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Meriman family seeks volunteers for Garza County search Saturday

by Sheri Lewis

The search for a missing Lubbock woman will spill into Garza County this weekend, and organizers are hoping local residents will volunteer to assist in the effort.

At 7:30 a.m. Saturday, registration will begin in the city park for volunteers interested in assisting in the search for Peggy Merimon, a 61-year-old who has been missing for almost four months. Leading the search will be Gary Pringle of Lubbock, who has more than two decades of experience working as a private investigator.

Merimon disappeared on Aug. 9 from the Lubbock State School when she and a co-worker, Kay Harrelson, were last seen climbing into a rusty silver or gray older-model Buick or Dodge

with an unidentified Caucasian man.

Harrelson's body was discovered near Shallowater Aug. 20.

"I'm tuned in to this thing like you wouldn't believe," Pringle said Tuesday afternoon. "We've got to find her (Merimon)."

The private investigator formally joined the search for Merimon after members of her family approached him.

Pringle said he wants to see a minimum of 500 South Plains residents participate in this weekend's search for Merimon. Simultaneous searches in three

area counties are planned: two in "prime areas" in Lubbock, one in Olton which will move southward toward Lubbock and three in Garza County.

Local searches will focus on three areas: just above the Caprock around the deserted roads and buildings leading up to the Macy Ranch; along Hwy. 380; and south of Post at a roadside area surrounded by brushy, overgrown terrain. These areas have been singled out because a suspect has been identified, he said, and cell phone records indicate the man may have traveled to these loca-

tions shortly after the Lubbock women disappeared.

"We know who took her (Merimon)," Pringle said. "We know his name. We just don't have enough yet to make an arrest.... Police informed me yesterday they are working diligently and they are further along than people think they are."

According to Pringle, the suspect was in Post on the Friday night immediately following the disappearance of the women in August. It is believed the man slept in his car, which was

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Pianist Doug Smith is set to perform Christmas favorites in the Hotel Garza dining room on Friday and Saturday, December 1, 2, 8 and 9. For details and reservations call Janice Plummer at 806-495-3962 or 866-495-2880. (Photo by Jere Lowe)

County considering changes linked to building fees, permits

Garza County Commissioners approved one change to building and inspection fees on Nov. 13.

During their meeting, commissioners heard from Clyde Kitten, who explained that builders in the Northridge area of Lake Alan Henry have expressed concern over the required permit fees and

the permit process. Ron Howard, a builder, said the insurance requirement is difficult for most small builders to comply with, adding that a performance bond is easier to obtain.

Engineer Rich Oller explained that the City of Post and the City of Lubbock are reconsidering the

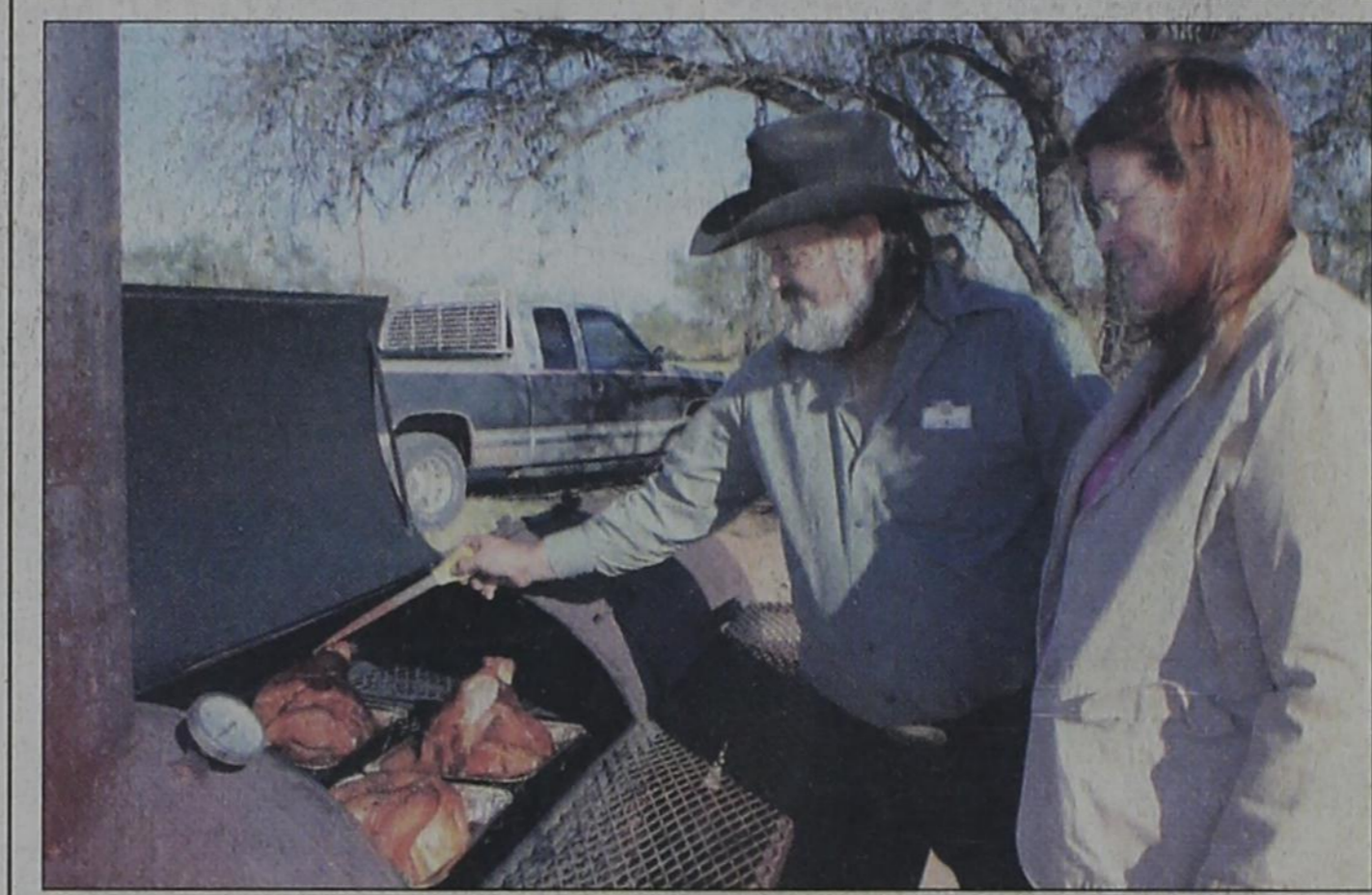
insurance requirement.

Kitten voiced concerns about the square footage formula used to determine the building permit fee, suggesting that the formula only should include the square footage of total living space, and said builders are effectively being charged twice for septic system inspections — once from the county and another from the TCEQ.

The court voted to rescind its insurance requirement as linked to the permit process.

In other business, the court unanimously voted to accept a \$43,700 bid from Pella Windows for the replacement of windows in the courthouse, with the condi-

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JD's shares Thanksgiving with others...

J.D. and Anna Davis, with JD's Bar & Grill, prepare whole turkeys for meals given away to shut-ins on Thanksgiving Day. The turkeys were donated by the Butterball Company of North Carolina. This year the free meals were reportedly distributed to about 40 people. According to Davis, there was plenty of turkey left over and they plan to offer more free meals to shut-ins on Christmas Day.

(Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

Post Notes

LA IGLESIA CATOLICA DE HOLY CROSS

Les invita el dia Sabado 2 de Diciembre desde las 11 a.m. hasta las 2 p.m., a comprar ricos platos de gorditas de carne molida, chicharron, carne con chile y de pinga, para recoger fondos para la celebracion del dia de la Virgen de Guadalupe.

Gordita plate fundraiser

The Holy Cross Catholic Church invites everyone to come and buy delicious gordita plates on Saturday, December 2, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. to raise funds for the celebration of the day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

American Legion meeting set

American Legion Post 270 will meet at First Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 812 W. 13th Street, Thursday, November 30, at 7 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

Miniature horses at OMTD

Come visit miniature horses Jolly, Honor, Oreo and Sparkles at Old Mill Trade Days, December 2&3 and get your picture made with Cowboy Santa. Hearts and Hooves of Lubbock, a non-profit organization, uses their miniature horses to help those who suffer from emotional, physical and mental distress. OMTD will be open December 1-3. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday & Sunday and 9-5 on Saturday. Admission on Friday is \$1/Senior Adults free; admission Saturday and Sunday is \$2. Children under 10 are admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

PIP camp December 4

More than just basketball, the PIP (Players in Progress) start-up camp will be held Monday, December 4 at the Post Elementary School gym from 3-4:55. The camp is from 4 to 8 p.m. with a parent meeting at 7 p.m. Team practices are Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Contact Stephanie James at the school or Kim Lott at 629-4340.

McVicker concert set December 6

Dove-award winning singer, songwriter and recording artist Mitch McVicker will perform live at 7 p.m. December 6 at Caprock Springs Fellowship, located at 316 N. Avenue I. McVicker's appearance is part of his Perfectly Flawed Tour. Admission will be free, but donations of money, food and winter clothing to be distributed to those in need will be accepted at the door. For more information call 495-3386 or visit www.myspace.com/mitchmevicker.

Garza Co. Memorial Brick Project

Order your brick today for yourself or other citizens, veterans, or elected officials. If you would like to purchase one as a birthday or Christmas gift, there are gift cards available for you to present to the recipient. Forms may be picked up at city hall, the courthouse in the Tax A/C office, or at Post Auto Parts. For more information please call 778-4469.

Collazo fund set at Wells Fargo Bank

A benefit account has been opened for Johnny Collazo Jr. at Wells Fargo Bank. Contact Susie Barbosa at 495-2804.

Christmas Window Display Contest

Post City Merchants is sponsoring the Second Annual Christmas Window Display Contest. Displays need to be in place by December 1, 2006. All businesses will be eligible to win the \$150 cash award. For more information contact Donna Degan at 495-0888.

Post City Merchants meeting Dec. 5

A Post City Merchants meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. December 5 at Cocara's. For more information call 495-0888.

\$2,500 REWARD

A reward for \$2,500.00 has been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the destruction done to the Close City Coop Gin office and the Graham Gin office sometime after Friday evening, November 3rd. Call 495-4418, you can remain anonymous.

PHS hosts Parent Night December 7

Post High School will host a Parent Night for parents of juniors and seniors who are interested in attending college. The event begins at 6:30 p.m., December 7 at the high school library. Those interested should call Mrs. Read at 495-2770.

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'Miracle on 34th Street' opens Friday at Garza Theatre

The cast and crew of the Garza Theatre will present the classic "Miracle on 34th Street" in performances set for Dec. 1-3, 8, 9, 15 and 16.

Based on the book by Valentine Davies, the Garza's "Miracle" productions will be directed by Laura Bryan and Mitchell Britton.

Cast members include Stan Tucker, Karen Dolter, Madison Bryan, Britton, Bryan, Kristin Thomas, James Kinney, Ric Walton, Roy Willis, Virginia Solomon and Zoe Kirkpatrick.

Also, Cameron May, John Garcia, Ryan Opton, Hannah Solomon, Reagan Sudduth, Madison Weaver, Taylor Wyatt, Justin

Weaver, Dr. James Bell, Abbi May, Laura Collier, James Graham, Natalie Weaver, Rebecca Collier and Jennifer Weaver.

Rounding out the cast are Colton Duncan, Megan Marse, Kathy Rogers, Rachel Collier, Ramsey Malone, Dustin Stegall, Bradley Crawford and Hannah Gossett.

Curtain times for Friday and Saturday shows will be 8 p.m.; the Sunday matinee performance will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$9 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-12. Tickets may be purchased at the Garza Theatre box office, 226 E. Main, during regular box office hours: 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays (except show weekends, noon to curtain time).



Garza Theatre's "Miracle on 34th Street" cast members are (back row left to right) Kathy Rogers, Laura Collier, Dr. James Bell, Mitchell Britton, Madison Bryan, Karen Dolter, Stan Tucker, Ramsey Malone, Virginia Solomon, Zoe Kirkpatrick, Ric Walton, Roy Willis, (second row) Hannah Gossett, Bradley Crawford,

Rebecca Collier, Rachel Collier, Abbi May, Kristin Thomas, (front row) Ryan Opton, Cameron May, Reagan Sudduth, John Gatica, Taylor Wyatt, Hannah Solomon and James Graham (lying on the floor).

(Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

This Week In Post City

By Rosa Latimer

SHOP POST FIRST

Actually, if you took advantage of the "black" Friday after Thanksgiving, you may not be able to shop here "first." But, before you head off to Lubbock again, why don't you consider the possibilities in Post? Here are a few suggestions:

Buy Memorial Bricks! These

are the best choice for those on your list who need something really special - grandparents, a boss, brother-in-law, actually these commemorative bricks are great for just about everyone. Simply go to <http://www.postcitytexas.com/> www.postcitytexas.com and download the order form.

Each brick is \$55 and you

choose what to engrave on each one (3 lines). There will be three designated areas in the planned Memorial Brick Plaza on the front courthouse lawn - veterans, elected officials, citizens.

The memorial will be dedicated in a special ceremony Sunday afternoon of the Centennial Celebration in June.

A memorial brick will truly

be a lasting and meaningful gift! Here are some examples of what to have engraved on your bricks: your parents' names along with their wedding date; the name and birth date of each of your children; or "In honor of (Name)."

Visit the gift shop at the Garza County Historical Museum. This small space is full of interesting items: Post Commemorative Christmas ornaments; arrowheads; Native American jewelry; books; and notecards. In addition to possible Christmas gifts, you'll enjoy the experience of shopping in beautiful surroundings.

Look for the "open" sign on the door of the Algerita Art Center and check out the original art on display by the Post Art Guild. Most of the art on exhibit is for sale and there are many styles and sizes to choose from.

Give tickets to the Garza Theatre. The Garza Theatre completes its 20th season with a production of "Miracle on 34th Street."

The play opens this weekend with Friday and Saturday performances at 8 pm and a 2:30 pm Sunday performance. It continues December 8 & 9 and December 15 & 16 at 8 pm. This play is a favorite at the Garza so reservations are recommended. Call 495-4005 for more information.

Take a couple of hours and visit the stores in Post. You might find something for everyone on

your list - from electronics to clothing, antiques to unique gift items, even Centennial mugs.

I noticed some possible Christmas surprises at the post office - their gift items, including plush animals, are all half price!

You can even pick up a variety of gift cards without leaving Post City. Perhaps best of all, there is virtually no traffic and parking is never a problem!

A WORD OF THANKS

Before we leave the subject of the Memorial Bricks, I'd like to especially thank VFW Post 6797 and American Legion Post 270 for their help with this project.

In addition to the "hands on" role of fundraising, these two groups have been instrumental as advisors in shaping the plans for the project.

This very meaningful undertaking would have much less potential for success without their dedication.

FOLLOW UP TO THE CARMEN BIN LADIN STORY

I have just finished the book, "Inside The Kingdom" by our recent guest in Post, Carmen Bin Ladin. This is an "up close and personal" look at the Islam culture and the treatment of girls and women in Saudi Arabia.

The story also provides insight into the pressure and threats by fundamentalists on moderate Islam countries to adhere to the strictest doctrines.

The information in this book

made me acutely aware that it is imperative for those of us who live in freedom to be very careful not to use the television as our primary resource on world issues, for that matter, on any issue.

I fear many of us have become lazy in our pursuit of enlightenment. Perhaps the lesson to be learned from Carmen's book is summed up in her statement: "They [terrorists] will use our tolerance to infiltrate our society with their intolerance."

I believe we can only recognize such threats if we are willing to maintain a balanced awareness of world events and situations.

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

Now for something on the lighter side of life! Here are three fun quotes provided by my friend, Kathy Beach:

- Just accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.
- Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.
- If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

That's it for this week in Post City. See you at the Lighted Christmas Parade Saturday night!

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Classic country Group "Eight Second Ride" to perform at Old Mill Trade Days

The classic country band, "Eight Second Ride" will perform on the Rainmaker Stage at Old Mill Trade Days in Post Saturday, December 2 at Noon.

The Band plays classic country and have just completed a CD entitled "Classic Country Memories." The band is well known in the region, having performed for concerts and dances throughout West Texas. Lynn Alexander, leader, play rhythm guitar, harmonica and mandolin and is the lead male singer.

Other band members are: Billy Don Hampton, Nolan McClair, and Jacki Hampton of Lubbock; Marty Gilbert, Idalou; and Mary Beth Ashburn of Meadow.

Trade Days, December 1-3, is a marketplace in the historic Postex Mills. Event hours are 11 am to 5 pm Friday and Sunday; 9 am to 5 pm Saturday. Admission on Friday is \$1 and Senior Adults are free. Admission on Saturday and Sunday is \$2.

There is no additional charge for the musical entertainment. Call 806-495-3529 for more information.

County fees...

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tions that the company provide a bucket truck and that the window replacement project be completed by March 1. It was agreed that if the March 1 deadline is not met, a penalty of \$500 per day would be assessed. The Pella bid was the lower of the two bids submitted on the project.

Other items handled by the court included:

- Commissioners approved payment of \$19,537, the county's portion of road improvements being made on CR 217. Commissioner John Valdez said the improvements, which include a bridge, are being made by A-Rock Materials. A-Rock will pay for two-third of the project.
- Denied an application for public assistance after the county attorney explained that the applicant did not meet guidelines.
- Approved a change in the county's personnel vesting benefits.

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PHS seniors honored by Post Rotarians

Three Post High School seniors – Amanda Berry, K'Neil Dalby and Heath Fellhauer – were guests of the Post Rotary Club during the month of November.

Berry, the daughter of John and Kellie Berry, has been active in cheerleading, track, softball, National Honor Society and University Interscholastic League activities during her high school years.



Amanda Berry

"I like to scrapbook and relax at home," she wrote. "I also work at United during the week, which is fun. I also love to shop... and I'm very involved in my youth group at First Baptist Church, Post."

While a student at PHS, Berry has been named to Who's Who Among American Teenagers and received awards in Algebra I, track and field, Academic All-District for cross country, basketball and track and All-Star Cheerleader. She also was second runner-up in the Lions Club Queen competition.

Berry plans to attend Angelo State University in San Angelo where she will double major in biology and business, with a minor in chemistry. "I want to finish my basics and cheer at ASU," she wrote, "then go on to Baylor for dental school and orthodontics."

Dalby is the daughter of Giles and Mendy Dalby. She is active in Student Council, powerlifting, cheerleading and one-act play and serves as class secretary and vice-president of the National Honor Society.



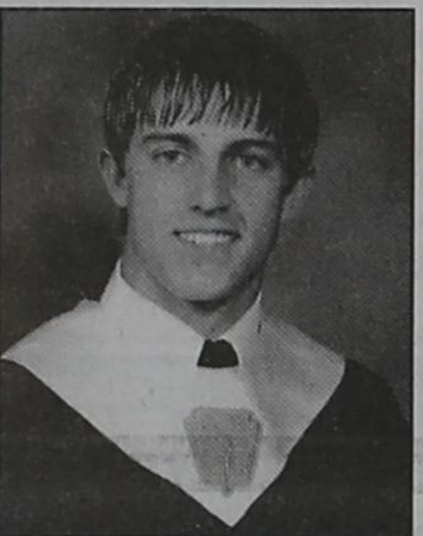
K'Neil Dalby

Her special interests include involvement with her youth group, cheerleading, powerlifting and one-act play.

While at PHS, Dalby finished in sixth place in the state-level powerlifting competition.

"I want to go to Tech or LCU and study pharmacy," she wrote. "I am fourth in my class and work very hard to keep my grades up and become successful. I always try my hardest and only expect the best I can do."

Felhauer, the son of Jesse and Misty Basquez, is active in football, basketball, track and field, golf, UIL accounting, calculator, science fairs, National Honor Society, volunteer work and artwork.



Heath Fellhauer

His special interests include those area in which he is active, as well as art (drawing), church activities, coaching minor league baseball, learning to play the guitar, reading, writing and camping.

Felhauer's awards and honors include Who's Who Among American High School Students (recognized three years), National Honor Roll (recognized four years), National Honor Society, Academic All-District Football, Basketball and Track & Field (two years), All-Around Best Art Student and All-Around Best Accounting Student.

"I am looking at different colleges and universities and at all of my options," he wrote. "I want to get my degree in biology and attend dental school. I will apply to dental schools across Texas once I have gotten my prerequisites completed."

"I have proven myself to be able to maintain a 4.0 in the college classes I have taken so far. During high school I have maintained an A average and one of the most important things to me is the example I try to set for other teenagers."

Meriman search ...

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parked near the flags on the Garza County courthouse square, and traveled to Possum Kingdom Lake during that weekend.

The suspect is a resident of the South Plains area with close ties to the Lubbock State School where both women worked, Pringle said. Both women are believed to have known the man.

Authorities have not yet determined a motive for the crime, he said. Any motive discussed at this point would be speculation.

"At this point we are looking for a body, even though there were unconfirmed, unsubstantiated reports last week that she is alive," he said. "We still are looking for her remains."

All search volunteers – those with bikes, horses, off-road vehicles and on foot – will be asked to sign waivers of liability prior to the beginning of the local search, which will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

When asked how many volunteers he'd like to see turn out for the local effort, Pringle said, "All I can get – but a minimum of 200.... I just want people to think about it this way: If their loved one was out there, would they want someone to come out and help them so they'd know where their loved one was, especially in time for Christmas?"

In order to ensure that any potential crime scene that might be located is preserved, Pringle said volunteers should be 18 years of age or older; older youths will be allowed to search if a parent is on

hand to sign a waiver of liability and accompany the youth during the search.

Volunteers should wear walking or hiking boots or shoes, socks, long pants and protective outerwear. Gloves should also be worn, along with hats and sunblock.

Volunteers are encouraged to bring tools that might be useful in probing sand and debris.

Each search participant should bring a supply of water. Coca-Cola will supply drinks and refreshments, and Pringle said he hopes to secure donations of food and supplies from local merchants to help keep volunteers in the field for the duration of the daylong search.

To pre-register as a searcher or donate supplies for the local search, contact Pringle at 806-747-9857.

Merimon, the subject of the search, is described as being between 5 feet, 6 inches and 5 feet, 8 inches tall and weighing approximately 150 pounds. She has green eyes and brown hair with red highlights and was last seen wearing black Capri pants, a white T-shirt and an oversized blue Oxford shirt with the sleeves rolled up. She also was wearing reading glasses and had a pink ribbon in her hair.

Pringle said he plans to notify the Garza County Sheriff's Department of his search plans, and any information obtained as a result of the searches will be immediately forwarded to them.

Anyone with information pertaining to Merimon's whereabouts is asked to contact the Lubbock Crime Line at 806-741-1000.

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Family Harvest Church Healing School

Family Harvest Church invites the public to its Healing School, 1 to 3 p.m., Saturday, December 9 at the church. Pastor Joey Hamlin will be teaching. Free coffee, bottled water and fresh baked goods will be served during intermission.

Annual Community Sing Dec. 13

The Annual Community Sing will be held at 7 p.m., December 13 at the First United Methodist Church. All are invited to attend the festive occasion. Choirs or individuals interested in participating should call Pixie Grisham at 495-2942 or Patty Kirkpatrick at 495-2868 no later than Monday, December 11.

MIT plans informational coffee

Moms in Touch, a group organized to support local schools and students through prayer, will conduct an informational coffee at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, December 14, in the home of Tonya Kirkpatrick. The organization is open to mothers and grandmothers willing to pray for specific school-aged children. Anyone who needs more information about the event or transportation to the coffee should contact Kirkpatrick at 629-4054 or Kelli Egan at 495-0255.

Old Mill Trade Days Angel Tree

The OMTD Angel Tree is booth #217 in the Weaving Room will have the names and ages of individuals in Garza County that will need a little extra help at Christmas. Choose an angel from the tree, purchase an appropriate Christmas gift(s) and bring them to the Trade Days office by December 11 for distribution. Call 495-3529 for more information.

Post Book Club's next meeting in January

The next meeting of the Post Book Club will be Saturday, January 20 at 11 a.m., Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main St. The reading selection is "Lone Star: A History of Texas and the Texans" by T. R. Fehrenbach. There will not be a December meeting of the group because of the holidays. Anyone interested in reading is invited to join the group, there is no cost for membership. Each member is responsible for obtaining a copy of the club's reading selection. For more information, call 495-2665.

Historic recipe book reprinted

The popular 400 page 1958 Methodist Church Recipe book has been reprinted, with a limited number available for sale at the First United Methodist Church. Recipes in the book are handwritten and signed, all from members of the church in 1958. Copies may be purchased at the church office or by contacting any member of the First United Methodist Church Choir.

'Share the Season' at OS Museum

The OS Museum's annual holiday exhibit is open, and this year's event is titled "Share the Season." The exhibit includes a broad sampling of traditional and unique nativities, creches, ornaments and Santas collected from around the world. Viewing hours are from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday. The museum is located upstairs at 201 E. Main Street; an elevator is available. For more information, call 495-3570.

Toys for Tots drive under way

The 28th annual Toys for Tots campaign, sponsored by the Post Lions Club, is collecting new and good, used toys for distribution this holiday season. Local residents, organizations, churches and businesses are urged to participate in this effort. Contributions of toys or monetary donations may be dropped off at Rick & Carolyn's Burgers & Fries, 601 N. Broadway or The Post Dispatch, 123 E. Main. Financial contributions may be mailed to the Post Lions Club Toys for Tots, P. O. Box 644. Applications for assistance also are available at Rick & Carolyn's or the Dispatch. Deadline for contributions and applications is December 23.

Church fund-raiser Friday

The Women's Chapter of the Church of God of Prophecy, 6y02 W. 14th St., is offering a taco and enchilada plate Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plates are \$6, including three tacos or enchilada, rice, beans and salad. Call 495-3644 to place orders.

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Here comes the left

by Bill O'Reilly

Emboldened by the Democrat victory earlier this month, the far left is rising like Dracula at midnight. Just days after the vote, the San Francisco Board of Education voted to ban Junior ROTC in the city's high schools, tossing more than 1,600 students out of those clubs. The Massachusetts legislature refused to allow a vote on gay marriage even though more than 170,000 Bay State voters signed a petition demanding to be heard on the subject, and a Vermont press group honored Judge Edward Cashman, the guy who sentenced a brutal child molester to 60 days in jail.

Don't kid yourself, while the majority of Democrats are moderate, there is a fanatical subdivision of the party that is off-the-wall secular-progressive (S-P) and bent on radically changing America.

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsome told the press he was glad the Board of Education waited until after the election because "cheap shot artists like O'Reilly and Fox would have exploited (the vote)."

Not exploited, Mayor, reported. I coined the term "San Francisco values" and well understand they have little to do with democracy. How nutty is the San Francisco Board of Ed? We're fighting a lethal worldwide terror movement, and these people are telling high school students the U.S. military is bad, that's how nutty.

By the way, the ACLU is MIA in the ROTC controversy. Can you imagine what would have happened if the Board of Ed had banned a gay high school club? San Francisco values strike again.

The far left in Massachusetts is almost as bad. Gay marriage was imposed in the Commonwealth by three judges who found a loophole in the state constitution. Marriage was not expressly defined as between a man and a woman. Presto, traditional marriage has company.

But my question is this: If marriage is a constitutional right, which it is not, why can't polygamists get legal? How about triads? Why can't you marry your mom?

If one alternative lifestyle, homosexuality, is granted license to marry, you have to include other alternative lifestyles as well. That's equal protection under the law, is it not?

But the secular-progressive movement doesn't care about the Constitution. It wants a brand-new America where the people don't call the shots — the "enlightened" minority sets the agenda.

So get ready for more of this kind of thing. The state of Vermont has already left the building. It elected Bernie Sanders, a self-proclaimed socialist, as junior senator. Compared to Sanders, Patrick Leahy, the other Vermont senator, is Dick Cheney.

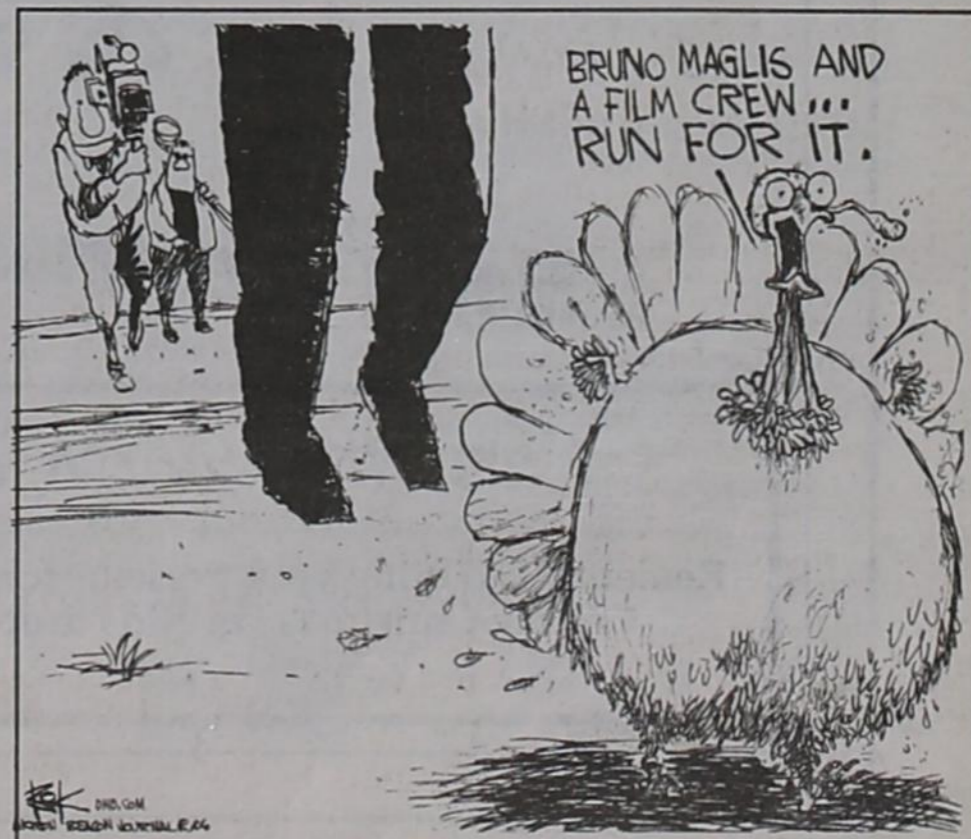
By the way, in case you went to public school, a socialist is someone who believes the government has a right to seize private property and do whatever it wants with it. Apparently, Vermonters are down with that, as well as with judges who give child predators the same amount of jail time as bar brawlers. Vermont is the first secular-progressive state to drop all pretenses and declare itself Havana friendly. Wait, that might not be fair. Even Fidel harshly punishes child rapists.

If you think I'm exaggerating, you're wrong. The far left feels liberated, and it sees daylight. Expect these people to make a strong power run led by S-P mom Nancy Pelosi, the new speaker of the house.

Let's recap: no tolerance for the military, no voting on controversial issues, and let's ease up on those adults sexually brutalizing children. Welcome to the land of the secular-progressive. Have a nice day.

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**Taxation is evil, it is sinful.
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 Thou Shalt Not Steal
 (When you force payment from someone against their will, that's theft)**



Why we love government

by Walter E. Williams

Unlike today's Americans, the founders of our nation were suspicious, if not contemptuous, of government. Consider just a few of their words.

James Madison suggested that "All men having power ought to be distrusted to a certain degree."

Thomas Paine observed, "We still find the greedy hand of government thrusting itself into every corner and crevice of industry, and grasping at the spoil of the multitude. . . . It watches prosperity as its prey and permits none to escape without a tribute."

John Adams reminded, "You have rights antecedent to all earthly governments; rights that cannot be repealed or restrained by human laws; rights derived from the Great Legislator of the Universe."

Thomas Jefferson gave us several warnings that we've ignored: First, "The natural progress of things is for liberty to yield and government to gain ground." Second, "The greatest [calamity] which could befall [us] would be [our] submission to a government of unlimited powers." And third, "Whensoever the General Government assumes undelegated powers, its acts are unauthoritative, void, and of no force."

In response to what Jefferson called an "elective despotism," he suggested that "The tree of Liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants."

With sentiments like these, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison became presidents. Could a person with similar sentiments win the presidency today? My guess is no. Today's Americans hold such liberty-oriented values in contempt, and any presidential aspirant holding them would have a zero chance of winning office.

Today's Americans hold a different vision of government. It's one that says Congress has the right to do just about anything upon which it can secure a majority vote. Most of what Congress does fits the description of forcing one American to serve the purposes of another American. That description differs only in degree, but not in kind, from slavery.

At least two-thirds of the federal budget represents forcing one American to serve the purposes of another. Younger workers are forced to pay for the prescriptions of older Americans; people who are not farmers are forced to serve those who are; nonpoor people are forced to serve poor people; and the general public is forced to serve corporations, college students and other special interests who have the ear of Congress.

The supreme tragedy that will lead to our undoing is that so far as personal economic self-interests are concerned, it is perfectly rational for every American to seek to live at the expense of another American. Why? Not doing so doesn't mean he'll pay lower federal taxes. All it means is that there will be more money for somebody else.

In other words, once Congress establishes that one person can live at the expense of another, it pays for everyone to try to do so. You say, "Williams, don't you believe in helping your fellow man?" Yes, I do. I believe that reaching into one's own pockets to help his fellow man is both laudable and praiseworthy. Reaching into another's pockets to help his fellow man is despicable and worthy of condemnation.

The bottom line: We love government because it enables us to accomplish things that if done privately would lead to arrest and imprisonment. For example, if I saw a person in need, and I took your money to help him, I'd be arrested and convicted of theft. If I get Congress to do the same thing, I am seen as compassionate.

This vision ought to bother the Christians among us, for when God gave Moses the commandment "Thou shalt not steal," I'm sure He didn't mean thou shalt not steal unless you got a majority vote in Congress.

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What is the lawful definition of "income"

by Wes Burnett

Last week I read a story in the Lubbock Avalanche Journal about a Texas legislator who is drumming up support to impose an "income tax" on Texans. It is somewhat frustrating to realize that there are Texans who actually think it is okay to steal from working Texans in order to promote the national socialist policies of state politicians.

Whether or not Texans will put up with such nonsense is yet to be seen. First, a constitutional amendment would be required in order to allow such an economic and personal disaster to be established in Texas

Yet, since we live and work in the suffocation of a full democracy, we can not rule out the possibility that the majority of Texas voters might actually approve such a draconian theft program.

In the meantime, we pose a serious question for legislators to consider: What is the lawful definition of income? The United States Tax Code does not address this question. The code (more than 900 pages in fine print) does not define the word "income." It does refer to "gross income" and other uses of the word "income," making an assumption that "everyone knows what income is." Webster's Dictionary definition is not the lawful definition.

In order to determine the lawful definition of "income," it is important to understand the U.S. constitutional limits placed on legislators. Words used in the constitution itself can not be defined by Congress (or its statutes), only the federal courts can define words used in the U.S. constitution.

The 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution authorizes an "income tax," therefore, Congress can not define the word "income." That's why the Internal Revenue Code does not define the word "income." Congress does not have the authority to define terms of a constitutional amendment.

"Congress cannot by any definition (of income in this case) it may adopt, conclude the matter, since it cannot by legislation alter the Constitution, from which alone it derives its power to legislate, and within whose limitations alone that power can be lawfully expressed."

Eisner v. Macomber, 252 U.S. 189

For several years after the so-called ratification of the 16th Amendment, several challenges to the new income tax laws made their way through the courts. We will cite a few of those important cases at the end of this

article, for those of you interested in researching this issue for yourself.

In summary, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that "income" is defined as the same as that used in the Corporation Tax Act of 1909.

"After examining dictionaries in common use (Bow. L. D.; Standard Dict.; Webster's Internat. Dict.; Century Dict.), we find little to add to the succinct definition adopted in two cases arising under the Corporation Tax Act of 1909 (Stratton's Independence v. Howbert, 231 U.S. 399, 415, 34 S. Sup. Ct. 136, 140 [58 L. Ed. 285]; Doyle v. Mitchell Bros. Co., 247 U.S. 179, 185, 38 S. Sup. Ct. 467, 469 [62 L. Ed. 1054]). 'Income may be defined as the gain derived from capital, from labor, or from both combined,' provided it be understood to include profit gained through a sale or conversion of capital assets, to which it was applied in the Doyle Case, 247 U.S. 183, 185, 38 S. Sup. Ct. 467, 469 (62 L. Ed. 1054). Eisner v. Macomber, 252 U.S. 189"

In simple terms . . . "income" is the same as "gain," or "profit."

So, in order to determine your "income," you first have to determine if you have a "gain" or "profit" in either your personal or business life. Accountants understand how to determine whether or not you have an annual "profit" or "gain." Your wages are not "profit" or "gain."

There are activities which do in fact meet the definition of "income," they are clearly defined in the Corporation Tax Act of 1909. The courts have also upheld the taxation of increases in value on stocks, bonds and sale of real property.

We wonder if our legislators have taken into consideration the serious implications of imposing a state "income" tax. It's not a simple task, and collecting the tax will require the implementation of a collection agency . . . how shall we say it? "The State of Texas Internal Revenue Service?"

Hopefully, state officials will reject this lame-brained idea.

Look on the Internet for these U.S. Supreme Court rulings for details: Pollock v. Farmers Loan & Trust Co. (1898); Brushaber v. Union Pacific R.R. Co. (1916); Stanton v. Baltic Mining Co. (1916) and Flint v. Stone Tracy Co. (1911).

Other web sites with additional information may be found at www.taxfreedom.com

Editor's Note: The information in this article is not in any sense a legal opinion, and is the opinion only of the writer.

Extension Extras

Consumer Decision Making Project

Consumer Decision Making is a competition similar to Livestock Judging, where you select the "best" product in a given scenario. Practice will be at 3:45 Wednesday, November 29, in the Extension office. District Competition is at Tahoka, December 2, 2006.

Home for the Holidays

Mark your calendars. Home for the Holidays will be held in Scurry County on Thursday, December 7. More information will be available next week.

4-H Christmas Tour

Garza County 4-Hers will tour the "Candlelight at the Ranch" at the Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock on Saturday, December

9. Members and parents wishing to attend need to meet at the Extension office at 4:30 p.m. Bring \$5 to \$10 for your meal and any extra money you might want to spend at the Museum Shop.

4-H Community Service Project

Each 4-H member is asked to bring 2 Christmas ornaments and 2 cans of food to the Extension office on or before December 9. These will be used for our annual Community Service project.

Showmanship Clinic

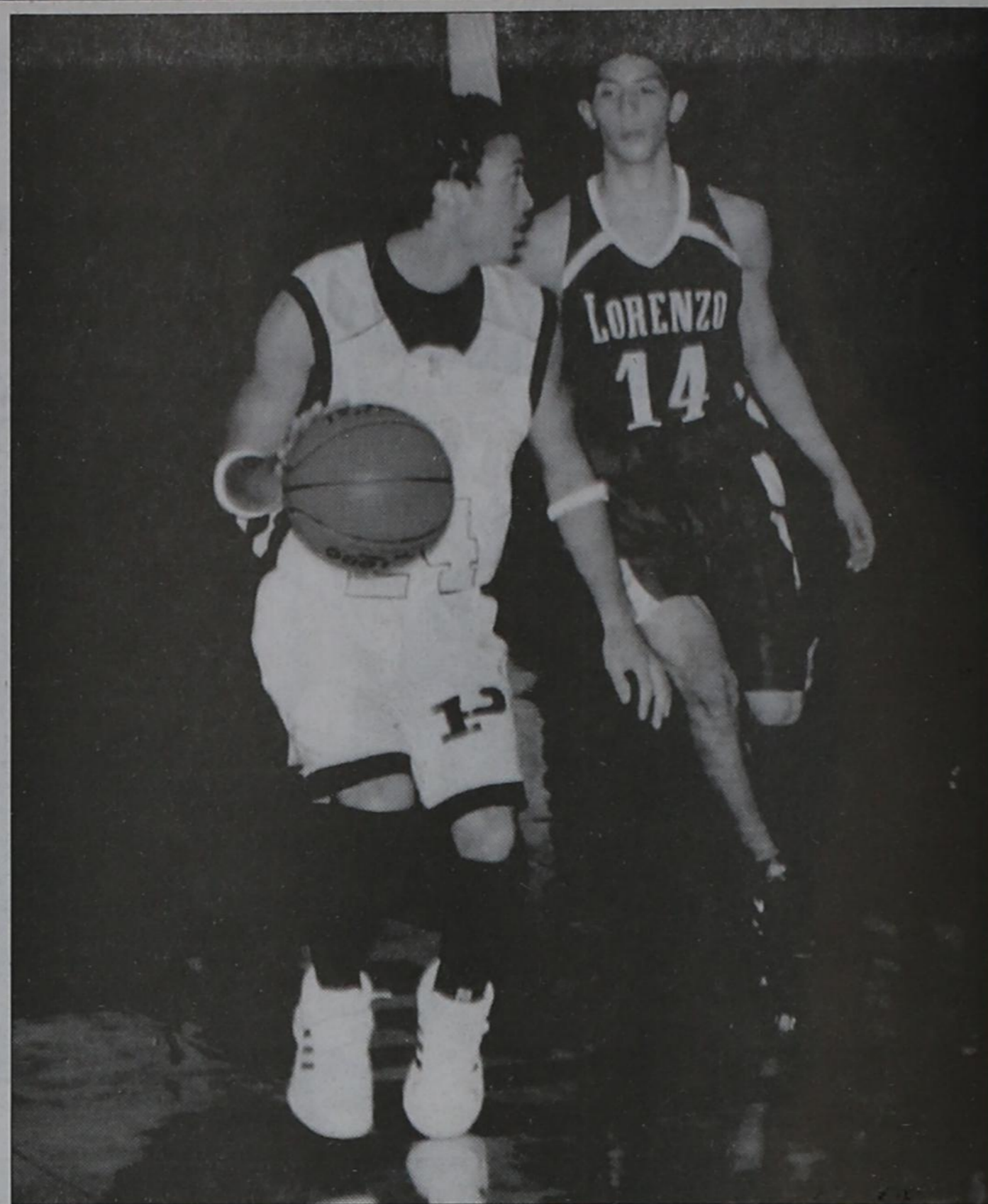
...will be held December 9 at the GCJLA show barn for all Garza County 4-H and FFA exhibitors with the following schedule. 10:00 a.m. - Sheep and Goats. 11:00 a.m. - Hogs.

12:00 - Lunch/Quiz Bowl/Quality Counts. 1:00 p.m. - Steers. Bring your own animals to learn showmanship skills in the show ring. Lunch will be provided, bring your own drink.

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Sixteen arrested in Garza County

Sixteen individuals were arrested in Garza County in recent days, according to a report provided by the sheriff's department. About half of the total number of arrests involved alcohol-related incidents.



Antelope James Griffin (24) pushes the ball down the court as the Lopes took on Lorenzo last Tuesday in Antelope Arena. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Lady Lope Cheyenne Miller (13) soars above Lorenzo defenders for a two point shot during last Tuesday game in Antelope Arena. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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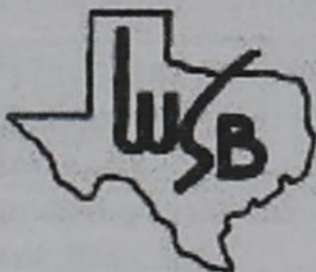
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Arrests included that of a 19-year-old male, driving while intoxicated; a pair of 20-year-old males arrested for public intoxication; a 37-year-old male, driving while intoxicated; a 44-year-old female, assault/family violence/ a 29-year-old male, driving while intoxicated; and a male, age unlisted, jailed for DWI commitment.

Also, a 23-year-old female, driving while license invalid; a 26-year-old male, possession of marijuana; a 17-year-old male, possession of marijuana; a 20-year-old male, driving while intoxicated; a 24-year-old female, furnishing alcohol to a minor; two males, ages 21 and 18, arrested for burglary of a building; a 25-year-old male picked up on a Lubbock County warrant; and a 25-year-old male, possession of marijuana.

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Rachel Gray (13) Tuesday's basket... (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Lady Lope holiday

The Post Lady Lope... early but two... the Lady Lopes... of one quarter.

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Post Antelope... last Tuesday's... (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



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Arbitration Clause Can Catch Credit Card Holders Unaware

by Nancy McDonald
County Agent for Family & Consumer Affairs

When it comes to your financial life, what you don't know can hurt you, said a Texas Cooperative Extension expert. More and more credit card companies are adding binding mandatory arbitration clauses to their contract information, said Nancy Granovsky, Extension family economics specialist. Most of the time the consumer doesn't even know the clause exists; that's why reading the fine print is so important. "It's a very serious issue," she said. "By adding an arbitration clause to the credit card agreement, that means the consumer loses the right to litigation in court or even a jury trial." For the consumer, failing to notify those companies, in writing, that they wish to opt out of the binding mandatory arbitration means they cannot take that company to court in the event of a dispute, she said.

"Every consumer advocacy organization is on record as trying to increase consumer awareness about this serious issue," Granovsky said. If a dispute arises between a consumer and a credit card company, and arbitration is mandatory, the consumer may find even more surprises. "If she's trying to resolve some big problem and tries to bring suit (against the credit card company), she couldn't do it," Granovsky said. Instead, the consumer would be forced into arbitration rather than a trial by jury if there is a mandatory arbitration clause in the contract. In addition, Granovsky says, "the credit card company has the power to decide who would be the arbitrator."

How can consumers protect themselves? First, Granovsky said, read the fine print on every document received from your credit card issuers, especially the ones that modify the credit contract. Then choose to do

business with credit card companies and other credit-issuing institutions that don't have binding mandatory arbitration clauses, she said.

The Public Citizen Web site (<http://www.citizen.org/>) recommends closing accounts that have these binding mandatory arbitration clauses and writing a letter to the issuing organization "explaining that your tax dollars support a civil justice system and that mandatory binding arbitration is unnecessary." Granovsky also recommended visiting the Web sites of Give Me Back My Rights at <http://www.givemebackmyrights.com/> and the U.S. Government Accountability Office at <http://www.gao.gov/> for more information on this issue. The Web site of the Federal Reserve Bulletin, <http://www.federalreserve.gov/pubs/bulletin/default.htm>, is also a good source of information, she added.

Most of all, she said, be an informed consumer. "As consumers become more aware and start asking questions, they will learn how to protect their consumer rights and use the information to compare credit contract and service agreements among the various offers," Granovsky said. "It's all the more reason to not have loads of credit cards and all the more reason to

be a prudent manager of not just your spending, but of your credit accounts." And remember, she said, the first right of consumers is to be informed, "and that's essential in a free-market economy."

For more information on financial issues, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to "Money."

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Rachel Gray (12) puts in two points for the Lady Lopes during last Tuesday's basketball action against Lorenzo in Antelope Arena. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Lady Lopes break For holidays with A win

The Post Lady Lopes fell behind the Lorenzo Lady Hornets early but two three point goals from Kylie Easterling brought the Lady Lopes even with the Lady Hornets 13 - 13 at the end of one quarter.

The second quarter was a defensive struggle and the Lady Lopes trailed the Lady Hornets at the half 21 to 19. Davis scored 16 of the Lady Hornets 21 points at the half. Coach White challenged Samantha Hoover to shut her down. Hoover answered the call and held Davis to 2 second half points.

With the Lady Lopes outside shooting going cold the Lady Lopes took the game inside and Jackie Hays scored 10 third quarter points to put the Lady Lopes up 33 to 32 at the end of three quarters. With Hays' dominance inside in the third quarter the Lady Hornets decided to pack the lane to stop her.

Rachel Gray answered with two three point goals to open the Lady Lope led. With the led the Lady Lopes spread their offense to force the Lady Hornets to come out. Gray finished the quarter with 10 points and the Lady Lopes went on to win the game 45 - 36.

The Lady Lopes extended their season record to 4 wins and 1 loss.

Scoring for the Lady Lopes were Rachel Gray 18, Jackie Hays 10, Kylie Easterling 10, Samantha Hoover 5, and Brenna Postell 2. Rebounds included Hoover 6, Gray 5, Postell 4, Easterling 3, Cheyenne Miller 3, Lauren Gonzales 2, and Jackie Hays 2. Defensively for the Lady Lopes Cheyenne Miller had 4 steals and Lauren Gonzales 2.

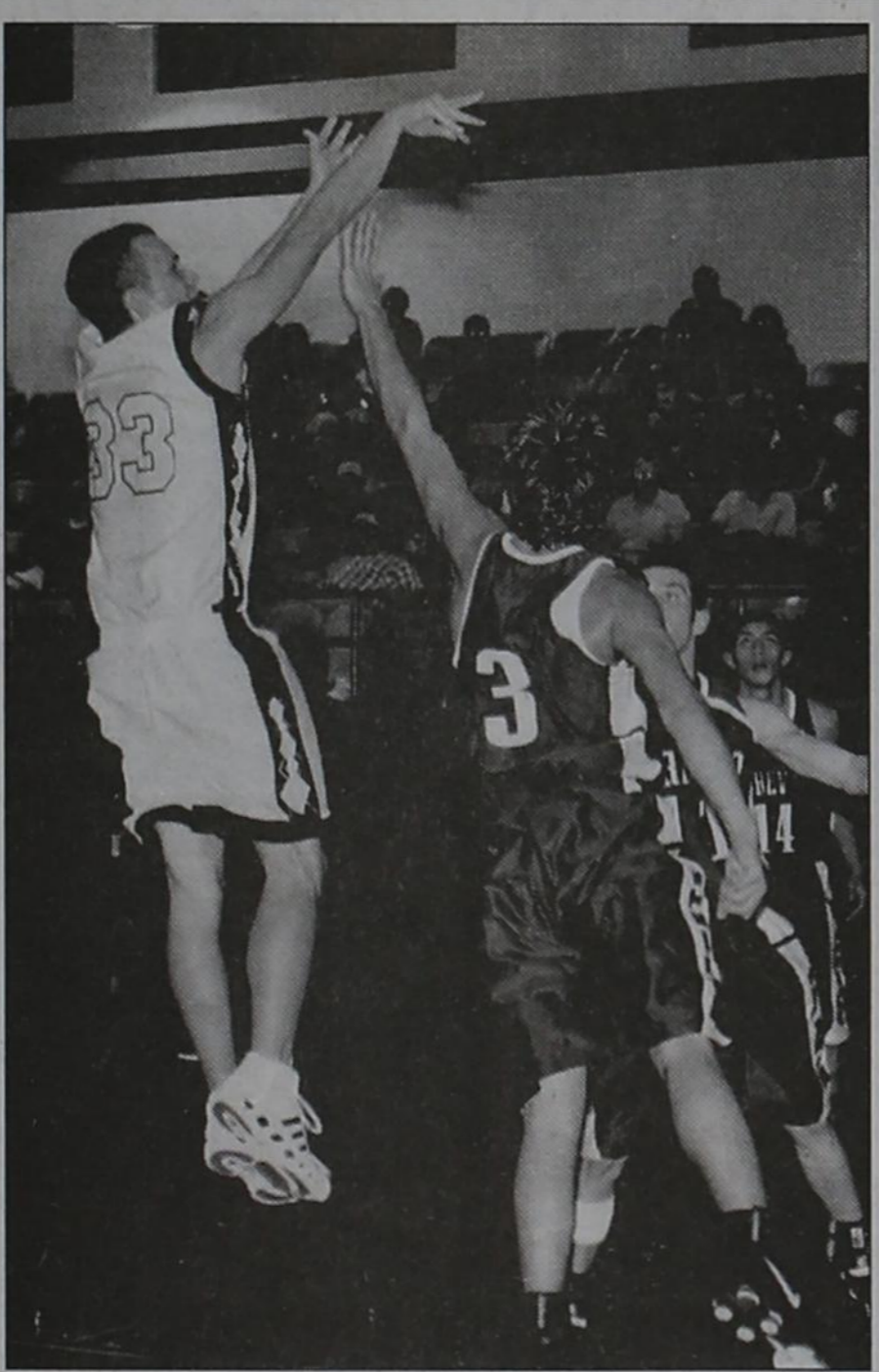
The Post Lady Lope JV extended their season record to 5 - 0 with a 31 - 9 win over the Lorenzo JV. Scoring for the Lady Lope JV were Alex Miller 6, Branda Stevens 6, Gaby Gomez 5, Sabrina Sanchez 4, Bethany Berry 2, Yesenia Gomez 2, Shawnda Wiley 2, Danica Williams, and Toni Wait 2.

JV girls down Roby, 35-18

The junior varsity Lady Lopes smacked the Roby Lady Lions JV on Friday, November 17, by a score of 35-18.

The Lady Lopes JV team is 4-0 on the season with the win.

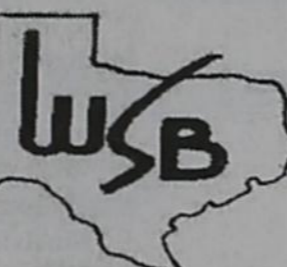
Scoring for Post were Branda Stevens, 15 points; Danica Williams, five points; Sabrina Sanchez, four; Bethany Berry, four; Whitney Williams, three; Alex Miller, two; Darlene Araiza, one; and Tony Wait, one point.



Post Antelope Colter Creech (33) leaps for a jump shot during last Tuesday's game against Lorenzo in Antelope Arena. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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Karina Lopez
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Jackie Milton
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Ebony Thompson
Morgan Williams

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Brady Branson
Austin Britton
Isaiah Flores
Leslie Gill
Landon Greer
Preslea Hall

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Victoria Hernandez
Victoria Huckaby
Martha Klassen
Morgan Lynch
Humberto Martinez
Carson Mason
Shailey Miller
Jaycee Moore
Joshua Morris
Alexis Ortiz
Victoria Portier
Courtney Ramirez
Lucas Record
Jadin Reece
Chloe Reiter
Krystal Rodriguez
Damian Rodriguez-Garcia
Isaac Soto
Elizabeth Tanner
Austin Walls
Nathan Walls
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Sagrario Alaniz
Alexis Antillon
Adryonna Armendariz
Ben Ayala
Stetson Boles
Brody Britnell
Janikah Collazo
Triana Curtis
Jose DeLuna
Kara Egan
Kevin Finch
Pablo Flores
Laurkyn Fluit
Tatiana Gomez
Victoria Gutierrez
Brody Kelso
Traven Laurence
Jayton Lewis
Jaxon Lott
Lauren Lynch
Fletcher Mashburn
Makayla Mathis
Thomas McClintock
Chase Morris
Russell Morris
Paxton Nava
Mykayla Ortiz
Kathryne Quintana
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Jonathan Shaw
Blaze Smith
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Kelcee Lewis

Brodie Cantrell
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Kelcee Lewis

Jose Mendoza
Francisco Rivera
Kyle Voigt
Tierni Crenshaw
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Jacob Harris
Kristin Lewis
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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

We had a couple of "little" visitors at the gin on Friday afternoon. Lexi and Jacob Gonzalez came by to say hello, they are the niece and nephew of G.B. and Robbie Wilke and the grandchildren of Jerry and Lilly (Wilke) Wright. Dillard Morris had his family all together for the holiday, those attending were; Jack and Jean Morris, Nancy Morris, James and Sheila Melton, Jimmy, Renea, Jarrod and Dylan Thomas, Greg, Angela and Kristen Massey and Clint and Leslie Melton. Rusty, Melanie, Russ and Jake spent the day in town with her grand-

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Holleman. David and Deana Watson had David's parents, Clyde and Beverly Watson of Abilene at their house this weekend along with Deana's daughter Brandy Gunn of Acuff. While here they enjoyed the "Elvis" act at the opening of the Tower Theatre. Clyde said if he'd had a blind fold on he wouldn't have known it wasn't Elvis himself. Den reports they had a great visit.

-Get Well Wishes-

We want the Abraham family to know that they are in our

prayers, Joe and Carmen were burned last week while trying to light a heater, Carmen is in UMC, Joe is at home. Maurice Fluit had knee surgery Monday morning in Decatur and did great. Maurice is the brother of Lucille Bush and W.O. Fluit. Lucille and Fannie Balentine are both home from the hospital and feeling good.

With a few storms coming over Monday night we measured about two tenths of rain here at the gin.

As of Tuesday morning the official bale count was 993.

I hope everyone enjoys our news each week. Be sure to call me @ 495-2753 with all of your close city news, birthdays and anniversaries or you can e-mail me at close.city.coop@pcca.com and put close city news in the subject line.

Garza County Court records

The following cases are matters of public record; information was provided by the Garza County Sheriff's Department:

- Garza County Court Nov. 2
- Bridgett Ayala, charged with theft by check, a Class A misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 30 days in the county jail and ordered to pay \$303 in court costs.
- Johnny Norris, charged with criminal trespass, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to four days in the county jail and ordered to pay \$245 in court costs.
- Justin Lamar Skarda, charged with deadly conduct, a Class A misdemeanor. Plea: no contest. Sentenced to 18 months

probation; ordered to pay a \$600 fine and court costs of \$245. Time payment fee, \$25.

- Adam Casias, charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 20 days in the county jail and ordered to pay \$303 in court costs.

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National Weather Service Nov. 28, 2006

Post:
Average high - 68.5
Average low - 42.1
Monthly average temp - 55.3
Normal temp - 51.3
Monthly total precip - 0
Normal precip - 0.89"
Year-to-date precip - 23.09"

Lake Alan Henry:
Average high - 68.5
Average low - 42.3
Monthly average temp - 55.4
Normal temp - 51.3
Monthly total precip - .02
Normal precip - 0.94"
Year-to-date precip - 25.30"

Source:
NWS Lubbock Web site



A Dwight D. Eisenhower Green Ash Tree planted in May 2001 in the southeast quadrant of the Garza County courthouse lawn recently was marked with a memorial stone dedicating the tree to all American veterans. Donating the marker were members of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post who planted the 4-foot seedling. Today, the tree stands about 10 feet high and is about two inches in diameter.
(Staff photo)

Southland FFA teams compete at Howard College

by Terrica Taylor

The Southland FFA had yet another outstanding weekend at the Area II Contest Saturday, November 18 at Howard College in Big Spring.

The junior quiz team of Jared Rackler, Courtney Rackler, Shelby Farquhar and Journey Zeleznikar won 1st place once again.

Individually J. Rackler was 1st high followed by C. Rackler in second and Farquhar in 3rd.

The senior team of Terrica Taylor, Kaylee Farquhar, Mackenzy Buckner, Bianca Abraham, Anna Crenshaw and Kelli Martin came out of the district in second place but went on to beat their opponents from Klondike in area.

Individually Taylor was 1st, Farquhar in 3rd and Abraham in 5th. Taylor also went on to a third place finish in senior creed.

Both of the quiz teams will compete at the state level on Saturday, December 2 at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.

Letters to the Editor

Letters must be signed by the writer. Editor reserves right to edit for brevity, grammar, libel and accuracy. Letters are published at the sole discretion of the editor.

Old Time Post City Settlers

I heard of Post City long before I came to West Texas. My Uncle Owen came to West Texas when the rest of our clan lived in Bell County.

I have no idea why he settled in Post City for a short time. He tried to make us believe that's where Post Toasties came from. With his dry sense of humor, we took it with a grain of salt. He also told us about Post City living right under the caprock and the sand just poured straight down upon the town. I envisioned the town to sit right under a cliff that went straight up. And the fact that the hill was so steep that Model T Fords, with gravity flow of gas, could not climb the hill at all without backing up the hill. That, to me, sounded fairly reasonable as I knew only enough about cars to be dangerous.

Imagine my surprise when I moved to West Texas and most all of his stories were hogwash. I knew little about Post City as I came to Levelland when I got out of the Navy after World War II. In time, I read up on how Post City became to be known only as Post, how Mr. C.W. Post tried to make it rain with loud booms among the clouds and other feats and stories of him. I am sure he really put his "city" on the maps.

Being one of what was known as a cult of music lovers called "hillbillies," I was amazed that one of my favorites, Floyd Tillman, was raised in post and became a famous songwriter and a good guitarist, but kinda lacking on the singing, even though his style was famous for that.

I'll never forget what a pianist by the name of Bernie Howell told about Floyd. Howell had a 15-minute program on a new TV station in Lubbock. As Bernie told it on himself, story went like this: "Years ago, a red-headed ol' boy musician hitchhiked from Post to Lubbock and came to him and asked him to write the music to a song he had just written. I read it over and told him I was busy and didn't have time for it. I found out later that the ol' red-haired boy was Floyd Tillman and the song he had written was 'It Makes No Difference Now.'" Once Tex Ritter, in a cowboy movie, sang that song from a jail cell and it made Floyd a household name with us Hillbillies. Floyd died several years ago at the age of 88.

How many of you in Post knew Floyd?

I have been in Post many times for plays, rodeos, art shows, museums, ranches and the Post Old Mill Trade Days. Not to leave out the citizens that have made Post what it is today... a progressive small town. May it continue to be the interesting town that it is.

Ray D. Tyler
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10 Years Ago November 27, 1996

Post resident Melvin Britton was one of a handful of area Army reservists who headed for active duty in Bosnia. Britton, who was employed as a deputy with the Lubbock County Sheriff's Department, served as a medic.

The Southland Eagles remain a team to contend with in the Six-Man State Championship race following a 60-52 victory over Balmorhea in Stanton. Overseeing the construction of the

new 48-bed juvenile center was a five-member board appointed by the county commissioners. Board members for the non-profit corporation included Sherri Pollard, Victory Ashley, Janie Lopez, Drew Kirkpatrick and Bob Macy, chairman.

Post High School Antelopes selected to the Academic All-District Football team were Jeremy Josey, Roy Perez, Todd Terry and Jay Childers.

20 Years Ago November 26, 1986

"My Three Angels," a three-act sentimental comedy designed and directed by Will McCrary would be the first production staged in the newly renovated Garza Theatre.

Verna Roberts was honored with a surprise 90th birthday party at the Senior Citizens Center. Approximately 200 guests were registered and served birthday cake.

Jim Rainbolt of Post, a freshman student at Western Texas College, was named best actor at the American College Theatre Festival held in El Paso.

Placing first in the Fall Invitational Karate Tournament held in Lubbock were Riley Feagin and Todd Terry, 7-9 year old division; Dustin Massey, 12-13 division; Daniel Freeman, 14-15 division; Rodney Guthrie, 16-17 and in the beginners women's division was Deborah Martinez.

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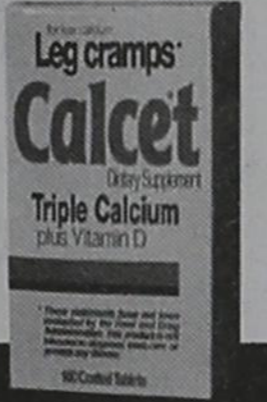
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December 2, 1976

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Between 450 and 500 persons received immunization for Swine Flu at the Post Community Center.

Elected as class favorites of Post High School seniors for 1976 were Karen Williams and Matt Allison.

The No. 3 state-ranked Ozona Lions controlled both offense and defense most of the game to hand Coach Jackie Brown's Post Antelopes a 30 to 14 defeat in their regional playoff clash in Odessa's W. T. Barrett stadium.

Thurman Maddox had the perfect "2 in 1 egg." He acquired 14 chickens, crosses between a White Rock and a Rhode Island Red, that layed extra, extra large eggs, and "double yolker" to boot. The eggs were monstrous, measuring eight and one-half inches over the pointed end and seven inches around the middle.

40 Years Ago

December 1, 1966

The Post High School boys' sextet presented the program at the Post Lions Club's ladies' night meeting, with Tom Harmon in charge of the program. The sextet, composed of Clyde Cash, Davis Heaton, Paul Harmon, Billy Jack Hodges, Mike Scott and J. O. Smith, was accompanied by its director, Georgie M. Willson.

Supt. Bill Shiver announced The First National Bank sponsored a fancy new electric scoreboard for the high school gym.

The Iowa Park Hawks defeated the Post Antelopes, 41 to 14 in Wichita Falls for the regional title. Both Post touchdowns

were scored by senior end Roy Sappington on passes, one from Duke Altman and the other from Dick Kennedy, with Paul Walker kicking the points-after.

The Rev. George L. Miller was installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McCampbell announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Judy McCampbell to Jerry Elmo Bush. Mr. Bush is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Bush.

50 Years Ago

November 29, 1956

On the basis of meter connections both within and outside the city limits, Post's population was 4,145 - an increase of seven over the 4,138 estimated for August of 1955.

Receiving the prized Gold Star Boy and Girl pins were Tommy Young and Linda Livingston at the 4-H Achievement Day program.

Franleigh Fashions, owned by Mrs. Hazel Greer and her sister, Mrs. Reba Driver, announced their grand opening. The owners had completely remodeled the building, located on Main Street. In a ceremony read in the Church of the Nazarene, Miss Barbara Keeton and

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Lyndell McDaniels exchanged wedding vows. The Rev. Mrs. C. B. Keeton, pastor of Odessa First Church of the Nazarene and aunt of the bride, officiated for the single ring service.

The Post Junior Chamber of Commerce's second turkey shoot resulted in the giving away of seven turkeys. Guy Floyd rated as a sharp-shooter by winning two of the turkeys awarded.

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- 39 TXism: "wobbles like a ___"
- 41 roof supports
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- 1 TXism for big problems (3 wds.)
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- 25 UT science credit
- 26 Fort Worth's ___ Carter Museum of Western Art
- 27 grape plants
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- 40 TX comedienne & actress Burnett
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- 47 water ___ (toilet)

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FALL FEVER
Seasonal I

It's time for FALL... falling leaves, falling seeds and falling temperatures.

In Greek mythology, Hoari, aka "The Hours" were the beautiful daughters of Zeus. These goddesses were the handmaidens of the sun, guiding in the seasons.

Many seeds ripen and travel in the fall. Carried by the breeze, rolling away or hitching a ride on man or beast, seeds prepare for a winter rest.

The changing seasons are caused by the 23.5 degree tilt of the earth as it travels around the sun. Each loop takes one year. When the North Pole is tilted towards the sun we get summer, when the North Pole is tilted away from the sun we have winter.

The Autumn Equinox (Sept. 22-23) is when the sun is directly over the equator causing the earth to have equal hours of night & day.

WHY DO LEAVES FALL?

Leaves are the food factories for a plant. In the fall, cells in the leaves block water, causing the leaf to dry out. Without water the part of the plant that makes a leaf green, **chlorophyll**, begins to break down. Without chlorophyll, orange, red and yellow pigments become visible giving us beautiful fall foliage.

Hey, where did everybody go?

In cold temperatures, fallen leaves bring comfort and shelter to small animals and a decaying leaf will fertilize the soil for spring plants.

"Fall"-y Word Wonders

Read the hints and fill in the missing letters:

1. Fall_c_ - an untrue idea
2. Fal_e_ - opposite of true
3. Fall_w_ - an idle field
4. Fall_u_ - radioactive materials
5. Fal_o_ - bird of prey
6. Fal_e_ - to waver, unsteady
7. Fall_n_s_a_ - meteor
8. Fall_u_ - someone to blame
9. Fall_b_e_ - makes mistakes
10. Fal_e_t_ - high voice

SHINE ON HARVEST MOON

The full moon that is closest to the Autumn Equinox is said to be a Harvest Moon. Good for trick-or-treaters on Halloween night or farmers working late to bring in the harvest before the first winter frost.

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