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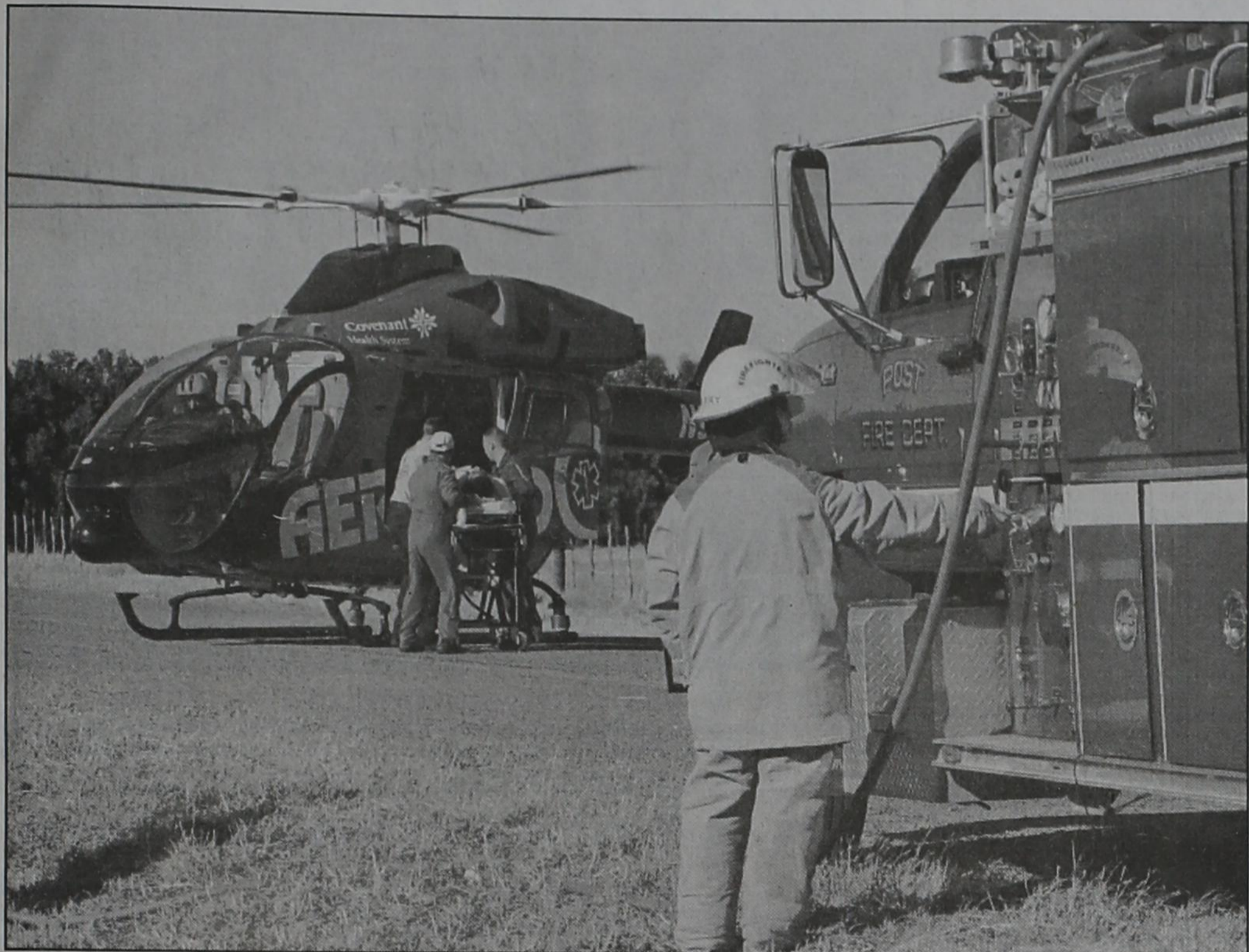
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A 17-year-old Juvenile Detention Center youth was transported to a Lubbock hospital Dec. 22 following an undisclosed medical emergency.

Local EMTs transported the youth to the Southland area where they met an Aerocare helicopter that completed the emergency trek.  
Photo by Tim Burnett

## Youth injured in accident at Juvenile Detention Center

A 17-year-old man was injured Dec. 22 in an accident that occurred at the Garza County Regional Juvenile Center.

The youth, whose name and identifying information must remain confidential, was in the center's gymnasium attempting to perform a back flip when the accident occurred, according to Tim Savoy, a public information officer with the Texas Youth Commission. The young man landed on his head, injuring his spinal cord.

Local EMTs transported the youth to the Southland area where they were met by an Aerocare helicopter that transported by youth to the University Medical Center emergency room in Lubbock.

The youth's condition has improved since the accident, but his injury remains serious, Savoy said in a press release issued late Tuesday.

"He faces the possibility of some long-term nerve damage," Savoy said.

The youth is committed to the care of the Texas Youth Commission, which contracts with the Garza County Regional Juvenile Center for bed space.

"We ask that the Post community join everyone at the Texas Youth Commission in praying for a swift and full recovery for this young man," Savoy said.

### 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.

#### Clerk's office offers info on election

The Garza County and District Clerk's office invites those interested in the latest information concerning the March 2006 Primary Election to visit the Garza County web site at [www.GarzaCounty.net](http://www.GarzaCounty.net). Then click on the March 2006 Primary Election link. Also, to get information about the new voting system, click on Voting Machines. For any other questions please contact the clerk's office at 495-4430.

#### Grassland Nazarene Church

On January 1st, Grassland Nazarene Church will be holding a special service encouraging individuals to experience, a New Start, a New Beginning in their spiritual lives. This service is an abridged and edited version of 18th century revivals motivated by John Wesley. For more information, please contact Pastor Dave at 327-5656.

#### 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.

#### 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. Democratic Party candidates may contact Democratic County Chairman Lewis Earl at 495-2448. Republican Party candidates may contact Republican County Chairman Irene Howell at 495-1203.

#### Sunday, Jan 1st church schedule

Post Church of the Nazarene will begin Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and worship at 10:50 a.m. on New Year's Day. There will be no evening services.

#### 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](http://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](mailto: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.

## November highway traffic collections enrich County and State by \$13,875

by Tim Burnett

Garza County Justice of the Peace Courts collected \$13,875.50 during the month of October largely from highway travel and traffic fines issued, according to official reports. The fund raising program, operated by Garzy County in coordination with the State of Texas, took advantage of travelers who were accused of violating State Transportation Codes. Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 collected \$9,394.75, while JP Court Precinct 2 reported \$4,480.75 involving 113 misdemeanor cases.

State and county code enforcement officers are "just doing their jobs" by enforcing the traffic code, but what was sold to the public in the 1920s for "safe" roads, is now a huge money making scheme for corporate governments.

The State of Texas gradually shifted the public perception of the Code's underlying scope so that all travelers appear required to register their automobiles with the State of Texas. A study into the underlying scope of the Texas Transportation Code has revealed exactly who is required to register their automobiles with the State.

The exact scope of the Texas Transportation Code was discovered by allowing it to narrowly interpret itself according to its strict construction. The scope of the Transportation Code is "Transportation."

The term "Transportation" is not defined in the Texas Code. According to the United States Transportation Code and Black's Law Dictionary, the term "Transportation" is defined as transportation by a carrier for hire.

Use of the roads and highways for the purpose of "transportation for hire by carriers" was what fell under the scope of the Code. Even to this day, the Code protects the traveling public by regulating vehicles using the roads for the purpose of "Transportation."

The registration requirement falls within the limited scope of the Transportation Code. The only automobiles that are mandated by statute to be registered with the State are those owned and operated by Carriers that use the roads for the purpose of transporting for hire: for example, busses, cabs, freight carriers, etc.

The registration renewal receipt proves the above point. The receipt cites "carrying capacity", "tonnage" and "travel trailer length" to be at "0".

Most travelers know that the "carrying capacity" of their automobiles is not "0".



### Working on Christmas Day

City of Post employees Curtis Martin (left) and Owen Gilbert (right) were called out to repair a water main Christmas Day at West Main Street and Avenue O. Helping with the repair is Ken Finch of The George R. Brown Partnership. A four inch water main had to be pulled up along with part of the sidewalk to make the necessary repairs. Houses on West Main were without water until the repair could be made.

Photo by Tim Burnett

## "Red Flag Warning" issued for Garza County, West Texas

by Sheri Lewis

Four fires were reported Monday and Tuesday, providing a vivid illustration of the National Weather Service's "red flag warning" issued earlier this week for Garza County and much of West Texas.

A "red flag warning" is issued when "critical fire weather conditions" - high winds, low relative humidity and warm temperatures - are present or pending. Such conditions "create explosive fire growth potential," according to the warning issued Tuesday morning by the Lubbock NWS office.

The Post Fire Department responded to two grass fires in the county on Monday and a Tuesday blaze within the city, according to a report from the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

On Monday, firefighters were called out to battle a grass fire at a location about three miles south on Hwy. 84. A second fire occurred in a CRP field about eight miles west of the city on Hwy. 380. Both fires were quickly contained without damage to property, according to reports.

At about 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, another grass fire was reported in the area of 8th Street and Avenue R. The flames were initially spotted by a deputy on patrol in the residential area, Fire Marshal Darrell Reece said, or the situation "could have been serious."

As Reece was leaving his home to respond to the 3:30 a.m. call, he spotted another fire at a separate but nearby location. He quickly extinguished the flames.

An investigation into the scenes of the two fires within the city limits indicates that fireworks were the likely cause. Reece said evidence of Roman candle-type fireworks was found at both scenes.

Officials with Garza County recently issued a ban on this type of fireworks in an effort to prevent such situations, the fire marshal said.

"Right now, as dry as we are, anything that can be done to eliminate fire hazards is advisable," Reece said. "We're really serious on fire issues right now due to the dry weather."

Local residents also have been asked to observe a burn ban, which runs through Jan. 26.

"As in any dry conditions, the best thing is to not have any open flame fires," Reece said. "If you have to have a fire in a controlled situation, use screen wire to prevent ashes from blowing out."

As of Tuesday, Garza County had officially received 17.86 inches of precipitation for the year, according to NWS Lubbock reports. Only 0.20 inches of rainfall have been recorded this month.

On Tuesday, Reece said local firefighters have been called out about 17 times this month. Although some of those calls involved working vehicular accidents, most were in response to small grass fires.

## Dry weather keeps volunteer firemen busy

A month ago, Garza County Commissioners voted to implement a burn ban and a ban on fireworks because of ongoing dry weather conditions.

Not much has changed since that time.

The weather factors remain much the same - dry, windy and warm - and the bans remain enforceable for almost another month.

The burn ban is violated if an individual "burns any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks or orders such burning by others," according to the documentation approved by commissioners. If the fire department receives notice of a suspected outdoor burning, department members shall work to extinguish the fire, a law officer will be notified and a warning will be issued.

Second or "flagrant violations" of the order may result in prosecution.

The order detailing the fireworks ban states that "no person may sell, detonate, ignite or in any way use fireworks classified... as skyrocketers with sticks and missiles with fins in any portion of the unincorporated area of Garza County."

The order does not prohibit "common fireworks, small in size, classified as Class C explosives" or "large firework devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration or detonation and classified as Class B explosives..."

Individuals who knowingly or intentionally violate the fireworks ban may be charged with a Class C misdemeanor, according to the wording of the order.

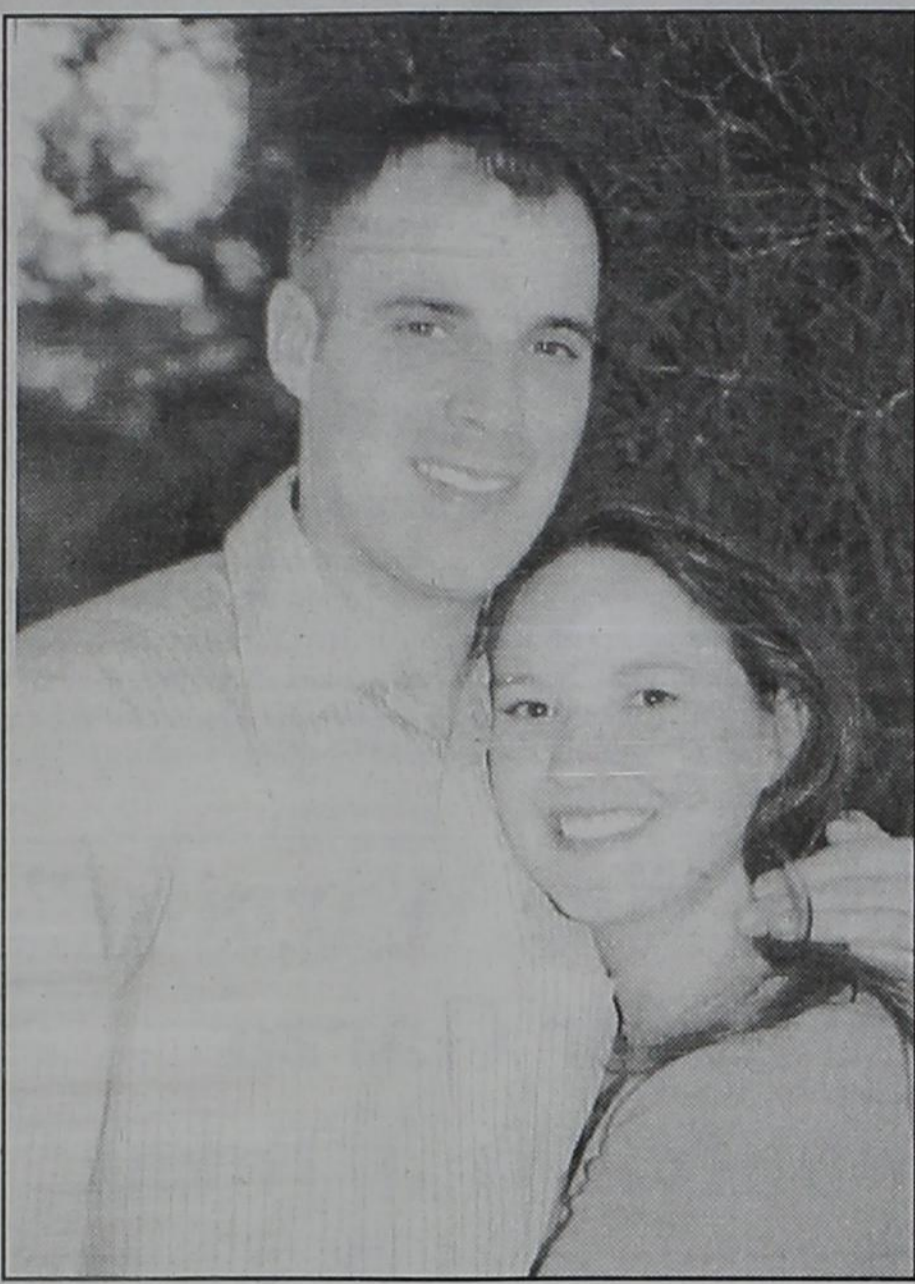
A check with the Garza County judge's office Tuesday indicated the bans will be in place until Jan. 26.

## Brett Hart, Heather Koen announce engagement

David and Marsha Hart of Lubbock are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Brett Hart, to Heather Koen, daughter of Coy and Kathy Koen of Plainview.

The bride-elect, a 1998 graduate of Plainview High School, received a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University in 2003. She graduated from Amarillo College in 2005 as a registered dental hygienist and is employed in Levelland. She is the granddaughter of Oliver Massey of Plainview.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of West Texas Christian Academy in Wheeler. He is employed as a machinist by Simmons Pump in Lubbock. He is the grandson of Bob and Dorothy Arhelger of Kerrville. The couple will wed Feb. 12, 2006, on a Carnival Conquest cruise ship in Galveston.



Brett Hart & Heather Koen

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## Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy Ballentine Bush

Hello,  
 Well, how disgusting is this? Two days after Christmas, 70 degrees, and the dirt blowing 50 mph. YUK!!!!!! Hope all of you had a Merry Christmas and got everything you wanted. Just seems to me it got here wayyyyyyy too fast and was gone before you knew it.

### EARLY BIRTHDAY

All of the family of Chester Morris celebrated his 90th birthday a little early. Chester will be 90 January 7, 2006 but since everyone was here for Christmas, they moved it up a little and celebrated Christmas Eve.

Attending the party at Chester's home were:

Charles and Sharron Morris, Barry and Amy Morris, Kayla and Brooke, Tim Morris and his fiancée Diane Jennings of Midland, Chuck and Christy Morris and Dillon, Ronnie Morris of Clovis, Ron and Gina Morris and two sons of Lubbock, Lisa Morris and fiancée Steve of Lubbock, Ann and Bert Gravitt of Houston, their daughter Pilar, Judy and Travis Guy of Lubbock, Tod and Teresa Guy and McKenzie of Lubbock, Jada Guy with Tamara and Justin and Raymond Raymundo.

There were several drop in guests through out the day and all had a wonderful time.

### CHRISTMAS GUESTS

We had a houseful for Christmas and a great time. Our brood included, Robby and Kerri, with three girls, Kaylan, Kylee and Kenley; Devin and Devron with Lexi; Kelly and Corrina with Colby, Paige, Monique, Eric, Tyler and Skyler (whew), Krishna and Zachary; Amanda and Steven with Alison, Ethan and Addie Grace, Randy and Valerie and our moms, Lucille and Fannie.

We all shared a non-traditional Christmas lunch and picked up wrapping paper for an hour. Those little ones really make it special though.

### CHRISTMAS AT THE AMMONS

Allane and Corkey had all their kids in for Christmas. I hear they played a really fun game changing the Chinese Christmas up a little, but hear Corkey got confused now and then.

Their guests included: Donna and Lori Jones, DeAnn and Ronnie Bratcher and kids Mike, Kelcee, Jordan and Dylan and Dustin and Heather Ammons of Houston.

I know they also went out and had Christmas with the Babbs, so with that big group I know all had a good time.

### FROM DIANE GRAVES

Subject: The Griz & the Atheist  
 An atheist was taking a walk through the woods. "What majestic trees!

What powerful rivers!  
 What beautiful animals!" he said to himself.

As he continued walking alongside the river he heard a rustling in the bushes.

Turning to look, he saw a 7 foot grizzly charging towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path.

Looking over his shoulder he saw that the bear was closing in on him. His heart was pumping

frantically and he tried to run even faster.

He tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw the bear raising his paw to take a swipe at him.

At that instant the atheist cried out: "Oh my God..." Time stopped. The bear froze. The forest was silent.

It was then that bright light shone upon the man and a voice came out of the sky saying: "You deny my existence for all of these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to a cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament?"

Am I to count you as a believer?"

The atheist looked directly into the light. "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps, could you make the BEAR a Christian?" Very well," said the

voice.

The light went out. And the sounds of the forest resumed.

And then the bear lowered his paw, bowed his head and spoke, "Lord, bless this food which I am about to receive and for which I am truly thankful."

### TILL NEXT WEEK

Guess that is it for this week. I wish everyone a very happy New Year and please if you go out to celebrate, please be careful. I want everyone one of you here next week.

May God bless each of you and bring you peace in this New Year.



### Toys for Tots Distributes Gifts to 107 children

Post Lions Club president Shelly Duran (left) and Rick Daffron (right) at Burgers & Fries display one of the many gifts donated to this year's Toys for Tots campaign. Rick & Carolyn's Burgers & Fries was the drop-off point for donations to the campaign. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

## County studies policy manual changes

by Wes Burnett

No action was taken following an executive session Monday morning at the Garza County Commissioners' Court regular meeting. A proposal regarding an easement agreement on County Road 378 was discussed.

In other matters, the court tabled for further study a recommendation for policy changes presented by Jayta Cravy on behalf of a committee of court house staff. Cravy explained that the recommendations were designed to bring some continuity for closing of the court-

house for bereavement and holidays.

The court also postponed action on a proposed amendment to the current agreement for autopsy services. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center has proposed an increase from \$1,200 (cost per autopsy to begin in October 2006) to

\$2,000. Commissioners agreed with Judge Giles W. Dalby to seek recommendations from Justices of Peace Sheila Melton and Dee C. Justice prior to making a decision.

The court meets the second and fourth Mondays monthly. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, January 9, 2006.

## The Post Dispatch offers free subscriptions for Garza County service men and women

The Post Dispatch continues its offer of free subscriptions for Garza County armed services men and women serving the nation in foreign countries.

"This offer is an expression of our support for those dedicated young people serving our nation overseas," The Post Dispatch publisher Wesley W. Burnett emphasizes. "It's a way for them to get a feel for home when they are far away from home."

Parents or family members may order the free subscription by calling, sending a fax, letter or e-mail to The Post Dispatch, providing the full rank, name and address of the U.S. service member. "Please let us know in what country they are currently assigned," Burnett added.

"Having spent 13 months out of country during the Vietnam War," Burnett concludes, "I know and understand the importance of keeping in touch with family and home town news."

Away from home service people may also keep in touch through the Internet with around the clock broadcasting of local news and information on Post City Radio ([www.postcityradio.com](http://www.postcityradio.com)).

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## Christmas day rollover injures 1

A one-vehicle rollover on Christmas Day sent one woman to a Lubbock hospital.

The woman, whose name was unavailable, was transported by Aerocare to a Lubbock medical facility after the vehicle in which she was traveling alone rolled on west Hwy. 380 near the county line at about 5:50 p.m., according to a representative of the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

No further information on the accident victim was available as of press time.

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Kadie Vernon (33) guards an Idalou player during last week's contest here with Idalou. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

### Lady Lopes win squeaker 25-24 in district play

The Post Lady Lopes slipped past Idalou 25-24, boosting the local squad's season record to 11-4 and district record to 3-1.

Post jumped out to a strong offensive showing, outscoring Idalou 7-3 in the first quarter and 10-5 in the second. But the Lady Lopes slipped in the third quarter, allowing Idalou 10 points while scoring only one. The team rebounded in the final period to take the win.

High scorer for the game was Wilson with 10 points, followed by Tatum with seven, Hays with five, Gray with two and Lott with one, according to the coach's report. Hays made 100 percent of her shots in the game.

Gray led assists with five, while Lott and Wilson led in free throw shooting. Gray had eight rebounds in the game, while Lott grabbed seven.



The Post Lady Lopes display aggressive defense in their one point, low scoring game here against Idalou last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Post Antelope & Lady Lope Basketball on Post City Television - Cebridge Connections Channel 12 See Program Guide for details



Colter Creech drops a two-pointer for the Post Antelopes during their game against Idalou here last week. The team competes in the Lamesa tourney this week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

### Conservation incentives offered to Garza County Farmers, Ranchers

Applications for the 2006 EQIP Program in Texas are currently being accepted at the local NRCS office, to address locally identified resource concerns.

On September 15, 2005 the Garza County Program Development Group and Local Work Group met to discuss the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) priorities for 2006. Water Quality and Water Quantity were cited as the primary resource concerns that will be addressed by this year's program. Below are the primary practices and priorities.

- County Base Fund Terraces and Waterways - High Priority
- Chemigation Valves and Flowmeters - High Priority
- Mechanical and Chemical Brush Control - Medium Priority
- Range or Pasture Seeding - Medium Priority
- All other Conservation Practices - Low Priority
- Ogallala Ground and Surface Water Fund
- Conversion to Drip Irrigation 25 acres - High Priority
- Irrigation Pipelines - High Medium Priority
- Conversion to Drip Irrigation from 25.1 - 80 acres - Low Medium Priority
- All other conservation practices - Low Priority

All practices for 2006 will be cost shared at a 50% rate. Farmers and Ranchers may sign up for any conservation practice that is listed in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

The EQIP sign up for this funding period is now open and will remain open until February 17, 2006. Interested producers need to make an appointment with the local NRCS as soon as possible.

To make an appointment or for more information, contact the Garza Soil and Water Conservation District or NRCS office at 495-2056 ext. 3.

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### Charles Morris files as Republican candidate for Precinct 2 commissioner

Charles Morris announced this week he will be a candidate for the office of Precinct 2 county commissioner in the upcoming Republican Party primary.

A lifetime resident of Garza County, Morris graduated from Post High School in 1959. He and his wife, Sharon, have been married for 46 years and are the parents of three sons - Tim, Barry and Chuck, all of whom are PHS graduates.

Morris has lived in the Close City and Graham Chapel areas throughout his farming career.

Morris has logged a significant amount of community service, including being a member of the Post Independent School District Board of Trustees; a board member for the Close City Cotton Gin; a board member of the Garza County Junior Livestock Association; a board member with the Garza County Water District; and a steering committee member of the Texas Boll Weevil Program.

"I... look forward to working with you as a member of the Commissioners Court," Morris said in his announcement. "With your help and vote, that will happen."

### Republican Party holds drawing for primary election ballot placements

The Garza County Republican Party will be conducting a drawing for place on the ballot for contested races on Thursday, January 5, 2006, at 5:00 P.M. at 401 Mohawk Drive, Post, Texas. Interested parties are invited to attend.

The Garza County Republican Party will host a Beans and Cornbread Open House on Thursday, January 12, 2006, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Post Community Center.

The public is invited to attend and meet the candidates who will be running for office in the March 7 Primary Election. In addition to local candidates, our special guest will be Jim Lantroop, candidate for State Representative.

For information about these items, please contact Irene Howell at 495-1203.

### Sheriff reports six arrested here

Six arrests were reported in the past week, according to the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

Those arrested included a 20-year-old male for possession of marijuana, under two ounces; a 47-year-old female, driving while intoxicated; a 22-year-old male, driving while intoxicated, resisting arrest and evading arrest; a 32-year-old male, driving while intoxicated and with an invalid driver's license; a female, age unlisted, arrested on a Garza County warrant for forgery; and a 45-year-old male, driving while intoxicated.

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by Sheri Lewis  
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January

**2006 County Holiday Schedule**  
The Garza County courthouse will be closed Monday in observance of the New Year's holiday.  
The following 2006 holiday schedule was recently adopted for Garza County offices by members of the commissioners court:  
• Feb. 20 - President's Day  
• April 14 - Easter  
• May 29 - Memorial Day  
• July 3-4 - Independence Day  
• Sept. 4 - Labor Day  
• Oct. 9 - Columbus Day  
• Nov. 23-24 - Thanksgiving  
• Dec. 25-26 - Christmas  
• Jan. 1, 2007 - New Year's Day

Wynonne Kennedy, who worked for the City of Post for more than 31 years, retired from her position as city secretary.  
Bill Henry Reed was ordered to serve 15 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in exchange for a no contest plea to a second-degree manslaughter charged filed against him in connection with the March 21, 2004, fatal shooting of his wife.  
Post High School senior Jerrad Grisham was named to the Texas High School Coaches Association Class 2A Academic All-State Team.  
Garza County Hospital District board members learned PNS signed a contract with Dr. Ben Edwards to serve in the local clinic funded by the hospital district.  
Sheriff Cliff Laws announced a criminal investigation was being conducted into what he called questionable payments to former sheriff's department employees. The payments in question were authorized prior to Jan. 1, the day Laws took over as sheriff.  
Seventy-nine 4-H and FFA youths

participating in the 41st Annual Garza County Junior Livestock Show received more than \$65,000 in premiums, consolation and prize monies.  
**February**  
The city received about six inches of snowfall early in the month, forcing delays in classes at Post schools.  
The 19th annual Willy Awards were distributed, with Michael Vorauer, master of set designs and construction at the Garza Theatre, named recipient of the Will McCrary Spirit Award. Named Best Show of 2004 was "Our Hearts were Young and Gay." Best Actor was Stan Tucker. Best Actress was Laura Bryan. Best Supporting Actor was Mitchell Britton, while Best Supporting Actress was Laura Bryan.  
Several Post students were tapped to perform with the Region 16 Honor Band. Post High School honorees included Kacie Capps, Bailey Odom, Jessie Pitts, Andrew Fumagalli, Preston Ortiz, Steven Short, Eric Reyna, Joey Guerra, Jonathan McGregor and Brant Guthrie. Representing Post Middle School were Shiloh Short and John Bocko.  
The 2005 Post Volunteer Fire Department's chili supper, an annual fundraising event, was deemed one of the best ever, netting corporate and individual donations.  
Four PHS students - Vince Robles, Jonathan McGregor, Jordan Tatum and James Soto - qualified to compete in the State DX Debate Tournament. Soto and Tatum won first place at district, while McGregor and Robles earned second.  
A report released by County Attorney Leslie Acker indicated the county saw a decrease in the number of new criminal cases filed during the 2004 calendar year. UIL academic teams for Post High School

School captured a number of wins during the early year, including top places at meets in Idalou, Wylie and Coronado High School in Lubbock.  
PHS Principal Johnny McGregor was granted a one-year contract extension by the school board. Fred Postell, who serves as assistant high school principal, was tapped to take over as middle school principal following the resignation of Brian Brownlow, who will leave the middle school principal's office in May.  
Local residents saw rate hikes from Atmos Energy and Cebridge Connections this year, according to reports delivered to the City Council this month.  
Three PHS students - Travis Mathews, Jonathan McGregor and Vincent Robles - qualified to compete in the State UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest.  
The first PHS Lady Lopes varsity softball team began its season.  
**March**  
The Garza County Commissioners Court approved a plan to repair and improve a county road south of Lake Alan Henry known as the "Fuller Road."  
Garza County officials were served with federal subpoenas requesting copies of all documents dating back to Jan. 1, 1999, pertaining to the bidding process on the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility management contract. County Judge Giles Dalby and County Clerk Jim Plummer hand delivered the documents to federal officials.  
Pamela Kennedy was transported to a Lubbock hospital for treatment of minor injuries after the water truck she was driving as part of a road construction crew was struck by a train. The accident occurred on U.S. 380 and resulted in a four-hour blockage of the 15th and Main streets crossings.  
The Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau, as part of its annual banquet, named Jerry's Bar-B-Q as its Business of the Year. Zoe Kirkpatrick was awarded the Citizen of the Year plaque. Taba'na Yuan's ceremony participants also were feted, while the Legacy Award was presented to the family of Chief Runkles. Kirkpatrick also received the Garza County Hospital District Award. Hinton Fluit received the Garza County Cowboy Hall of Fame award; Ferrell Wheeler, the Garza County Conservation Rancher of the Year award; Dionne Heckaman, Outstanding Garza County 4-H Student; Trent McDonald, Outstanding Post FFA Student; and Terika Taylor, the Outstanding Southland FFA Student award.  
The traditional Taba'na Yuan's ceremony

emony predicted a "better than average year" for Garza County producers.  
A financial arrangement to assist the operator of the Garza County Regional Juvenile Detention Center was approved by county commissioners. Through the agreement, the facility's operator, Cornerstone, will operate without making regular payments to the county for two years.  
A handful of Post residents traveled to Austin to receive an award naming Post one of the Top 10 Hardworking Rural Communities in Texas by the Texas Yes! initiative of the Texas Department of Agriculture.  
Two PHS students - Jerin Tyler and Emily Marcum - advanced to the Regional UIL Lincoln-Douglas Debate competition following wins at the district contest in Shallowater.  
Fred Postell, named middle school principal earlier this year, announced plans to remain in his position as assistant principal at PHS.  
**April**  
PHS students recognized as District 5AA All-District players included Sterling Smith, Cole Easterling, Jerrad Grisham, Coco Valdez, Nikki Norman, Sarah Kirkpatrick and Rachel Gray.  
Post City Television expanded local video broadcasting services, scheduling local video programming at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., as well as 1 p.m., 5 p.m. and 10 p.m.  
The Garza County 4-H Archery Club won several honors at the regional and district meets. Winners included Chad Miller, Clint McDaniel, Garrett Chapman, Clint Chapman, Kevin Strube, Randy Conner, Dillon Davis, Dion Heckaman, Jarrett Blevins, Flynn Chapman, Christopher Loyd and Heath Palmer.  
City manager Fred Stephens announced plans to resign to accept a job with the City of Cameron. Stephens logged almost seven years with the City of Post.  
The Pride of Post High School Marching Band captured a pair of Division I ratings in the UIL South Zone Concert and Sight-reading Contest. With these wins, the band earned its first sweepstakes since the 1999-2000 school year.  
Norm Cash Day was celebrated April 23 in Post, a move designed to celebrate the renaming of the PHS baseball field for the Justiceburg native of professional baseball fame. A sign erected at the baseball field reflects the new name. Dedication ceremonies were led by the county judge and included introductions of former PHS classmates and family members of the late Norm Cash.  
A 45-year-old Brownfield man went missing following a two-boat collision that occurred at Lake Alan Henry. Two of the four others involved in the accident were injured and were transported to Lubbock hospitals for treatment. Despite

months of searching for Aaron Smith, his whereabouts remain unknown.  
A 22-year-old Post resident and trusty at the Garza County Jail, Matthew Rynn Norman, escaped from the facility.  
Physicians Network Services will continue operating the local clinic after Garza County Hospital District board members voted to extend the management contract between the two entities for another year.  
The City Council approved a new contract between the White River Municipal Water District and the municipalities of Post, Ralls, Spur and Crosbyton. According to the contract, the WRMWD will serve as the sole source of water for all member cities with the exception of Post. The City of Post is permitted to continue receiving water from its Canadian River source in Slaton, but White River continues as Post's primary water source.  
**May**  
The search for a missing Littlefield woman shifted to Lake Alan Henry after the woman's vehicle was discovered during a routine lake patrol early in the month. Sharla Lowery was reported missing by family members after she failed to show up for work. A few days later, the woman's body was pulled from the lake near the area where her vehicle was found.  
Longtime Garza County Judge Giles Dalby announced he will not be a candidate for office in 2006. The judge said that after 34 years of service he planned to retire, spend more time with his family and travel.  
A pair of PHS students - Jerrad Grisham and Jett Lott - were invited to play in the West Texas Football Classic All-Star Game in Lubbock.  
Longtime City Council member W.G. (Bill) Pool Jr. won the mayoral race in this month's municipal elections. In the race for the Ward 1 seat, Kenda Bartlett won. In Ward 2, incumbent Dick Odom pulled enough votes to remain in office.  
Post City Council members rejected a citizen's proposal to create a municipal police department.  
Judy Miers, an educator from the Sabin Independent School District, was hired to assume the position of middle school principal vacated with the resignation of Brian Brownlow. Brownlow announced earlier in the year he would resign to pursue a career in the ministry.  
Wayne Edwards, the only candidate to file in the last Garza County Hospital District election, was sworn in to fill the Precinct 4 board seat. Edwards replaced longtime board member Zoe Kirkpatrick, who opted not to run for re-election.  
Pablo (Paul) Torres, 59, was arrested at a residence in Lubbock. The arrest was made in connection with the death of Socorro Storie, 60, who died May 19 as a result of complications from injuries sus-

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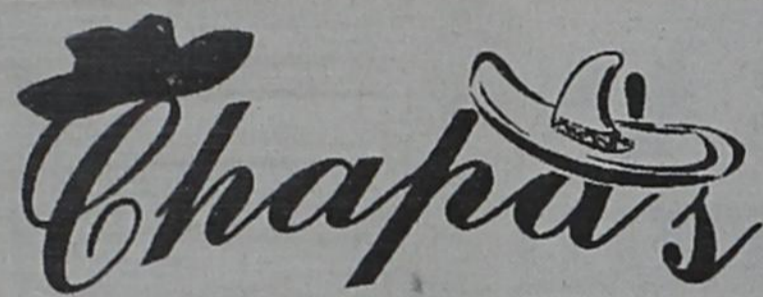
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Normal precip - 0.78"  
Year-to-date precip - 17.86"  
Lake Alan Henry  
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Monthly average temp - 42.5°  
Normal temp - 42.7°  
Monthly total precip - 0.06"  
Normal precip - 0.73"  
Year-to-date precip - 19.37"  
Source: Monthly Climate Summaries for Area Cities, National Weather Service, Lubbock

**White River Lake Weekly  
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## On God's Word

By Timothy W. Burnett

### Our Lord Jesus builds Thomas' believing

Our Lord Jesus builds Thomas' believing  
Last week we looked at the first two accounts of Jesus visiting his disciples who were gathered in a room secretly. He told them to be at peace and then reproved them for not believing the others' report of his resurrection. Next he taught them out of the Old Testament scriptures and showed how they spoke of him.  
During these visits, 11 of the 12 apostles were present. The missing one was Thomas. Even Judas of Iscariot was there. We don't have any clues as to where he was, just that he was not there. According to John 20:25, upon his return the other disciples told him all that happened. His reply was, "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe." Please note that Thomas' honest reply was no different from the others when they first heard. Let's keep this in mind the next time we're inclined to call somebody a "doubting Thomas."  
In his typically loving and patient manner, our Lord Jesus returned eight days later (John 20:26-29). This time Thomas was present. Our Lord let Jesus touch prints of the nails in his hands, and thrust his hand into his side. Once this happened Thomas believed and glorified God in heaven by saying, "My Lord and My God." Please understand that Thomas, like the others, knew exactly who Jesus was. They also knew that all these things happened according to the will of God in heaven who was and still is the Father of our Lord Jesus. Thomas was simply acknowledging God's role in what happened, and glorified Him.  
Jesus Christ then said, "Thomas, because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are they that have not seen and have believed." This must have touched the hearts of all the disciples present.  
According to John 20:30-31, our Lord Jesus did many more true signs in the presence of his disciples which are not written. But these were recorded so that we might

believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God. And that in believing we might have life through the name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus.  
The more time we spend in the Gospels learning about all that Jesus did and said, the more we plant the truth deeper into our hearts. According to Romans 10:9-10 believing with the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead is unto righteousness. This is the simplicity of the truth. Acts 2:4 records the first time people were filled with holy spirit. We find in Acts 1:21-22 that it was necessary for Judas' replacement to have been in the company of Jesus Christ from the baptism of John to the same day that Jesus was taken up into heaven to be with his Father. This way, when holy spirit was first poured out according to Acts 2:2, they would be immediately filled with the same holy spirit because they were believing with their hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead.  
Jesus told Thomas and the others that believing with the heart was the key to this more than abundant life. It was necessary for the first 12 to have been with him in order to get things started as recorded in Acts 2:4. But after that time, they went about to teach the truth and help others obtain the same precious life and salvation. The people they taught were not present with Jesus, yet in believing they also were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Moreover many of them received the holy ghost by speaking in tongues, unto salvation from the great and terrible tribulation period that is still in the future.  
God made it so simple and easy to entreat. For some of us, it takes more exposure to the Gospels before getting to the point of believing with the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead. For others, it takes only hearing it one time, and in believing they are filled with holy spirit. Praise God for His powerful and simple love, that anybody can believe unto true righteousness. Praise God!  
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## Pressing the Point

by Bill O'Reilly  
 Just when you think you have it figured out, life kicks you in the back of the knee. Over my 30-year career in journalism, I have tried to resist generalizing about the media. You know, that it is rife with left-wing loons bent on imposing a secular society on the country. In the past, I would have never said that. But that was then, this is now.

I have come to believe that the American press is so secular Karl Marx would be appalled. And here's my proof: A few weeks ago, I stuck up for Christmas. I said it was wrong for retail operations to ban the words "Merry Christmas" in their stores. I said it was misguided for the ACLU to sue people because they put up images of the baby Jesus in the town square. I wrote it was awful that the federal holiday of Christmas was under siege.

In reply, I received gentle criticisms from my peers in the press; a few simple reminders that most of them disagreed with me on the issue and, in general, think I have the intellect of a Visigoth. For example, my friends at the San Francisco Chronicle called me a "Field Marshal," which I believe is a Nazi reference. My pals at The New York Times compared me to some fundamentalist Islamic preachers (so now people are calling me Mullah Omar O'Reilly).

The fine folks at the Charleston Gazette in West Virginia opined that I should be "ashamed" for saying there's a war on Christmas. The Telegram & Gazette in Massachusetts described me as "a right-wing demagogue." And Sam Donaldson said I made up the whole controversy to get "ratings." Now (SET ITAL) that's (END ITAL) going over the line.

I have a very long list of media insults directed my way, and I'm checking it twice. I want to find out who's been naughty and nice. Sorry to say, nobody in the media's been nice.

But the folks are on my side. A new Gallup Poll taken on the nonexistent Christmas controversy says that 69 percent of Americans feel replacing "Merry Christmas" with "Happy Holidays" is a bad thing. Only 3 percent of Americans object to hearing or seeing the words "Merry Christmas."

Even the House of Representatives weighed in on the nonexistent Christmas controversy. By a vote of 401-22, the House passed the "Resolution to Protect Christmas Symbols and Traditions." All the Congress people who voted against the measure inhabit the far-left precincts. Don't they know that Santa runs the biggest entitlement program in history?

It doesn't really bother me that my media cohorts feel I am the spawn of Pat Robertson. I'm actually glad so many press outlets made their true feelings about Christmas known, because now we all know where everybody stands. The American press is overwhelmingly secular, and you better duck if you're a traditionalist.

That is bad news for the baby Jesus, but good news if you want the USA to become like Holland. The secular-progressive movement, led by the always reliable ACLU, has an invaluable ally in the media, and the culture wars will become even more intense as more press people emerge from the secular closet.

But we traditionalists can point to the fact that 95 percent of Americans say they observe the Christmas holiday, and that is an overwhelming mandate. But don't get too optimistic. While we are still free to celebrate Christmas, actually saying the word is becoming a bit more problematic. The holidays may be happy, but Christmas is getting less merry every year.

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## And thereafter, do we deserve it?

by Walter E. Williams

Philosopher David Hume warned that, "It is seldom that liberty of any kind is lost all at once." That's why we should guard against any encroachment on liberty, no matter how small. Let's look at a couple of instances where, at our peril, we've failed to do so.

The Christmas season reminds many Americans of the attack on religion. A number of stores have caved in to pressures to ban Christmas celebrations, greetings and symbols, among them: Target, Home Depot, Wal-Mart, Kmart, Sears, Costco, Kohl's, Barnes & Noble, Toys 'R Us, and Walgreens. Cities have banned nativity scenes. Some schools have banned the singing of Christmas carols.

Much of the attack on religion had its birth with the 1963 Supreme Court decision in Murray vs. Curlett, which banned organized school prayers. For a moment, let's ignore the debate on whether that decision was right or wrong and instead focus on tactics. Suppose, in 1963, America's atheists had revealed and demanded their complete agenda: elimination of religious Christmas symbols in public places, elimination of the words "under God" in our Pledge of Allegiance, elimination of "In God We Trust" from our currency and elimination of caroling in public schools. There would have been so much resistance that they wouldn't have achieved any of their agenda, including the ban on prayers in school. Given our weak resistance, you can bet the day will come when the attack on religion will include demands that crosses be removed from Arlington and Normandy cemeteries and bans on religious television or radio broadcasts.

While many Americans are disturbed by the ongoing attack on religion, they applauded the identical strategy when it was the attack on cigarette smokers. In the 1960s, when the anti-tobacco zealots started out, they only demanded "reasonable" things like no smoking sections on airplanes. Suppose they started out revealing their complete agenda: no smoking in airports, restaurants, places of employment and parks, confiscatory taxes on tobacco products, and multibillion-dollar suits against tobacco companies. There would have been so much resistance that the anti-

tobacco zealots wouldn't have succeeded with no smoking sections on airplanes.

The institution of private property offers the liberty-oriented solutions to both the school prayer and the smoking issues. I believe it's a parental right to be able to decide whether one's child will, or will not, say a morning prayer. Conflict emerges because of government-produced education. While there might be an argument for government financing of education, there's absolutely no argument for government production of education. Therefore, if each parent were given an education voucher to pay for education, those parents wishing prayers, or those against prayers in school, could enroll their children in the school that meets their preference. Thus, conflict would be eliminated. Of course, a superior solution would be getting government entirely out of education.

Private property would solve the smoking issue. Suppose you owned a restaurant, and you didn't wish to permit smoking. How would you like it if people used the political system to enact laws that forced you to permit smoking? I'm sure you'd consider it tyranny, and I'd agree. But there's symmetry. It's just as much tyranny to use the political system to enact laws to force a restaurant owner who wished to permit smoking to ban smoking. The liberty-oriented solution might be to post a sign saying you don't permit smoking, and customers wishing otherwise wouldn't enter. The same principle would apply to restaurant owners who wished to permit smoking.

Fear that too many Americans have contempt for the principles of liberty and opt for solutions that employ the political arena to forcibly impose their wills on others. If that's the preferred game, then those Americans shouldn't whine when others employ the same tactic to impose their wills.

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## Nation-Building is now job number one

by Sheldon Richman

"Stability operations are a core U.S. military mission that the Department of Defense shall be prepared to conduct and support. They shall be given priority comparable to combat operations...."

With that sentence the Bush administration, through Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, has declared that it is formally in the nation-building business, reports the Washington Times. From now on the blunt instrument of the military will regard social reconstruction as an objective on a par with winning wars. Welcome to the New World Order.

President George W. Bush's 2000 promise of a humble foreign policy that forswore

nation-building has long gone the way of his father's "read my lips: no new taxes" pledge. Now we have it in writing. Bush made the same point in an interview with Fox News's Brit Hume. He explained that transforming societies into democracies is not only good for them; it is also in the interest of the American people.

He didn't explain how turning a society into an Islamic state aligned with Iran is a good thing, but most Americans won't ask anyway. Say what you want about democracy, but considering that decades of U.S. intervention in the Middle East have created lots of vengeful Muslims, it is not entirely clear how the Bush policy is supposed to make us safer. Leaving them alone has a better chance of accomplishing that.

The Pentagon says that all forces deployed abroad will be training in nation-building. Behold the hubris: The Times reports, "Among the goals and functions listed in the [Defense Department] paper are to rebuild security forces, prisons and judicial systems; 'revive or build the private sector'; and 'develop representative governmental institutions.'" It must be an oversight to have left out "create a new national pastime," "revamp all clothing fashions," and "overhaul the common language."

Is the military really cut out to build a private sector? It takes a rather shallow knowledge of history not to know that private sectors are not built; they evolve. They certainly are not the product of precision bombs and bayonets. Just as ludicrous is the idea that the military will "develop representative governmental institutions." Even if it could do that, representative government is not the same thing as liberty. Contrary to President Bush, voting is not freedom. Freedom is being safe from the clutches of voters.

It should not go unnoticed that the military's formal embrace of nation-building will please the corporate interests that stand to gain from the lucrative contracts that will inevitably be needed to carry out the mission. That ensures we won't hear much protest from the business community against this accretion of government power.

Bush told Brit Hume that even if he had known Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction, he would have launched his war just the same. What more do we need to hear?

The Bush doctrine is not about protecting Americans. It's global social engineering intended to ensure that U.S. policymakers and their clients can work their will undeterred by uppity autocrats (even if they once were allies of those policymakers). Stripped of the rhetoric of democracy and freedom, the Bush Doctrine comes down to the projection of power.

The cost has been enormous, both in the Iraqi and American lives lost and the hypergrowth of the U.S. government. That it has come from the self-proclaimed party of limited government only adds insult to injury.

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## Another great year for Post City, Texas

by Wes Burnett

What a year! And what great blessings God has bestowed upon us during this, our 23rd year serving Garza County readers at The Post Dispatch. A friend pointed out to me last week that in 23 years we have published approximately 1,960 editions of The Post Dispatch.

We say approximately, because in the early 1980s we published twice a week for more than a year, and we didn't take the time to research exactly how many Sundays that included.

It's been a blast ... and as we look toward 2006 we see even brighter prospects for our local economy and our community.

I remember talking about the bright future of Post City with former First National Bank president Jack King one day in the mid-1980s. We both shared ideas and dreams about what a dynamic future lay ahead. Neither of us made any specific predictions, but we believed that those of us who persevered would reap the rewards.

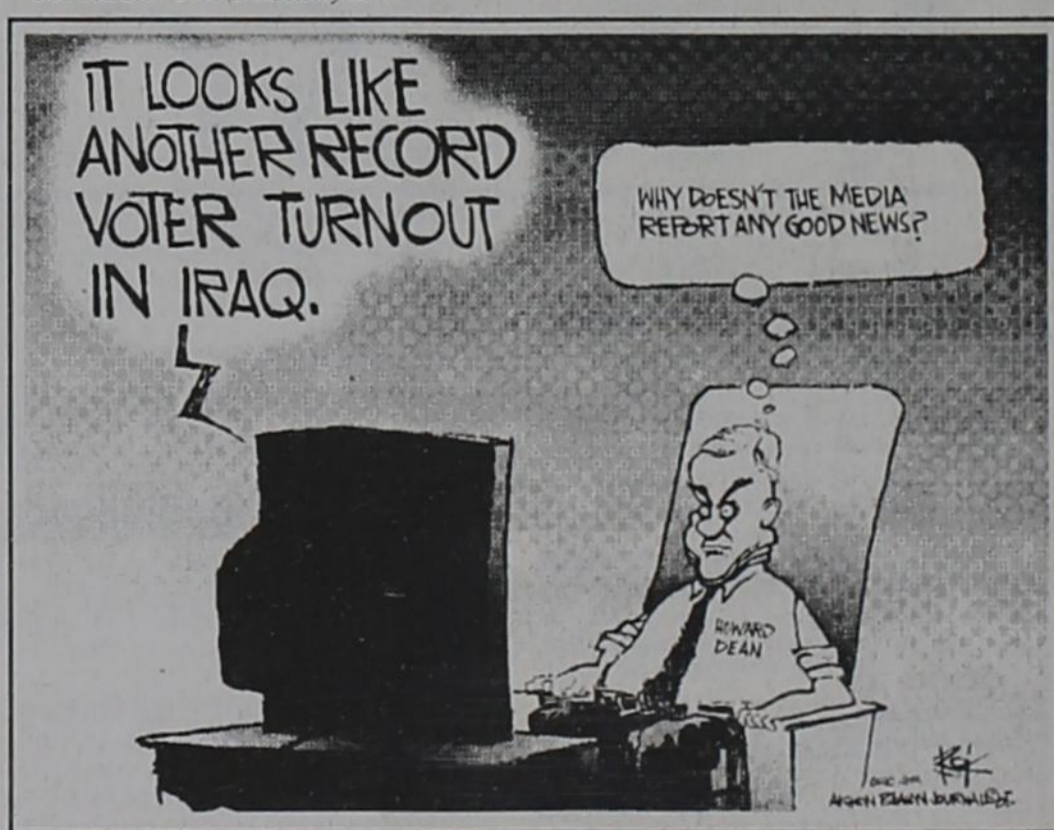
Those were tough times economically ... oil, ranching, cotton ... all were depressed... the Postex Cotton Mill had closed ... leaving hundreds unemployed. But here we are, stronger than ever 20 years later, blessed with a multitude of new friends, neighbors and businesses, packed with great ideas as we move forward into this new century.

And that includes a hefty bit of work and planning as we prepare for the Post Centennial Celebration. Each one of us will be needed to pull off this important recognition of our past and the accomplishments of those who laid the foundation for Post City, Texas.

I am convinced that we are leaving our children and grandchildren a community in better condition than it was when we began our journey here. And after all, isn't that what it's all about?

Take time this week to look around and see what you can do to contribute your talents and skills toward the future. This week we're starting a new feature on our front page: "Why I Live In Post City." We know you'll want to share your reasons with us. Send them by e-mail, fax, mail, or better still, stop by our office.

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## Legal Notices

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF A.C. CASH, DECEASED, CAUSE NO. 1830, IN THE COUNTY COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of A.C. Cash, Deceased, were issued on the 8th day of November, 2005, in Cause No. 1830 pending in the County Court of Garza County, Texas to: Rex Cash.

The residence of such Independent Executor is Garza County, Texas, and the post office address to which claims should be sent is as follows:

Estate of A.C. Cash, Deceased  
c/o Mitch D. Carthel  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 2667  
Amarillo, TX 79105-2667

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 22nd day of December, 2005.

Mitch D. Carthel  
Attorney for the Estate  
P.O. Box 2667  
Amarillo, TX 79105-2667

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JAMES H. DOOLEY, Cause #1833 Garza County, Texas**

Notice to all persons is hereby given that the original Letters of Testamentary upon the estate of James H. Dooley deceased, were issued to the undersigned on the 22nd day of December, 2005, in the proceeding indicated below my signature

hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letter. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, the county below named, are hereby required to present the same to us, at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed and within the time required by law to his attorney Preston L. Poole, Jr., at P.O. Box 296, Post, Texas 79356. DATED: 22 December, 2005 WANDA J. DOOLEY

## GHD sets special meeting

The board of directors for the Garza County Hospital District will meet in special session at 2 p.m. Friday to consider purchasing new X-ray equipment for the local health care clinic.

- Items on the agenda include:
- Discussion/action regarding bid proposals for a new X-ray machine
  - Discussion/action regarding bid proposals for a new X-ray processor
  - Discussion/action regarding bid proposals for upgrading the electrical system in the Radiology Department.
  - Public forum
- The special session will be conducted at 210 N. Broadway.

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## Cotton speculation set the tone in NY trading

Speculative and trade buying at the open Thursday set the tone in New York, and cotton futures prices rose sharply. Prices on the New York Board of Trade closed higher following initial support from strong export sales.

USDA's export sales data came in higher than some cotton observers had anticipated and were supportive to cotton futures at the market's open.

Net export sales of 293,000 bales of U.S. cotton in the week ended Dec. 15 were 32 percent less than the previous week and 24 percent less than the four-week average.

The major buyers for the week were no surprise with China at 209,300 bales, Turkey at 44,200 bales, and Hong Kong with 23,400 bales.

Export shipments of 283,600 bales were 23 percent more than the previous week and 39 percent more than the four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Turkey and Mexico.

"The export report was solid, and for the first time in a long time shipments were greater than sales," an analyst explained. "The shipment number likely will increase in the weeks ahead, but they still are ginning in Texas and may be doing so until February or March. Therefore, there still is a lot of cotton left to go into storage which may soon slow down the movement of bales out of warehouses," he added.

In the spot cotton market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas in the week ended Dec. 22 totaled 55,338 bales compared to the previous week when 98,314 bales were traded. Average prices received by producers in the most recent week ranged from 46.10 to 47.93 cents per pound compared to 46.05 to 47.10 cents per pound the previous week.

In other news, China sharply raised the official size of its economy Tuesday after taking into account emerging service industries, saying its output last year was 16.8 percent higher than previously reported. The new figures indicate China's mainland was the world's sixth-largest economy in 2004 and likely will hold the same position in 2005.

"China is developing a middle class," an economist said. "The strengthening of its economic power hopefully will lead to increased consumption of all goods including apparel."

Meanwhile, trade ministers from around the world agreed Sunday in Hong Kong to a deal to end farm export subsidies by 2013 and set an ambitious time frame for concluding negotiations on cuts to agricultural and other tariffs.

The National Cotton Council (NCC) has expressed extreme disappointment in the text of the agreement at the conclusion of the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Hong Kong Ministerial Conference.

NCC said with respect to cotton, the WTO has abandoned the concept of a single undertaking and established an unwelcome precedent for future trade negotiations. The text could be interpreted as asking the E.U. and the United States to take larger cuts quicker to give total access to "Least Developed Countries" with nothing in return, and demands an end to export subsidies for cotton before the implementation period of the agreement is likely to begin.

Closer to home, mostly dry conditions were reported across the Cotton Belt this week. However, light drizzle fell over most of the Texas High and Rolling Plains Tuesday and Wednesday, but the precipitation was of little consequence and did not slow the transport of seed cotton from the field to the gin.

Elsewhere, most gins in northern Alabama and the Carolinas have finished ginning for the season. However, ginning continues in southern Alabama, Georgia and Virginia.

In the Memphis Territory, most land has been prepared for the winter. Gins still operating on 24-hour schedules are in Tennessee and Missouri, and those still open in Arkansas are on a reduced schedule.

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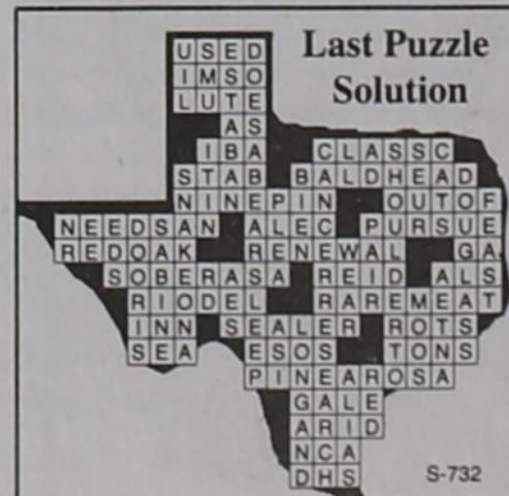
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# Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones  
From The Post Dispatch archives

## 10 Years Ago December 28, 1995

Ben and Edna Owen will be celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a reception giving by their children at the First Christian Church, December 30th. Owen and the former Edna Pierce were married December 28, 1945.

Post Middle School students were busy last week delivering boxes of food to elderly citizens in Post. Taking part were Tye Bradford, Tenora Huey, Priscilla Bustoz, Gail Armstrong, Jamie Dawson, Mandy Terry, Davida Gregory, Kendra Looney, Stephanie Curtis, Erin Ayala, Amanda Soto, Lindsey Rudd and April Line.

Gilbert Valdez graduated from Texas Tech on December 16th with a degree in biology. Gilbert, a 1989 graduate of Post High School, is the son of Benny and Paula Valdez of Post.

Preston Poole was honored with a reception last week on the occasion of his retirement. Poole began serving Garza County as its attorney in 1965. He will officially retire December 31st.

## 20 Years Ago January 2, 1986

Customers and guests of the First National Bank were treated to live entertainment before Christmas including harmonious sounds by harpist Denise Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cowdrey, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Dec. 20th, in their home in the Graham Community, where they have lived all their married lives. Elmer married the former Dorothy Gossett on Dec. 20, 1925, they were married by the late S. D. Lofton.

Whitey Morris received a special award from his coffee drinking buddies recently. He was recognized for his "outstanding business achievements" with a trophy representing half of a horse.

Airman Stephen K. Matsler, son of Naomi R. Matsler has been assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base, after completing Air Force basic training.

## 30 Years Ago January 1, 1976

The home of Mrs. Fannie Ballentine, at 307 N. Avenue S was the \$75 award winner in the Womens Division of Chamber of Commerce lighting contest judged the night of Dec. 22. Mrs. Ballentine's home was pictured as wishing a happy holiday from her house to your house with a manger scene, among many other festive holiday scenes. Glen Barley, who lives at 401 Mohawk, won the second place prize money and Terrell Brown placed third.

Postmaster A. J. McAlister told The Dispatch Tuesday that the 13 cent rate for first class mail would go into effect here on December 29.

Miss Jan Carol Bilbo became the bride of Doyle Wayne Nichols in a candlelight ceremony Dec. 27 at the First Methodist Church in Post. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Bilbo and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Nichols.

Postings: Christmas eve was a real "nasty" with plenty of chilling cold and drizzle. We know Cisco, County Judge Giles Dalby's Sician donkey who star in the Tennessees Live Nativity Scene, enjoyed getting out of the muck and into a dry manger for a few hours.

## 40 Years Ago December 30, 1965

A. J. McAlister, an employe of the post office here for 11 years, has been named acting postmaster to succeed Postmaster Harold Voss, who is retiring today after having been postmaster for 19 years, since Jan. 1, 1947.

Ms. and Mrs. Carl Cederholm were surprised at 7 a.m. Wednesday morning with a call from her son, Sterling Curry, and family who live on the island of Guam. Mr. Curry is in civil service at Anderson AFB there.

Lance Cpl. Joel Morris of the U. S. Marine Corps arrived home from Viet Nam in time to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Morris. Cpl. Morris has just completed 13 months overseas duty.

Bryan Williams, 88 pioneer West Texas peace officer and cattleman, died in his sleep last night in a Big Spring hospital.

Born Aug. 7, 1877, Williams came to Garza County in 1910 and sold land for C. W. Post when the town founder was breaking up his holdings into farms.

## 50 Years Ago December 29, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Clanton announce the arrival of Lisa Jane, weight seven pounds, seven ounces, in Slaton Mercy Hospital at 12:35 a.m. Dec. 24. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Francis of Post and Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Clanton of Snyder are the grandparents. Winners in the Post Chamber of Commerce Christmas decoration contest were: Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Porterfield at 215 W. 10th Street; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Priddy, 415 N. Avenue L; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Manly, 714 W. 7th Street; Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Bull, 117 S. Avenue O; Mr. and Mrs. Alton Clary, 515 W. 14th Street; Miss Jessie Pearce, 120 N. Avenue R and the Girl Scout "Little House".

Mrs. Spence Bevers is moving and will no longer drive the school bus at Justiceburg. Mrs. Henry Key will replace her as driver.

Miss Josephine Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mitchell, and Billy Lee Long were married Christmas Eve in the home of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Babb and James were Christmas Day dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Joe Babb in Post. Others present were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Norris, Allane Norris and Kay Hedrick of Lubbock. Ronald Joe will leave Jan. 17th for the Army.

## 60 Years Ago January 1, 1946

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Several new houses have been completed recently and are now being occupied. Mr. and Mrs. Ned Rector are living in their place seven blocks out on the Tahoka highway, just west of the A. B. Haws' residence.

Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Kahler have just moved to the house built by B. C. Manis. This is also on the Tahoka highway, a block west of the High school. Sixteen 1946 Post High Antelope lettermen saw the Highland Park-Waco football game at Dallas. Attending the game were Sonny McCrary, Bobby Graves, Raymond Dougherty, Junior Malouf, Paul Duren, Edgar Parr, Rufus Gener, A. C. Thomas, Charles Propst, Louis Mills, Roy Williams, Foy Bostic, Hubert Master, Bud Everett, Eugene Ashley and Joe Stokes.

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- 27 actor Baldwin
- 28 chase an outlaw
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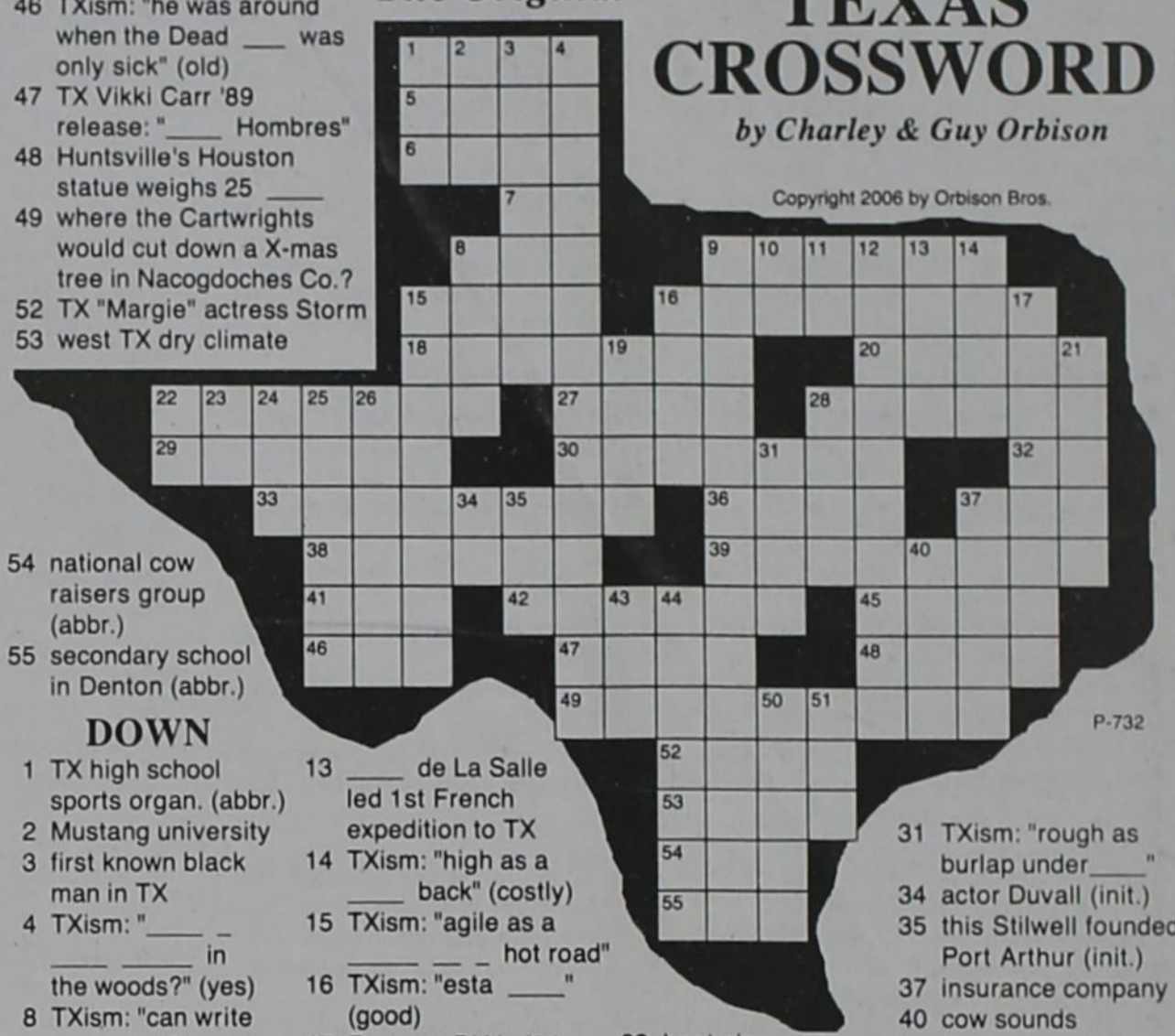
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- 3 first known black man in TX
- 4 TXism: "\_\_\_ in the woods?" (yes)
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- 9 M.D. Anderson Hospital is known for this (2 wds.)
- 10 C&W Loretta (init.)
- 11 it's placed in The Azle News
- 12 TX Charley's "A \_\_\_ Cry On"
- 13 \_\_\_ de La Salle led 1st French expedition to TX
- 14 TXism: "high as a \_\_\_ back" (costly)
- 15 TXism: "agile as a \_\_\_ hot road"
- 16 TXism: "esta \_\_\_" (good)
- 17 Rangers DH in '91: Harold \_\_\_ Baines
- 19 criminal trial shortcut: \_\_\_ bargain
- 21 chicken fried steak, fried okra, potatoes
- 22 Astros & Rangers pitching legend (init.)
- 23 boot size
- 24 TX Ross Perot's old company
- 25 TXism: "your barn \_\_\_ open" (unzipped fly)
- 26 Hemphill is seat of this county
- 28 a cow and a calf

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### RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 8A  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 7, 2005

Rule 37 Case No. 0245326

#### 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. (GLORIETA) and P. H. D. 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. (GLORIETA)

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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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 Protester 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

Rule 37 Case No. 0245326 (Dist. 8A)  
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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.

## Post City Television

### Daily Program Guide

#### • December 30 thru January 5

- Friday, December 30**
- 7 a.m. Christmas at the OS Museum
  - 9 a.m. Christmas Community Singing
  - 10 a.m. This Week In Post City
  - 1 p.m. Christmas Community Singing
  - 5 p.m. Post Elementary School Christmas Concert
  - 7 p.m. This Week In Post City
  - 11 p.m. Christmas Community Singing
- Saturday, December 31**
- 7 a.m. Post Elementary School Christmas Concert
  - 9 a.m. This Week In Post City
  - 11 a.m. Christmas Community Singing
  - 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, January 1**
- 2 p.m. Post Lady Lope Basketball
  - 5 p.m. This Week In Post City
  - 8 p.m. Post Antelope Basketball
  - 10 p.m. Christmas Community Singing
  - 11 p.m. Post Elementary School Christmas Concert
- Monday, January 2**
- 7 a.m. Christmas Community Singing
  - 9 a.m. This Week In Post City
  - 11 a.m. Christmas at the OS Museum
  - 1, 5 & 10 p.m. Post Church of Christ Sunday Services
  - 7 p.m. Post Elementary School Christmas Concert
- Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, January 3, 4 & 5**
- 7 a.m. Christmas Community Singing
  - 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. Post Elementary School Christmas Concert
  - 7 p.m. Christmas Community Singing
  - 9 p.m. Christmas at the OS Museum
  - 10 p.m. Post Elementary School Christmas Concert

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three days earlier, according to reports. Bond was set at \$1 million for Torres, who was charged with first-degree murder.

A Garza County Jail trusty who escaped April 22 was returned to the facility after being arrested by authorities in Mexico.

PHS musicians Travis Mathews, Jonathan McGregor, Vincent Robles and Alfred Segovia, accompanied by Randall Dodson, earned medals at the State Solo & Ensemble Contest.

## June

A 37-year-old Albuquerque, N.M., man was arrested without incident on a pair of outstanding warrants -- failure to register as a sex offender and assault/bodily injury -- across the street from Post Middle School.

Violent thunderstorms ripped through Garza County early in the month. A dozen local residents and the corporation charged with managing the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility were named in a lawsuit filed May 13 in the 106th Judicial District Court. Jon Smith of Post filed the petition, alleging defamation of character through slander. Defendants include Dalby Unit warden Joe Rasberry; a handful of unit employees; County Judge Giles Dalby; Sheriff Cliff Laws; two dispatchers; and an employee in the county judge's office.

Authorities ruled that Sharla Lowery of Littlefield, whose body was pulled from Lake Alan Henry in May, committed suicide. Justice of the Peace Dee Justice ruled the woman died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Jenee Lott was awarded Miss Congeniality at the Greenbelt Bowl in Childress. Lott was nominated by Jerrad Grisham to compete for Greenbelt Bowl Queen. Grisham was chosen by area coaches to play in the 57th Annual Greenbelt Bowl Classic All-Star Football Game.

Several Post Antelope baseball players earned District 5AA All-District honors following the close of the baseball season. Theo Paiz was named Defensive Player of the Year. Named to First Team were Andrew Espinoza, Coco Valdez, Miles Gray and Randon Blacklock. Second Team members are Jett Lott and D.J. Baiza.

Following a 35-year career in education, Post ISD Superintendent Marlin Marcum announced he would resign effective June 30 to maximize his retirement benefits. Marcum said he would offer himself for rehire, but only after being without a contract for 30 days.

The South Plains Council Boy Scouts of America Camp Post drew almost 200 Boy Scouts and leaders from across Texas and Oklahoma.

James Easterling was appointed to fill the Ward 4 unexpired term on the Post City Council. The appointment was made by Mayor Bill Pool.

By a vote of 3-1, the Commissioners Court approved a plan to make improvements to the existing roadway known as Fuller Road, located on the south side of Lake Alan Henry.

## July

Local residents were entertained with a brilliant light show on the Fourth of July at the city/county park, but one of the men coordinating the fireworks display was transported to Lubbock for medical treatment after sustaining burns to his eyes. Rodney Tidwell was injured by a malfunctioning firework but sustained no permanent damage to his eyes, according to reports.

The Post City Council unanimously rejected a proposed agreement with the White River Municipal Water District regarding transfer of storage tanks and lines owned by the district inside the city limits.

Bids for the Post ISD's new cafeteria facility were rejected by trustees who labeled the bids as too high. Only two bids were submitted.

A Lubbock man was arrested by Garza County officials on charges of indecency with a child and unlawful restraint. Santos Mendoza Hernandez, 35, was arrested in connection with a July 2 incident involving two 12-year-old girls, according to reports.

County commissioners set an Aug. 12 deadline for completion of the emergency services building near Lake Alan Henry. The contract was awarded to Miller Construction on Nov. 29, 2004.

Post Dispatch publisher Wesley W. Burnett filed a challenge with the district attorney's office charging the Garza County Commissioners Court violated the Texas Open Meetings Act when it met in executive session June 21. Burnett's letter was forwarded to the county attorney, who disagreed with the publisher's accusation.

A lawsuit to establish County Road 378 was authorized by Garza County commissioners. The action will ask that the current roadway, known as the Fuller Road, be designated as a county road.

## August

Dr. Benjamin Edwards, the new physician with the Garza County Hospital District's health clinic, began seeing patients.

Ragtown Enterprises Ltd. announced approval funding and clearance for construction for the project involving an amphitheater where the historical musical drama "Ragtown" will be staged. Plans call for the creation of an amphitheater, a 1,500-seat performance hall and parking areas for both facilities. The project will be known as Ragtown Ranch Theater and will be located at the site of the former Caprock Golf Course northwest of the community.

Post ISD trustees tapped Marlin Marcum to return to the superintendent's post. In June, Marcum tendered his resignation in a move designed to maximize his retirement benefits.

The 65th Annual Post Stampede Rodeo took place. The Post City Council agreed to limit the city's law enforcement funding for fiscal year 2006 to \$302,000, plus a 3 percent pay hike for current sheriff's department staffers and the purchase of a single patrol car. The county has requested the city fund half of its \$998,000 proposed law enforcement budget. The council also amended the city's sign ordinance following a request by Main Street merchants.

Post ISD trustees adopted a budget that was almost \$1 million smaller than the one implemented in the previous year.

Following a multi-vehicle chase that topped speeds of 100 mph, Garza County law enforcement officials helped apprehend a Dickens County Jail escapee in Kent County.

Garza County commissioners approved a plan for consolidating voting boxes in the November Texas Constitutional Amendment Election.

Post ISD trustees voted unanimously to adopt a tax rate of \$1.3616 per \$100 valuation, which marked a decrease from the previous year's rate.

Local veterinarian and community leader Dr. Larry Mills died Aug. 14.

Enrollment in area schools recorded early in the month seem to be remaining steady, according to reports from officials with the Post and Southland schools.

An "inmate disturbance" at the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility resulted in injuries to at least two inmates and an undisclosed number of facility personnel, according to a report from a unit employee. Facility officials declined to comment, but at least one insider reported that as many as 40 inmates were involved in the incident.

A longtime City of Post employee was tapped to fill a vacancy on the Garza County Hospital District board of trustees. Wyvonne Kennedy, who retired as city secretary in January after more than 31 years of service, was appointed Precinct 3 director.

## September

The Post Dispatch profiled two families who escaped the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The Morley family -- Darin, Laura, Kelly and Samantha -- and Darin's brother and niece, James and Aishling Mayo, talked about their treks from New Orleans and Bay St. Louis, Miss., respectively, and plans to make Post their home.

The longstanding joint agreement between the City of Post and Garza County Commissioners dissolved when County Judge Giles Dalby announced the county no longer planned to share funding for parks, library, community center or swimming pool. Dalby's comments followed the council's confirmation that its 2006 fiscal budget limited law enforcement expenses to \$350,000.

Mason McClellan, who had served as Precinct 2 county commissioner since 1994, died unexpectedly Sept. 4. County Judge Giles Dalby called McClellan's death "a shock."

Neighbors pitched in to help Mack Terry work 640 acres of cotton land while Terry was hospitalized and following an accident involving his grandson.

Portions of Garza County sustained substantial damage after strong winds, heavy rain and hail pounded portions of the South Plains.

Directors for the Garza County Hospital District approved a budget of slightly less than \$1 million for the coming fiscal year.

City Council members discussed the possibility of a youth curfew and skateboard facility. No action was taken on either topic.

Courtney Copeland was voted the 2005 PHS Homecoming Football Sweetheart. Recognized as Band Sweetheart was Monica Lopez.

Garza County commissioners approved the expenditure of almost \$44,000 to incorporate new software and support services for several county offices.

Four individuals were injured in a three-vehicle collision that occurred at the intersection of North Broadway and 15th Street.

The Garza County Hospital District set its tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year at \$.10542 per \$100 valuation, a decrease from the previous year.

Rodney Tidwell, a longtime volunteer with both the Post Fire Department and the Post/Garza County EMS, was named administrator of the local EMS provider.

Jonathan McGregor, a PHS senior, was named a semifinalist for the 2006 National Merit Scholarship Program.

City Council members voted 4-1 to trim the city's law enforcement budget from \$350,000 to \$276,687 before approving the new fiscal year budget and setting the tax rate.

Glenda McClellan, wife of the late Mason McClellan, was sworn in to serve out the unexpired term for Precinct 2 commissioner. County Judge Giles Dalby made the appointment.

Garza County officials set a budget and tax rate for the new fiscal year. The new tax rate was slightly lower than the rate observed in the previous fiscal year.

## October

The OS Ranch Reunion was conducted.

A group of local women, including Kristi Lowe, Alexa Collier, Kim Mills, Shanda Kelso, Meagan Mills and Pam Humble, participated in the Susan G. Komen 5K Race

for the Cure event conducted this month at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Four vehicles were totaled and another sustained substantial damage in a fire that occurred at a Lake Alan Henry parking lot. No one was injured in the blaze.

The Post/Garza County EMS was recognized as the Volunteer Provider of the Year for the South Plains EMS Region in a ceremony conducted in Lubbock. The local EMS provider received the award for "outstanding patient care and dedication to serving the people in Post and Garza County."

A new floor plan for the Post ISD's proposed cafeteria was approved this month. The new plan is for a building about 1,000 square feet smaller than the original plan. Mike Aten produced the first bale of cotton ginned this season at the Close City Co-op. The bale was ginned Oct. 20.

Local resident Giles McCrary was one of a handful of individuals singled out for recognition at the 28th Annual National Golden Spur Award ceremony at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. McCrary received the Founders' Award from the Ranching Heritage Association.

The Garza County Junior Livestock Association Halter Class Show was conducted. Action taken by the Commissioners Court should result in substantial savings for taxpayers. The court approved the refinancing of bonds originally issued to cover construction costs for the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility. The move dropped the interest rate on the bonds from 7.5 percent to 4.9 percent, which should save the county at least \$1.5 million over the 17 years remaining on the 20-year bond payoff.

Garza County Commissioners, frustrated by a lack of progress on the fire/ambulance building being constructed at Lake Alan Henry, terminated the county's contract with Miller Construction.

The Pride of Post marching band, after receiving a Division I rating at the district-level contest, competed at the area level in Plainview, earning a 9th place finish in the competition.

## November

The Ragtown Ranch Theater, a vision of brothers Chip Polk and Glenn Polk, came a step closer to reality this month with a dedication ceremony conducted at the 128-acre site near Post. Construction is under way on the first phase of what will become a complex of three live performance venues. Construction began on Labor Day weekend.

Parishioners of the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Post marked the parish's 50th anniversary.

Garza County voters echoed most of the decisions of voters from across the state in the November constitutional amendment election. The only proposition in which local voters did not follow the state-wide voting trend was Proposition 1, which allows for the creation of funding for Texas rail facilities. Garza County voters spurned the proposal, but the measure passed the scrutiny of voters statewide.

A lack of leadership, communication shortfalls and a shortage of volunteers prevented United Way of Garza County from organizing successful campaigns in 2004 and 2005, according to reports. The local United Way failed to fulfill membership requirements of the National United Way of American in 2004, and as a result lost its membership status. Concerned citizens attempted to revive the organization, but reinstatement was denied.

Local resident and PHS student Christina Aguilar celebrated one year with her newly transplanted liver on Nov. 9.

Garza County commissioners approved a bid of more than \$84,000 to cover the cost of construction and repairs needed along a stretch of CR 378 in Precinct 4.

Inez Seabourn was recognized as a 2005 Hunger Hero at a luncheon event conducted in conjunction with World Hunger Day in Lubbock. Seabourn was lauded for her work in preparing and delivering meals through Post Cares Meals on Wheels, as well as her volunteer work in the nursing home.

Toby Miller, principal of the Southland ISD, was selected as the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals Region 17 Outstanding Principal of the Year. Miller is in his sixth year as principal at Southland.

The Garza County Hospital District hosted an open house to welcome Dr. Ben Edwards, his wife, Jamie, and the couple's son, Cade, to Post. Edwards moved his practice to the district's health care clinic in August.

Post Middle School's UIL One-Act Play took first place at the recent 5AA South Zone District Contest.

Southland elementary and junior high students fared well at the UIL literary meet in Spur. Students captured numerous awards.

Garza County took delivery of new voting equipment this month in order to comply with a federal mandate created by the Help America Vote Act of 2002. All counties must provide a new voting system accessible to voters who are disabled or impaired.

Sterling Smith of Post was named to the Wrangler High School All-Star Rodeo Team. Smith earned the recognition based on leadership qualities, academic eligibility and athletic achievements.

Longtime county official Shelia Melton, who has served as justice of the peace in Precinct 1 for more than 20 years, announced she will not seek to return to office.

## December

Talina Bird of Post earned the right to compete at the 2005 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

The City Council agreed to assist the Ragtown development through a federal government grant program to aid in connecting a 5-inch water line to the pipeline on the west side of Hwy. 84. The grant would be instrumental in the long-term development of the Ragtown complex.

Interim City Manager Delbert Rudd, a longtime city employee, submitted his letter of resignation to the council, citing the recent decision to choose another candidate for the city manager's position. Rudd was one of a dozen candidates who applied for the city manager's job.

The Garza County clerk signed a contract giving the local Republican Party control of six of the county's seven voting machines in the March primary elections. The Republican Party submitted a request for use of the machines; no request was received from the local Democratic Party.

Johnny McGregor, who has more than 30 years of experience as an educator, announced plans to step down from his position as PHS principal effective July 1.

A new contract to complete the emergency building at Lake Alan Henry was OKed by Garza County commissioners. The contract went to the lowest bidder, Michael Self's Rockin' S Welding.

A second newspaper, The Garza County Gazette, began publishing. A handful of competitors to The Post Dispatch have sprung up over the years, but none have thrived. The Dispatch has been in continuous publication since June 1926.

The Post City Council voted unanimously to approve the employment package for new city manager Richard L. Walton of Hearne. Walton served as Hearne city manager for almost 2 1/2 years. He will assume his new duties effective Jan. 1.

The local Toys for Tots effort received a much-needed shot in the arm the week before Christmas when local resident Shirley Taylor made a generous donation after reading of the campaign's shortfall in The Post Dispatch. Taylor donated dozens of toys to the campaign in memory of her late son.

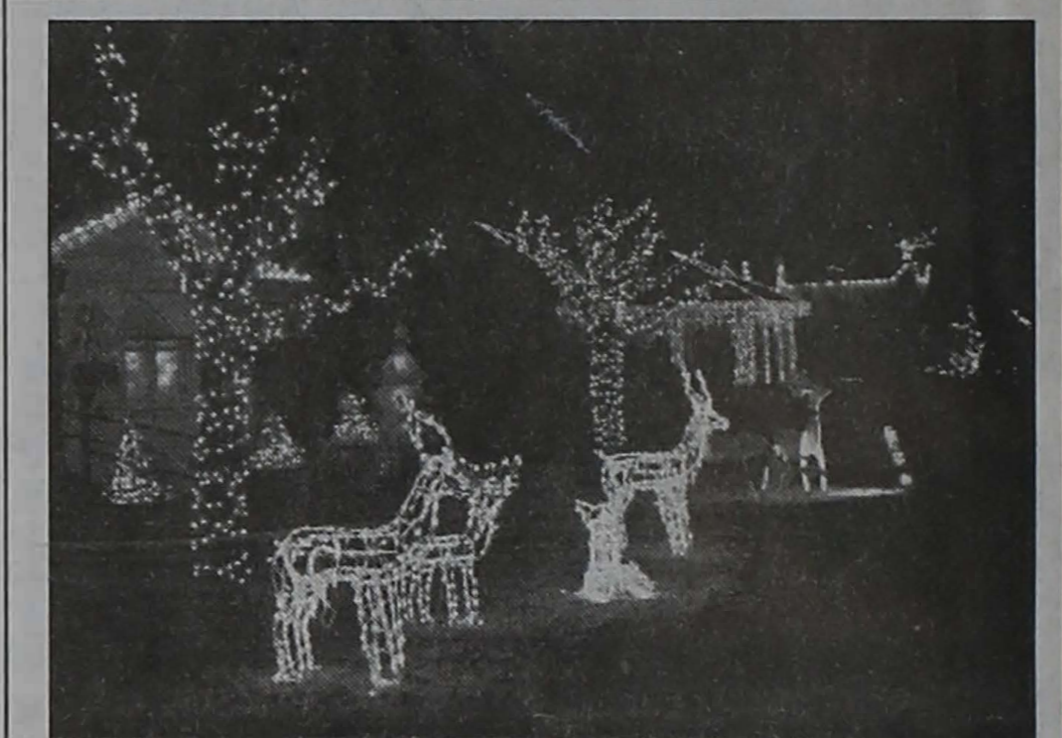
PHS senior Israel Beggs was named All-State Honorable Mention Offensive Lineman by the Texas Sportswriters Association. Beggs was a two-year starter for the Post Antelopes varsity squad.



Enjoying a visit from the "Lion" at a recent Head Start party. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Aslyn Lott is all smiles as she soaks up the Community Christmas Singing. She is the daughter of Kim and Jay Lott, shown here with her mother. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Christmas lights shine through out Post as many people decorate the nights with various works of art that would mesmerize any audience. This light show can be found on the corner of 103 S. Avenue S. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

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Ringin' in a very special Christmas medley during the Community Christmas singing at the First United Methodist Church earlier this month were First United Methodist Church Covenant Ringers (back row, left to

right) Zoe Kirkpatrick, Voda Beth Gradine, Traci Stevens, (front) Lisa Kirkpatrick, Dana Babb and Patty Kirkpatrick. (Photo by Tim Burnett)