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## PHS principal announces July 1, 2006 retirement plans

Johnny McGregor, who has logged more than 30 years as an educator, will step down from the position of Post High School principal July 1. McGregor's plans were announced

during Monday's regular meeting of Post Independent School District trustees.

Describing McGregor as "one of the finest men I've ever known,"

superintendent Marlin Marcum said he has a great deal of respect for McGregor and has enjoyed working with him.

District officials will immediately begin the process to fill the vacant position. After a selection procedure is established, the school board will "be very much involved" in the screening of candidates and the final selection, Marcum said.

The district should have a new principal hired by late April or early May, which will allow some transition time.

"We'll be looking for someone with experience, the same character and support skills for staff, and student management skills," the superintendent said.

Board members will meet in a workshop session later this month or early next month as the process gets under way, Marcum said.

Trustees also discussed the ongoing plans for a new cafeteria. The project remains on schedule, Marcum said, and the board will consider many of the facility's specifications at the regular January meeting.

The project is expected to go out for bids in February; bid deadline will be in March. Construction should begin as soon as possible.

"Certainly by April," Marcum said. Construction on the project, which was shelved earlier this year after bids were almost 150 percent over budget, could take up to 18 months to complete. Marcum said district officials are hoping that the building boom under way a few months ago has slowed enough to provide the district with more palatable bids on the pared-down cafeteria.

"Hopefully that will get us a good

bid," he said.

Board members also received the State of the District report. The primary items of concern within the report, Marcum said, included a possible reduction in the district's capacity to generate revenues; consistently increasing state standards, which results in added pressure of students and staff members; and a growing student population that fails to recognize the future benefits of education.

In other business, trustees:

- Discussed escalating costs for the operation of the school cafeteria. Much of the increase, which was about \$40,000 in the last fiscal year, was triggered by state-prescribed changes in school menus, Marcum said. District officials are working to bring down the costs in the current fiscal year by providing more staff training and through the use of fewer processed foods. The board noted that meal prices in the Post ISD, which have not been increased in more than a decade, may need to be hiked to help boost cafeteria revenues.

- Renewed its affiliation with the West Texas Food Service Co-op through the Region 17 Education Service Center.

- Approved one student transfer.
- Reviewed test scores for the district. Marcum said the Post ISD is "making headway," but as state standards continue to climb, it is more and more difficult for students to achieve the goals set. Overall, however, the performance level of Post students on these tests is equal to or better than past performances. Additional data is expected soon, and improvement is expected in most areas.



Standing ready to receive gifts to Toys for Tots at Rick & Carolyn's Burgers and Fries of Post are (left to right), Shelly Duran and Debbie Puckett.



Placing in last weekend's UIL academic contest at Abilene High School are (back row left to right), Emily Marcum, Jerin Tyler and Joey Guerra (front row), Chelsey Reed, Meagan Howard and Suhani Bhakta. (Photo by Melvena Moore)

## County awards bid for finishing LAH building

by Wes Burnett

A new contract to complete the emergency building facility at Lake Alan Henry was approved by the Garza County Commissioners' Court at its regular meeting Monday morning.

The contract was let to the lowest bidder, Michael Self's Rockin' S Welding, in the amount of \$17,500. The court agreed to open a late bid, but that bid was \$24,250.

The decision followed a meeting with Self, who responded to a call from Precinct One commissioner Mike Sanchez. After answering several questions about the construction and Self's bid, the court set a completion deadline of February 24. The facility is set to serve as an voting site in the March 7, 2006 primary election.

The court postponed payment or settlement with the original contractor until more details of invoices from Miller Construction are received. Commissioners had set a \$200 per day penalty last July, notifying Miller of the decision. The late completion penalty fees began August 13 and continued until October 24, when the court terminated the original agreement with Miller Construction.

In other matters, the court approved a list of election judges (see related story) for the 2006 election cycle and heard a report from county clerk Jim Plummer regarding the March 7 primary election. Plummer said that he had completed inspection of voting sites and contacting owners of the six voting locations.

## New book on Close City history

A history of Close City, written by Laverne Aten, with assistance from Onita Gunn and Bunny Smith, was presented to officials with the Garza County Historical Museum at the Caprock Cultural Association meeting held Nov. 11 at the Ragtown Ranch.

The book, which will be placed in the museum, describes and recognizes students who attended school at Close City. It contains numerous historic accounts of life in the community.

Aten lived in the community and attended school there. In later years she served as manager of the Close City Cotton Gin.

When Garza County was initially formed, C.W. Post considered developing Close City as the county seat. Instead, it was determined that the county seat should have a more centralized location, so the county seat was placed at the heart of the county. The community of Post built up

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## Not much known about "Gazette" publishing

by Sheri Lewis

Garza County may soon serve as home to a second newspaper.

According to several local sources, Jim Jarrett of Lubbock has announced that he will publish The Garza County Gazette.

Jarrett has been introduced around town by Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau secretary/manager Wanda Mitchell and has visited a handful of local businesses, the courthouse, city hall and the Post schools.

Calls made to Jarrett's home this week were not returned, so specifics regarding the publication are unknown at this time.

This is not the first time another newspaper has tried to compete with The Post Dispatch, publisher Wesley W. Burnett said. "In the past 23 years, we've faced three different publications, including The Post Patriot published by Debbie Bain, wife of the former Post ISD superintendent."

Burnett issued the following statement this week:

"Regarding recent reports that a Lubbock man is talking about launching a competing newspaper in Post, we respond by emphasizing our strong defense of the First Amendment and the great American principles of free enterprise and free market practices. We welcome the challenge of competition and find it invigorating as well as a very positive sign about our community." Most small cities in Texas are fortunate to have one newspaper; few

## Walton hired as city manager, will begin duties in new year

Following an executive session Monday evening, Post City Council members voted unanimously to approve the employment package offered to the new city manager.

Last week, the council was divided in its vote to hire Richard L. Walton of Hearne as city manager, according to Mayor Bill Pool. The vote was split 3-2, with council members Kenda Bartlett and Harold Craig opposing the measure. Councilmen Dickie Odom, James Easterling and Josh Whitely voted in favor.

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are able to support two, Burnett said.

"The fact that Mr. Jarrett is willing to invest potentially thousands of dollars to produce a competing newspaper speaks highly of Post City and how this community is viewed by others."

Burnett said fair competition is always beneficial, not only to existing businesses, but to local residents as well.

"Former publishers Eddie Warren and Jim Cornish understood the role of a community newspaper, and we have worked diligently to continue that tradition since we came to Post in September 1982," Burnett said.

"Our motto continues to be simply, 'Let the market decide.'"

The Post Dispatch is an 80-year tradition in Garza County that has not missed a weekly publication date since publishing began in June 1926.



Receiving a Close City history book written by Laverne Aten are (back row left to right), JoAnn Mock (Caprock Cultural Association Executive Director) and Linda Puckett (Garza County Historical Museum Director), (front row), Jack Alexander (CCA President) and Chip Polk ("Ragtown" President). The presentation was held November 11, 2005 at the Ragtown Ranch Headquarters.

## Post Notes

### Christmas at OS Museum

Welcome to "Christmas" at the OS Museum where wonders abound. Viewing hours are 10 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-5 p.m. Monday thru Saturday. The museum is located at 201 E. Main Street. There is an elevator for your convenience. For more information call 495-3570.

### Cotton Conference set Jan. 17

The Caprock Cotton Conference will be Jan. 17 at the Plains Baptist Assembly between Ralls and Floydada. Cost for the conference is \$25, and pre-registrations will be accepted until Jan. 11. After this date a \$10 late fee will be assessed. For more information call the Crosby County Extension office at 675-2347 or the Floyd County office at 983-4912.

### Afternoon with Santa set Saturday

The Post Girl Scout troops will host "An Afternoon with Santa" from 4-6 p.m. Saturday. Everyone is welcome to have a photo made with Santa Claus at Aunt B's Floral and Gifts. Cost will be \$5. Proceeds will be used to maintain the Post Girl Scout Hut. The troops will also visit area stores along Main Street, caroling and accepting donations. For more information on the Santa function, contact Angie Walden at 495-2131. For information on Girl Scouting call Jannibah Coleman at 806-745-2855 or icoleman@girlscoutscaprock.com.

### Church selling enchilada plates

Church of God of Prophecy, 602 W. 14th street will be selling enchilada plates on Friday, December 16th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Call in orders to 495-3644.

### Elementary will dismiss early on Fri.

Post Elementary students will be dismissed on Friday, December 16 at 1:30 p.m. The Awards Assembly will be held on Thursday beginning at 10 a.m.

### VFW Hosts Santa December 17

Saturday December 17th Santa will be at the VFW Hall 2-4 p.m. passing out goodies. Cookies and punch will also be served.

### Camcorder Raffle for Eric Reyna

Raffle tickets for Optimus 5 in 1 Digital Camcorder. \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. See Tina, Freddy or Eric Reyna for tickets. Benefits Eric's trip to Australia to participate in Baseball Tournament July 2006.

### Santa Letters

The annual "Letters to Santa" will be published Thursday, December 22 in The Post Dispatch. Deadline for letters is Friday, December 16. Please submit by mail to P. O. Box 426 or drop off at the office (123 E. Main) or by e-mail to postcitydispatch@yahoo.com.

### SPCCA announces meals policy

The South Plains Community Action Association recently announced its policy for free and reduced prize meals served under the Child and Adult Care Food Program. My Special Place, 111 N. Ave. H; Shaping Success Head Start, 212 S. Ave. E and SPCCA have a copy of the policy, which is subject to public review.

### Next merchant meeting in March

Post City Merchants will not meet again until the first Tuesday in March at the Citizens Bank Room at 6:30 p.m.

### Donations needed Toys for Tots

Post Lions Club needs help again for donations and toys. Mail donations to P.O. Box 644 or call Shelly 777-4783.

### Filing deadline Jan. 2

The last day to file as a candidate in the March primary elections is Jan. 2. The primaries are the first step in filling a number of county offices.

### Republican Party announces Web site

The Garza County republican Party has established a Web site to provide information on candidates, elections, polling places, local political issues and item of interest to local residents. The site, located at www.garzacountygop.org, features links to local weather, financial date and news items. Comments or suggestions on the site and its contents should be directed to Irene Howell, Garza County Republican Party chairwoman at 495-1203 or ihowell@door.net.

### Antelope Booster Club meetings


Antelope Booster Club meets the 2nd Monday monthly at 6:30 p.m. in the Post High School library. Please enter through the West side door. The next meeting is January 9, 2006. All parents or interested citizens are urged to attend. The organization supports all athletics.

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## County clerk issues election plans update

The Garza County Commissioners Court received several election-related updates at Monday's meeting.

According to a report from Jim Plummer, the county clerk, the following actions relating to the upcoming primaries have been taken:

- Nov 30 - Polling place property owners were notified of the evaluation of each polling site for ADA compliance.
- Dec. 5 - Plummer signed an election services contract with the Garza County Republican Party. (The contractual agreement does not include county-approved voting places; each party must secure sites on their own.)
- Dec. 7 - Copies of the above-mentioned contract were submitted to the county treasurer and county judge as per the election code.
- Dec. 9 - The Republican Party submitted a request for use of the county-approved Lake Alan Henry emergency building for use as a polling site. The request will be granted.

Plummer also noted that voting machine training by ES&S will be conducted Feb. 2-3 at the courthouse. In other business, Plummer reported that Marita Jackson has been nominated to replace Irene Howell as election judge in Precinct 2. Howell has assumed the position of Republican Party chairwoman for Garza County and is ineligible to serve as election judge.

Also, Garry Sherrill has been nominated to fill the Precinct 4 election judge vacancy. New voting precinct boxes, as ordered by the Commissioners Court on Aug. 8 and approved for pre-clearance by the U.S. Department of Justice, are as follows (former numbers denoted in parentheses):

- Precinct 1 (1 & 5) - Travis Sweet, election judge; Billie Cross, alternate.
- Precinct 2 (6 & 8) - Marita Jackson, election judge; Laura Belongia, alternate.
- Precinct 3 (3 & 9) - Diann Windham, election judge; Betty Striblin, alternate.
- Precinct 4 (7) - Garry Sherrill, election judge; Melissa Hudson, alternate.
- Precinct 5 (2) - Mary Basinger, alternate.

### Close City book...

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Early settlers in the area often lived in tents. On days of bad sandstorms, high winds blew down the tents and scattered articles of clothing that often hung in the surrounding mesquite trees. Close City was frequently called Clothes City, then acquired the nickname Ragtown.

"Ragtown" will be portrayed in an outdoor musical written by Chip Polk. Polk and his brother, Glenn Polk, are creating the Ragtown Ranch Theater at the old golf course.

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the Close City community history book should contact Aten at Route 3, Post, TX 79356.

election judge; Libby McGehee, alternate.

- Precinct 6 (4) - John Boren, election judge; Jerry Reed, alternate.

## Fred Howell to file as treasurer candidate

Fred Howell announced this week he will seek the Republican Party nomination for county treasurer.

Howell serves as vice president of the Garza County Hospital District and has been actively involved in the local political scene for the past three years.

A West Texas native from Kermit, Howell graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in accounting and holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Dallas.

Howell spent several years with Arco Oil & Gas Co. and Arco Coal as financial director of International Coal Operations. More recently he was chief financial officer of The Leather Factory in Fort Worth. He also worked with Verizon Communications Inc. as a senior financial analyst, specializing in budgeting and cost control procedures.

As treasurer for Garza County, Howell said he would effect controlled budgeting and spending consistent with other counties of comparable size and demographics while maintaining quality in county government. His experience in planning and budgeting will serve County Commissioners and the court as they focus on eliminating waste and providing more benefit to Garza County taxpayers for their tax dollars.

## Toys for Tots seeks help

Donations to the Post Lions Club Toys for Tots campaign have been "pretty thin" this year, according to Shelly Duran, president of the sponsoring organization.

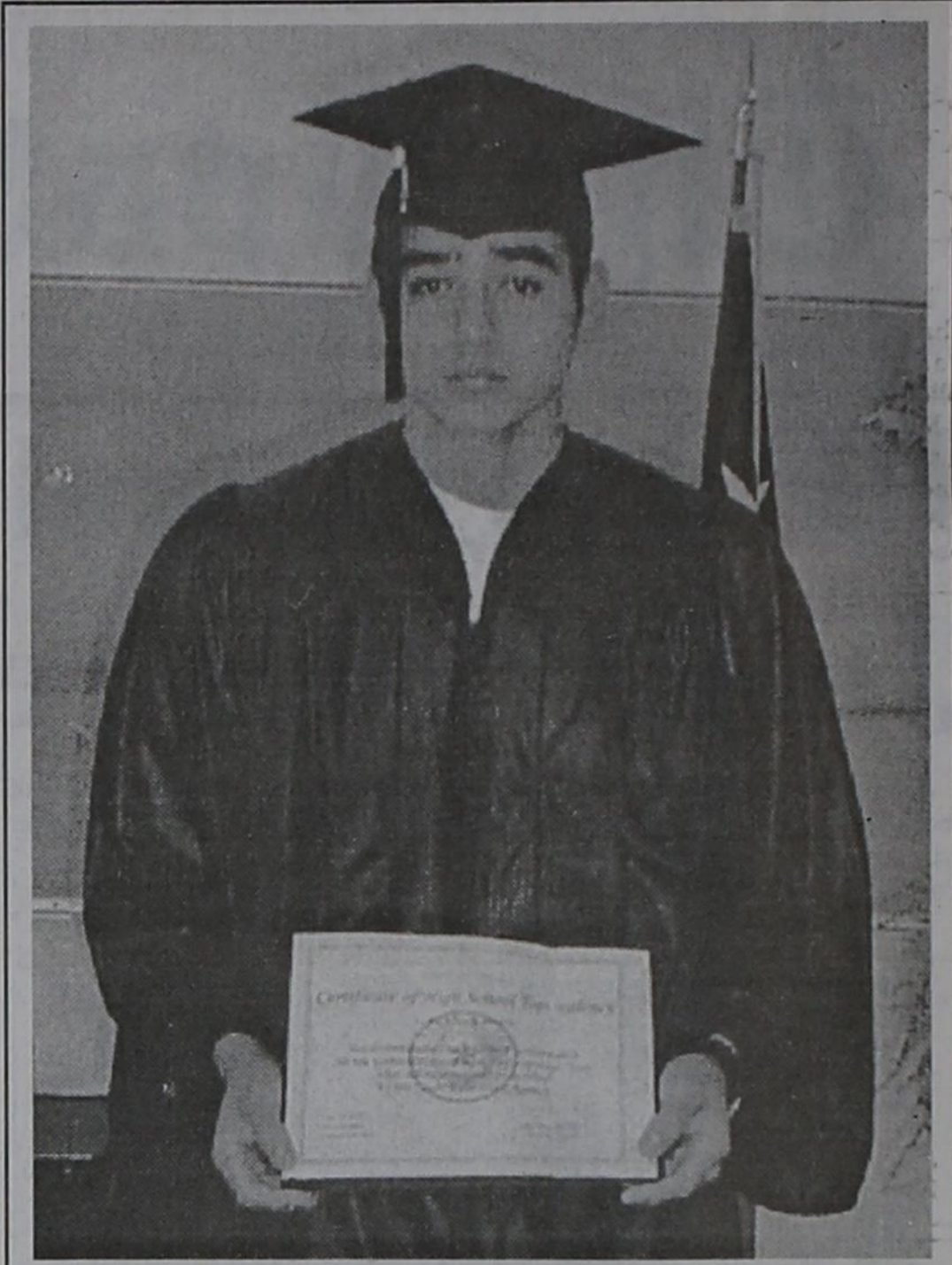
"We're still needing toys, donations," Duran said Monday. "Anything - any kind of toys. Whatever you can give will help. We always try to do what we can for the kids, but we need help."

Last year the program served 94 local youths, most under the age of 10 or 11. At least as many children are expected to be served by this year's Toys for Tots effort, Duran said.

"Our thing is just the children," she said. "We want to help as many children as we can."

New and unwrapped toys or used toys in good condition, as well as donations, will be accepted by the campaign until Dec. 21. Monetary donations in the form of checks may be sent to the Post Lions Club, Box 644. Toy donations may be dropped off at Rick & Carolyn's, one of the local businesses committed to helping with the campaign.

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Lorenzo Soto earns his high school diploma on October 28, 2005 in Mart, Texas. Soto's proud parents are Helen and Raul Delgado of Post, and the brother of Erica Mendoza of Post, Christina Vera of Dallas, Fernando Soto of Post, and Rolegio Soto of Post. Also sharing in Soto's accomplishment is Grandparent John M. Perez and other uncles and aunts in Post.

## New City Manager...

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But on Monday, after meeting with Walton in a closed session, the council authorized a salary of \$55,000 per year plus benefits, Pool said.

Walton is scheduled to begin his new duties with the city on Jan. 1.

Walton comes to Post from Hearne, a city with a population of slightly less than 5,000 and an annual total budget of almost \$7.7 million. When he took over the position of Hearne city manager about 2 1/2 years ago, the Home Rule city was in "dire financial and management straits," according to Walton's resume.

"I have made great strides toward solvency," the resume reads, "and through personnel changes alleviated much of the corruption in city government."

Two of Walton's greatest accomplishments while in Hearne resulted from a water and wastewater study he undertook.

"As a result, \$6.2 million in water system improvements and a new wastewater treatment plant are under way without an increase in taxes or utility rates," he wrote in his resume.

An overview of Walton's employment history, according to the resume provided as part of his application to the City of Post, follows:

- More than two years as city manager of Fritch.
- Almost four years as city administrator in Stratford (also served as interim director of public works for about six months of that time following the death of a fellow city staff member). Prior to taking the job as city administrator, served as Stratford's municipal solid waste manager for more than three years.
- Employed by Continental Airlines' general offices in Houston for approximately four years, serving as a supervisor/flight attendant crew scheduler; pilot scheduler/flight operations; and international crew planner and manager of international crew resources.
- Employed by Britt Airways in Terre Haute, Ind., as regional manager almost three years.

Walton previously was employed at the White Sands Missile Range, Range Control Center, in New Mexico where he worked as a guidance control technician; Sun City Service Corp., in El Paso where he was vice president of operations; and Continental Airlines, El Paso, where he was senior crew scheduler.

Walton also served in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged in May 1969.

Listed on his resume under special training, skills and associations are the following:


- Certified public manager, Texas Tech University/Southwest Texas State University
- Customer service inspection-TCEQ certification
- Wastewater operations "C" TCEQ certification
- Municipal solid waste management "C" TCEQ certification
- Past president, Panhandle City Managers Association
- Former secretary and director, Panhandle Electrical Licensing Agency
- Former director, Panhandle Chapter ICBO/SBCCI Building Officials
- Former member, Government Finance Officers Association of Texas, Panhandle Chapter
- Public funds investment training (three occasions)
- Title VII and VRA Compliance, U.S. Department of Justice



Post Elementary 1st grade students enjoying a surprise visit by "Santa" last Friday during lunch are at front (left to right), T.J. McClintock, Sebastian Montoya and Nathan Walls. Post ISD employee Dusty Clary donned his "Santa" suite and shared lots of Christmas hugs and hand shakes with the children.  
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## Graham Chapel Church of Christ honors pioneers

The Graham Chapel Church of Christ's annual Christmas fellowship was conducted Sunday evening following worship services. Minister David Joyner's sermon was entitled "The Reason the Wise Men Knew it was HIS Star." A meal, including homemade chili made by James Easterling, was served,

followed by numerous homemade desserts and sweets. After the meal, the pioneer members of the church were honored with a surprise presentation. Noel White interviewed each one about when they began attending Graham Chapel and the memories they had of the church. Appreciation plaques marking years

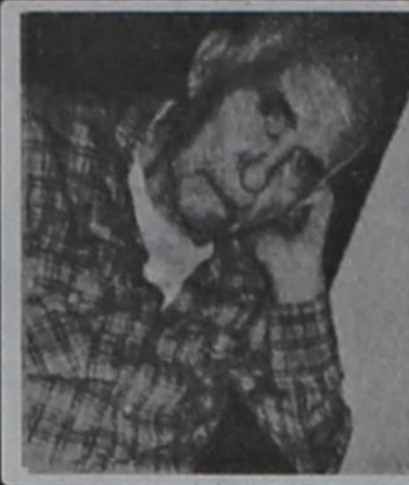
of service and work were presented to Mack and Lola Mae Ledbetter, Imogene Stone, Sue Maxey and Jewel Parrish. Troy and Joyce Nelson were honored at a recent morning service and presented with a plaque by Bobby Cowdrey.

To conclude the program, White sang "Mary's Little Boy Child." The church packaged up 50 blankets collected as part of a blanket drive, preparing the items to be sent to the country of Sudan. The drive was headed by Mary Short and Michelle Rasberry in honor of Pam Joyner, who headed the blanket campaign for the past three years but was unable to do so this year because of her health.

## Toys for Tots... (Continued from Page 2)

Applications for assistance through Toys for Tots also may be picked up and turned in at Rick & Carolyn's. Successful applicants are determined based on family income. Deadline for applications is Dec. 21. All funds contributed to Toys for Tots will be spent locally, Duran said. Duran and her husband, Joe, the club's Toys for Tots chairman, do the shopping for and sorting of toys. Distribution this year will be Dec. 23. For more information on this year's effort, contact Duran at 777-4783.

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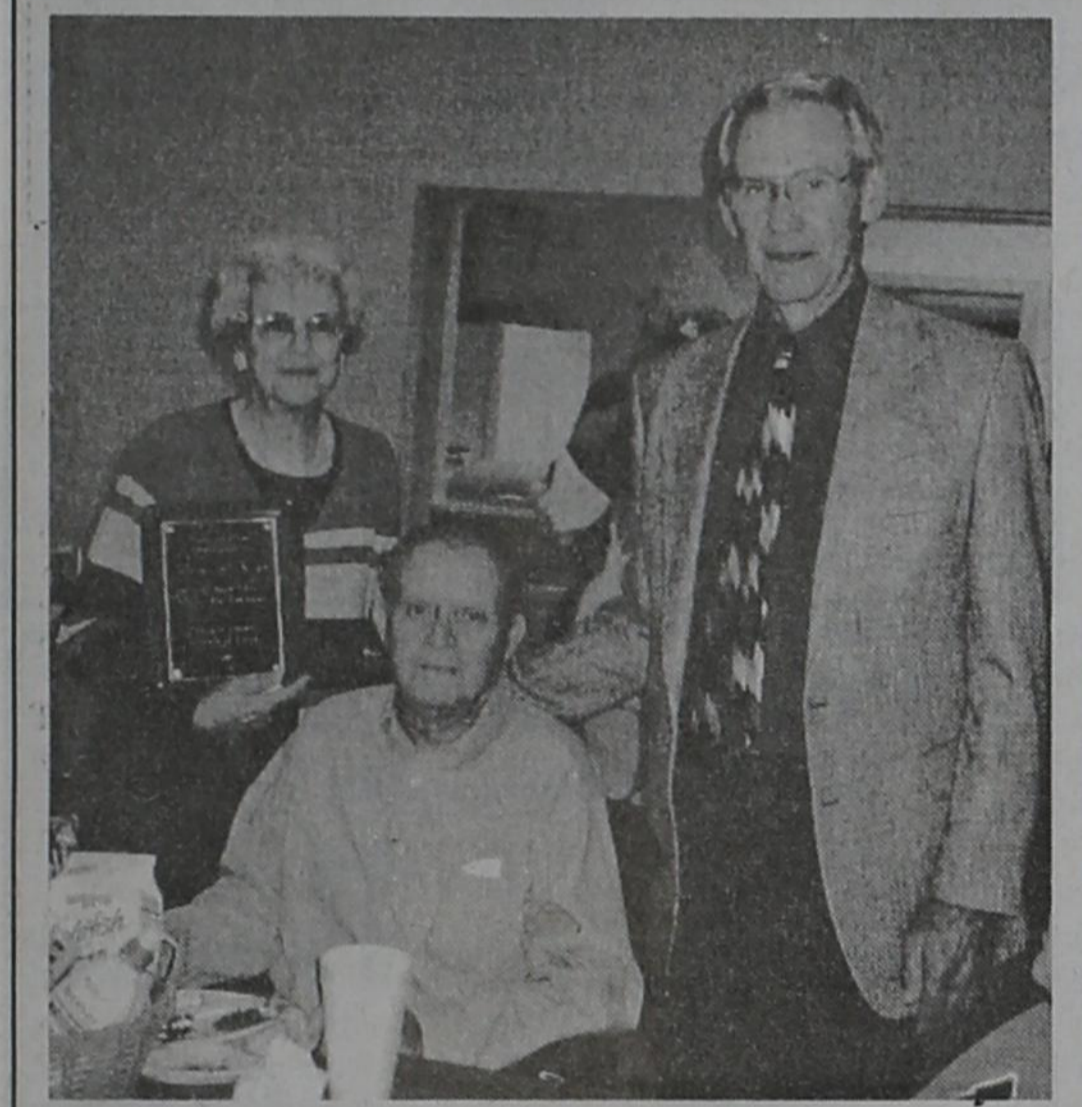


## Happy 94th Birthday "Papa Pete"

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Seth, Austin & Nathan Walls  
Kelsey and Carsen Roberts  
Ashley, Taylor & Renee Fouquet  
D'Kota, Aisha, Sydnee & Samuel Walls



Receiving appreciation plaques for years of service and work in Graham Chapel Church of Christ are (left to right), Mack & Lola Mae Ledbetter, Imogene Stone and Sue Maxey. Recipient not pictured is Jewel Parrish.



Receiving special honors during a recent morning service at Graham Chapel Church of Christ are (left to right), Joyce and Troy Nelson. Presenting the plaque is Bobby Cowdrey (right).

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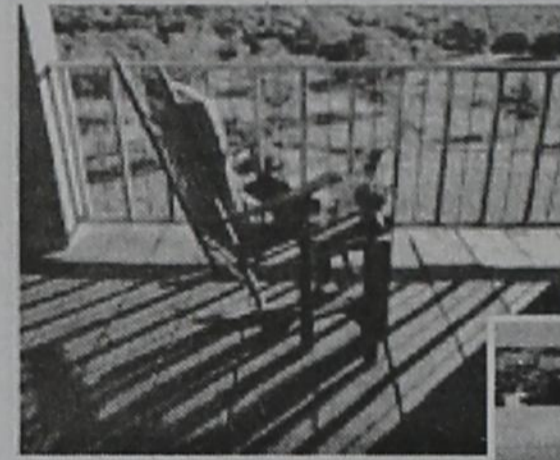


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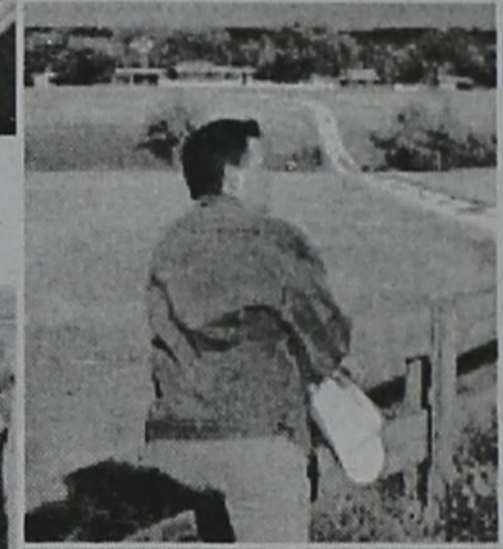


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# LANDTROP OFFICIALLY FILES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE



Jim Landtroop officially filing for State Representative

On Tuesday, December 6, businessman Jim Landtroop officially filed on the Republican ticket for Texas House of Representatives, District 85. The district covers 16 counties in West Texas including Reagan, Irion, Sterling, Glasscock, Howard, Borden, Terry, Lynn, Garza, Crosby, Kent, Stonewall, Fisher, Jones, Hale and Floyd counties.

The current representative for District 85 is Democrat Pete Laney. Laney announced on Friday, December 2, that he would not be seeking re-election.

"I am grateful to Mr. Laney for his years of public service, and I appreciate the sacrifice he and his family made for the State of Texas and House District 85," Landtroop said.

Landtroop began his grassroots campaign in early spring and has traveled more than 17,000 miles meeting the constituents of District 85. He announced his intentions to run in late October and has acquired more than 350 supporters.

"I am honored and humbled at the support I have received for my campaign throughout the district," said Landtroop. "I look forward to being an effective voice for the future of our communities, and I am ready to provide bi-partisan leadership and represent the needs and issues of each and every person of my district."

A fifth generation Texan, Landtroop owns a small insurance agency in Plainview. He graduated from Texas A&M University with

a degree in Business Management. Landtroop is married to his wife of 12 years, Cathy and they have three children: Braden (10), Kenneth (9) and Lauren Grace (5).

Landtroop also serves on the Board of Directors for the United Way and the American Cancer Society, is a member of the Lion's Club, Chamber of Commerce, and founding member of Plainview Bible Church where he serves on the Leadership Team. Jim was presented the 2004 & 2005 Ronald Reagan Gold Medal by the National Republican Congressional Committee. Jim and his wife, Cathy, served as county chairman for Congressman Neugebauer's successful congressional campaign, and Neugebauer recently selected Jim to serve on his Financial Advisory Committee.

Jim is a member of Hale County

*"Jim is a great conservative and a strong candidate. He will work hard for the constituents of the district and represent the interests of West Texas."*

-Floyd County Tax Assessor-Collector Penny Golightly

Farm Bureau, Texas Association of Realtors and the National Rifle Association.

Landtroop has garnered the support of many conservative groups around the state including Texans for Lawsuit Reform PAC. TLR officially endorsed Landtroop for the Texas House of Representatives on

Tuesday, December 7.

"Jim Landtroop is an easy endorsement for Texans for Lawsuit Reform. His common sense values include a strong commitment to a fair and balanced civil justice system," said TLR PAC Director Matt Welch. "Landtroop is an obvious choice for the Texas House of Representatives because he will work to ensure that our judiciary and justice system are consistently reasonable and fair to all parties," Welch said.

Other conservatives supporting Landtroop include Cathie Adams with Texas Eagle Forum, Joe Grimes with Texas Right to Life, Kenda Bartlett with Conservative Women for America and Tim Lambert with Texas Home School Coalition.

"Jim is an outstanding candidate with a great background in business and terrific people skills," said Joe Grimes with Texas Right to Life. "Jim's desire to represent the constituents of the district will make him an outstanding legislator for the people of District 85."

Several elected officials have also endorsed Landtroop including Victor Carrillo, Texas Railroad Commissioner. "I am proud to wholeheartedly endorse Jim, a fellow West Texan, in his bid for House District 85. I've come to know Jim over the last several years as he and Cathy worked diligently to elect conservative Republicans like Congressman Randy Neugebauer and President George W. Bush," said Mr. Carrillo. "Now it's our time to help elect Jim -- a principled conservative who will

bring common-sense, West Texas values to the Texas Legislature. An active civic leader, Jim is also a successful small businessman and a man of integrity who values faith and family. I urge you to join me in helping to elect Jim Landtroop to the Texas Legislature."

Jim Landtroop has received the

endorsement of various elected officials in the district.

"Jim impressed me by his willingness to fight for the seat a year before filing," said Isaac Castro, Jones County Republican Chair & Hamlin City Attorney. "This shows his commitment to the constituents of the district that no other candidate can match."

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-Victor Carrillo, Texas Railroad Commissioner

Leldon Clifton, City Councilman from Stamford also supports Jim's candidacy. "Having had the pleasure of knowing Jim and Cathy and spending time with their family, I had the opportunity to discuss political views and I'm happy to state that I'm in agreement with Jim's political concerns and values for the citizens of West Texas," Clifton said. "My wife is a teacher and she shares our concerns for education, water, economic development and other unique West Texas issues. I know he will be the conservative voice for West Texas."

Floyd County Tax Assessor-Collector Penny Golightly agrees. "Jim is a great conservative and a strong candidate. He will work hard for the constituents of the district and represent the interests of West Texas."

"Change is the word, leadership is the way, conservative West Texas values are the goal and Jim Landtroop is the man that will best represent us," added Irene Howell, Garza County Republican Chair.

Other elected officials supporting Jim's candidacy include:

- Denise McNamara, National Committeewoman—Republican Party of Texas
- Joe Driver, State Representative, District 113
- Jane Cansino, SREC District 28
- Suzanna Gratia Hupp, State Representative, District 54
- David Barton, Vice Chairman—Republican Party of Texas
- John Anders, Mayor—Stamford, Texas
- Kelvin Tipton, City Councilman—Plainview, Texas

- Gary Koelder, County Commissioner—Hale County, Texas
- Bill Crooker, County Commissioner—Howard Co., Texas
- Lenny Gilroy, County Commissioner—Floyd Co., Texas
- Jo Ann Stalcup, City Councilwoman—Big Spring, Texas
- Jim Plummer, District & County Clerk—Post, Texas

Many constituents of the district have supported Jim including Johnny Peck, longtime Plainview businessman and former administrator of schools for 35 years.

"I have been in support of Jim since the first time he told me he was going to run for public office. I know and believe Jim has the high morals and convictions that will be needed for this office," said Peck. "I believe he is a candidate that will represent the district in the best way and he will be open to ideas and comments from his constituents."

Bill Crooker, Howard County Commissioner, and his wife Joyce Crooker, Big Spring Moore Development Board member have agreed to chair the growing team of grassroots supporters in Big Spring. They agreed to jump on board because they admire Jim's strong family values and fiscal conservative policy. The fact that Jim started campaigning a year ago because of his strong desire to represent House District 85 also played a factor in their involvement.

"We support Jim Landtroop for State Representative. He will serve the best interest, values and beliefs of Howard County and the district," said Crooker.

Respected Plainview businessman J. B. Roberts said "because of Jim's long time support of tort reform, I feel he would do an excellent job in the legislature."

Scott McLaughlin, respected Big Spring businessman, noted that he was supporting Jim Landtroop

because "he is a strong leader and a man of integrity and vision. Jim and Cathy make a great team and will represent us well."

Landtroop has also garnered the support of longtime Plainview residents Frank and Pat Gabriel. "We are proud to support Jim Landtroop because we think he will be a positive force for our district. He has a good work ethic, high morals, excellent credentials and a burning desire to do a good job for our district and our state."

Farmer Bryan Bishop of Plainview also endorsed Landtroop. "This area has a tradition of outstanding representation. We should continue that tradition. A good leader understands and embraces the responsibilities of leadership. Jim Landtroop is that kind of leader. I am confident that the 85th District will be in good hands with Jim in office. I gladly give my support to Jim Landtroop."

Mike Niklasch, Big Spring Moore Development Board member said of Landtroop, "Jim is a man of integrity who will represent the entire district well. Jeanne and I are supporting Jim because of his strong West Texas values and his good common business sense. Jim has taken the time to get to know Big Spring, listen to our issues and concerns, and we are confident that he is the man who will fight for us down in Austin."

Other supporters include longtime Brownfield residents Mike and Janice Timmons. "I was impressed with Jim's sincerity and honesty from the first time I met him," Mike said. "His grassroots focus on meeting people at the local level and listening to their needs is the reason I support his candidacy."

Kerry Pratt, farmer and Floyd County Republican Chair added "Jim Landtroop is a solid conservative and he will represent this district in the conservative manner it is accustomed to. There is no question Jim will be able to work with the majority in the Texas Legislature."

More supporters are joining the Landtroop team every day. If you would like to support Jim's campaign or for more information, please sign up at www.jimlandtroop.com.

# Obituaries

## Minne Lee Mathis Boyd

Minne Lee Mathis Boyd, 64, of Austin, went to be with the Lord on Friday December 9, 2005 at the Seton Medical Center in Austin. After a short, valiant battle with cancer, Minnie was born on November 7, 1941 in Lynn County to Bishop and Reba (Robinson) Mathis. She was preceded in death by her mother, September 13, 1971 and by her father, November 16, 1991.

Minnie graduated Post High School, where she was a band member and also a majorette. She attended North Texas



State at Denton. She graduated from the Glenn and Lotties Beauty School, Abilene. In 1964 she was licensed as a beautician. She married David Boyd on June 13, 1964 in Abilene, Texas. In the mid 1980's she was a teachers aide for the Pasadena Independent School District's special education students. She loved to work with special needs children. She was a member of the Great Hills Baptist Church.

Funeral Services were Wednesday December 14, 2005 at the Justice-Mason Funeral Home. Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

She is survived by her husband, David Boyd and her daughter, Cynthia Lee Boyd, both of Austin. Aunt, Ruth Mathis of Floydada, cousin, Donna Harmon of Floydada and her son Chadwick Harmon of Lubbock.

Pallbearers were: Chadwick Harmon, Paul Harmon, Ricky Stone, Wayne McDonald, Charles Morris and Roy Josey.

## Raymond Coleman

Services for Raymond Coleman, 85, of Post will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005, at the First Baptist Church with James Egan officiating, assisted by Dr. Adrian Coleman. Burial will follow in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday, Dec. 13, at his home. Born May 16, 1920, in Olney, he married Wilma Lou Thomas on July 28, 1945, in Kansas City, Kansas. She preceded him in death on May 21, 2003. Prior to his retirement he was involved in commercial real estate. He was a Baptist and a World War II veteran where he served in the SeaBees.

Survivors include four daughters, Linda Kay Baker of Novato, Calif., Lana Watson of Oceanside, Calif., Kenda Bartlett of Post and Rebecca Simunovich of Carlsbad, Calif.; one brother, Dr. Adrian Coleman of Temple; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

## Odell Curtis

Services for Odell Curtis, 73, of Post will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 2005, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Arthur Kelly officiating. Burial will follow in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Saturday, Dec. 10, in Covenant Medical Center. Born Sept. 29, 1932, in Shiner, he worked in the oilfield prior to his retirement. He married Margie Reed on May 8, 1948, in Gonzales.

Survivors include his wife, Margie Curtis of Post; seven sons, Eugene Reese of Austin, Jimmy Curtis of Post, Lemuel Curtis of Post, Kenneth Curtis of Post, Clinton Curtis of Post, Odell Curtis of Austin and Richard Curtis of Post; seven daughters, Linda F. Bell of Post, Glenda Guiton of Austin, Doris Hughes of Post, Gizzie Harper of Post, Vivian Jefferson of Post, Beatrice White of Austin and Marilyn Curtis of Post; one sister, Ella Mae Green of Shiner; 63 grandchildren; 65 great-grandchildren; and 28 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Carol Curtis, in 1961, and one son, Thomas Curtis, in 1974.

## Renee Campbell

Services for Renee Campbell, 78, of Post were held at 3:45 p.m. Dec. 7, 2005, at the Golden Plains Care Center with Phil Demetro and Gary Pullen officiating. Hudman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

She died Dec. 1 at Golden Plains Care Center. Born Sept. 6, 1927, in France, she came to the U.S. following World War II. Her husband, W.A. Campbell, preceded her in death in May 2003.

Survivors include her daughter, Michelle, and husband, Jim Foster, of Post; one sister, Micheline Nourry of France; and two grandchildren, Justin and Jessica Porter of Post.

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### Not happy with city council decision

I'm writing to say I'm real disappointed that (interim city manager and longtime city employee) Delbert Rudd was not considered for city manager. He worked 22 years and did a lot for the city. He should have been given the opportunity. He might not have the education that the council expected, but he had the experience because he learned from the bottom. He lives here in Post, so the city didn't have to pay moving costs and high pay.

I worked 37 years in the medical field and when I started in 1954 I knew nothing, but I had Dr. Tubbs and Dr. Wilson teach me everything. I learned. I wasn't going to nursing school, but doing the work. That experience you never forget. That's why I know Delbert could have made a good city manager.

The city has good, loyal employees that will continue doing Delbert's job, but he will still be missed.

Juanita Pantoja

### How did he get the idea we need another newspaper?

As word spreads around town about another newspaper in Post, I can't help but wonder why someone would drive back and forth from Lubbock to open another newspaper when Post already has a well established newspaper.

Is there that much news and advertising in Post for two newspapers? The Post Dispatch has served the citizens of Post with years of dedication to keep us updated on events taking place. For those who are shut-ins and cannot attend events or for any reason, we all have the privilege to watch them happen in our home due to the hard work of The Post Dispatch, Wes and Tim Burnett.

I do appreciate those who manage the The Post Dispatch and I want to thank you for all that you have accomplished, especially for adding our local TV station and radio.

For those of you who may recall, when KPOS was sold and we no longer had our local station, Mr. Burnett worked diligently for months until he accomplished (and not knowing anything about radio) a successful local radio station for our listening, but he did not stop there. Mr. Burnett continued until he could bring us our first and only TV station so that we may keep up with all events in our community.

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Sincerely, Sandy Smith

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## On God's Word

By Timothy W. Burnett

### The risen Christ teaches his disciples

Continuing with the first day of the week, some time after Jesus walked with two of his disciples to Emmaus, we will cover the different times he showed himself to his 12 chosen disciples. The records are found in Mark 16:14-18; Luke 24:33-49 and John 20:19-29.

Luke's Gospel shows that the two men returned from Emmaus to Jerusalem, found eleven of the 12 chosen disciples along with others. Immediately the disciples told the two about how the Lord had risen and that he appeared to Simon Peter. Next the two men told what happened while on the way to Emmaus, and how they suddenly knew the Lord when he broke bread. While they talked Jesus suddenly stood in the midst of them and told them to be peaceful because they were terrified and frightened thinking they had seen a spirit. It's possible that the two men from Emmaus were the first to see Jesus vanish from their sight. This time they saw him arrive in the room in the same way.

In order to help them feel better he showed them his hands and feet and allowed them to touch him so they could see that he was not a spirit. Because they still didn't believe him, he ate a broiled fish and some honey. Next he started teaching them out of the scriptures like he did for the two from Emmaus. He showed them how the scriptures spoke of his sufferings and how he would be raised from the dead on the third day. He also exhorted them to preach in his name, among all the nations, about repentance and remission of sins. He told them he would send the promise of his Father to them, and to wait in Jerusalem until they would be endued with power from on high.

The record of John tells a similar story in which Jesus popped in to see his disciples. It's difficult to determine if this is the same as, or similar to the above event in Luke. John's record shows that eleven of the 12 chosen disciples were present in the room. Jesus arrived and stood in their midst and told them to be peaceful. He also showed them his wounded hands and side.

John 20:24 reveals the missing disciple was Thomas. Later, the disciples explained to Thomas that Jesus had visited them, but he didn't believe their story. Just like the others, he would not believe until he touched Jesus' hands and side. Eight days later Jesus arrived again and let Thomas touch his hands and side. Alas, Thomas also believed and Jesus said, "because you have seen me, you believed. Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29). John tells us that Jesus did many more signs in his disciples' presence which are not written in his Gospel.

The record in Mark contains added information about Jesus' time with his disciples. Verse 17 says, "And these signs shall follow them that believe. In my name shall they cast out devils. They shall speak with new tongues. They shall take up serpents. And if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them. They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." This is fantastic information for all Christian believers even today!

Next week we will focus on John 20:22 where it says, "And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said unto them, 'receive the Holy Ghost.'" For the archives of On God's Word visit [www.geocities.com/christinyou7love.html](http://www.geocities.com/christinyou7love.html)

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## Twas the night before solstice

by Bill O'Reilly

Way back in 1822, Clement Clarke Moore wrote the poem that is now known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas," and it was first published in the Troy Sentinel. Moore, the son of the New York bishop who had presided at George Washington's inauguration, had no idea his verse would become world-famous, beloved by people everywhere.

But because there is mention of a certain "Saint Nicholas" in the poem, it may, alas, have to be revised in order not to offend Americans who don't believe in saints, or even Christmas, for that matter. We cannot be having any exclusionary poems now, can we?

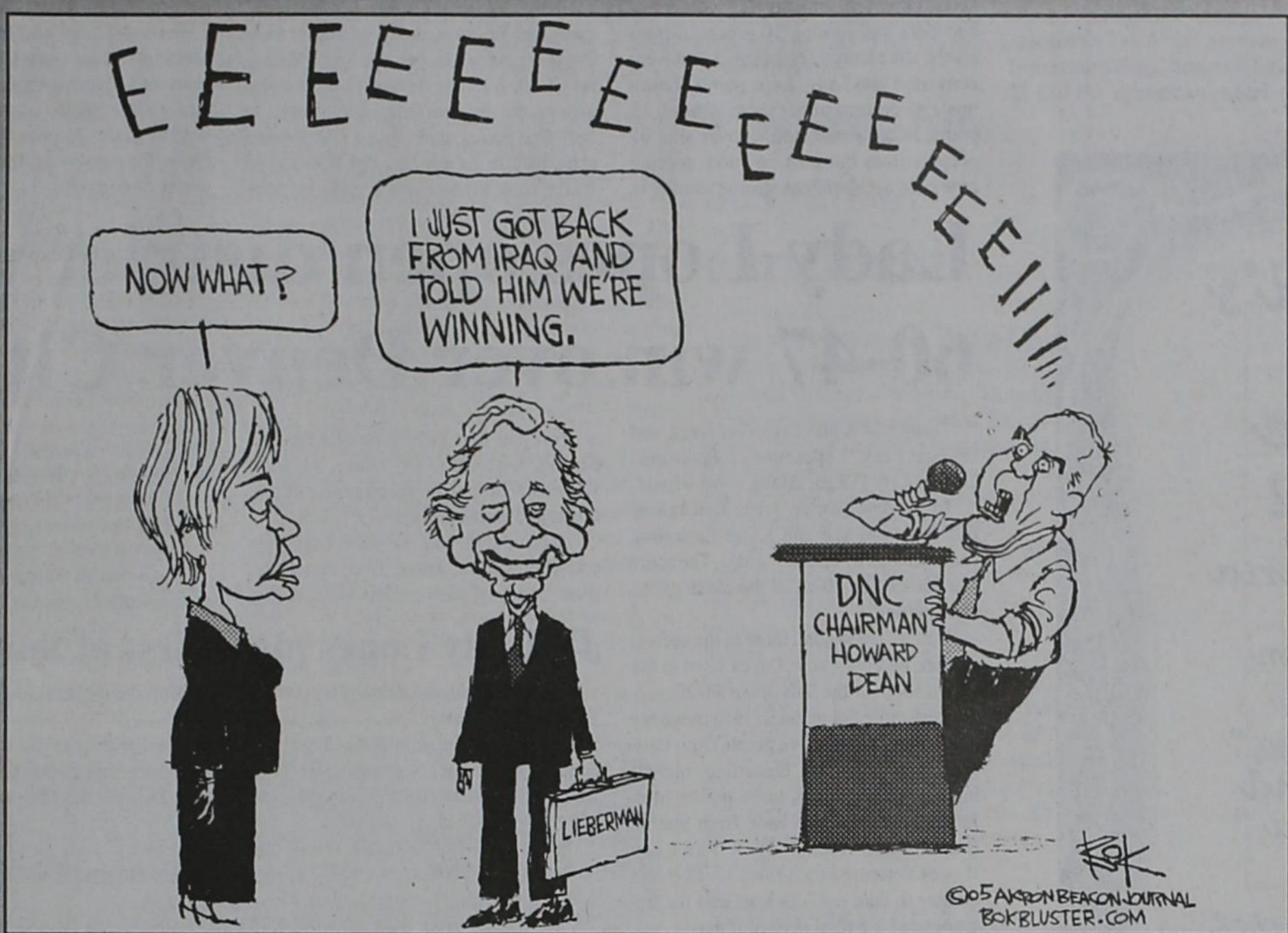
So with apologies to Clement Moore and everybody else, I humbly submit this updated poem for your consideration:

"Twas the night before Solstice, and all through the land,  
 the ACLU was watching to keep things in hand.  
 The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
 while forces kept Christmas out of their heads.  
 When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
 I sprang from my bed and heard desperate chatter.  
 Someone had seen my manger display,  
 And wailed very loudly, "Go away, go away."  
 How could I be so crass, so utterly wrong,  
 So show the infant Jesus and sing him a song?  
 And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof  
 An ACLU lawyer, looking stern and aloof.  
 "No manger! No caroling!" he said with a snort.  
 "And if you don't comply immediately, I'll take you to court!"  
 He was chubby and plumb, a right surly old elf,  
 And I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself.  
 He dallied no more, but went straight to his phone,  
 Lamenting the manger, in a most pitiful moan.  
 But I, in the spirit, said nothing unkind,  
 Christmas is forgiveness, whatever you find.  
 A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,  
 Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.  
 Christmas will survive, the folks will demand it,  
 Even if secular lawyers will not understand it.  
 Then I heard him exclaim, as he drove out of sight,  
 Happy Solstice to all, and to all a good night!"

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## And thereafter, dead-end jobs

by Walter E. Williams

Certain jobs are derisively referred to as "burger flipper" or "dead-end" jobs. I'd like someone to define a dead-end job. For example, I started out as a professor of economics at California State University, Los Angeles and then at Temple University and for the past 25 years at George Mason University. It seems as though my employment might qualify as a dead-end job, for all I'll ever be is a professor of economics.

Those who demean so-called dead-end jobs probably aren't talking about my job. They're mockingly referring to jobs such as clerks at Wal-Mart, hotel workers, and food handlers and counter clerks at McDonald's. McJobs is the term applied to these positions. The term has even found its way into Merriam-Webster and the encyclopedia Wikipedia. Putting down so-called dead-end jobs is a destructive insult to honest work.

How dead-end is a McDonald's job? Jim Glassman, an American Enterprise Institute scholar, wrote an article in the Institute's June 2005 On The Issues bulletin titled "Even Workers with 'McJobs' Deserve Respect." He listed some well-known former McDonald's workers. Among them: Andy Card, White House chief of staff; Jeff Bezos, founder and CEO of Amazon.com; Jay Leno, "Tonight Show" host; Carl Lewis, Olympic gold medalist; Joe Keran, former Indiana governor; and Robert Cornog, retired CEO of Snap-On Tools. According to Glassman, some 1,200 McDonald's restaurant owners began as crew members, and so did 20 of McDonald's 50 top worldwide managers. These people and millions of others hardly qualify as dead-enders.

The primary beneficiaries of so-called McJobs are people who enter the workforce with modest or absent work skills in areas such as: being able to show up for work on time, operating a machine, counting change, greeting customers with decorum and courtesy, cooperating with fellow workers and accepting orders from supervisors. Very often the people who need these job

skills, which some of us might trivialize, are youngsters who grew up in dysfunctional homes and attended rotten schools. It's a bottom rung on the economic ladder that provides them an opportunity to move up. For many, the financial component of a low-pay, low-skill job is not nearly as important as what they learn on the job that can make them more valuable workers in the future.

Some demagogues charge that jobs at Wal-Mart and McDonald's only pay the minimum wage. That's plain wrong, as are many other things said about jobs that start at the minimum wage. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Sixty-three percent of minimum wage workers receive raises within one year of employment, and only 15 percent still earn the minimum wage after three years. Moreover, only three percent of all hourly workers and two percent of wage and salary earners earn minimum wages. Most minimum wage earners are young -- 53 percent are between the ages of 16 and 24.

Furthermore, only 5.3 percent of minimum wage earners are from households below the official poverty line; 40 percent of minimum wage earners live in households with incomes of \$60,000 and higher, and over 82 percent of minimum wage earners do not have dependents. My stepfather used to tell me that any honest work was better than begging and stealing. As a young person, I worked many jobs from shining shoes and picking blueberries to delivering packages and washing dishes. Today's tragedy for many a poor youngster is that the opportunities I had for learning the world of work and moving up the economic ladder have either been destroyed through legislation or demeaned by today's do-gooders.

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## Don't Complicate Immigration Reform

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A Weekly Column

Congress is poised to consider an immigration reform bill this week, but as usual the devil will be in the details. A sensible bill would bolster enforcement of existing immigration laws, reject any form of amnesty, and address the underlying welfare state that adds to the problem. I fear, however, that Congress will bow to the president and accept some sort of amnesty. Even worse, I fear Congress may use the immigration bill to create a national employment database that has nothing to do with border control and everything to do with monitoring American citizens and employers.

Most Americans understandably want Congress to do something about illegal immigration, which has become a national embarrassment. One important solution is better enforcement of the laws we've got -- which plainly call for illegal immigrants to be arrested and deported. Congress can pass any law it wants, but unless federal agencies enforce those laws they are meaningless.

The ultimate responsibility for our immigration mess, therefore, lies squarely with successive presidents, not Congress. For decades our chief executives simply have lacked the political will, the manpower, or the desire to police our borders and deport lawbreakers. It's been nearly impossible politically for presidents or candidates to suggest the obvious, namely that illegal immigration mocks the rule of law and creates huge social and economic problems. But the tide is turning, and a majority of Americans will demand real action on immigration by the next administration.

Real immigration reform will be difficult, but it need not be complicated.

First, enforce existing laws by controlling the borders once and for all. We must recognize that true national defense means defending our own borders and coastlines. This is the primary constitutional responsibility of the federal government. This means it's time to stop spending hundreds of billions of dollars on overseas military adventures and countless alphabet soup domestic agencies. Borders should be the number one national priority, plain and simple. Does the federal government have something better to do?

Second, we must end birthright citizenship by constitutional amendment, if necessary. House Joint Resolution 46, which I introduced earlier this year, begins the process in Congress. As long as illegal immigrants know that their children born here will be citizens, the perverse incentive to sneak into this country remains strong. Citizenship involves more than the mere location of one's birth. True citizenship requires cultural connections and an allegiance to the United States.

Americans are happy to welcome those who wish to come here and build a better life for themselves, but we rightfully expect immigrants to show loyalty and attempt to assimilate themselves culturally. Birthright citizenship sometimes confers the benefits of being American on people who do not truly embrace America.

Finally, we must end welfare state subsidies for illegal immigrants. Some illegal immigrants -- certainly not all -- receive housing subsidies, food stamps, free medical care, and other forms of welfare. This alienates taxpayers and breeds suspicion of immigrants, even though the majority of them work very hard. Without a welfare

state, we would know that everyone coming to America wanted to work hard and support himself.

Immigration admittedly is a difficult issue, and nobody wants America to become an unwelcoming fortress. On the contrary, we need to attract the best and brightest people by remaining an entrepreneurial society that rewards initiative and hard work. But we must gain control of our borders not only to strengthen our national security, but also to preserve our national identity.



# Lady 'Lopes win Sundown Tourney

The Lady 'Lopes won the Sundown Tournament by defeating the host team, Sundown, 36-32 in the championship game.

The final game of the tourney was described as a "defensive battle" by the coaches, but Post pulled out a victory. Scoring for Post in the game were

Rachel Gray with 17, Laurel Tatum, six, Jenee Lott, four, Jackie Hays, four, Samantha Hoover, three points, and Sunnie Barbosa, two points. Assists were made by Kylie Easterling, three, and Lott, two. Steals were made by Gray, three, and Lott, four.

Gray, who scored 62 total points during the tournament, was named Most Valuable Player. She also logged 25 rebounds, 11 assists and 14 steals.

Also making the All-Tournament Team were Tatum and Lott. Tatum scored 33 points in the tournament and had 12

rebounds. Lott was selected to the All-Tournament team primarily for her defensive play, as well as an outstanding offensive effort - 11 points, nine rebounds, 11 assists and nine steals.

In the first round of play, Post was able to shoot high percentage shots to finish with a season-high 61.8 percent of their shots. Gray led, sinking 82.3 percent of her shots and scoring 30 points. Defensively, she recorded eight steals that were converted into Lady 'Lope points. Tatum made 88 percent of her shots, scoring 15 points in the game, and Hoover shot 67 percent from the post position, scoring nine points. Other Post players scoring in

the game included Barbosa with six, Ashley Wilson with four, Kadie Vernon, four, Lott, two, and Jackie Hays, two. Hoover had five rebounds.

In the semi-final round, the Lady 'Lopes faced Ralls. In the first half Ralls elected to defend from a zone to test Post's outside shooting. Easterling answered the challenge by sinking a pair of three-point goals and Tatum sunk three baskets from the short corner to put the Lady 'Lopes up 14-10. Scoring slowed in the second quarter, but the Post defense held Ralls to only five points, making it a 20-15 game at the half. In the third quarter, Post forced Ralls into man-to-man defense and

stepped it up offensively, scoring 20 points in the third and 16 in the fourth for a 56-38 win.

Scoring for Post were Gray, 15; Tatum, 13; Easterling, 11; Lott, five; Hays, four; and Hoover, Vernon, Barbosa and Wilson, two points each. Making three-point goals were Easterling, two, and Lott, one. Rebounding were Gray, 11; Lott, five; and Easterling, Tatum and Hays, four apiece. Making assists were Gray, eight; Lott, four; and Barbosa, three. Gray had three steals in the game.

The Lady 'Lopes have an overall record of nine wins, three losses, and a district record of 1-0.

# Lady Lopes open district with 60-47 win over Denver City

District 5AA play began last week, and the Post Lady 'Lopes opened against the Denver City Fillies, taking at 60-47 win.

In the first quarter, Jenee Lott scored five points as she and Kylie Easterling connected on three-point goals. The score was knotted at 10-10 at the close of the first quarter.

Lott hit her second three in the second quarter, and the Lady 'Lopes went to the locker room at the half down 21-20.

Post came out in the third to move the ball around and get five points from Laurel Tatum, five from Easterling, including her second three, three points from Jackie Hays and two each from Sunnie Barbosa and Rachel Gray. The Lady 'Lopes outscored the Fillies 17-12 in the quarter to take a 37-33 lead into the beginning of the final period of play.

The Fillies tried to take the ball out of Gray's hands with full-court pressure, double and triple teaming, but Gray handled the pressure well, drawing numerous fouls and getting the ball down the floor and into the hands of open teammates. In the quarter, Gray scored nine points, while Tatum had six. Lott and Hoover added four points apiece as Post outscored Denver City 23-14 in the quarter.

The Lady 'Lopes posted their best game of the season, shooting 47.8 percent.

Post had four girls in double figures. Scoring were Gray, 14; Tatum, 13; Lott, 12; Easterling, 10; Hoover, six; Hays, three; and Barbosa, two.

Rebounding leaders were Lott with six; Tatum, five; Hays, five; and Gray, five. Leading with assists were Gray,

seven; Easterling, four; and Lott, three.

From the free-throw line, Gray was six out of nine, while Hoover was 100 percent with two of two.

Defensively, Lott recorded four steals. Post's overall record stands at 6-3. The team's district record is 1-0.

# JV Lady Lopes place first at Sundown

The Lady 'Lopes junior varsity won the championship game in the Sundown JV Tournament recently.

In the championship game, Post downed the host team's JV by a score of 31-27. Scoring were Steffi Norman, seven points (one three); Brenna Postell, seven points; Tamara Raymundo, four points; Shawnda Wiley, four points; Marlee Plummer, two points; and Lori Jones, one point.

In the semi-finals, Post defeated the Ralls JV 49-28. Scoring were Shyra Perez, 10; Jones, eight; Wiley, seven (one three); Postell, six; Norman, six; Claire Kirkpatrick, five; Raymundo, four; and Lauren Gonzales, three points.

In the first round, Post defeated Wellman-Union JV 54-37. Scoring for the Lady 'Lopes were Jones, 16 (four three-point baskets); Norman, nine points; Gonzales with eight points; Kirkpatrick, six points; Perez with five; and Plummer and Wiley, four points each.

The team's record is 10-1.

# JV Lady Lopes edge Denver City 26-21

The Lady 'Lopes JV squad downed Denver City's junior varsity last week by a score of 26-21.

Scoring for Post were Norman with nine, Kirkpatrick with seven, Jones with four, Plummer with three, Odom with two and Gonzales, one point.

The Lady 'Lopes junior varsity has an overall record of 7-1 on the season and a district record of 1-0.

**Post High School's  
2nd Annual  
Dinner Theatre  
January 9 & 12**

- Dinner at the school cafeteria
- Performances at the Post Elementary Auditorium

Featuring

- "The Affair of Lady Fairfax," a Sherlock Holmes spoof, and
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Tickets: \$10 each  
Post Independent School District  
Central Office.

Only 200 tickets will be sold for each performance.  
For more information,  
contact the high school at  
**495-2770**

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

DISTRICT 8A  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Nov 28, 2005

Rule 37 Case No. 0245323

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CHOLLA PETROLEUM, INC., [RRC Operator No. 150683] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 1282, Bk. <N/A>, BS&F/GALBRAITH, B J Survey, A-652, P. H. D. and P. H. D. (GLORIETA) Fields, GARZA County, being 7 miles NW direction from POST, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows:

FIELD: P. H. D.

Lease/Unit Name : RICHARDSON UNIT NCT  
Lease/Unit Well No. : 22  
Lease/Unit Acres : 64.0  
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 150.0  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 876.8

Lease Lines : 150.0 F N L, 150.0 F E L  
Survey Lines : 1229.5 F S L, 150.0 F E L

FIELD: P. H. D. (GLORIETA)

Lease/Unit Name : RICHARDSON UNIT NCT  
Lease/Unit Well No. : 22  
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Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

P. H. D. : OIL Special Rules 330/660, 20.0 acres.

P. H. D. (GLORIETA) : OIL Special Rules 330/660, 20.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 4999 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant at (214) 6927052.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission at

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(512) 463-6701.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY Jan 9, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION



Post Antelope Sterling Smith (10) tosses the ball up for a two point lay up during last Tuesdays basketball action against Brownfield in Antelope Arena  
(Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Edgar Garay (14) leaps for a rebound as the Lopes took on Brownfield last Tuesday in Antelope Arena.  
(Photo by Jerry Taylor)

**Lady Lope & Antelope Basketball  
Saturdays & Sundays • Post City Television  
(Cebridge Connections Channel 12)**

## Treasurer Ruth Ann Young filing for re-election

Ruth Ann Young announced this week she will file as a candidate in the Democratic primary, seeking a fifth term as Garza County treasurer.

"I am announcing my candidacy for re-election," Young said. "I am currently serving my fourth four-year term.... For the past 15 years I have maintained my treasurer's certification through continuing education through V.G. Young Institute at College Station A&M University, as well as workshops sponsored by Texas Association of Counties. These workshops relate to issues that are duties of the office of treasurer, such as unemployment, worker's compensation, labor laws, employee health insurance, new GASB statements and accounting principles."

Young said that all records in the treasurer's office are audited annually and have been found to be in compliance with governmental auditing standards. All county funds are kept and closely monitored in interest-bearing products, including banking accounts, CDs and/or investment pools authorized under the Public Funds Investment Act.

In 1994, Young became a Certified Investment Officer through training re-

ceived from the Texas Association of Counties and the Southwest School of Governmental Finance at Texas Tech University's College of Business Administration Center for Professional Development.

"I believe that the trust placed in me by the voters and taxpayers of Garza County deserves my best efforts to stay current with changes made legislatively and with new labor law changes," she said.

Young and her husband, Tommy, are lifelong Garza County residents. The Youngs have three children, two of whom continue to reside locally. The couple has farmed and ranched for 43 years, and Tommy Young also has a custom framing business.

"We have been involved in many community activities, including the Post Chamber of Commerce, Post Stampede Rodeo, Garza County Jr. Livestock Show and Garza Theatre," she said. "We are lifelong members of the First Baptist Church. We believe that Post/Garza County is the best place in the world to live and raise a family."

As a Garza County resident with deep

roots in the community, Young said she believes that partisan politics cause "divisiveness" and that "we all should want the best for every member of our community."

"I thank the voters who elected me as county treasurer, and I am sincerely asking for your vote and support in the upcoming Democratic primary election in March," she said. "I want to remain your county treasurer."

## Post reunion staged in Cincinnati

by Vincent Marino

On Sunday December 11, 2005, the families of Harvey W. Mason of Loveland OH, and Cordell and Dorothy Custer of Cincinnati, OH had a Post reunion. They are all former Post residents. The families met serendipitously after Harvey's Post Dispatch was accidentally delivered to the Custer residence.

Cordell Custer looked up Harvey Mason in the phone book, contacted him, discovered they had numerous mutual acquaintances, and a meeting was arranged. They exchanged stories during a dinner hosted by Harvey's daughter, Carol. Harvey, Cordell, and Dorothy are all graduates of Post High School and Texas Tech. Both Harvey and Cordell are graduates of Texas Tech School of Engineering. All were happy that the mailing error gave them an opportunity to meet.

## White River Lake Weekly Report Dec. 12, 2005

Gauge reading: 2348.50 Feet below spillway: 24 Rise - 0" Rainfall (past week): 0" Rain to-date: 15.50"

Source: Mickey Rogers, WRMWD general manager

### NOTICE

Garza County Health Care District will use the following rules to comply with its responsibility under the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act.

Application can be requested at 608 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Assistance in completing the application will be provided if needed. Contact Brandy Fannon for assistance.

Garza County Health Care District will use rules and procedures found in the County Indigent Health Care Program Handbook published by the Texas Department of Health. In summary, these rules are:

1. Application forms must be completely filled out, signed and dated.
2. Verification of income is required. Verification of residence, household composition, and resources is required, if questionable.
3. Maximum Countable income cannot exceed:

Family Size	Minimum Income Standards 21% FPIL	Maximum Income Standards 50% FPIL
1	\$168	\$399
2	\$225	\$535
3	\$282	\$671
4	\$339	\$807
5	\$396	\$943
6	\$453	\$1078
7	\$510	\$1,214
8	\$567	\$1,350
9	\$624	\$1,486
10	\$681	\$1,622
11	\$738	\$1,758
12	\$796	\$1,893

4. Total countable resources and assets cannot exceed \$2000 or \$3000 if the household contains a relative who is aged or disabled. The value of a car greater than \$4,650 is counted against the \$2000 limit. Personal possessions and homestead are exempt assets.
5. Eligible persons must be a resident of Garza County.
6. Applicants must provide all information and documentation that is requested.
7. Applicants must apply for any other program for which they are potentially eligible. The county program is payer of last resort.
8. Applicants have the right to appeal denials.



Lady Lope Laurel Tatum (11) shoots for two during last Tuesday's game against Brownfield in Antelope Arena. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Jenee Lott (10) of Post works the ball up court against a strong Brownfield defense as the Lady Lopes took on Brownfield last Tuesday in Antelope Arena. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Antelope Roby Lester (24, right) passes the ball off to Call Windham (20) as the Lopes faced a tough Brownfield team last Tuesday in Antelope Arena. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

### RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 8A  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 7, 2005

Rule 37 Case No. 0245326

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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Lease/Unit Name : RICHARDSON UNIT NCT  
Lease/Unit Well No. : 21  
Lease/Unit Acres : 64.0  
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 150.0  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 660.0

Lease Lines : 569.5 F S L, 150.0 F E L  
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FIELD: P. H. D.

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Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

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This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 4999 feet.

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PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission at

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(512) 463-6701.

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IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, YOU MUST FILL OUT, SIGN AND MAIL OR DELIVER TO THE AUSTIN OFFICE OF THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS THE ENCLOSED NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST. A COPY OF THE INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST ALSO BE MAILED OR DELIVERED ON THE SAME DATE TO APPLICANT AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN ON THE SERVICE LIST. THIS INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE WITHIN THREE WEEKS OF THE DATE OF ISSUANCE OF THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY, TO BE EFFECTIVE THE DAY FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF SUCH THREE-WEEK PERIOD.

# Classified Advertising

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## Miscellaneous for Sale

FOR SALE: Used washer and dryer. \$75.00 or best offer. Call 495-3987.

Broyhill sofa, Husqvarna and Honda

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For Sale - Barbie and Ken dolls, house, furniture, clothes and accessories. Call 495-4030.

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## Lost and Found

Lost: Red Fox Lab with green eyes. Answers to Heidi. Reward offered 806-495-2235.

## Legal Notices

### LEGAL NOTICE

Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicapped Status The City of Post does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to, or employment in, its program or activities. The City Manager has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR Part 8, dated June 2, 1988).

Equal Employment Opportunity Statement

The City of Post does not discriminate on the basis of color, national origin, sex, religion, age and handicapped status in employment or the provision of services.

\*The City of Post has adopted complaint and grievance procedures regarding its Texas Community Development Programs. These procedures outline the steps for a citizen to follow if s/he wishes to file a written complaint about proposed TCDD activities. The City will make every effort to respond fully to such complaints within ten (10) working days. Citizens may obtain a copy of these written procedures at City Hall between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Citizens may also request the procedures be mailed to them by calling the City Manager, at 806-495-2811.

## Bid Request

The Garza County Commissioners Court solicits Bids for the following project: Removal and disposition of the bridge located on Garza County Road 378. Such project is to be completed during the month of January, 2006.

Bids must be submitted to the Garza County Judge, Garza County Courthouse before 9:00 a.m. on December 27, 2005 and will be considered by the Garza County Commissioners Court that same day.

Garza County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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If this sounds interesting and you'd like to learn more, please contact Pam or Teri. Also, your resume is always welcome by fax 806-795-1294, or email igarcia@pnamedical.net.

## Extension Extras

### CEU Hours Offered

Pesticide license holders will have an opportunity to receive three (3) CEU's, Tuesday, December 20, 2005, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Center for Housing and Community Development (1400 Avenue K), in Tahoka. One (1) hour in General, one (1) hour in IPM, and one (1) hours in Laws and Regs will be offered. Licensed Private Applicators must obtain 15 Continuing Education Units (CEU's) every five (5) years with at least two (2) hours in IPM and Laws and Regs. There are quite a few licenses that will expire February 28, 2006, so this is a good opportunity to get three of those hours. The educational program is sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension offices in Garza, Lynn, and Borden counties.

### Southern Mesa Ag Conference

The annual Southern Mesa Ag Conference, which will be held Thursday, January 26, in Lamesa, will offer approximately five (5) CEU's. For more information will be given later.

### Caprock Cotton Conference

January 17, 2006, Plains Baptist Assembly Camp, Floydada. 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 5 CEU's will be given.

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

## District, county courts

The following is a list of cases heard in district and county court in recent weeks. The information, all public records, was provided by the Garza County Sheriff's Department:

- County Court Nov. 23
  - Madlyn Gavaldon a.k.a. Rebecca Lee Markham, charged with reckless driving/Class B misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 30 days in the county jail, a fine of \$200 and \$208 in court costs.
  - Eric Eugene Denson, charged with order revoking deferred adjudication/Class B misdemeanor. Plea: true. Sentenced to 10 days in the county jail and ordered to pay \$836, the delinquent amount of fines, court costs and restitution.
  - Charles William O'Connor, charged with deadly conduct, Class A misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 12 months probation, \$800 fine and court costs of \$218.
  - Limuel Earl McDonald, charged with driving while intoxicated/Class B misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 175 days in the county jail, no fine and court costs of \$208.
  - Miquel A. Cazares, charged with driving while license suspended/Class B misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to three days in the county jail, \$100 fine and \$218 in court costs.
- District Court Nov. 15
  - Brent Corbin English, charged with possession of a controlled substance/methamphetamine - state jail. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to two years of probation, no fine, \$248 in court costs and no restitution.
- District Court Nov. 29
  - Damon Dewayne Curtis, charged with debit card abuse/state jail felony. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to five years of probation, a \$1,000 fine, \$248 in court costs, \$123.25 in restitution and \$300 fee for attorney.
  - Jimmy Curtis Jr., charged with deadly conduct/third degree felony. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to six years of probation, a \$2,000 fine, \$248 in court costs and \$598.64 in restitution.
- Grand Jury Indictments
  - Amber Nicole Pool - Failure to appear/third degree felony.
  - Deborah Bunnell - Driving while intoxicated, third degree felony.
  - Scott Hair - Attempted murder/second degree felony; aggravated assault/second degree felony.
  - Amanda Marie Morris - Possession of a controlled substance/methamphetamine - state jail felony.
  - J.W. Jolly III - Aggravated sexual assault/first degree felony; indecency with a child, second degree felony.

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TexSCAN Week of December 11, 2005

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# Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones  
From The Post Dispatch archives

**10 Years Ago**  
**December 14, 1995**  
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bush are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Trevah, to Mr. Daniel Yarbro, son of the late Hubert Yarbro.  
Post FFA talent team members Jeff Redman, Slade Bevers, Natalie Pollard and Vance Guthrie took first place honors for their accomplishments, and were recognized at Mesa District FFA Banquet, at South Plains College in Levelland.  
Births: Blace Kirk, son of Traci and Kirk Stevens arrived Wednesday, November 8 at St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock; Taylor Ann, daughter of Keith and Roxanne Osborn. Taylor was born November 22 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Jerry Windham, a native of Post was named "Coach of the Year" for the six-man football honor. Windham steered the Southland Eagles to their first district title since 1982.

**20 Years Ago**  
**December 18, 1985**  
Nominated to serve as new Chamber of Commerce directors were Maritta Reed, Gordon Terry, Roger McCaren, Jim Jackson and Joe Harris.  
A live nativity setting will be reenacted this Sunday in front of the First Christian Church.

Among the All District football squad honored this year were James Mock, Benny Hair, Rodney Oden, Joel Kirkpatrick, Delton Osborn, Danny Foster, Eddie Moat, Bruce Crenshaw, Ben Kirkpatrick, Adam Perez, Greg Storie, Ron Graves and Tracy Price.  
Jim Rainbolt, son of Mrs. Lois Cook of Post was one of over 60 students who participated in the Hardin-Simmons University All School Sing and was part of the winning performance.  
Former Post city manager Mrs. Rebecca King was part of a Texas Tech University School of Law which finished second regionally in the recent American Bar Association's inaugural national negotiation competition.

**30 Years Ago**  
**December 18, 1975**  
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cowdrey of the Graham Community, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Dec. 20. The couple was married 50 years ago by S. D. Lofton of Post in his home.  
All District honors for the Post Antelopes were: Bryan Davis, quarterback and defensive back; Dale Odom, defensive end and offensive tackle; Garland Dudley, defensive back; Edward Price, running back; George Hester, offensive center; Danny Saldivar, defensive lineman and Ray Martinez, offensive guard.

Mrs. Carolyn Sawyers has recently began teaching English III. Mrs. Linn had an overload in her two English III classes and the administration assigned Mrs. Sawyers one class of English.  
Jerry Ford and Robert Nichols, both of Dallas, have purchased controlling interest in the First National Bank of Post from J. B. Potts and Giles C. McCrary.

**40 Years Ago**  
**December 16, 1965**  
Coach Will Bigott's undefeated Post Antelopes won the championship trophy at the Abernathy tournament. Members are Jimmy Bartlett, Luis Ayala, Ruben Solis, J. O. Smith, Sammy Simms, Davis Heaton, Ronnie Pierce, Donnie Windham, Filemon Vargas, Birch Lobban and Ricky Welch.

Postings: The biggest news of the week is \$44,000 worth of federal participation in the construction of a city-county airport here next year.  
Mr. and Mrs. Hub Haire have bought a home in Post and they will be moving from Southland sometime soon.  
Pct. Billy Shumard, who spent the weekend in Post with his parents, the Buster Shumards, will return to Fort Bliss at El Paso where he has finished six weeks' training in missiles.  
Gift of 24.40 acres of prime baseball ground to the city by three members of the Post-Montgomery estate is another big boost for Post's tremendous summer boys' baseball program.

**50 Years Ago**  
**December 15, 1955**  
V. F. (Bing) Bingham, Post High School football coach since Feb. of 1946, submitted his resignation to the board of trustees. Bingham told The Dispatch that he will go in training for a position as Certified Life Underwriter with Great Southern Life Insurance Co. of Houston.  
The Rev. Clinton Edwards of Luling, La., will arrive in Post in Feb. as new pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.  
Main Street: Wheel! Our favorite crooner, "Der Bingle"-himself, is coming to the Tower Theatre. The show "White Christmas" and what a show, its the greatest gift of entertainment Johnny and Jean have ever brought to the Tower; Don't forget that you can get a wonderful Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings for \$1.00 a plate at American Grill Cafe every Sunday.  
Facts and Fads around PHS: Ted Tatum and JoAnn Moreman were elected Best-Dressed Seniors.

**60 Years Ago**  
**December 13, 1945**  
The American Cafe is under the new management of Merle Carmichael, according to Mrs. Vallie Wall who has been operating the cafe since it's reopening.  
There's little hope now that sugar rationing will end before 1947. Rationing of butter, margarine, lard and shortening may have to continue into spring, and possibly summer of 1946.  
Welcome home discharged War II Veterans: Sergeant William L. Cook, Lawrence Bilberry, Cpl. Clovis Tucker, Bertie W. Condron, Pvt. George L. Smith, William Bruce Shepherd, William "Billy" Cook and Meekly R. Martin.  
Miss Roberta Reid, former Post High teacher is now dean of women at North Texas State Teaching College in Denton.  
Football lettermen for 1945 receiving jackets are Jim Bird, Foy Bostic, Junior Malouf, George Hester, Ramond Daugherty, Bill Fumigalli, Louis Mills, Sonny McCrary, Roy Williams, Edgar Parr, Lynn Ranson, David Buster, Billy Odom, Charles Propst, Eugene Ashley, A. C. Thomas, Wayne Hundley, Paul Duren, Bud Everett, and Joe Stokes.

# Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy Ballentine Bush

Hello,  
Is everyone all finished with their shopping????????? NOT. I'm just gonna pretend that it is not here yet. Think that will work.

## BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY

We had a wonderful time Friday night celebrating Mack and Jane's (Terry) 50th wedding anniversary. So many great folks came by to help Jane and Mack celebrate and make the evening so special. Their official date was Sunday, December 11th which also was our moms, Fannie Ballentine, 92nd birthday.

It was also mine and Ricky's son, Kevin's birthday, so we all celebrated Sunday with a meal. Nearly our whole family was there and we had a great time.

Charles and Sharron Morris also celebrated their anniversary Sunday, it was number 46.

There was lots of celebrating going on this weekend.

## HOLIDAY NEWS

I know everyone will be having guests and gatherings over the holidays, please call me and let's share your celebrations with everyone.

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## A GLASS OF MILK

One day, a poor boy who was selling goods from door to door to pay his way through school, found he had only one thin dime left, and he was hungry. He decided he would ask for a meal at the next house. However, he lost his nerve when a lovely young woman opened the door. Instead of a meal he asked for a drink of water. She thought he looked hungry so brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it slowly, and then asked, how much do I owe you?

You don't owe me anything, she replied. "Mother has taught us never to accept pay for a kindness."

He said.... "Then I thank you from my heart."

As Howard Kelly left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and man was strong also. He had been ready to give up and quit.

Many years later that same young woman became critically ill. The local doctors were baffled! They finally sent her to the big city, where they called in specialists to study her rare disease.

Dr. Howard Kelly was called in for the consultation. When he heard the name of the town she came from, a strange light filled his eyes. Immediately he rose and went down the hall of the hospital to her room.

Dressed in his doctor's gown he went in to see her. He recognized her at once.

He went back to the consultation room determined to do his best to save her life. From that day he gave special attention to her case. After a long struggle, the battle was won.

Dr. Kelly requested the business office to pass the final bill to him for approval. He looked at it, then wrote something on the edge and the bill was sent to her room. She feared to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all. Finally she looked, and something caught her attention on the side of the bill. She read these words....

"Paid in full with one glass of milk" (Signed) Dr. Howard Kelly.

**TILL NEXT WEEK**

Guess that is it for this week. Please remember to send in your news. May God bless each of you. Merry Christmas.

## Menus

### Post ISD

Christmas Break  
**Southland ISD**

December 19 - Breakfast - Managers Choice  
Lunch - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic tosat, corn, tossed salad, fruit cup, milk.

December 20 - Breakfast - Managers Choice

Lunch - Sack lunch.

December 21 - Breakfast - Managers Choice.

Lunch - Sack Lunch.

December 22- Christmas Break

### TRAILBLAZERS

No menu submitted

## Sheriff Reports nine arrests

Nine arrests were made recently in Garza County, according to reports provided by the sheriff's department.

Arrests included that of a 53-year-old male, parole violation; a 23-year-old female, possession of a controlled substance/failure to appear; a 20-year-old male, commitment/possession of marijuana; a 39-year-old male, driving while intoxicated; and a 25-year-old male, theft over \$50.

Also, a 49-year-old male, driving while license invalid; a 28-year-old male, driving while intoxicated; a 26-year-old male picked up on a Terry County warrant; and an 18-year-old male arrested on a Garza County warrant, deadly conduct.

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# Landtroop gets endorsement from Congressman Conaway

U.S. Congressman Mike Conaway of Midland (District 11) announced earlier this week his endorsement of Jim Landtroop, Republican candidate for state representative, District 85.

"Jim Landtroop will be a young and enthusiastic force in the Texas House of Representatives," Conaway said. "His business experience and values of faith and family will be a strong voice for this area in Austin. I look forward to working with him on common issues between the state and federal government, like agriculture, energy and preserving the quality of life in our rural communities."

Landtroop began his grassroots campaign in early spring and has traveled all around the district meeting the constituents. He announced his intention to run in late October and has garnered more than 350 supporters, according to a press release issued this week.

"I am honored and humbled to receive Congressman Conaway's endorsement," Landtroop said. "Mike is a great asset to West Texas and serves in Washington with integrity and distinction. I look forward to working just as hard for the people of House District 85 in Austin."

District 85 and District 11 share the common counties of Reagan, Irion, Sterling and Glasscock. Other counties Landtroop seeks to represent are Howard, Borden, Terry, Lynn, Garza, Crosby, Kent, Stonewall, Fisher, Jones, Hale and Floyd.

For more information on the Landtroop campaign, visit [www.jimlandtroop.com](http://www.jimlandtroop.com).

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**ACROSS**

- 1 "\_\_\_, who goes there?"
- 5 CSA general: Robert \_\_\_
- 6 some TX stocks are listed on this exchange (abbr).
- 7 co. that filmed "Ruby" in Dallas
- 8 "deaf" hero of the TX Revolution
- 17 TX "Tarzan" Ely
- 18 TXism: "chew \_\_\_" (ponder)
- 21 Davy Crockett's home state (abbr.)
- 22 TXism: "put on tallow" (\_\_\_ weight)
- 23 TX Cynthia Ann was kidnapped when Comanche her family home
- 24 Dimmitt is seat of this county
- 29 TXism: "it \_\_\_ an arm and a leg"
- 30 "nap" ending at a TX barbecue
- 31 TX hero Audie (init.)
- 32 TXism: "at the \_\_\_" (impulsive)
- 34 lovers' quarrel
- 35 sis sib
- 36 newspaper: "The Navasota \_\_\_"
- 37 some say this sound is made by Llano Co. Enchanted Rock
- 38 This Paul owned Terlingua, TX
- 39 TX "Bell Helicopter \_\_\_"

**DOWN**

- 1 TXism: "it'll take a faith \_\_\_" (broken)
- 2 husband of Alamo survivor Susanna Dickenson
- 3 This Cleef was in "Tumbleweed" with TX Audie Murphy
- 4 with 9-down, bread
- 9 see 4-down
- 10 \_\_\_ of blood
- 11 TXism: "guilty as \_\_\_"
- 12 \_\_\_ Jo, TX
- 13 Sen. John Tower's daughter
- 41 repaired
- 42 Ranger reliever in '93 & '94, Carpenter
- 43 TXism: "\_\_\_ as homemade sin"
- 44 TX Chennault founded the "Flying \_\_\_"
- 45 TXism: "\_\_\_ enough to boil mercury"
- 46 "sly" gesture
- 47 TXism: "pulled the wool over \_\_\_ eyes"
- 48 Oiler receiver '85 to '91
- 50 slang for well connected
- 51 TXism: "will miss \_\_\_ you blink" (small town)
- 52 Stars league (abbr.)
- 53 TXism for "girl"
- 14 TX Sly Stone's \_\_\_ to Take "You Higher"
- 15 TXism: "In \_\_\_ neck of the woods"
- 16 TX Sam Bass \_\_\_ out in Denton Co. student
- 19 ex-Rangers owner Harrell \_\_\_
- 20 "Eddie" Chiles love makes the world \_\_\_
- 22 medium for TX singers (abbr.)
- 25 TXism: "his facts \_\_\_ elastic"
- 33 TX "fire \_\_\_" electronics co.
- 34 what TX George Foreman was
- 37 TXism: "so humid my upper lip is \_\_\_"
- 38 watchful period
- 40 "Vietnam, TX" actor, Haing S. \_\_\_
- 41 Dallas Love \_\_\_
- 44 TXism: "brand blotter"
- 47 Six Flags ride sensation
- 49 TXism: "he's right handy \_\_\_ fork"

# Post City Television

## Daily Program Guide

• December 16 thru December 22

Friday, December 16	
7 a.m.	Christmas at the OS Museum
9 a.m.	Healthy Living
10 a.m.	This Week In Post City
1 p.m.	Healthy Living
5 p.m.	Post Elementary School Christmas Concert
7 p.m.	This Week In Post City
11 p.m.	Healthy Living
Saturday, December 17	
7 a.m.	Post Elementary School Christmas Concert
9 a.m.	This Week In Post City
11 a.m.	Healthy Living
2 p.m.	Post Lady Lope Basketball
5 p.m.	Christmas at the OS Museum
7 p.m.	This Week In Post City
9 p.m.	Post Elementary School Christmas Concert
10 p.m.	Post Antelope Basketball
Sunday, December 18	
2 p.m.	Post Lady Lope Basketball
5 p.m.	This Week In Post City
8 p.m.	Post Antelope Basketball
10 p.m.	Healthy Living
11 p.m.	Post Elementary School Christmas Concert
Monday, December 19	
7 a.m.	Antelope Weekly
9 a.m.	This Week In Post City
11 a.m.	Healthy Living
1, 5 & 10 p.m.	Post Church of Christ Sunday Services
7 p.m.	Antelope Weekly
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, December 20, 21 & 22	
7 a.m.	Antelope Weekly
9 a.m.	Garza County Commissioners' Court
11 a.m.	Post ISD Board of Trustees
1 p.m.	Garza County Hospital District
3 p.m.	Post City Council
5 p.m.	Healthy Living
7 p.m.	Antelope Weekly
9 p.m.	Christmas at the OS Museum
10 p.m.	Post Elementary School Christmas Concert

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The Little Dazzlers entertain visitors on Saturday, December 3 at Old Mill Trade Days. The team studies with Joy of Dance studios and is scheduled to perform Friday night during the Shallowater basketball game in Antelope Arena. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

## Custom-sculpted Santa presented to UMC Health Systems by Teri Dolls

Teri Dolls, a Post-based company, recently presented UMC Health System with a custom-sculpted Santa.

The 6-foot Santa is being displayed during the holiday season in the UMC Children's Hospital.

"This is a wonderful addition to the Children's Hospital," said Greg Bruce, UMC division director. "Santa brings Christmas joy to all who see him. It is impossible not to smile when you see Santa."

Theresa and Evangelina Doggett of Teri Dolls made the presentation earlier this month.

Theresa has been designing Santas since 1998. Her first work, a part of a previous business venture, was featured in the Neiman-Marcus Christmas Book. In 1999, the company was commissioned to design 10 Millennium life-sized Santas for Neiman-Marcus.

In addition to the UMC Children's Hospital, the Dallas Cowboys, Texas governor's mansion and the White House are home to Teri Dolls Santas.

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Donating a life size Santa to University Medical Center of Lubbock for Teri Dolls are at left (left to right), Theresa Doggett and Evangelina Doggett. UMC personnel receiving the gift are at right (left to right), Adrienne Zobart (Vice President Human Resources), Greg Bruce (Division Director) and Father Malcolm (Chaplain).

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Filling the cool night air with lively holiday music during the Lighted Christmas parade on Saturday, December 3rd is the 'Pride of Post' high school marching band. Shown above are (left column back to front), Colt Mason, Steven Short and Becca Striblin (front row left to right), Jonathan McGregor, Patricia Wright and Joey Guerra and Meagen Howard Griffiths. (Staff photo by Jackie Miner)

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