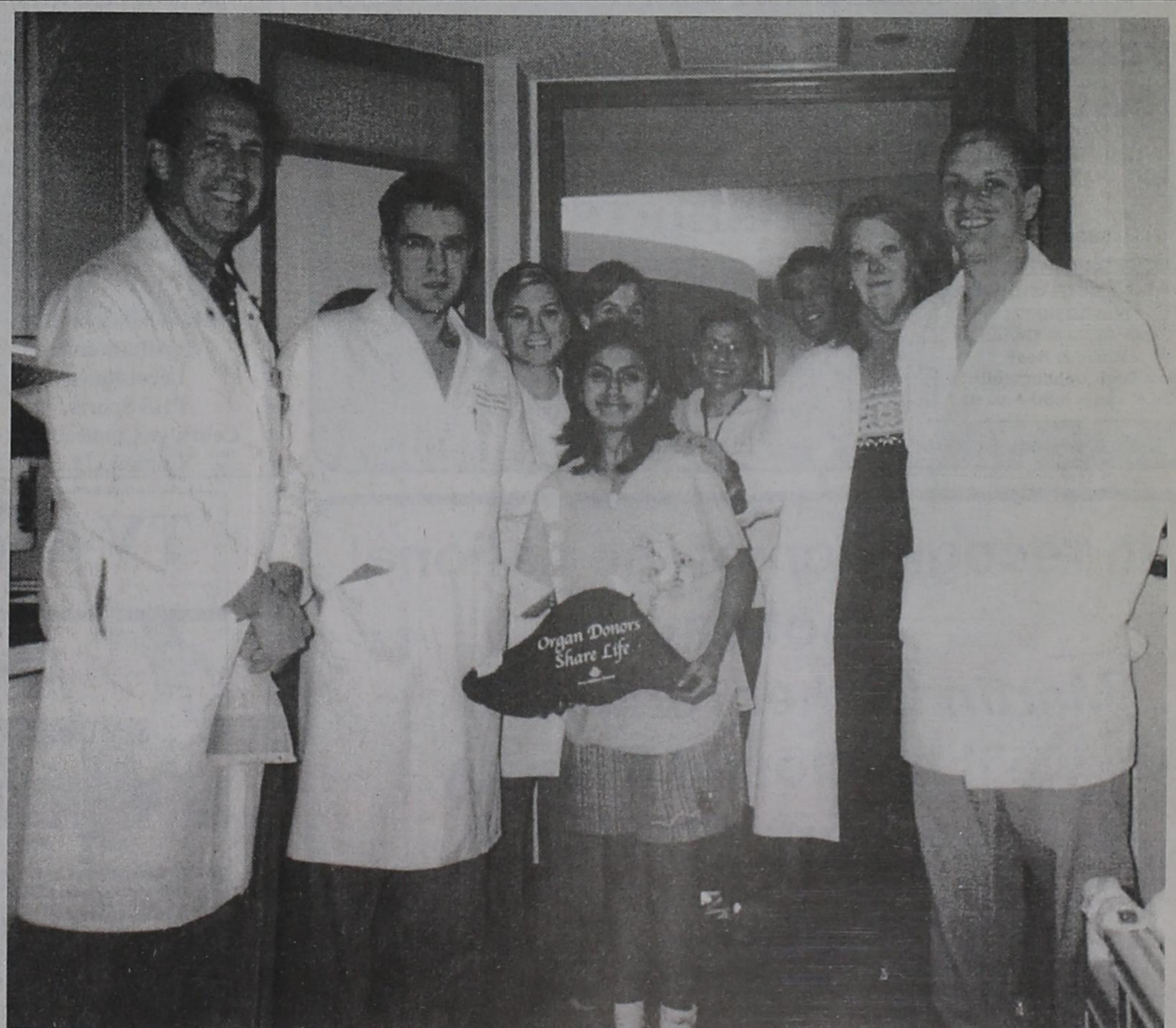
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### Awards assembly held Jan. 14th

Post Elementary Science Fair UIL awards assembly program will be held Friday, January 14 at 10 a.m. in the Post Elementary Auditorium with all winners being recognized.

### Stock Show concession stand & buyers' lunch

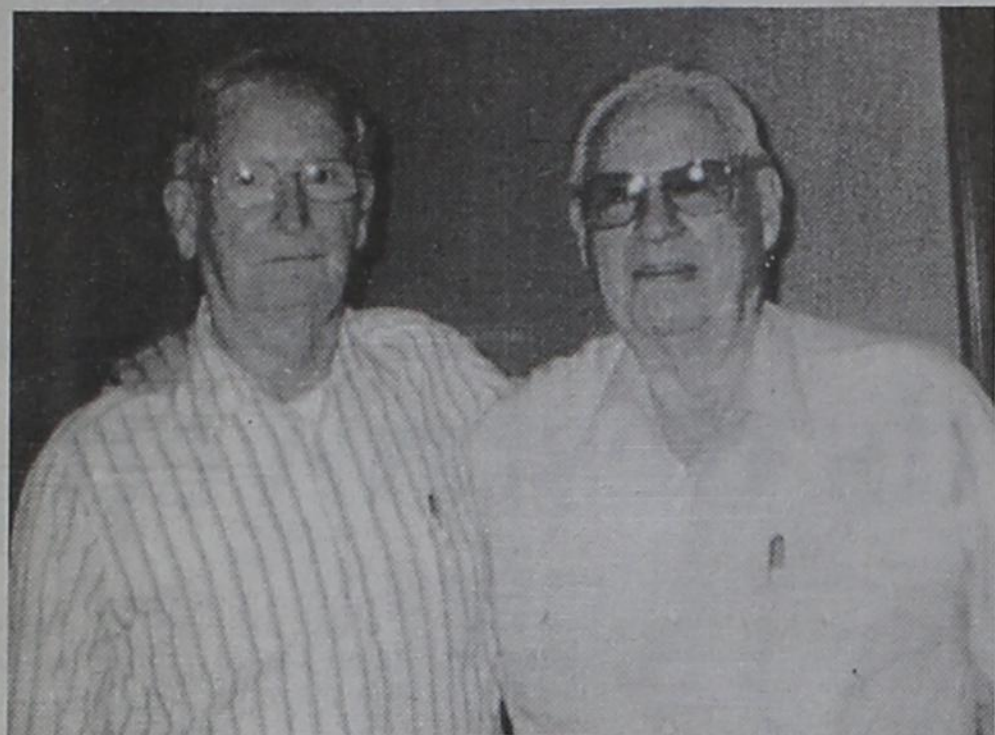
All 4-H and FFA families are asked to bring one dozen brownies, cookies or rice crispy treats, individually wrapped, for the stock show concession stand. For Saturday's lunch, Post FFA is in charge of providing beans, Southland FFA is providing salad and 4-H families are to bring desserts for the meal. Please get in touch with your organization to schedule times to work.



## "Miracle" in Houston

Liver recipient Christina Aguilar at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston with the specialists and surgical staff who handled her case are (back row left to right), Lisa Bristow (Liver Transplant Coordinator), Jennifer Fuentes (Social Worker), Sara Lynsey (Child Life Specialist) (front row), Saul Karpen (Liver Specialist), Dr. Teddy (Resident), Christina Aguilar, Dr. O Mahoney (Liver Transplant Assistant) and Dr. John Goss (Liver Transplant Surgeon).





W.H. McBride and Marion Mathews

## World War II buddies catch up on old times

A November phone call led to a reunion of Navy buddies after almost 60 years.

Marion Mathews received a phone call in November from a W.H. McBride, a resident of Texarkana, Ark. After identifying himself, McBride asked if Mathews had served on the U.S.S. Oregon, then asked Mathews if he remembered him.

"I said, 'I sure do,'" Mathews said. "The last time I seen him was in 1945. Our ship was in Guadalcanal."

"Do you still have that red hair?" McBride asked.

"It is all white now," Mathews replied.

McBride came to visit his friend Mathews Dec. 5. McBride's daughter, Susan Garfield of Dallas, had initiated the reunion by locating Mathews through use of the Internet. She brought her father for the visit.

"That was a real Christmas present," Mathews said. "We had lunch together. Had a nice visit. We had a lot to talk about."

"Our ship was anchored in the bay among several other ships," Mathews recalled. "There was a munitions ship there. Somehow a Jap sub got through on a submarine and blew up the munitions ship, the U.S.S. Mindell. There were only three men left from the ship's crew. The three men were over on the beach in a 40-foot motor launch. I guess there were about 600 men who got killed; about 60 on another ship. We buried our men on the island. I remember one guy named Flint from Oklahoma, another named James from Arkansas lost his arm. One guy named Music from El Paso lost his mind. All the men in the 40-foot motor launch boats were given all the liquor they could drink."

The two friends were part of a group of 16 that had been on the ship for 19 months. One day the executive officer asked all 16 to come to his office. There, he spread out a deck of cards, asking each to draw a card. The man who drew the highest card of the 10 would get to go home for a 45-day leave. Mathews drew the 10 of spades.

"My friend, McBride, didn't get to go home," Mathews said. "After my leave was up, I was assigned to the U.S.S. Piedmont."

Mathews was assigned to the Refrigeration Department where he achieved the rank of Refrigeration Merchant Mate Petty Officer. He served on the U.S.S. Piedmont for more than two years, traveling to Japan after the surrender. He was there for eight months before moving to Shanghai, China, for three months.

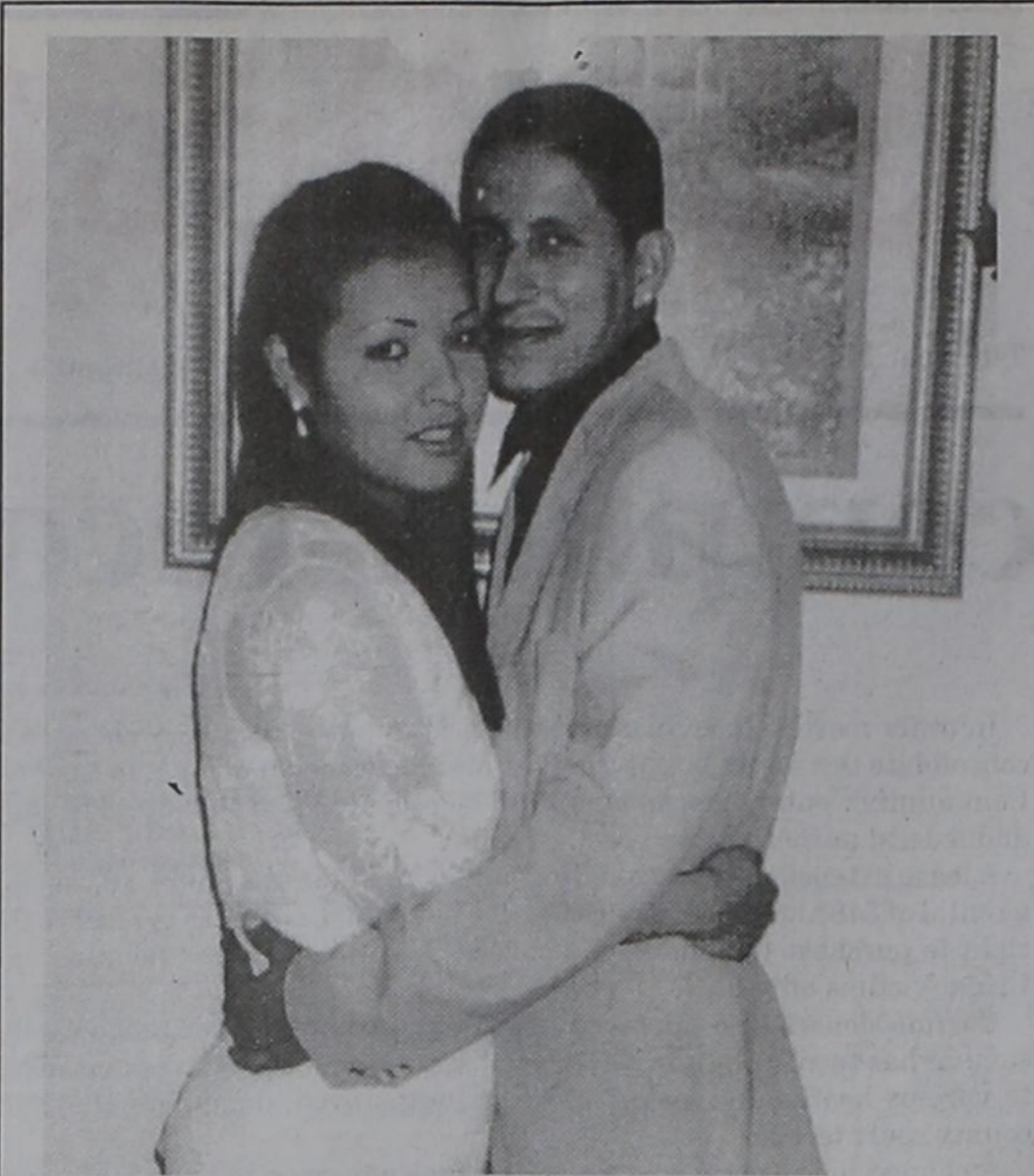
Mathews began his service in the U.S. Navy April 14, 1943, and completed his duty Nov. 17, 1947.

"I always said if I ever got married and had a son that he would serve his country, pay for his rights and earn his freedom," Mathews said. "Our son, Phil Mathews, did just that. I taught him that was his duty to serve. He graduated from Post High School, joined the U.S. Air Force for four years. His son, Lance Mathews, also went, so we had a four-generations to go serve our country that we love. We also have another grandson, Travis Mathews, planning to join the Navy after he graduates from Post High School."

His friend, McBride, joined the Merchant Marines after he completed his service in the Navy.

"If it comes to it, I would go again," Mathews said, "because I love my country. God bless America."

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Mr. and Mrs. Severino Martinez

## Andrea Armendariz, Severino Martinez exchange wedding vows

Andrea Armendariz of Post and Severino Martinez were married December 25, 2004. Les Rutherford officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jorge Armendariz of Post, and the granddaughter of Placida Guerrero of Post and Teresa Armendariz of Presidio.

The bridegroom is the son of Lawrence and Cathy Martinez of Pueblo, Colorado.



Rebecca Ann Stelzer and Curtis Schmitz

## Rebecca Stelzer, Curtis Schmitz set May 7 wedding in Post

Mr and Mrs Donny Stelzer announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Rebecca Ann to Curtis Schmitz, son of Mr and Mrs Randy Schmitz of Midkiff.

Rebecca is a 1999 graduate of Post High School and a 2004 graduate of Texas A&M University.

Curtis is a 1999 graduate of Garden City High School and served in the United States Marine Corps for four years.

The wedding is set for Saturday, May 7, 2005 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Post.

## Births

### Sydney Wrae Harvey

Justin and Angela Harvey of Tahoka are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Sydney Wrae Harvey.

Born on November 20, 2004 at 1:51 a.m. in the Lynn County Hospital, Sydney weighed 7 lbs, 1 oz and measured 21 inches in length.

Sydney's grandparents are Tino and Rosie Trevino of Post, Jeff Harvey of Olney, Texas and Ava Harris of Olney. Her great grandparents are Julio and Louise Valdez of Post.



Sydney Wrae Harvey

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## Celebration Days ...

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We will be holding the event in conjunction with an Old Mill Trade Days weekend. Some of the activities to be considered are: western dance, children's contests and activities; rodeo (steer and calf roping, barrel racing and other timed events); merchants/downtown activities; motorcycle rally; country and western entertainers; chuck wagon cook-off; country and western dance; antique cars; western art show (amateur and professional); bass fishing tournament; ranch tours; cowboy poets; antique tractors; wine festival; themed activities at OMTD.

We really need everyone's help to make the 1st Annual Post City & Ranch Days Celebration a success. Please make plans to attend! If you or your organization would like more information or simply have questions you may contact any of the following.

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White River Lake Weekly Report Jan. 10, 2005  
Gauge reading: 2353.53 Feet below spillway: 18'10" Rise - 4" Rainfall (past week): 0.99" Rain to-date: 0.99" Rainfall for 2004 - 43.58"  
Source: Mickey Rogers, WRMWD general manager

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## Christina Zellmer graduates at PHS. enrolls at Sam Houston

Christina Irene Zellmer, an 18-year-old senior at Post High School, completed requirements for

graduation with honors in December and began classes at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville this week.

Zellmer is majoring in chemistry and biology. While a student at Post High School, her activities included track, cross country, UIL, one-act play, National Honor Society and the Garza Theatre.

Zellmer is the daughter of Cindy Mansker of Lubbock and Dale Zellmer of Spring. Her grandparents are Fred and Irene Howell of Post and Chris and Millie Zellmer of Waco.

She plans to participate in graduation ceremonies with the Post High School Class of 2005 in May.



Christina Irene Zellmer

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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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## Wyvonne Kennedy signs off 30 year career

by Sheri Lewis

For more than three decades, Wyvonne Kennedy has been one of the first faces to greet newcomers and visitors to Post.

Kennedy, who will retire from as city secretary Friday, has worked for the City of Post for more than 31 years — arranging water hookups for new city residents, providing information and sharing the community's history with individuals just passing through.

"A lot of times we're the first ones new people and visitors meet in town," she said. "I've done a lot of history lessons on Post. I can tell the history of Mr. (C.W.) Post real well. We do a lot of PR (public relations) work."

Kennedy has been doing PR work — as well as a lot of other work — for the city since then-city manager Pete Maddox asked her to leave her chamber of commerce job to work at City Hall. With the support of her husband, Gene, she did, taking on the responsibilities of a part-time position handling utilities.

She moved up through the ranks and in April 1994 assumed the duties of city secretary.

"I wouldn't have ever taken the city secretary's job without my husband's support," she said. "He's always encouraged me to do things, and he told me I could do it."

During her tenure with the city, Kennedy has worked under three mayors — Giles McCrary, Jim Jackson and Archie Gill — as well as six city managers. She's seen a lot of changes along the way, particularly in those areas affected by technology.

"Things are a little quicker now," she said, recalling that a Burrows machine was used early in her tenure with the city to enter every meter reading. "Everything was by hand in a book."

But while some things have evolved, many have remained the same.

"We had dog problems when I first started, and we still have dog problems," Kennedy said. "Garbage pick up, potholes — it's all about the same as far as what the people want from the city."

When she leaves City Hall Friday afternoon, Kennedy will take with her a lifetime of memories. And, she said, there will be a lot of things she'll miss.

One thing she won't miss is the complaints.

"I won't miss that," she said, "but I will miss the people and the girls I work with. They're wonderful. And in the time I've been here, most people have been nothing but courteous and friendly."

When asked what her best memories of the job have been, Kennedy said she was proudest of the work done by past and current city leaders in securing a secondary source of water for Post and fighting to maintain the community's landfill.

"These are not things I've done, but they're wonderful things," she said.

Another thing she's enjoyed while working with the city is reviewing minutes of old meetings and ordinances adopted by past councils.

"They are fascinating," Kennedy

said. "There's some funny ones too — like 'no spitting on the sidewalks.'"

And her most humorous moment?

"The time I got a call from a lady who wanted to know who in the city was in charge of rain," Kennedy replied. "I thought she was teasing, but it became obvious pretty quick that she wasn't. We'd been having heavy rain, and she wanted to talk to someone about flooding in her yard."

A native of Post and a graduate of Post High School, Kennedy was honored with a Dec. 18 retirement reception at the Hotel Garza.

Although she's officially retiring, Kennedy said she'll be back occasionally to help "fill in" at City Hall when the new city secretary, Deana Watson, or Cynthia Williams, utilities, are out of the office. When she's not helping out at City Hall, Kennedy might be found working in the yard, reading or doing needlework.

"Basically I just want to enjoy life with my husband," she said.



Attending the recent retirement reception for Wyvonne Kennedy were her children (back row left to right, Karla Richardson (Panhandle, Texas), Luann Kennedy (Arlington), Jay Kennedy (Big Spring), Terry Kennedy (Lampasas), Phyllis Walker (Midland) and Genetta Gillett (Cedar Park) (front row), Wynonne Kennedy and husband Gene Kennedy.

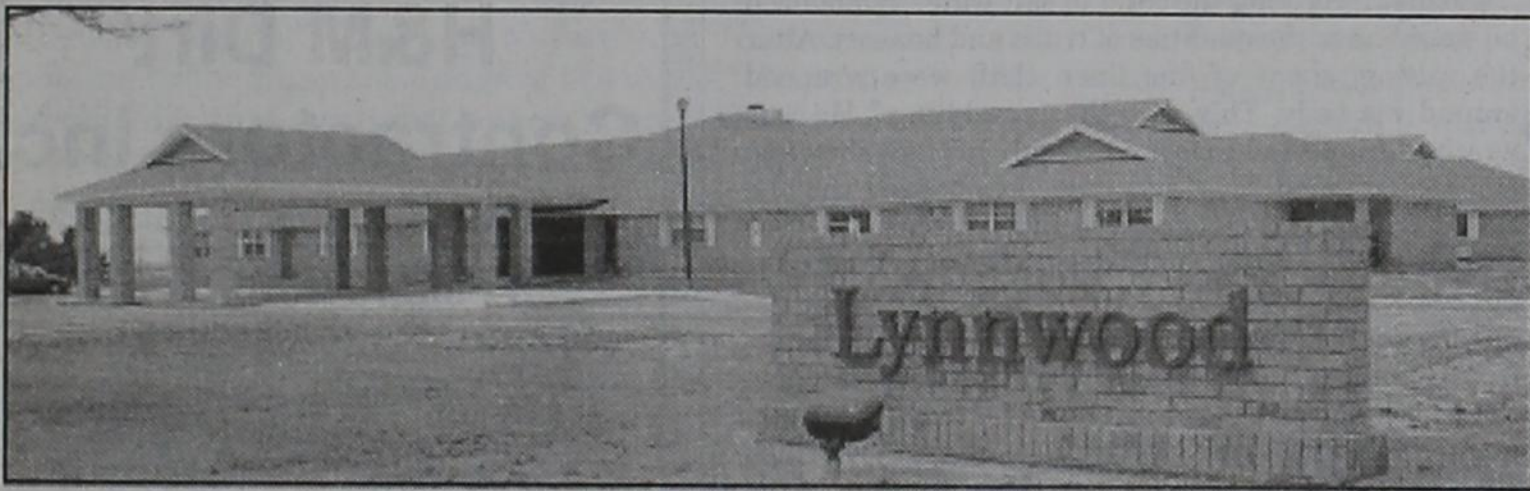


Sharing the retirement reception with Wyvonne Kennedy were her grandchildren (back row left to right), Torre Josey, Samantha Gillett, Jennifer Gillett, Kirby Kennedy, Caitlin Walker, Tayrn Kennedy, Taylor Kennedy Osborn, Alexa Coello and Sarah Gillett (front row), Briana Coello, Wyvonne Kennedy, Tate Kennedy, Gene Kennedy and Kleg Kennedy.

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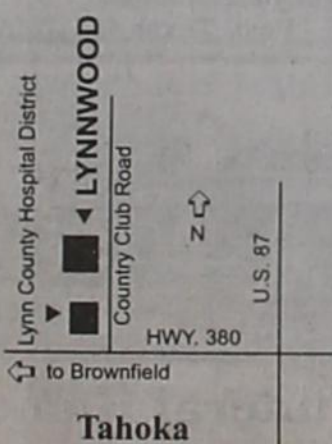
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January 26th 9:30 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

5:30 P.M.-10:00 P.M.

January 27th 9:30 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

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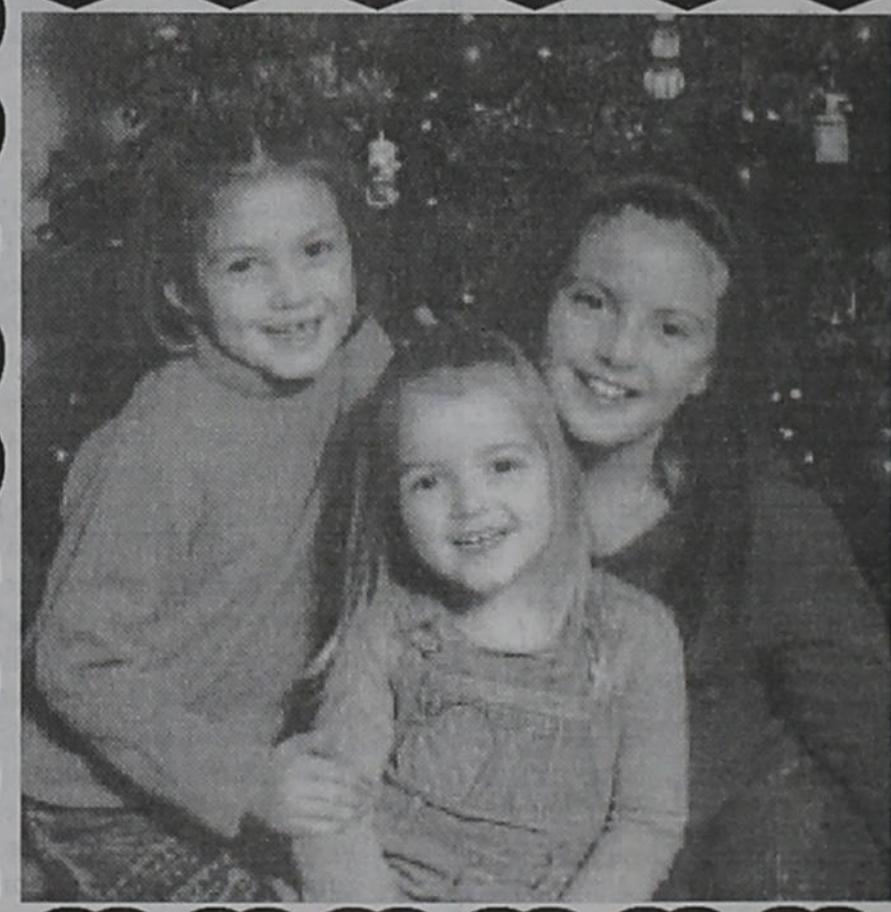
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# Obituaries

## Dale Walls

Services for Dale Walls 50, of Post were held 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Post Church of Christ with Charles McCook, officiating. Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery in Post under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.



Dale passed away Sunday January 9, 2005. Born Nov. 19, 1954 to Herbert and Lois (Veach) Walls here in Post. Dale attended Post schools and went to work as a driller. Having worked with his dad, brother and son. He loved to hunt arrowheads, being with his family and taking care of his horses. Dale had always had a horse to take care of. Survivors include his four sons: Lucas and his wife Tina, Seth, Nathan and Austin, all of Post. One daughter: Leslie and her husband Jimmy Solis of Post. His parents Herb and Lois Walls of Post. One brother: Derek and his wife Cheryl Walls of Chico, two sisters: Martha Jo and her husband Doug Roberts of Claude and Irene Fry of Post. Five grandchildren: D'Kota, Aisha, Sydney, Ericka and Stephen. Pallbearers were Jackie Stelzer, Ernie Saldivar, Chris Redman, Chris Stelzer, David Stelzer, Freddy Huff, Charlie Redman, Chris Belongia and Jerry Bratcher.

## Julia Barbosa

Services for Julia Barbosa, 51, of Jal, N.M., were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005, in the Hudman Funeral Home with the Rev. Jose Payano officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery.

She died Jan. 6 in Kermit. Born March 20, 1953, in Post, she was a homemaker. Survivors include two sons, Jimmy Carrigo of Pittsburg, Texas, and Joe Carrigo of Vernon; two daughters, Paula Cisneros of Pittsburg, Texas, and Janet Contreras of Garland; 10 sisters, Mary Collazo of Garden City, Kansas, Geneva Florez of Jal, N.M., Rosario Gomez of Quanah, Angelita Trejo of Arlington, Linda Carrogo of Quanah, Felicitia Reyna of Post, Carmen Abraham of Post, Lupe Samora of Lubbock, Elvira Sanchez of Snyder and Dimintina Beavers of Wyoming; four brothers, Ricky Fuentes of Jal, N.M., Amado Fuentes of Smithville, Nick Fuentes of Smithville and Richard Fuentes of Lubbock; and 14 grandchildren.

## Keith Howard

Services for Randall "Keith" Howard of Amarillo were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005, in the Southwest Baptist Church in Amarillo with Matt Bumstead officiating. Burial was in the Memorial Park Cemetery Mausoleum under the direction of the Cox Funeral Home in Amarillo.

He died Sunday, Jan. 2, at his home. Born Aug. 20, 1954, in Post to J.C. and Julia Howard, he married Dianne Ryan in 1991 in Las Vegas. The couple moved from Lubbock to Amarillo in 1997. He was employed with United Supermarkets for more than 30 years. A longtime meat market manager, he was currently serving as regional deli supervisor. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Kimberly Spears and husband, Chris, of Lubbock; two sons, Jonathan Howard and wife, Shyloh, and Casey McAdams and wife, McKinsey, all of Amarillo; one sister, Marie Davis of Post; and four grandchildren, Tanner, Kayla and Britney Howard and Chandler McAdams.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Kenneth Howard. Pallbearers were Sidney Hopper, Scott Nettles, Lonnie Miller, Tim Perser, Joe Womble, Kelly Abrams, Lonnie Walls, Larry Robinson and Troy Deaton. Honorary pallbearers included his fellow United employees.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the American Heart Association, 6605 W. Interstate 40, Building A-6, Amarillo, TX 79106 or to the donor's favorite charity.

## Letters to the Editor

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### Now that Christmas is over....

Now that Christmas is almost over, how does everyone feel? I read an article about the curious origins of this popular holiday, where it really comes from, and what it really means. What would Jesus say today? Would Jesus Christ recognize the religion that professes to follow Him? Think about it.

If you lived in the Holy Land in the time of Jesus and you observed Christmas, you would be alone, for no true Christian ever kept Christmas during the time of Jesus' life on earth.

Further, if you saw Jesus or the Apostles walking through the narrow pass ways of old Jerusalem or the dusty roads of Judea and you invited them to join in your Christmas celebrations, what would they say?

Since Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8) and all the scripture is inspired by God (2 Timothy 3:16), they might remind you of what God's word says about incorporating pagan customs into your worship: "Do not inquire after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise, you shall not worship the Lord your God in that way, for every abomination to the Lord, which He hates, they have done to their gods. Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it. You shall not add to it nor take away from it." (Deuteronomy 12:30-32)

Jesus Himself might repeat to you what He said to the Pharisees, who considered their traditions and customs more important than obeying God's word. "These people draw near me with their mouth, and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. And they worship me in vain, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men." (Matthew 15:8-9)

Christmas is mentioned nowhere in the Bible and is a commandment of man. Sadly for the bulk of modern Christianity these scriptures - which help define what true Christianity is and is not - mean very little. Most of the two billion professing Christians on earth today observe Christmas and other extrabiblical holidays without ever giving them a second thought. Most will never take the time to look into their beliefs to learn their true origins, though information such as that found in this article can be found in virtually any modern library or the Internet. Though the basic facts about the origins of Christmas are spelled out in almost any reputable encyclopedia, most people will not look long and hard at their traditions and customs to see if they square with the Bible.

The word Christmas is short for Christ's Mass, instituted by the Catholic Church and continued by many Protestant churches. Dec. 25 has nothing to do with Jesus Christ, as we have been taught, but that date does have a lot to do with ancient pre-Christian religions. According to the hypothesis suggested by

H. Usener, accepted by most schools today, the birth of Christ was assigned the date of the winter solstice because on this day, as the sun began its return to the northern skies, the pagan devotees of Mithra celebrated the birthday of the invincible sun. Christmas originated at a time when the cult of the sun was particularly strong at Rome. Dec. 25 - birth of Jesus Christ - simply isn't credible.

Christmas has its origin in two ancient pagan festivals, the great Yule-fest of the Norsemen and the Roman Saturnalia.

The Catholic Church simply relabeled the festivities and the customs from ancient pre-Christian and called them Christian. Once given the Christian basis, the festival became established in Europe with many of the pagan elements undisturbed. It was in the 4th Century that Dec. 25 was officially decreed to be the birthday of Christ and another 500 years before the term MidWinter Feast was abandoned in favor of the word Christmas.

So now what do you think of Christmas?

Think about it!

My opinion only,  
Dea Lightfoot Post

### Thanks to all of you!

Words cannot express the gratitude and concern that was sent and felt during our precious daughter's liver transplant.

Ana Christina is truly a miracle from God. We want to thank each and every one who took time out of their busy lives for all the prayers. God is so good!

Thank you for all who participated with the bake sale and grocery raffle. The winner was Mrs. Bridgett Ayala. Every donation was greatly appreciated.

It is so comforting to be far away from home and know that prayers and thoughts from your hometown are being sent your way. Thank you for all the e-mails and get well cards and wishes that were sent by the wonderful children and staff from Post ISD. To those who came by upon our return from Houston, it was great to see your beautiful faces.

Although we are home, we will have to return to Houston for follow-up visits for about one year. We hope you will continue to pray for us.

To all who have contributed to the benefit account, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Friends and love make the world go around. One thing for sure, folks! We have an awesome God!

God bless each of you! We love you!

Lupe and Cindy Aguilar and Christina Anna, Diana and Corutney Basquez Gina, Miguel, Evette and Rubi Rodriguez Jackie, Mikey and Patrick Gonzales and Dee

### We need your help!

There is an event being planned for June 3, 4 and 5 here in Post, and we need the participation of the whole community. If your organization would like to have a fundraiser or you would like to help in any way, please come to a meeting on Thursday, Jan. 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Wells Fargo Bank Room.

The 1st Annual Post City & Ranch Days Celebration will promote the western and historical heritage of Post and Garza County. This event will also build the interest of both the citizens of Post and tourists for the Post Centennial 2007. Several unique and interesting activities have been scheduled for this event, and we are hoping for a large crowd from around the area and state. The event will be paired with the Old Mill Trade Days and OS Ranch weekends and will have mass media coverage.

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## On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

### The Birth of Jesus Christ...Luke 2:1-19

Continuing chronologically, we come to the birth of Jesus Christ.

Luke 2:1-7, "And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David), to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

The God-given record of Jesus Christ's birth is filled with information that helps to pinpoint the exact date of his birth. This will be covered in a later article. But please note that this decree from Caesar Augustus is recorded history. The word "tax" is a bad translation for an earlier known Greek word that meant to enroll or register. It was basically the taking of a census. Verse 4 reveals that Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem because they were both of the house and lineage of David (See the genealogy of Mary in Matthew 1:1-16). In verse 5 we learn that Joseph and Mary had sealed their marriage and were now living together. This means that by this time, Mary was no longer a "virgin" as defined today.

While in Bethlehem, Mary gave birth to Jesus Christ, the son of God. Please note there was nothing miraculous about his birth. It was no different from any other birth. There was something special about his post-birth preparation. Joseph and Mary followed the proper

procedures for the birth of a royal child. In Light Through an Eastern Window, author K.C. Pillai explained the eastern Biblical tradition for the birth of a noble son. Whenever a King's son was born, he was "salted" and "swaddled." Bathing the child in salt water symbolized he would have the qualities of truth and honesty. After the salting, strips of fine linen cloth were wrapped around his body. This was the "swaddling." He was wrapped from head to foot, with only his face showing. His straightened body and limbs symbolized that he would be free from crookedness and waywardness (See also Jesus Christ Our Promised Seed, by Victor Wierwille, pp. 205-208).

Verses 8-18 provides the wonderful record of the angel from God appearing to the shepherds that were watching their flock during the night. The angel said, "Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; You shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.' And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, 'Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.'"

They immediately proved God and found the baby Jesus lying in a manger. Next they made this known to everybody in the area. And with sweet humility, Mary kept all these things to herself, and pondered upon them in her heart.

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## War Party...

SERGEANT COURAGEOUS □ by Bill O'Reilly

The first thing you notice about Army Sgt. Manuel Mendoza is his charismatic smile, Tom Cruise would be envious. The second thing you notice as he lies in his hospital bed is that half his body is missing — blown away by a roadside bomb that destroyed the armored personal carrier he was commanding in Sadr city, Iraq.

Mendoza's life was altered forever Oct. 3. Within a week of his injury, he was under treatment at the Walter Reed military hospital in Washington, D.C. Now he spends his days coming back. He undergoes rigorous physical therapy and exercise sessions designed to strengthen his upper body and his will. Sgt. Mendoza will soon be fitted with artificial legs and will need all the determination he can muster to regain his mobility.

I'm betting Mendoza will do it because he is a special guy. Born in Los Reyes, Mexico, in 1981, he and his family legally entered the United States, and four years later, they became resident aliens. His father worked as a logger in Northern California, and the little boy and his two siblings barely had a slice of the American dream. Mendoza's family struggled with dignity.

After graduating high school, Manuel Mendoza did what so many poor young men before him had done: He joined the military to secure educational benefits and discipline. Mendoza loved the Army, quickly moving through the ranks. As a sergeant he was in charge of men years older. He told me he was proud to serve in Iraq, believing America is trying to bring freedom to that chaotic country.

Mendoza's wounds are terrible. He lost one leg all the way up to the hip, the other above the knee. Other men sink into depression when faced with that kind of catastrophe, Mendoza did not. He joked with the doctors and nurses. He encouraged his depressed mother, brother and little sister. He did not complain and did not feel sorry for himself, although he had a perfect right to do so. He did, however, ask his government for one favor. He asked to be made an American citizen.

And so, in early December, Manuel Mendoza took the oath of citizenship. He is now a full-fledged American. But those who know Manuel also know he is much more than that. He is a symbol of what America is at its core: generous, optimistic and tough. Sgt. Mendoza's face should be on a stamp. Often it is difficult for strangers to talk with wounded military people. You want them to see your respect and your sympathy, but not too much of the latter. You want them to talk about themselves, but you don't want to intrude on their suffering. You want to help them, but you really can't outside of the conversation and perhaps a gift or some letters.

But talking with Sgt. Mendoza was easy. He vividly remembered his time in Iraq and was clearly proud of his service. He overwhelmed me with his positive outlook and hope for the future. Mendoza wants to attend college, marry, have children and have an exciting career.

And he will. I do not doubt this for a moment. For sitting and working out in Walter Reed hospital right now is a man every bit as heroic as any American icon. A man who was willing to sacrifice everything so that people half way around the world could have a shot at freedom. A man who is challenged every second of every day and meets the challenge with true grit and an uplifting smile.

On paper, Sgt. Manuel Mendoza may be one of the newest Americans. But in his heart and mind he has always been one. We fellow Americans salute you, sir.

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## Attacking Western values

by Walter E. Williams

School boards have recently banned songs and music containing references to Santa Claus, Jesus and other religious Christmas symbols. The New York City school system permits displays of Jewish menorahs and the Muslim star and crescent but not the Christian nativity scene.

According to an Associated Press story (Nov. 26, 2004), "A public school teacher is suing his district and principal for barring him from using excerpts from historical documents in his classroom because they contain references to God and Christianity." The historical documents in question are: the Declaration of Independence and "The Rights of the Colonists" by John Adams.

Then there's Kandice Smith, an Alabama sixth-grader who was threatened with discipline for exhibiting a cross necklace. Just a few years ago, the city manager of Eugene, Ore., Jim Johnson, banned Christmas trees and holiday decorations with religious themes from public spaces, giving as his reason the need to "put a neutral face on a religious holiday in the workplace." This year, a float proclaiming "Merry Christmas" was banned from Denver's Parade of Lights.

Under the pretense of the First Amendment's prohibitions against "establishment of religion" and the court's bogus "separation of church and state" interpretation of the same, we're witnessing a part of the ongoing attack on American values. The Constitution's "establishment of religion" clause was written to prevent the formation of anything similar to the official Church of England in the United States.

So why the attack on religion? Read the Declaration of Independence. You'll read phrases such as: "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights," "Laws of Nature and Nature's God," and "appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world." The vision held by the framers is that our rights come not from government but from a "Creator" or "the laws of nature and of nature's God." That means the purpose and power of government is rightfully limited to protecting our natural God-given rights.

The idea that government doesn't grant rights is offensive to those

who wish to control our lives. Therefore, to gain greater control, the idea of natural rights, God-given rights and Christian values must be suppressed. The idea that rights precede government was John Locke's natural law philosophy, which had a significant influence on our nation's founders, but they chose to refer to natural law as rights endowed by the Creator.

The attack on Christian ideas and Christian public displays is part and parcel of the leftist control agenda in another way. Certain components of the leftist agenda require that our primary allegiance be with government. As such, there must be an attack on allegiances to the teachings of the church and family. After all, for example, if you want popular acceptance of homosexual marriages, there must be a campaign against church teachings that condemn such practices.

Emboldened by their successes in the courts and intimidation of public officials, leftists will no doubt make other demands; there's no logical end point except complete Christian capitulation. There are Christian symbols and exhibits in many Washington, D.C., government buildings that will come down, such as: Moses with the Ten Commandments inside the U.S. Supreme Court, George Washington praying in the Capitol Building, Abraham Lincoln's speech mentioning God carved inside the Lincoln Memorial.

Religious programming on the radio and television will come under attack. After all, there's Federal Communications Commission permission to use the "public airwaves." If leftists say they have no such intention to go after television, radio and other public expressions of Christianity, what they really mean is that they haven't softened us up enough yet. I'm not quite sure of just how we should respond to the ongoing attack on Christianity and American values, but we'd better do something quickly.

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## Liberate us from government 'educators'

by Scott McPherson

The state's monopoly on education is perhaps the worst thing that has ever happened to children in America.

From the earliest days of the republic, education was provided by parents, churches, and local communities. The first proposals for state-supported schools were merely calls to address an absence of schools in isolated pockets of rural poverty.

No one suggested that parents could not or would not be responsible for their own children's learning — in fact, throughout the discussions of school funding it was always understood that the group targeted by such funds was only a minority of the poorest children.

Over time, the education bureaucracy — particularly teacher-training institutions — and affiliated interest groups began to lobby for a greater role for the state in education. (See Education and the State, by E.G. West.)

Despite claims that public schools were established to serve the children of the poor and working class, it was not uncommon for people within those groups to resist such measures, for they feared the effects of allowing "elitist" interests to control their children's learning. These elites were often very explicit about their desire to use the schooling establishment to mold children like "pieces of clay" to serve the interests of the state. (See The Twelve-Year Sentence, William Rickenbacker, editor.)

John Holt, a radical proponent of school reform and children's rights, writes in his excellent book, Freedom and Beyond, that "universal compulsory schools are not and never were meant to be humane institutions, and most of their fundamental purposes, tasks, missions, are not humane.... There is one prime, legitimate, humane mission or function of the schools," he continues, and that is "to promote the growth of the children in them."

Holt spent years teaching in both public and private schools in Colorado, Massachusetts, and California, and found that most people's definition of "education" is far from this ideal. Schools are seen essentially as giant cookie cutters — and children are the dough. We've locked our children in a giant bureaucracy where they and their parents have very little, sometimes absolutely no, say over their own development and learning.

Another function of the schools, as Holt sees it, is "custodial." "Call our schools day corrals for children," he writes. "Society demands of schools, among other things, that they be a place where for many hours of the day, many days of the year, children or young people can be shut up and so got out of everyone else's way. Mom doesn't want them hanging around the house, the citizens do not want them out in the streets, and workers do not want them in the labor force."

"What then do we do with them?" Holt asks. "We put them in schools. That

is an important part of what schools are for. They are a kind of day jail for kids."

Today, we can see the effects of a century and a half of government-controlled education.

Carlisle Moody, Ph.D., a professor of economics at William & Mary College, wrote in April 2003 that "in Virginia, the average per pupil expenditure in the public school system is approximately \$7450, of which the taxpayers of the Commonwealth pay 86 percent. So, it costs Virginia taxpayers roughly \$6400 (.86 x \$7450) to educate one child for one year, not counting the capital costs of the buildings."

And that does not even include hidden costs. For example, if all of those who currently homeschool or privately educate their children were to instead send their children to a public school, and those who have no children were to have children and send them to public schools, the public school system would have to raise taxes radically to maintain this per-pupil expenditure. In short, education officials depend on taxes extracted from those who do not even use their system — and even with this windfall they cannot seem to make ends meet. They are hiding the true cost of their system from taxpayers.

Bond packages are also regularly approved by voters so that local governments can spend greater and greater sums on schools and leave the bill for later generations, but still it never seems to be enough. Schools are drab and boring institutions that look more like prisons than places of learning and are often in a state of complete disrepair.

Most important, there's the cost that cannot be measured in dollars. Students face a one-size-fits-all approach to learning that they must endure whether they like it or not, whether it is good for them or not. The grades he receives from this system will haunt the student throughout his academic life.

Many children are miserable in the schooling environment they must currently endure, and through constant adult control and dominance, quizzing and testing, bullying and discouragement of their individual interests, they have come to see the school as a place to be feared, rather than a place where real learning and personal, individual development, fulfillment, and betterment take place. They will carry a resentment of education and learning through their entire lives.

If many children have nothing better to look forward to in life, as Holt feared, than "pointless, stupid, stupefying work," then the public schools are an excellent preparation for this eventuality. For 12 years, children are force-fed a diet of subjects they often neither understand nor care anything about, but must digest in order to avoid the wrath of their teachers. Schools

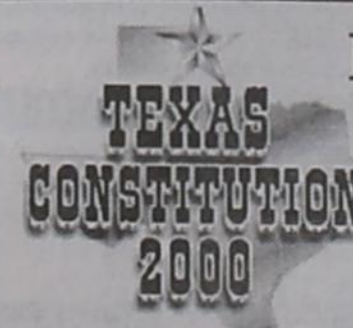
are typically unresponsive to the most basic needs of students (except perhaps to label the child a problem and administer the appropriate behavior-modifying drugs), and, despite claims that they foster individuality, they instead demand rigid uniformity.

Holt describes "the business of the schools" as being "to make Robert MacNamara at one end and Lt. William Calley at the other. They are, each in his own way, perfect products of schooling: the one unshakably convinced that his cleverness and secret knowledge give him a right to exercise unlimited and godlike powers over other men; the other, ready at an instant to do without question or qualm everything, anything anyone in a position of authority tells him to do." Doesn't this sound a little bit like the typical teacher-student relationship?

And parents must pay for this. Teachers complain of poor pay, but most do not want to grant even a basic level of educational choice to the students and parents who "employ" them.

It is time to liberate parents and children from this system. Government officials and large segments of the population are often quick to denounce so-called monopoly business practices, yet somehow tolerate a government that has monopolized the most precious of spheres — the growth and development of the individual child. Let's get government out of the education business and let parents and children chart their own course in the learning process.

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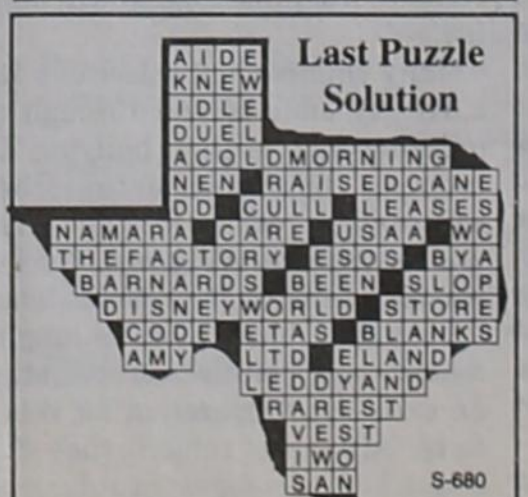
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# Yesteryears

Compiled & Edited by Donna Jones  
from the archives of The Post Dispatch

10 Years Ago  
January 11, 1995

A proposal to build a northwest Texas regional juvenile detention facility in Post has been approved by the Garza County Commissioners' Court and the Post City Council. Up and Down Mainstreet: It is always a sad day for a small town when a business closes. This is the case with Winns. There is a distinct possibility, however, that Family Dollar Stores may be moving into that building. We are also sad that Patty

Kirkpatrick is selling Danish Imports. Patty has really made a name for Danish and for Post. She has been instrumental in bringing lots of shoppers to Post because of the quality and variety of merchandise in her shop.

After a slow start, the Post Lady Lopes took control in the second period with a strong full court press to whip Seagraves 50-40 in the district contest. Christie Oden led the team with 20 points, followed closely by Holly Hardin with 18. Icy road conditions last Thursday and Fri-

day resulted in nine different accidents just south of Southland, sending six people to area hospitals.

20 Years Ago  
January 9, 1985

Iida Mae Wilks was honored with a retirement reception at the ASCS Office last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Wilks retired from the office after 30+ years of service. For What It's Worth: Congratulations to Ronnie and Voda Gradine on their purchase of Fashion Cleaners.

County Judge and Mrs. Giles Dalby were in Austin Monday night to attend the Inaugural ball for newly elected state officials which included their son-in-law Senator John Whitmire.

Double ring wedding vows were exchanged between Mona Love Porter and Michael Vaughn Williams January 1 in the Post Nazarene Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Porter of Vega, Texas and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dooley of Post. Delores Harper was selected as Employee of the Week at Garza Memorial Hospital this week. Delores has been employed with the hospital for the past 23 years in the housekeeping department.

30 Years Ago  
January 9, 1975

Tom Bouchier, pioneer Post lumberman, quietly retired as manager of Higginbotham-Bartlett here after 60 busy years of helping to build Post. His wife, Buena, also retired at the same time as the lumberyard's bookkeeper after 33 years.

It didn't take County Clerk Carl Cederholm long to perform his swearing in duties New Year's Day. He swore in County Commissioners Ted Aten and Herbert Walls, County Treasurer Pauline Coleman and County Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Duncan in the courtroom shortly after 9 a.m. and then went to Racy Robinson's home and swore in the justice of the peace for another term. Robinson is recuperating from a recent operation.

Bertie A. Beard and Roy L. Stanley retired recently at the ages of 65 after 17 years and 18 years employment respectively at Postex Plant here.

Frank Runkles, who retired the first of the year as camp ranger at Camp Post, will be a special honoree at the annual Scout Recognition Banquet.

40 Years Ago  
January 14, 1965

Post Antelopes will open district basketball play Friday night against the Slaton Tigers. Team members are Birch Lobban, Charlie Brown, Danny Pierce, Ronnie Pierce, Sammy Sims, Ronald Simpson, Doyle Nichols, Butch Cross, Ricky Welch, Luis Ayala and Ruben Solis. Brent Lewis Reed, winner of Garza County's 1965 First Baby Contest won prizes from Garza Memorial Hospital and 12 local merchants worth approximately \$180. Brent is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Reed.

Dr. James G. Casey and Dr. Margaret C. Russell were reappointed to active medical staff at Garza Memorial for 1965 at the January meeting. Dr. A. C. Surman, retired local physician, again was designated as a lifetime honorary member of the

medical staff of the hospital.

Bryce Martin, who moved to Post from Andrews, has opened Martin's Department Store at the former Dunlap's location here.

Post High School has three new students who have moved to Post since Christmas. Wayne Plunk, Reba Hair and Billie Thomas.

50 Years Ago  
January 13, 1955

Four Post young men were among the 35 who were inducted into the Army this week. Among those reporting Tuesday were Jackie Wayne Haire and Darrell Lynn Bruton of Post. Those reporting Wednesday included Weldon Oscar Neugebauer and Daniel Gusman Pantoja of Post.

Louis Mills has been advanced to regular clerk at the post office here to replace W. O. Holly, who retired in December. Mills has been an employee at the post office since October of 1947. A. J. McAlister has started work as a substitute clerk to fill the vacancy created by Mills' advancement.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Huffman of Post announce the birth of a seven-pound son, Danny Edgar, on January 6 in Slaton Mercy Hospital.

A few days' delay this week in the architect's inspection of Post's new \$275,000 junior high school will not bring a change in plans to move into the new building. Ellis M. Mills, junior high school principal, said that more than 200 sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students will begin moving their belongings into lockers in the new building sometime Friday afternoon.

Four directors who were re-elected at the First National Bank stockholders meeting were Ira Lee Duckworth, J. Harvey Herd, C. W. Connell and O. L. Weakley. Newly elected were Monty J. Moore, Roy Riddel, E. W. Williams, Jr. and Irby G. Metcalf, Jr.

60 Years Ago  
January 11, 1945

First Lieutenant Roy D. Jones was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in

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action against the enemy in the vicinity of Metz. Lt. Jones is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Jones.

After serving the people of this county for 27 years, William Zetzman last week leased his blacksmith shop to C. A. Joyce and R. A. Holt of Lubbock. Mr. Zetzman has announced no plans for the immediate future except that he "plans to rest for awhile."

A benefit box supper is scheduled for Friday night at the Grassburr school house. Proceeds will be used to purchase an elec-

tric lighting system for the building.

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Pfc. Charles Wood of the U. S. Marine Corps arrived in Post several days ago to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wood. Charles is a gurner on a troop transport and has been in the South Pacific theatre of war. He was near numerous Post boys in that area such as Elwood Wright, Lefty Davies and others but never had a chance of looking them up.

## Extension Extras

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

### GCJLA Workday

All members and anyone else wanting to help are encouraged to meet at the show barn at 3:00 a.m. Thursday, January 13, to work and clean.

### GCJLA Entries Due

All youth exhibiting livestock at the Garza County Jr. Livestock show must enter by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 13. Entry fees are \$8 for sheep, hogs and goats, and \$16 for steers. Entry fee for the Pee-Wee Goat Show is \$5. Please contact your advisor or come by the Extension office to enter. The 2005 GCJLA show begins with weigh-in January 19 and runs through January 22.

### Stock Show Concession Stand & Buyers Lunch

All 4-H and FFA families are asked to bring 1 dozen brownies, cookies, or rice crispy treats, individually wrapped, for the concession stand. For Saturdays' lunch, Post FFA is in charge of providing beans, Southland FFA is in charge of providing salad, and 4-H families are to bring desserts for the meal. Please get in touch with your organization to schedule times to work.

### 2005 Southern Mesa Ag Conference

The Annual Ag Conference will be in Lamesa January 27 at the Dawson County Annex Building at 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is \$20 due January 21. Five CEUs are being offered. For more information, call the Extension office at 495-4400 or come by for a registration form.

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COUNTY OF GARZA §

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| Cause No.       | Styling  | Legal Description   |
|-----------------|--|---|
| 89-12-0,4385-CV | County of Garza v. Betty Briggs a/k/a Ms. Charles Briggs                           | 1. Part of Lots 9-12, Block 65, Original Town Addition to The City of Post, Garza County, Texas, an undivided 1/2 interest assessed to Betty Briggs.<br>2. Part of Lots 9-12, Block 65, Original Town Addition to the City of Post, Garza County, Texas, an undivided 1/2 interest assessed to Jim Jenkins. |
| 95-02-0,5089-CV | Post Independent School District v. John Timothy Tatum Ind/dba Prairie Flower Shop | 3. Lots 5, 6, Block 70, Original Town Addition of Post, Garza County, Texas.  |
| 99-08-0,5547-CV | County of Garza v. Sigyn Lund  | 4. North Huntley Lease Unit Tract 5 99085035 (Glorieta) Sections 9214 & 1298, J R Galbreth Survey, Operator: Graham Royalty Huntley, Garza County, Texas.   |
| 02-10-0,5815-CV | Garza Central Appraisal District v. Helen Ruth Houston                             | 5. North Huntley Unit Tract 1 99085035 Pioneer Natural/Huntley (Glorieta) Section 9214 and 1298 J R Galbreth Survey, 65.430 acres, .001851 Royalty Interest in Garza County, Texas.   |

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2005, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the East door of the Courthouse of Garza County, in the City of Post, Texas.

Levied on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2005 as the property of

said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 12 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction.

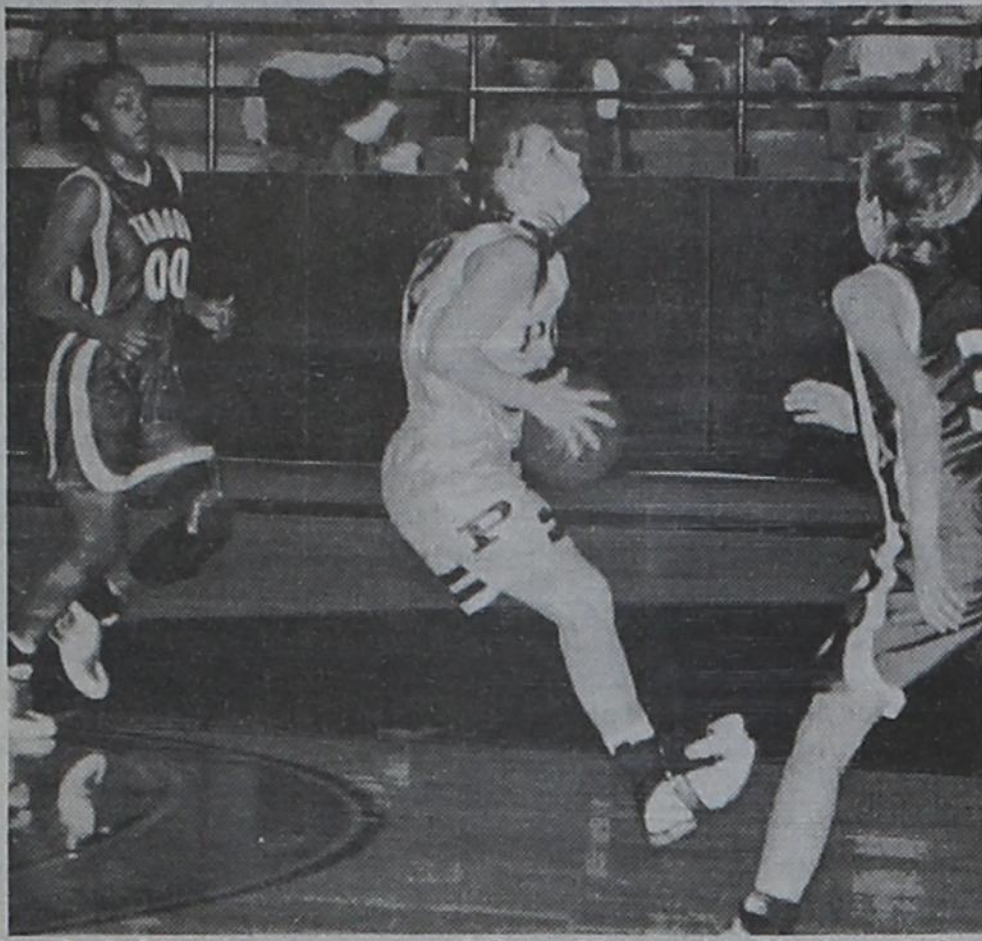
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*Cliff Davis*  
SHERIFF, GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS

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Post Lady Lopes' sophomore guard, Sarah Kirkpatrick (32), drives in for two during last Friday's game against Tahoka in Antelope Arena. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

## Post Jr. High vs. Roosevelt

by Kara Swindell

### 7th & 8th Grade GOLD team

I really felt the girls did a good job in this game coming off of a 3 week holiday. We did a great job on offense, but did not do as well on defense. I felt we could've pressured them a little more than we did defensively. We had some great steals and ran the floor well. Valerie Moreno led all scorers with 9 points followed by Chloe Mason & Ashley Stenzel with 4 points each. Final score: Post 19, Roosevelt 15

### 7th Grade Black Team

I was real proud of the girls for how much intensity they showed. They really ran our press well and the press really hurt Roosevelt. Again, I thought defensively we could've done better, but we made up for it on steals and executing our press. We held Roosevelt to only 2 points the entire 2nd half. Crystal Sanchez had 3 blocked shots that really helped our defense out. Branda Stevens & Toni Wait led all scorers with 9 points each followed by Danica Williams with 2 points & Brittany Day with 1 point. Final Score: Post 21, Roosevelt 11

### 8th Grade Black Team

Both teams in this game struggled to score in the first half. We weren't getting the shot selection we needed and had too many turnovers. I felt we needed to get the ball inside more and we started doing that in the second half and we started scoring. Shyra Perez did a great job working hard inside offensively and really did a great job on post defense. She led all scorers with 6 points followed by Gaby Gomez with 4 points. Final score: Post 10, Roosevelt 16

## Lady Lopes struggle in district play

The Lady Lopes dropped a District 5-AA contest to Tahoka 38-52. The game was tied 19-19 at the half, but a cold third quarter put the Lady Lopes behind by 14. The girls played even in the fourth quarter, but could not overcome the third quarter deficit.

Individual stats for the Lady Lopes were as follows: Gray, eight points, two assists, four rebounds, two steals; Gregory, one assist and one rebound; Hester, two points, four rebounds; Hoover, one point, one assist, four rebounds and a steal; Kirkpatrick, 14 points, one assist, four rebounds, three steals and three 3-point goals; Lott, two assists, four rebounds and one blocked shot; and Norman, 10 points and three rebounds.

The Lady Lopes lost to Idalou 42-21 earlier last week.

## Post Jr. High Girls vs. Denver City

by Kara Swindell

### 7th & 8th grade GOLD team

The girls really started off well in this game. We were pushing the ball up the court well and taking it to the basket. We lost sight of what we needed to do in the last minutes of the 4th quarter and let Denver City score 2 back to back baskets that were uncontested.

Alexandra Rodriguez played an excellent game for us defensively & offensively. She really did a great job attacking the basket. She led all scorers with 8 points, followed by Brooke Morris with 4 points and Joanna Menjares with 2 points. Final Score: Post 14, Denver City 18

### 7th Grade BLACK team

I don't think we have started off as sluggish all year as we did this game. The girls took a little while to get things together and then we really pressed on hard. I really think this was the best game they have played all year. The press was executed well & the girls made adjustments just as we had talked about. I was real proud of all them.

Alex Miller & Branda Stevens really did a great job running the floor and working the top of the press. Denver City was a very good team and according to their coach, had not been beaten twice in district by one team until last night. Branda Stevens led all scorers with 13 points and was 3 of 4 from the free throw line. Toni Wait had 7 points, Danica Williams had 4 points and Kelly Chapa & Alex Miller each had 2 points.

Final Score: Post 30, Denver City 16

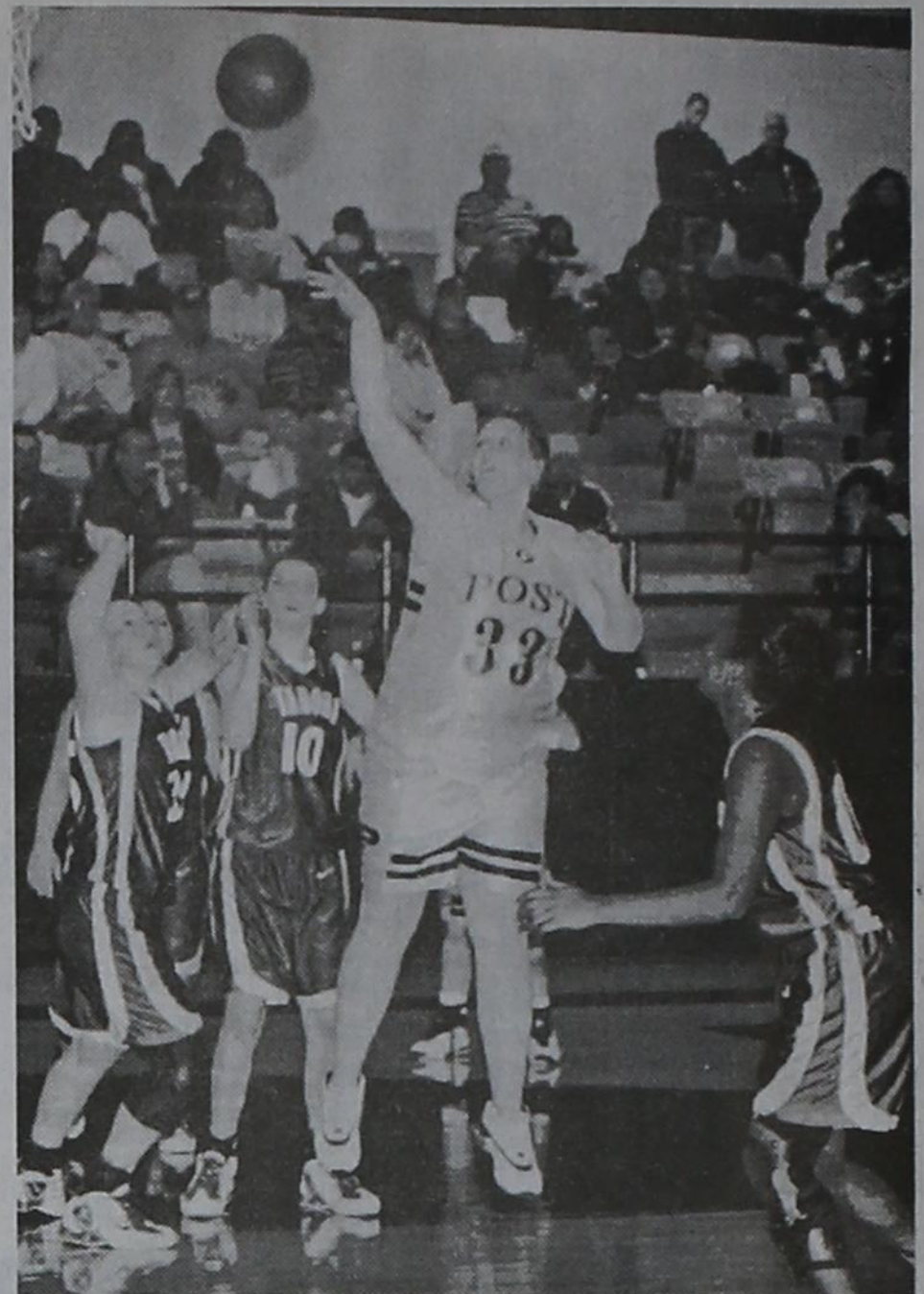
### 8th Grade BLACK team

This was a great game for our 8th graders. They came out and just put the game away in the first half. We held Denver City to only 2 points the first half. The first time we played them, they beat us by 7 and they had only been out of volleyball 3 days at that time.

I really think this game is evidence of how much these girls have improved and how hard they work every single day. We were able to put 4 quarters of basketball together and we ran a "well oiled machine".

Whitney Williams did an excellent job hustling and going after every loose ball. Shyra Perez did a great job inside and made some key baskets for us. Shyra Perez led all scorers with 12 points followed by Gaby Gomez with 5 points, Whitney Williams with 2 points and Sabrina Sanchez with 1 point.

Final Score: Post 20, Denver City 7



Nikki Norman (33), Lady Lopes senior post, lets the ball fly for two points during last Friday's game against Tahoka in Antelope Arena. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Post Antelope sophomore forward, Colter Creech (33), reaches for a rebound as the Lopes rallied against Tahoka last Friday in Antelope Arena. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



An unidentified Post Antelope takes a shot for the varsity 'Lopes in the action here against Tahoka last Friday in Antelope Arena. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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## JV Lady Lopes win two more

The JV Girls Basketball Team picked up two more district wins last week against Idalou and Tahoka improving their district record to 3-2. The Lady Lopes beat Idalou by an eleven point margin, 35-24. Leading scorers for that game were Kadie Vernon with 10 points, Kylie Easterling with 9 points, and Sunnie Barbosa with 6 points.

Leading scorers in the Tahoka win, 33-26, were Sunnie Barbosa with 9 points, Kylie Easterling with 8 points, and Brenna Postell and Samantha Hoover both with 4 points.

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