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County Judge Giles W. Dalby

## Judge Dalby earns Judicial Award

It seems only fitting that Garza County Judge Giles W. Dalby was the first recipient of the Giles W. Dalby Award for Judicial Leadership.

Dalby, who will retire at the end of the year after 34 years of service to Garza County residents, was presented with the award at a Nov. 16 reception dinner for retiring county judges hosted by the Texas Association of Counties and the Texas Judicial Academy.

The award was established to recognize Dalby's "character, integrity and service to the judiciary, county government and community," according to the wording on the plaque awarded to the judge.

During his more than three decades of community service, Dalby has held leadership roles in several organizations, including past president of the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association and the Texas Association of Counties, as well as chair of the Texas County and District Retirement System and the Judicial Education Committee.

In 2004 he was awarded TAC's Trailblazer Award.

"From his early days in office when he personally defended county government on the steps of the Capitol during the constitutional convention of 1974, he remained an active leader," Sam Seale, TAC executive director, said during the reception. "He has served as a role model, mentor, supporter and friend to us all and indeed, set the standard for this important public service.... We felt there would be no better way to demonstrate our deep-felt appreciation and admiration for him than to make sure that the role he has established in his service remain a goal for county judges in the future."

Dalby will retire as the longest-tenured constitutional county judge in the state.

## Local search for missing woman rescheduled for this weekend

by Sheri Lewis

Inclement weather conditions forced the postponement of last weekend's local search for a missing Lubbock woman, but the promise of warmer temperatures Saturday has prompted organizers to reschedule the event.

Gary Pringle of Lubbock, who has extensive experience as a private investigator, is organizing the search that will begin at 11 a.m. in the Post City Park - weather permitting. Volunteers are needed to help search up to three areas of Garza County.

"If I have two (volunteers) I'm going to search," Pringle said

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## Local men arrested in November burglaries

Two local men were arrested on Thanksgiving Day in connection with a pair of burglaries that occurred the same week.

Officials with the Garza County Sheriff's Department arrested Owen Gilbert Jr., 21, of Post and Preston Scott Washington, 18, who claims Post and Lubbock as his home. The arrests were made as a result of evidence recovered at the scenes, Deputy Tommy Binford said.

On Nov. 21, personnel with the Phillips 66 Grubs #2 reported a burglary. Large amounts of food products and Carmex lip balm were taken, Binford said. Entry was gained by force.

Early on Thanksgiving, a plate glass window was broken, allowing entry into the local Radio Shack. Watches, speakers, MP3 players, cell phones, an electric guitar and \$300 in cash were taken. The burglary was discovered the same day.

Both burglaries were reported to the sheriff's department, and by noon on Thanksgiving one of the individuals believed to have been involved was in custody. He confessed to both incidents, as well as a break-in at the Phillips 66 that occurred in June, Binford said.

Three hours later, the second individual was arrested.

Most of the property taken in the burglaries was recovered.

## Two juveniles arrested for vandalism at gins

A pair of local youths was arrested late last month in connection with vandalism and a burglary that occurred Nov. 4 at the Graham and Close City gins.

The males, ages 14 and 16, were taken into custody by Garza County Sheriff's Department officials on Nov. 21 and were being held in the juvenile detention facility, according to reports. The names of the teens were not released because of their ages.

The arrests were made as a result of tips called in to the sheriff's department, Deputy Tommy Binford said.

On the morning of Nov. 4 Close City Co-op Gin personnel went to work to find substantial damage. Using a forklift, vandals had picked up a four-wheeler and dropped it on its side and the forklift's forks were jammed into the smaller vehicle. The four-wheeler then was rammed



Brandy Benavides (right) unleashes a hand full of snow during a light-hearted snow fight with his friend Isaac Perez (left) last Friday evening on Avenue F. Brandy is the son of Ed and Patricia Sanchez. Isaac is the son of Maria and Chris Perez. Other children enjoying the snow with the two boys were Sandy Benavides, Ed Sanchez and Anthony Perez.

(Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

into the side of the wood-frame office, causing damage to the wall and the window.

Grounded pipes that serve as part of the gin's scales were damaged, and a wheelbarrow was flattened. Also, a pipe that extends through the air from the gin to the burr house was pulled apart. Gin workers found one of the forklifts still running when they arrived.

Binford said the amount of damage done to the Close City facility qualified as a felony criminal mischief, a state-jail felony.

At the Graham Gin office, a satellite office of the Slaton Co-op, all of the office windows were knocked out. A computer, television set, copy machine and

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## Post Notes

### Santa letters deadline December 13

Santa letters due at The Post Dispatch no later than Wednesday, December 13, 5 p.m. Use the front door mail slot after hours.

### Play-off game at Antelope Stadium

There will be a 6-Man State Semi-final football play-off game between Jayton and Whitharral at the Post Antelope Football Stadium on Saturday, 7 p.m.

### Santa Claus to visit VFW post

Santa will arrive Saturday, December 9th at the VFW post on the Clairmont Highway. Bring your kids and your camera this Saturday from 2-4 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Santa will hand out bags to the little ones.

### VFW ladies and men to meet Monday

The ladies and men of the VFW Post 6797 will meet on Monday, December 11 at the post. Ladies will meet at 6 p.m., followed by the men's meeting at 7 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

### Elementary to host Science Fair

Post Elementary will host its Science Fair Tuesday, December 12, beginning at 6 p.m. in the elementary school gym. The public is invited to drop in and view student projects.

### Holiday musical set December 12

The Post Elementary School Music Department will offer its annual Christmas musical in performances set for 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school auditorium. This year's musical will feature fourth and fifth grade students in the play "Christmas on Candy Cane Lane." The public is invited to attend.

### 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.

### 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 December 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.

### Middle school students organize toy drive

Students involved in the Post Middle School National Junior Honor Society and Student Council have organized a Toys for Tots drive,

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Porter Hardware's lighted float entry took first place in the Business Division at last Saturday's Post Commerce & Tourism

Bureau sponsored Lighted Christmas Parade. Enjoying the briskly cold evening were Jason Porter (left), Donna Porter and Drew Porter. (Photo by Jackie Miner)



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And a Great BIG thank you goes to the 22 wonderful entries which made our parade such a huge success!

**Winners**

- Business Division:**
- Best of Show (\$185), Porter Hardware
  - Most Original (\$150), United Supermarket
- Organizations Division:**
- Best of Show (\$185), Daisy Girl Scouts
  - Most Original (\$150), Post FFA
- Novelty/Individual Division:**
- Best of Show (\$185), Cinderella Carriage
  - Most Original (\$150), Mom's Float

Winner of the \$150 Post City Merchants window display:  
• Porter Hardware

A special thanks goes to Sharon Simmonds, Alton Frazier, Jay Young, Donna Degan, Greg Tidmore, Darla Frazier and the Post High School Band, Aaron Rathbun director.

Thanks Again ... Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau

**This Week In Post City**

by Rosa Latimer

**'TIS THE SEASON**

The Christmas season has officially begun for me. Christmas decorating is done and I've seen "A Charlie Brown Christmas" for perhaps the 30<sup>th</sup> time! There is nothing more poignant than when Linus steps into the spotlight on the school auditorium stage and explains the meaning of Christmas... by quoting scripture. This favorite scene certainly dates the cartoon. I'm not sure this could happen on a school stage in 2006.

Another lesson from the Charlie Brown Christmas special: You'll remember the very sparse, neglected Christmas tree that Charlie Brown picks. The other kids decide that with a little love and attention, the tree can be transformed. Sure enough...that made all the difference. Let's make an effort to be especially mindful of fellow human beings during this time of year who might also be transformed by some love and attention.

**TRADITION OF THE CANDY CANE**

I've been doing a little reading about our Christmas traditions and it is interesting to me that many of these originated in Germany.

For example, legend tells us that the candy cane was first introduced in Germany in the 1670s.

A choirmaster handed out "sugar sticks" to keep the children quiet during the long Christmas Eve service. He bent the sticks to make them look like a shepherd's crook. At this time the candy canes were white. The first record of candy canes in our country was in the 1840s when a German American immigrant in Ohio decorated his house with the white candy.

I didn't find information on when the red stripes were added to the candy canes, but one reference states that "all pictures from the 19<sup>th</sup> Century show the white candy canes," but pictures after 1900 show the red stripes. It is most likely at this time that spearmint and wintergreen flavoring was added to the candy.

Now candy canes are available in many different colors and flavors yet after many, many years the red & white candy remains a favorite for decoration, stocking stuffers and a holiday treat!

**HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS IN POST**

Don't forget the Annual Community Sing at the First United Methodist Church, December 13 at 7:00 pm. This is an inspirational event and a traditional part of the holiday season in our community. Another annual Christmas tradition in Post is the exhibit at the OS Museum, 201 E. Main Street. Museum hours are Monday - Saturday, 10 am to Noon and 1 pm to 5 pm.

Why not join in the fun at one of the theaters on Main Street? "Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street" will continue at the Garza Theatre, 8 pm December 8 & 9 and 15 & 16. This classic story about the Christmas season is a favorite and the production at the Garza is a crowd-pleaser. Call 495-4005 for reservations.

The line up at the Tower is awesome: Tribute to Neil Diamond, December 6-10; Frank Sinatra December 20-24; Tony Bennett December 27-31; and Kenny Rogers January 3-7. All of these perfor-

mances will be first-class impersonators and will continue the high-quality precedence set by the Viva Las Vegas tribute to Elvis Thanksgiving weekend. Call 990-2133 for reservations.

We attended the Elvis tribute and thoroughly enjoyed the performance and the stunning new interior of the theater. A big part of the fun was sharing the evening with so many Post friends and neighbors!

**IN THE NEWS**

Post is featured in an article, "Hit the Road," in the December issue of *Texas Co-op Power* magazine. The article, by author June Naylor, briefly describes interesting towns along a 110-mile stretch of Hwy. 84 from Muleshoe to Post. Ms. Naylor is very complimentary of

Post and a few of its highlights: Garza Theatre, Holly's Drive In and Hotel Garza.

**QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK**

"I stopped believing in Santa Claus when my mother took me to see him in a department store, and he asked for my autograph!" - Shirley Temple

"Somehow not only for Christmas but all the long year through, the joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you. And the more you spend in blessing the poor and lonely and sad, the more of your heart's possessing returns to make you glad." - Poet John Greenleaf Whittier

*That's it for this week in Post City!*

**Post Notes**

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collecting new and good, used toys. The organizations are working in conjunction with the Post Lions Club Toys for Tots drive, which will provide toys for local children. Toys will be collected at the school through Monday, December 11; after that time, toys should be dropped off at Rick & Carolyn's. Sponsors for the event include Gini LaDue, Nonnie Peters and Pam Humble.

**Retirement reception planned**

There will be a retirement reception honoring Justice of the Peace, Shelia Melton and Garza County Judge, Giles W. Dalby on December 17 from 1-3 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Trailblazers Center.

**Elementary awards assembly set Dec. 19**

Post Elementary will conduct an awards assembly at 10 a.m., December 19 in the school auditorium. Winners of the elementary school science fair, as well as winners from the district UIL meet conducted in Idalou, will be recognized during the assembly. The public is invited to attend.

**Old Mill Trade Days Angel Tree**

Old Mill Trade Days still has some angels on its tree! If you'd like to participate please come by the Trade Days office, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Friday 12/8, and pick the name of a child in Garza County who could use something special for Christmas. Bring presents for the angels to the office for distribution no later than December 15. 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. 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.

**Need volunteers for special projects**

There seems to be a constant need in our community for volunteers. If you or your organization are looking for volunteers, send us an e-mail with a contact name, phone number and description of the volunteer duties and we'll add them to our list for publication. Email to postcitydispatch@yahoo.com.

**Post Dispatch holiday schedule**

The annual "Merry Christmas" edition of The Post Dispatch will be published Thursday, December 21, with a deadline of Friday, December 15 for Santa letters and Christmas greeting ads. Call Jackie Miner at 495-2816 for Christmas greeting selections. Deadline for the December 28 edition will be Tuesday noon, December 26. The deadline for January 4 edition will be Tuesday noon, January 2.

**EMT classes to begin in January**

The EMT basic class will be offered beginning in January. All interested should call Rodney at 495-1813.

**Brisket plates on sale this Saturday**

Bethel Assembly will be selling brisket plate dinners from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 9 at the school cafeteria. Plates are \$6 and include brisket, potato salad, beans, bread, and drink.

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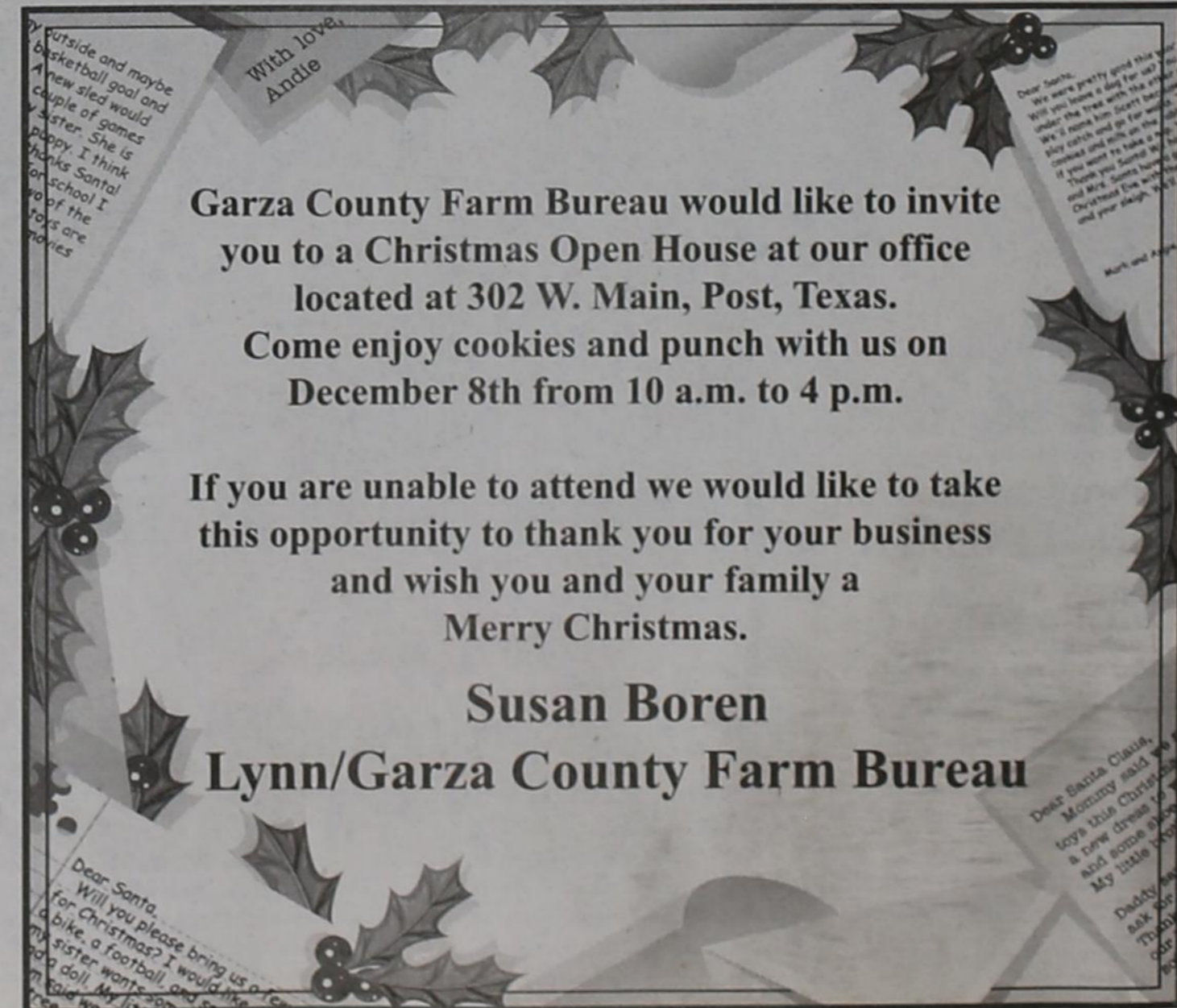
fax machine inside the office were destroyed and a soft drink vending machine was vandalized. Soft drinks were thrown all over the office area, and the office was burglarized, according to reports.

The damage at Graham also was discovered on the morning of Nov. 4.

Garza County Farm Bureau would like to invite you to a Christmas Open House at our office located at 302 W. Main, Post, Texas. Come enjoy cookies and punch with us on December 8th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you are unable to attend we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your business and wish you and your family a Merry Christmas.

Susan Boren  
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The Daisy Girl Scouts wave at onlookers during last Saturday's "Lighted" Christmas Parade on Main Street. The Daisies was awarded the Best Show in the Organizations Division. (Staff photo by Jackie Miner)



This "Cinderella's Carriage" won an award at last Saturday's Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau sponsored "Lighted Christmas Parade." Parade organizers were unable to identify the organization sponsoring the float. (Photo by Jackie Miner)

## Christmas parade draws 22 entries

A total of 22 entries made up the 2006 Lighted Christmas Parade that took place Saturday.

Winners in the Business Division were Porter Hardware, Best of Show, and United, which won Most Original.

In the Organization Division, Best of Show went to Daisy Girl Scouts, while the Post FFA entry took the award for Most Original.

In the Novelty/Individual competition, Best of Show went to Cinderella Carriage, while Most Original went to Zina's Moms Float.

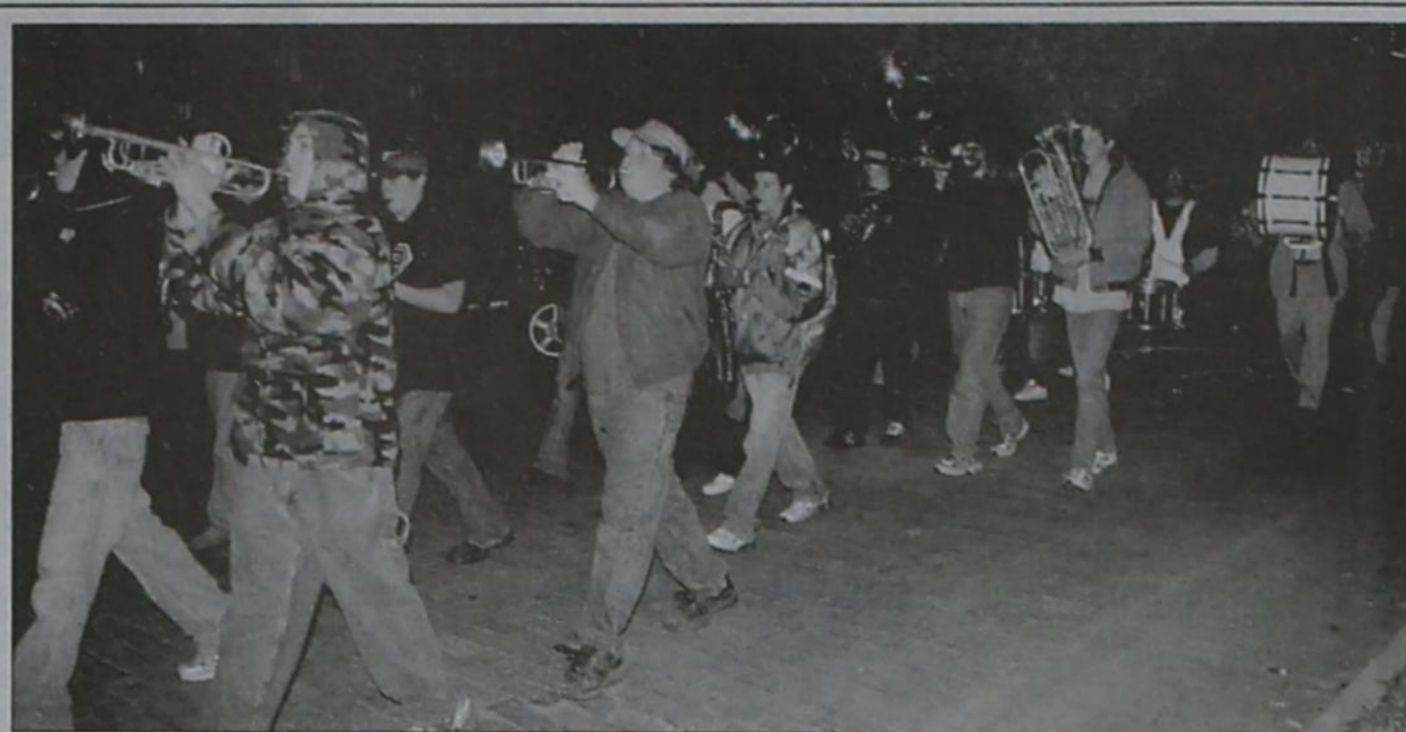
Best of Show winners each received a cash prize of \$185, while Most Original winners received \$150 prizes.

Winner of the \$150 Post City Merchants window display contest was Porter Hardware.

The Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau would like to extend its thanks to all businesses that helped make the parade a success, including Wells Fargo Bank, Excel Utilities, Citizens Bank, United Supermarket, OS Museum, Hotel Garza Bed & Breakfast, Sonic, Post Auto Parks/Radio Shack, McDon-

alds, Twins Fashions, Plum Crazy, Best Western, Rockin' K, Hudman's Furniture and Brady's Package Store.

Special thanks also goes out to Sharon Simmonds, Alton Frazier, Jay Young, Donna Degan, Greg Tidmore, Darla Frazier and Aaron Rathbun and his Post Marching Band.



Several members of the Pride of Post Marching Band provides delightful music during last Saturday's "Lighted" Christmas Parade. (Staff photo by Jackie Miner)

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Luke 5:15 ...and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities.

Jesus is the same today as He was when we read of Him in the bible. He is still The Healer! If you are sick, in any sort of pain or just want to know more about what the bible has to say about divine healing, don't miss these two powerful sessions. Prayer for the sick will be offered to those in need.



**Help Santa Out!**

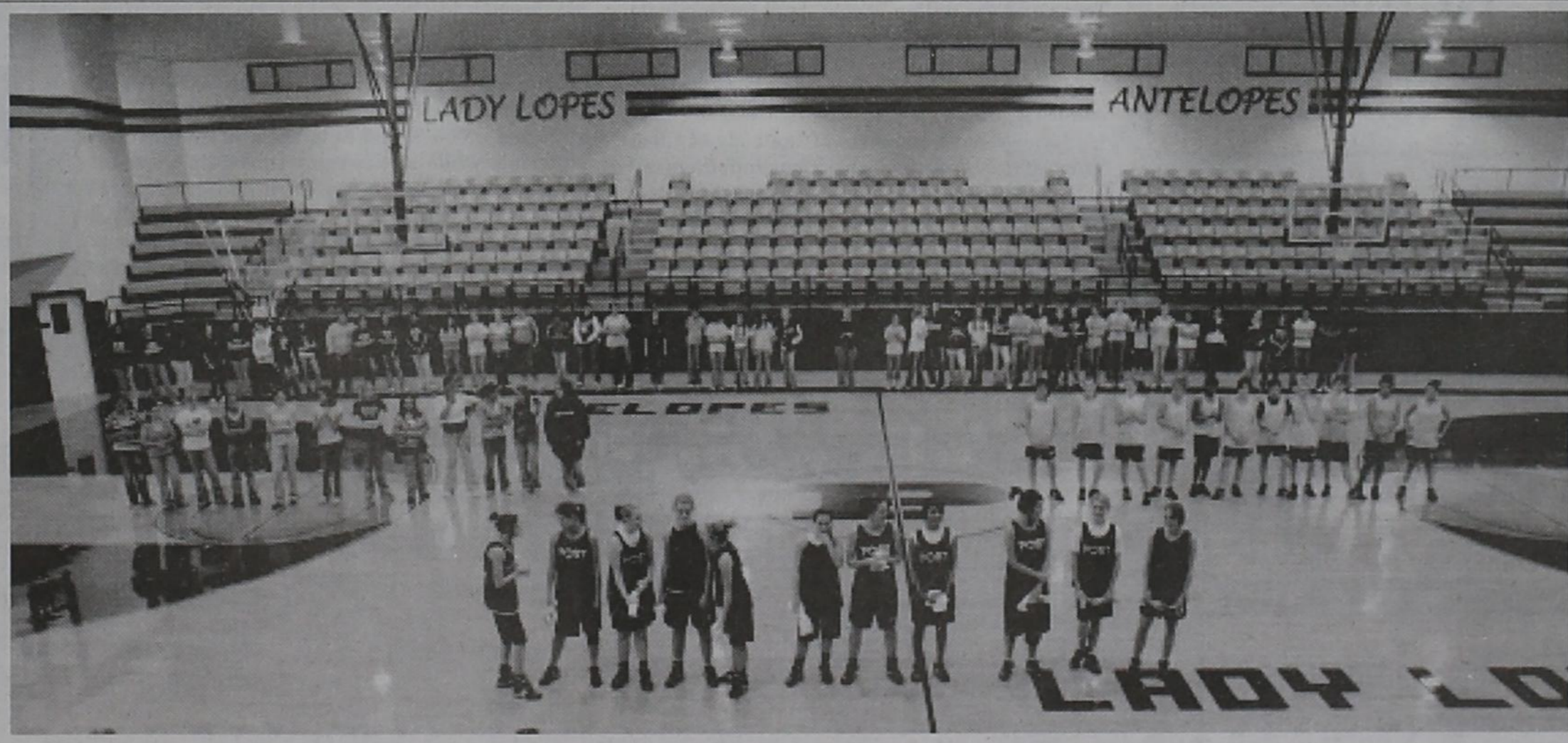
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earns LCU Degree**

Ricky Abraham-Alvarez recently graduated at Lubbock Christian University Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies in Secondary Education, Spanish and History.

He is the son of Betty and Raymond Garza and the grandson of Gloria Abraham and the late Abel Abraham.

The graduate is teaching at Lubbock High School and is continuing work on a Master's Degree.



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# Obituaries

## Molly Conoly Perkins

Mass for Molly Conoly Perkins, 75, of Post will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006, in the St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Lubbock with Father Gerard Kenney officiating. Burial will follow in the Terrace Cemetery in Post under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

An evening prayer service is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at the funeral home. She died Monday, Dec. 4, at her home.

Born to R.B. and Beatrice Dodson on March 2, 1931, in Houston, she worked as a bank teller for many years prior to her retirement. She married Lynwood Perkins on Sept. 9, 1997, in Rogers City, Mich. She was a Catholic.

Survivors include her husband, Lynwood Perkins of Post; two sons, David Conoly of White River and Marty Conoly of San Antonio; two daughters, Pam Kennedy of Vernon and Cindy Pruitt of Lubbock; one brother, Randall Boyd Dodson of Post; one sister, Agness Jackson of South Carolina; an aunt, Juanita Peel of Post; and an uncle, Chester Morris of Post.

## Billy Louise Altman

Services for Billy Louise Altman, 87, formerly of Post, were conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 4, 2006, in the First United Methodist Church in Tulia with the Rev. Kay Reed officiating. Burial followed in the Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of the Kornerstone Funeral Directors.

She died Friday, Dec. 1, in Amarillo.

She married Daniel Altman on April 3, 1941, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Judy Clark of Happy; one son, Danny Altman of Tulia; one sister, Ruth Stone of Donna; six grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church, 119 N. Briscoe, Tulia, TX 79088.



## Pauline F. Helms

Services for Pauline F. Helms, 97, were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006, in the Weathersbee-Ray Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Cottonwood Cemetery.

She died Saturday, Dec. 2, in a Lubbock hospital.

Born March 24, 1909, to Walter and Ella P. (Jacobs) McWilliams, she married John Calvin Helms on Dec. 3, 1936, in Roby. He was a pioneer rancher who took his family to various ranches throughout Texas. She was a seamstress and worked in an upholstery shop in Rotan. She also enjoyed quilting. She lived in Rotan until 1980 when she moved to Sweetwater and then to Post in 2001. She was a Christian.

Survivors include two grandchildren, Stanley Howie and his wife, Donna, of Lubbock and Tricia Metsgar and her husband, Ronnie, of Post; four great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1971; her parents; one daughter, Christine Howie; one son-in-law, Bill Howie; five brothers and sisters; and one great-grandson, Scott Metsgar.

# Extension Extras

## Home for the Holidays 2006

The Scurry/Garza County 2006 Home for the Holidays will be held on Thursday, December 7th at the Manhattan Hotel on the square in Snyder starting at 6:30p.m. Hackfeld's, Whistle Stop, Brenda's Floral, Classic Interiors, Friendly Floral, and Scrapping the Moments, all of Snyder, are all going to have tables set up with Holiday d\*cor and gifts that will be available in their stores. There will also be live cooking demonstrations done by Nancy McDonald, the Garza County Extension Agent, and Meredith Henry the Scurry County Extension Agent. The cost of \$6.00 will include a new 2006 cookbook developed by the Garza and Scurry County Extension Agents. To reserve your spot please call the Garza County Extension Office at 495-4400. Join us for the celebration, education, and good foods!

## 4-H Christmas Tour

Garza County 4-H'ers 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.....

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## On God's Word

By Timothy W. Burnett

### Suffer with the suffering members ... 1 Corinthians 12:14-27

Last week we looked at 1 Corinthians 12:14 -27 and learned more about the one body of Christ. According to verse 25 there should be no schism in the body of Christ and the members should have the same care for each other. When one member suffers, all the members will suffer with it. If one member is honored, then all the members will rejoice with it.

There are many examples in today's life that can be applied to the above scripture. I would like to bring up one area in particular. That involves government officials in a country of free people like the United States of America. Within the body of Christ there may be people who serve in government positions whether elected or appointed.

Christians in government positions may lose track of their underlying responsibilities and authorities. Soon they make decisions and pass laws that are unconstitutional and against the law of the land. More often than not, they do it for what seems to be good causes. Among the masses of people in Texas and the United States there are many who stand firmly against government officials who break the law of the land. In the end, the government officials start to feel as if they are being attacked and persecuted.

Here we have members of the body of Christ. Some serve in government positions and others serve to question, scrutinize and even squash unlawful legislation and enforcement. In the end, Christian government officials are seen to be suffering. What typically happens is the church will act on God's word and help them endure their suffering, while at the same time rally around the officials' unlawful decisions. This is not necessarily the best option.

You see, the suffering government officials, often

the suffering upon themselves because of their own unlawful actions or legislative decisions. It is possible for the other members to suffer with the suffering officials, while at the same time not condone their actions or decisions.

In all areas of life, the members of the body of Christ can make wrong or hazardous decisions that result in others standing against them and even seeking to punish them. Yes, this can happen to Christians. It is especially tempting to make mistakes when given the power of State and local government. With good intentions, they believe a good cause is served by using the power of the State to legislate and enforce rules for areas that may or may not be against God's will. While there are many people who like the codes that regulate underlying constitutional rights, there are many other Christians who stand and speak out against the same regulations.

This puts the body of Christ in an interesting situation. Christians in government positions can become targets of heavy scrutiny and even law suits. They become the suffering party. Yet spiritually there is not a conflict when applying 1 Corinthians 12:14 -27. In the body of Christ it is possible for the members to suffer with the suffering officials and help them to endure the suffering, while at the same time help them to see their error as well as learn and grow more and more in the Lord.

Although we focused on the area of government officials, this is true for all areas of life. God's people can easily make decisions and do things that result in their own suffering. With God's love, grace and mercy, we can still suffer with them with out condoning their actions that lead to the suffering.

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# Opinions



## The passing of a giant

by Walter E. Williams

Nobel Laureate and Professor Milton Friedman, at age 94, succumbed to heart failure on Nov. 16. While the man is gone, those of us who hold personal liberty as society's highest end will always remember his steadfast support of the principles of personal liberty.

Professor Friedman, above all, was an economist's economist. During his professional life, his research on statistical techniques, consumption behavior and monetary theory became part and parcel of today's accepted wisdom among economists. His research on monetary theory and the role of money in an economy has provided central banks worldwide with the knowledge, whether they use it or not, for monetary stability.

Professor Friedman will surely be remembered for these intellectual contributions, but what he'll be remembered for the most is his steadfast support for personal liberty. In 1947, he joined with Friedrich Hayek and 40 other free-market academics, mostly economists of international distinction, to form the Mont Pelerin Society. The Society's founding purpose was to reduce the academic isolation among liberty-oriented scholars at a time when socialism was seen as the wave of the future.

The Mont Pelerin Society now boasts more than 500 members worldwide, eight of whom have been Nobel Laureates. I'm proud to be a member.

Friedman's first big step into public policy issues, as an indefatigable defender of personal liberty, came in his 1962 book "Capitalism and Freedom." In it he argued that educational vouchers were the solution to poor education; free markets make racial discrimination more costly; government regulations are the primary sources for harmful monopolies; and Social Security is an unfair and unsustainable system. At the time these weren't popular ideas, even seen as heresy, but today they are much more widely accepted.

In 1980, Professor Friedman co-authored "Free to Choose" with his wife, Rose Friedman, which was written as a follow-up to his 10-part PBS series with the same name. Among the topics discussed: The Great Depression was not a failure of capitalism, as so often claimed, but a failure of government,

mainly the Federal Reserve Bank and the U.S. Congress; our welfare system creates permanent wards of the state; and we should decriminalize drugs by treating abuse as a medical problem.

Friedman made a major intellectual contribution to the formation of a voluntary army. In testimony before President Nixon's commission on eliminating the draft, General William Westmoreland said he did not want to command an army of mercenaries. Mr. Friedman interrupted, "General, would you rather command an army of slaves?" Gen. Westmoreland replied, "I don't like to hear our patriotic draftees referred to as slaves." Mr. Friedman then retorted, "I don't like to hear our patriotic volunteers referred to as mercenaries. If they are mercenaries, then I, sir, am a mercenary professor, and you, sir, are a mercenary general; we are served by mercenary physicians, we use a mercenary lawyer, and we get our meat from a mercenary butcher."

Whether one agreed or disagreed with Professor Friedman, they found him to be a friendly, witty and tolerant person. My first encounter with him occurred during the mid-1960s while I was a graduate student at UCLA and he was a visiting lecturer. I've since forgotten my statement to him during a lecture, but I recall he had patiently replied, "Walter, you don't really mean that," and proceeded to show me why.

During my guest-hosting stints on the Rush Limbaugh show, Professor Friedman was a guest on several occasions. His responses to caller questions demonstrated the real teacher in him — the ability to explain complex phenomena in a way that ordinary people can readily understand.

In terms of his scholarly output and worldwide contributions to ideas on liberty, Professor Milton Friedman was the 20th century's greatest economist.

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## End the other war too

by Sheldon Richman

The war in Iraq goes on, but we shouldn't let it overshadow the war at home — one that frequently takes the lives of people who don't deserve to die. It's known as the War on Drugs, but it's really a war on people who themselves are not making war against anyone. Too often individuals minding their own business are killed by government officers. In the name of decency, this war must end.

By now many people have heard that an 88-year-old Atlanta woman who lived alone was shot dead November 21 by police raiding her home on the basis of a confidential informant's claim that he had bought crack cocaine from a man at that location. However, according to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, the unidentified informant says the police told him after the shooting to lie about the drug buy.

Kathryn Johnston, whom the newspaper said was "described by neighbors as feeble and afraid to open her door after dark," was killed as police, executing a no-knock warrant, forcibly entered her home. Johnston fired on the men with a rusty pistol she kept for protection in her rough neighborhood, wounding three police officers. Returning the fire, the police killed Johnston. The injuries to the police were not life-threatening.

The police story has changed several times, raising serious credibility questions. For example, the police said they found narcotics in Johnston's home, but later they said they found only a small amount of marijuana, which is not regarded as a narcotic. The FBI is investigating.

This sort of thing happens all too often. As Radley Balko documents in the Cato Institute White Paper "Overkill: The Rise of Paramilitary Police Raids in America,"

"Over the last 25 years, America has seen a disturbing militarization of its civilian law enforcement, along with a dramatic and unsettling rise in the use of paramilitary police units (most commonly called Special Weapons and Tactics, or SWAT) for routine police work. The most common use of SWAT teams today is to serve narcotics warrants, usually with forced, unannounced entry into the home.

"These increasingly frequent raids, 40,000 per year by one estimate, are needlessly subjecting nonviolent drug offenders, bystanders, and wrongly targeted civilians to the terror of having their homes invaded while they're sleeping, usually by teams of heavily armed paramilitary units dressed not as police officers but as soldiers. These raids bring unnecessary violence and provocation to nonviolent drug offenders, many of whom were guilty of only misdemeanors. The raids terrorize innocents when police mistakenly target the wrong residence. And they have resulted in dozens of needless deaths and injuries, not only of drug offenders, but also of police officers, children, bystanders, and innocent suspects."

The fact is, without the War on Drugs atrocities such as the killing of Kathryn Johnston wouldn't be happening. It is the very nature of victimless crimes that pushes the police to use unscrupulous tactics. In a victimless crime, such as an illegal drug transaction, there is no complaining witness, no one with an interest in reporting the crime to the police. After all, the buyer and seller willingly participate in the transaction. Thus, the only way the police can detect the criminal activity is to set it up themselves or encourage informants. But the opportunity for corruption in these tactics is immense. For example,

informants looking for a favor from the police have an incentive to provide false information. You have only to read the newspapers to find details of corrupt law enforcement in connection with drug prohibition.

In a free society adults have the right to ingest whatever they want. It's no business of the government. But if it makes such peaceful private activity its business, law enforcement will inevitably turn to measures that jeopardize the lives of people who have harmed no one else. Let's end this madness now.

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## Monetary Inflation is the Problem

by U.S. Congressman Ron Paul

The financial press reported last week that the value of the U.S. dollar plummeted to a 14-year low against the British pound, and weakened against the Euro and Yen. Many financial analysts predict continued rough times for the dollar in 2007, given reduced expectations for economic growth at home and less enthusiasm among foreign central banks for holding U.S. debt.

This decline in the value of the dollar is simple to explain. The dollar loses value as the direct result of the Federal Reserve and U.S. Treasury increasing the money supply. Inflation, as the late Milton Friedman explained, is always a monetary phenomenon. The federal government consistently wants to spend more than it can tax and borrow, so Congress turns to the Fed for help in covering the difference. The result is more dollars, both real and electronic — which means the value of every existing dollar goes down.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke faces two basic ongoing choices: raise interest rates to prop up the dollar, but risk pushing the economy into a recession; or lower interest rates to stimulate the economy, but risk further declines in the dollar. This unfortunate dilemma is inherent with a fiat currency, however.

Of course Mr. Bernanke inherited this tightrope act from his predecessor Alan Greenspan. The Federal Reserve did two things to artificially expand the economy during the Greenspan era. First, it relentlessly lowered interest rates whenever growth slowed. Interest rates should be set by the free market, with the availability of savings determining the cost of borrowing money. In a healthy market economy, more savings equals lower interest rates. When savings rates are low, capital dries up and the cost of borrowing increases.

However, when the Fed sets interest rates artificially low, the cost of borrowing becomes cheap. Individuals incur greater amounts of debt, while businesses overextend themselves and grow without real gains in productivity. The bubble bursts quickly once the credit dries up and the bills cannot be paid.

Second, the Fed steadily increased the monetary supply throughout the 1990s

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## Charity: it's the right thing to do

by Bill O'Reilly

So what are we to make of the fact that conservative Americans donate 30 percent more to charity than liberal Americans? A new book called "Who Really Cares," by Syracuse University professor Arthur Brooks, is not going to please the Howard Dean crowd. The book states flat out that religious Americans who vote Republican are far more likely to be generous to the downtrodden than secular-progressives.

The big question is, of course, why? Liberal philosophy is all about "nurturing" people who need help. The "tax the rich" crew can't yell loud enough that more money needs to go to Americans in need. Just not their money.

That may be unfair but probably is not. The cornerstone of liberal economic thought is "income redistribution," that is big government taking assets from the affluent through taxation and giving said assets to the less well off through entitlements like subsidized health care, housing, educational scholarships and the like. The left is also big on imposed "economic justice," things like guaranteed wages and lifetime job security.

But a funny thing happened on the way to socialism. Americans who believe in "income redistribution" give 75 percent less to charity than Americans who do not, according to Dr. Brooks. That is a stunning differential.

I believe this is a religious thing. Secular-progressives believe in individual gratification, and that often takes money. Buying that jazzy new SUV and a vacation home can deplete disposable cash fast. If it's all about you — then you are thinking about you — not about poor Dave down the street.

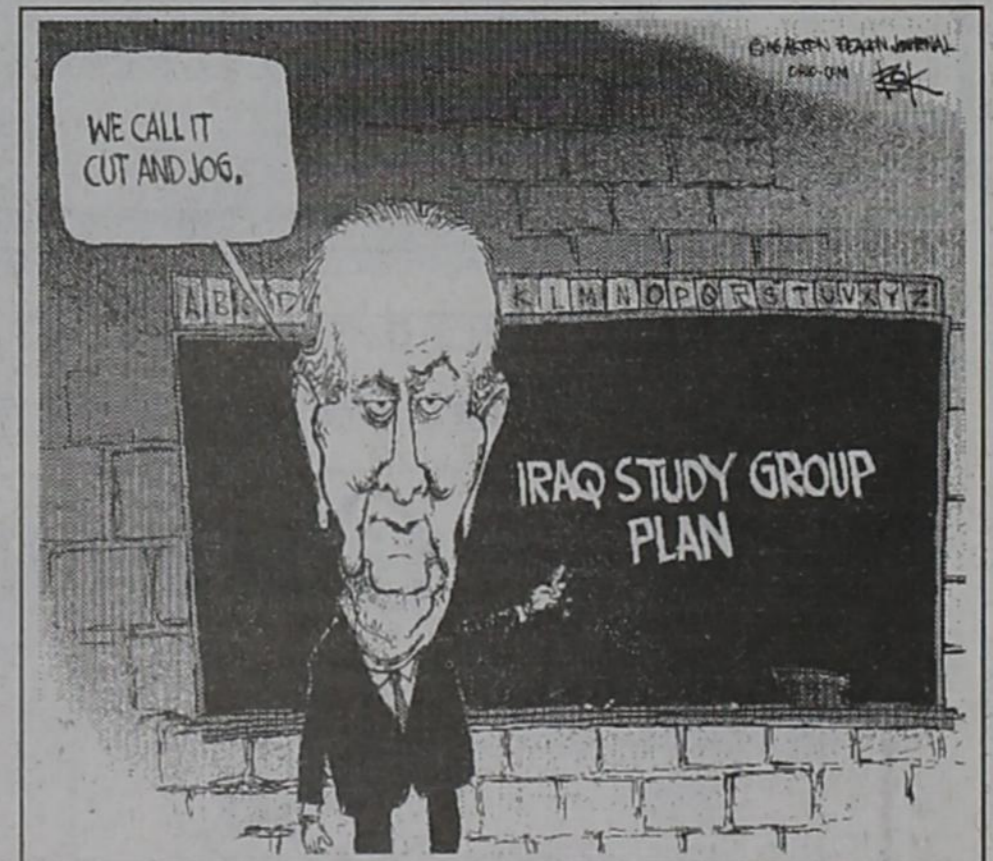
But devoted Christians, Jews and Muslims are compelled to help the poor by their beliefs. Personal gratification is not a big theme in Scripture. Jesus was a huge "help your neighbor" guy. For J.C. it is all about Dave down the street, not the latest material possession.

The statistics say that religious Americans give four times as much money to charity each year than secular people and are 23 times more likely to volunteer to help people than folks who never attend church. And here's another crushing stat: If liberals donated blood at the rate conservatives do, the nation's blood supply would rise 45 percent.

So in this season of giving, Christmas, a word some liberals don't like to say, it might be worth pondering just who is really looking out for the have nots. The leftist media often portrays conservatives as mean, cruel and insensitive to the plight of the downtrodden. But, as the tax returns of multi-millionaires Dick Cheney and Al Gore prove, the media image is false. The vice president gives millions to charity. Mr. Gore very little.

So the next time you hear a big government liberal bloviate about helping the poor, please trot out the statistics mentioned in this column. And then tell that person that in America today giving money to charity seems to be the right thing. What's left is not even close.

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by printing money. Recent Fed numbers show double-digit annual increases in the M2 money supply. These new dollars may make Americans feel richer, but the net result of monetary inflation has to be the devaluation of savings and purchasing power.

The precipitous drop in the dollar shows how investors around the globe are very concerned about American deficits and debt. When government policies in a fiat system are the sole measure of a currency's worth, the currency markets act as a reliable barometer of how those policies are viewed around the world. Politicians often manage to fool voters and the media, but they rarely fool the financial markets over time. When investors lack faith in the U.S. dollar, they really lack faith in the economic policies of the U.S. government.

Houston's Lament

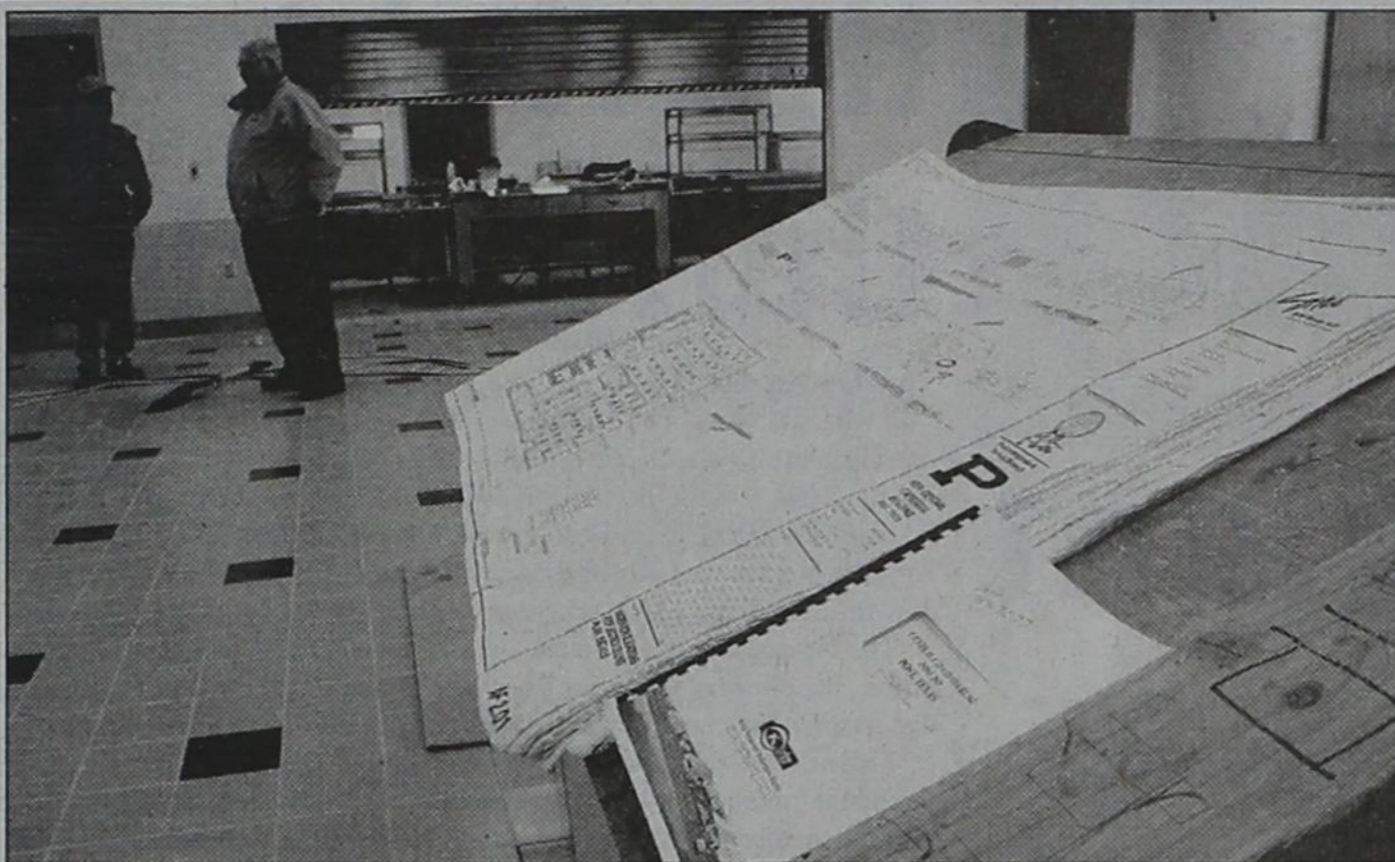
"If the principals are disregarded upon which the annexation of Texas was consummated - Louisiana was a purchase; California, New Mexico, and Utah, a conquest; but Texas was a voluntary annexation - sorrowing for the mistake she made in sacrificing her independence on the altar of her patriotism, she would unfurl again the banner of the Lone Star to the breeze and reenter upon a national career."

Sam Houston





VFW Post 6796 members donating \$750 toward the Memorial Brick Plaza, with Memorial Plaza Committee members are (back row left to right), Bo Jackson, Chuck Ratliff, Wyvonne Kennedy, Linda Puckett, J.W. Jolly and (front) Thressa Harp holding a rendition of the future plaza. According to VFW Commander Ratliff, the check will go towards the building of a special memorial for veterans who have died in action. The Memorial Plaza Committee announced it has received 203 brick requests and that 400 more are needed to start the project.



Construction of the new Post ISD cafeteria nears completion with waxed floors and new kitchen equipment making it's way into the building. The plans for the building sit in the middle of the elementary dining area as Post ISD Superintendent Marlin Marcum (back right) speaks with one of the construction workers. According to Marcum, the storm drain is currently being installed which will catch the building's rain water and carry it away under the ground. This will prevent excessive standing water. There are also plans to install a new fenced-in, black top playground area on the east side of the elementary. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

# The Post Dispatch

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

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### Deadlines:

- Wednesday Noon, December 13 for Santa Letters
- Friday Noon, December 15 for Christmas Greeting Ads

## Boys Will Be Boys...But Do You Know Why?

by Nancy McDonald  
County Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences

There's more to understanding and getting along with boys and young men than the old adage "hammers and nails and puppy dog tails." "A male's way of thinking, emotional processing and physiological characteristics influence his behavior and relationships," said Steve Talbert, counselor with the Lubbock Independent School District.

"Recognizing this can help you work better with the young men in your life, in home, school or community situations."

In the first two to five weeks of life, a fetus receives its biological programming from its DNA. Those destined to become males undergo a testosterone wash throughout the body. This wash imbues the fetus with more muscle mass, a higher sex drive, higher levels of aggression and male physiological characteristics, Talbert said.

"Aggression in this context means competitiveness," he said. "Testosterone also imparts three distinctive behavior patterns in males. The first is a search for instant or quick gratification.

The second is a tendency to move quickly into problem solving. The third is a tendency to prefer activities which allow physical expression."

This biological wiring also affects how boys and young men deal with their feelings and emotions, he said.

For example, boys often release their feelings in quick bursts of displayed energy by slamming doors, flying off the handle or hitting something. This is action-release expression, Talbert said. Males are also hard-wired for suppression/delayed reaction.

They often delay or "stuff" their emotions because their brain moves them quickly into problem solving mode.

"Problem solving, connecting their feelings with a safer object, helps them process and then release their emotional energy. Experts call this displacement objectification.

"Because males are hard-wired for these responses, boys and young men may need some guidance for expressing their emotions. "When you see a boy crying, understand that he is processing hard emotional data at a fast and confusing rate," Talbert said.

"Help him find a comfort zone. Let him retreat and process the emotional data, but let him know you will help him put it in perspective when he emerges."

The physical expression that boys and young men often display is sometimes misunderstood, Talbert said. "Physical expression/aggression is how boys connect with others," he said.

"But don't confuse this with violence. Aggression is hard-

wired in their brain. Violence is a learned behavior.

"You have to allow for some testosterone-driven aggression, but it should be tempered and directed by nurturance from an Alpha male.

Boys and young men learn appropriate male behavior from adult men. They have to learn how to appropriately express their aggression."

When boys and young men act out inappropriately, they need discipline but the discipline should be directed solely at the behavior.

"Punish the behavior, not the person," Talbert said. "Don't shame boys. This can wreck their self-esteem, especially in the company of their peers. Provide a clear explanation of right and wrong behavior, and the purpose of the rules you apply.

"Keep an open line of communication. Make regular dates to talk to them. Connect with them through action and activities. Discuss their problems honestly and focus on solutions. Listen to them, but don't lecture, let them know that you understand.

"Don't wait to talk to them about sex, drugs and other tricky topics. Provide a safe environment for your communication with them. These things will go a long way in helping you understand the 'manly men' in your life."

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## Official Court Records

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

**Garza County Court**  
Nov. 27

- Preston Scott Washington, charged with two counts of harassment by phone, Class B misdemeanors. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 30 days in the county jail on each count and ordered to pay \$305 in court costs.

- Motion for Dismissal of Deferred Adjudication was signed by Garza County Judge Giles W. Dalby for the following: Tyson Couch, Trent Morris, Tyler Chandler Kimbell, John Ross Cawood, Jodie Kay Robinson, James Cameron Whately, Bryce Braden, Amanda Lee Brant, Larry Max Maynard II and Brian Alan Tiemann.

**Garza County Court**  
Nov. 30

- Paul Rivera, charged with assault, a Class A misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 260 days in the county jail.

- Justin Neil Bennett, charged with deadly conduct, a Class A misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to no jail time, but ordered to pay \$750 in fines and \$245 in court costs.

- Ray Dean Jackson, charged with deadly conduct, a Class A misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 18 months of probation and ordered to pay a \$600 fine, court costs of \$245 and a \$25 probation fee.

## Salvation Army plans aid for local residents

The Salvation Army once again will work through the Christmas season to raise funds to help meet the needs of the underprivileged in Post.

"The red kettles will be out in larger towns and cities across the nation, but here in Post they need your help too," reads a press release sent out this week by the local Salvation Army representatives.

The Salvation Army has such strong ties to the holiday season that many don't realize the organization's work is a year-round commitment in more than 115 countries, in all 50 states and across the state of Texas. The Salvation Army continues its mission of service to people in need.

Even in the smaller towns, the organization maintains its presence. As in more than 250 small or rural Texas communities, Post has a Salvation Army Service Unit operated by local volunteers with the assistance of a regional representative. These volunteers work within the community to offer services such as emergency disaster relief and limited assistance with rent, prescriptions, utilities and travel expenses.

The service unit also refers individuals to The Salvation Army's larger programs - drug and alcohol rehabilitation centers or emergency shelters, for example - that are located in cities across the state.

In this issue of The Post Dispatch, each paper contains an envelope in which a contribution may be made to the local unit in support of its work. To make a donation without using a pre-addressed envelope, send it to The Salvation Army, 216 W. 10th St., Post, TX 79356.

The Post service unit chairman is Bob Collier. Treasurer is Pixie Grisham.



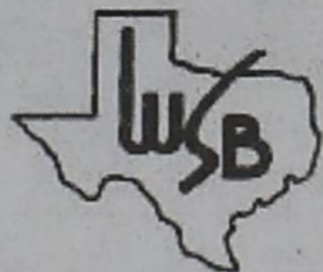
Giles Dalby presents the Rookie Fierman of the Year Award to Steve Rivera during Monday's Fire Department Christmas Party.



Giles Dalby presents the Fierman of the Year Award to Darrell reece during Monday's Fire Department Christmas Party.

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## Lady 'Lopes split in Idalou tournament

The varsity Lady 'Lopes picked up one win and one loss in the Idalou Tournament, defeating Stanton but dropping a close one to Texico.

Because of inclement weather conditions, the team was unable to travel to Idalou for its first tournament game. A coin toss between Post and Ira bounced the Lady 'Lopes into the losers bracket.

In the game against Stanton, which Post won 43-26, leading scorer for the Lady 'Lopes was Gray with 13 points, followed by Easterling with 11. Other scorers included Postell and Miller, six points each; Hays, five points; and Hoover, two points.

Postell logged the highest field goal percentage with 50 percent, while Gray held the highest percentage in free throws with 60 percent.

Gray, Miller, Hoover and Hays each had two assists. Leading offensive rebounders were Postell and Gray with four apiece. Top

defensive rebounder was Gray with five. Gray also had five steals in the game.

Post led in all four quarters of the game against Stanton.

Against Texico, Post fell behind 9-7 in the first quarter and was down 27-17 at the half. The team came back with a strong third period, outscoring Texico 16-8, but both teams scored six points apiece in the final period to give Texico the win.

Postell led scoring in this

### JV Lady 'Lopes take tourney wins

The junior varsity Post Lady 'Lopes logged wins against Coahoma and Sands in the Sands JV Tournament played Nov. 30 through Dec. 2.

In the first game, the team downed Coahoma 58-13. Scoring for Post were Whitney Williams, three points; Sabrina Sanchez, four points; Darlene Araiza, two; Alex Miller, 15 points; Yesiena Gomez, two points; Branda Stevens, 10; Crystal Sanchez, seven; Shwanda Wiley, two points; Gabby Gomez, five points; and Danica Williams, eight.

The second game saw Post defeat the host team by a score of 39-20.

Scorers for the Lady 'Lopes in game two were Williams, three points; Miller, 11; Bethany Berry, two points; Stevens, five; Sanchez, two; Wiley, two; Gomez, eight; and Toni Wait, four points.

The team's season record to date is 7-3.

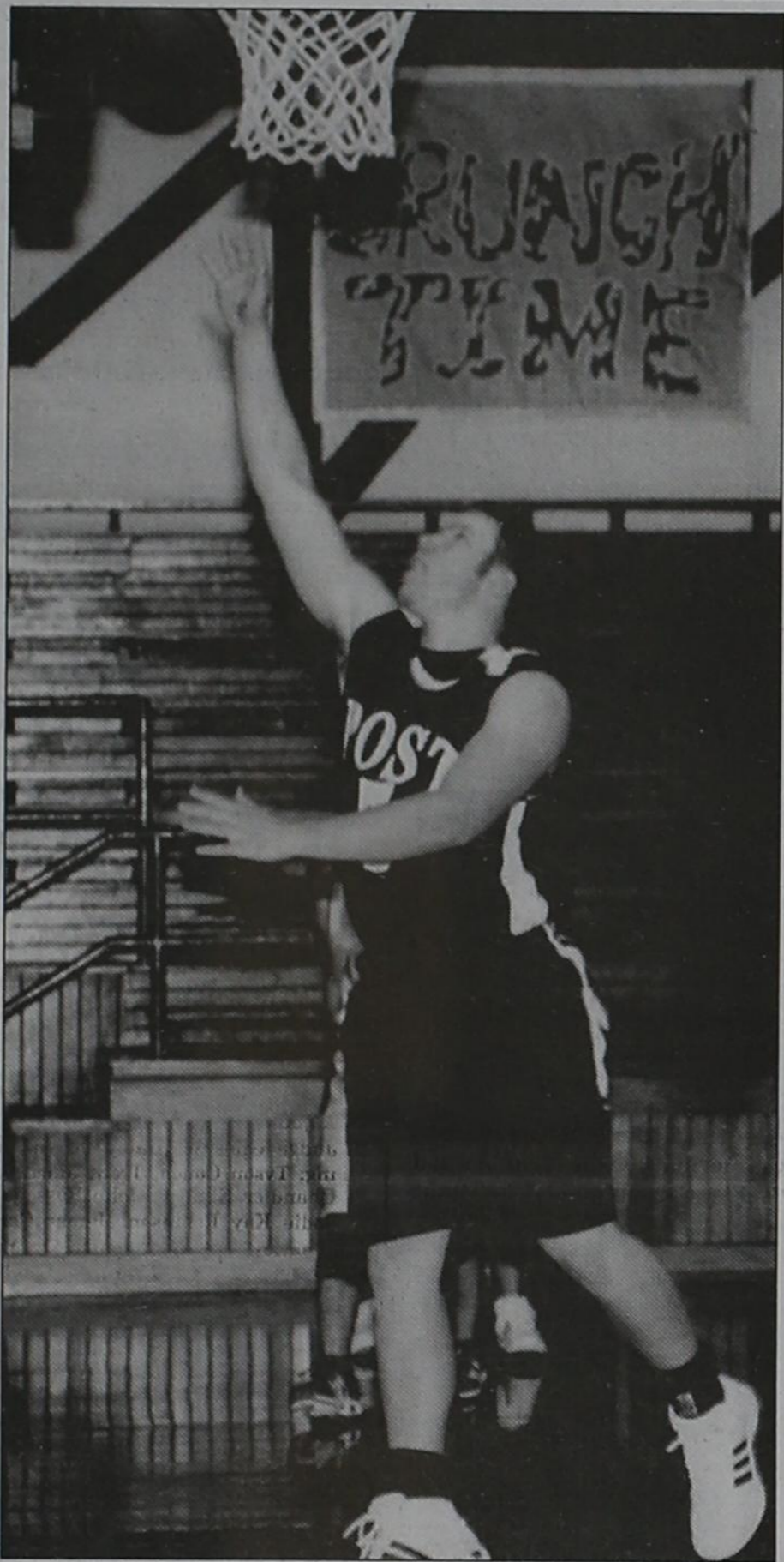
game with 11 points, followed by Gray with eight, Hays with seven, Hoover with six, Easterling with five and Miller with four.

Postell was 80 percent in field goal shooting, while Easterling was 100 percent from the free throw line.

Gray and Hoover both had three assists. Hoover had four offensive rebounds. Hoover, Gray and Miller each had three defensive rebounds. Gray had two steals in the game.



Southland Eagle Patrick Martinez (14) works the ball down court during last Tuesday's game against Patton-Springs in Southland. Also in the play is Roman Deluna (10). (Photo by Melissa Morin)



Antelope Blake Nichols (5) holds the post for another 2 points during last weekend's Idalou Tournament action against Whiteface. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

## Nichols earns All-Tournament honors at Idalou

The Post Antelope varsity basketball team won two of three games at last weekend's Idalou Tournament. After winning over Ralls and Whiteface, the 'Lopes slipped to Tahoka in the championship game Saturday. Blake Nichols was named to the All-Tournament team.

In the opening contest Friday, the 'Lopes out scored Ralls 63-46. Nichols led the team with 18 points, followed by D.J. Baiza with 15 and Wilson Cash with 12. Others scoring were Aaron James (9), Call Windham (5) and Colter Creech (4).

The team turned around and outscored Whiteface 53-52 in a tight contest to earn a berth in the championship round. Nichols again led with 18 points, followed by James and Creech with 13 each, five by Baiza and two points each by Cash and Call Windham.

Tahoka turned on the heat in the championship game, limiting the 'Lopes to 44 points in the 60-44 contest. Cash led the team with 15 points, followed by Nichols and Creech with 8, Baiza got seven, James was credited with four while Call Windham and Clint Windham each scored one point.

The team competes at the Borden County Tournament this weekend.

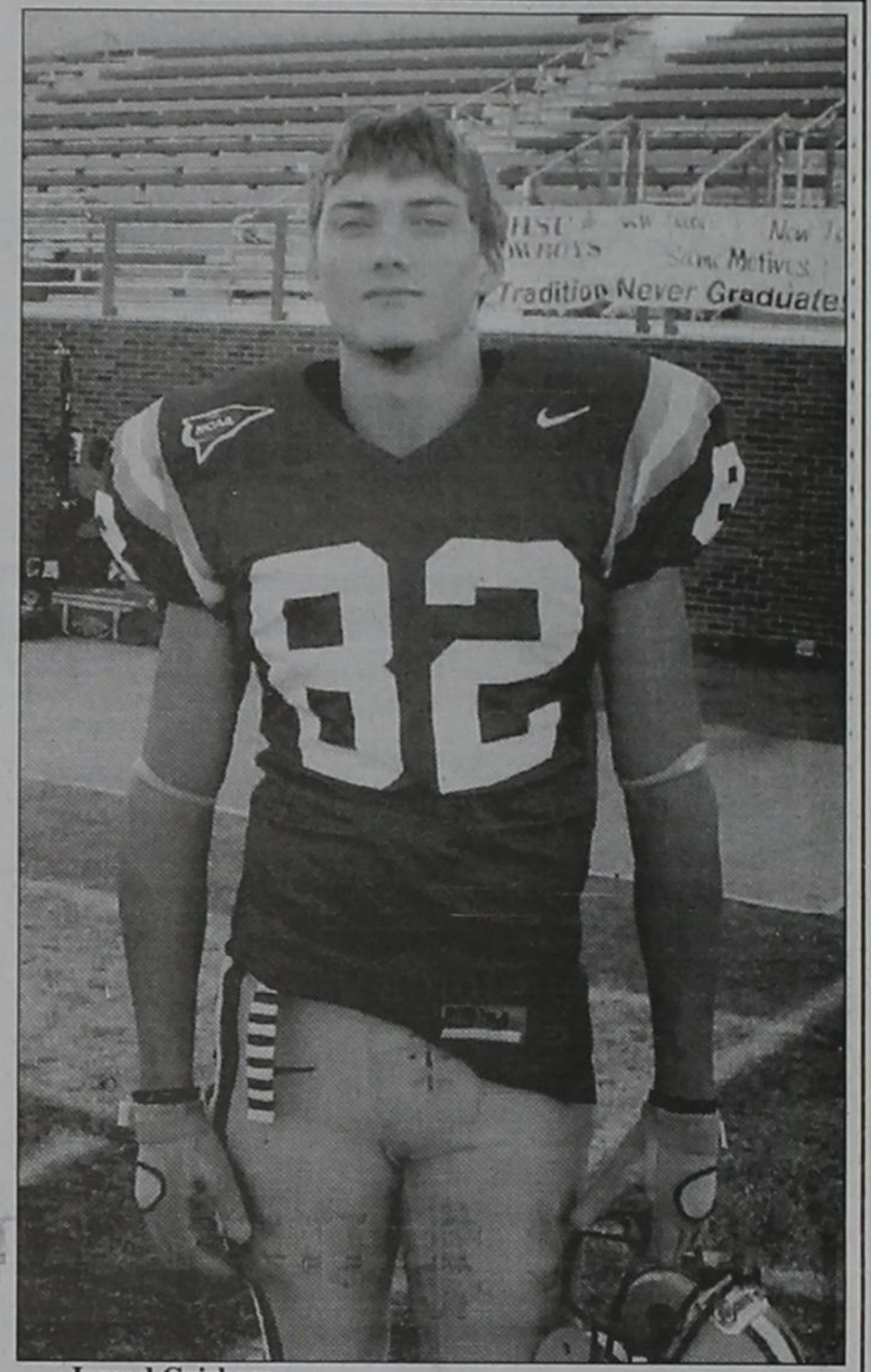
### Grisham tapped for honors team

Hardin-Simmons University sophomore Jerrad Grisham, a member of the Hardin-Simmons Cowboys football team, has been named to the All-American Southwest Conference Academic Team.

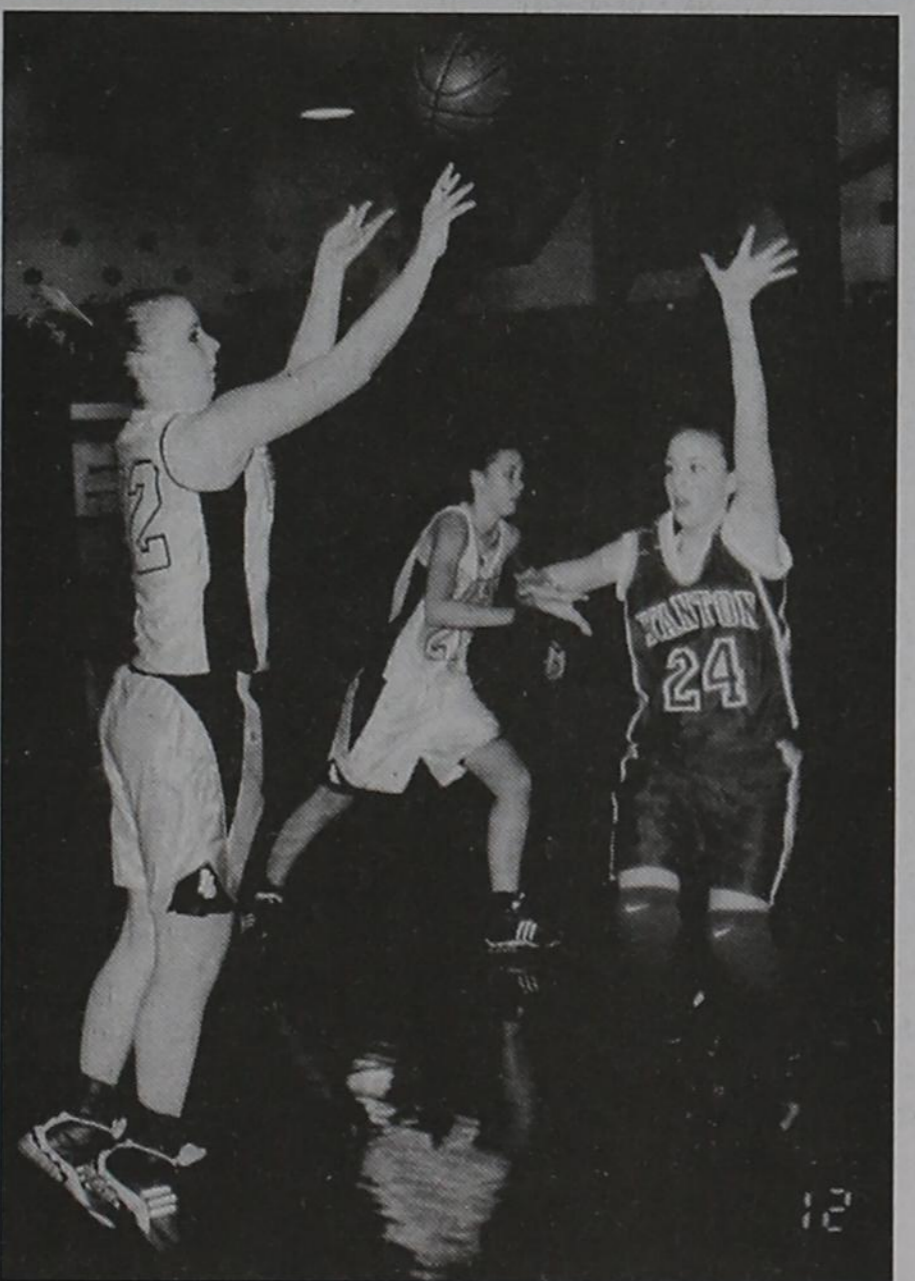
Grisham was notified of his membership on Nov. 27. To be eligible for ASC all-academic honors, student athletes must have lettered in the 2006 fall season, be in their second academic year and carry at least a 3.0 grade point average or better for the season.

In addition to winning ASC titles in men's soccer and volleyball, women's soccer and volleyball and a second-place finish in football, HSU had the second highest number of student athletes named to the academic team. Twenty-one of the honorees were HSU varsity football players.

Grisham is a 2005 graduate of Post High School.



Jerrad Grisham



Lady Lopes Kylie Easterling (32) goes for a 3-point jump shot against Stanton during last weekend's Idalou Tournament. Also in the play is Samantha Hoover (21). (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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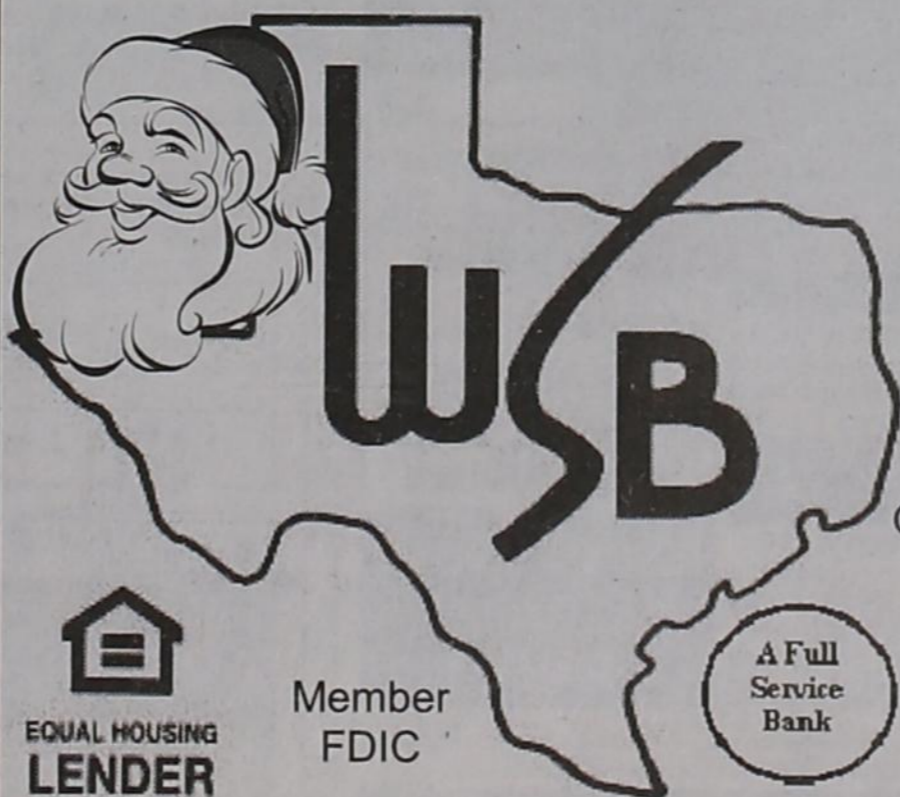
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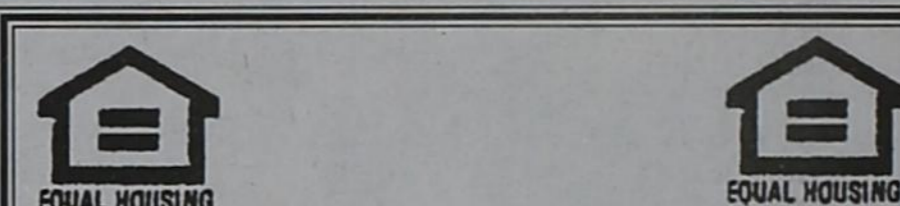
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El 11 de diciembre del 2006, la Oficina Federal de Prisiones (Oficina), del Departamento de Justicia de los Estados Unidos, planea tener disponible a individuos una Evaluación Ambiental (EA) para el otorgamiento de varios contratos para alojar aproximadamente 7,000 presos federales en instalaciones Contratistas-Proprietarios/Operados por Contratista en Arizona, California, Louisiana, Nuevo México, Oklahoma o Texas. Este documento está proporcionado para cumplir con los requisitos del Acta Nacional de Pólizas Ambientales de 1969, según enmendadas. La EA evalúa los impactos potenciales asociados con varios contratos para alojar aproximadamente 7,000 presos en total. Las alternativas bajo consideración incluyen instalaciones en las siguientes ciudades: Big Springs, Texas; Eden, Texas; Post, Texas; Pine Prairie, LA; y Pecos, Texas.

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Site Selection & Environmental Review Branch, Federal Bureau of Prisons, 320 First Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20534. Tel: 202-514-6470 / Fax: 202-616-6024. La agencia no tomará una decisión final en la Acción Propuesta antes del 11 de enero del 2007.

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U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons

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# Menus

## Post ISD

December 11  
Breakfast: Waffles, butter & syrup, sausage, fruit, milk  
Lunch: Hot dogs, oven fried potatoes, apple & orange smiles, sherbert cup, milk

December 12  
Breakfast: Churros, sausage, fruit, milk  
Lunch: Enchiladas, refried beans, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, milk

December 13  
Breakfast: Malt-o-meal, sausage, toast, fruit, milk  
Lunch: Teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, english peas, pineapple tidbits, milk

December 14  
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk  
Lunch: Taco salad, seasoned corn, fruited gelatin, brownie, milk

December 15  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk  
Lunch: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, & pickle, baked beans, baby carrots w/ranch, crispy cereal treats, milk

## Southland ISD

December 11  
Breakfast: Cereal, muffins, juice, milk  
Lunch: Chili cheese burrito, salad, beans, cake, milk

December 12  
Breakfast: Breakfast pockets, peach cup, milk  
Lunch: Baked potato w/ham, broccoli & cheese, pretzel, pudding surprise, milk

December 13  
Breakfast: Biscuits gravy, sausage, juice, milk  
Lunch: Lasagna, garlic bread, salad, corn, cake, milk

December 14  
Breakfast: Cereal, graham cracker, juice, milk  
Lunch: Tacos w/cheese, rice, pinto beans, salad, fruit cup, cookie

December 15  
Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, juice, milk  
Lunch: BBQ sandwich, potato rounds, beans, ice cream, milk

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December 11  
Chicken fried steak, white gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, wheat roll, gelatin

December 12  
Catfish, potato salad, beans, wheat roll, lemon pie  
December 13  
Chili with beans, corn, cabbage, biscuits, raisin pie  
December 14  
Vegetable beef soup, corn bread, fresh fruit salad, cake,  
December 15  
Ham and beans, rice, spinach, biscuit, banana pudding

# Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones  
From The Post Dispatch archives

## 10 Years Ago December 5, 1996

Mr. and Mrs. Barnie Jones of Post celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Thanksgiving Day with a family gathering and dinner in the home of their daughter Oneita Gunn.

Monica schooler was chosen the 1996-97 Post Lions Club Queen. Monica, the 17-year-old daughter of Jim and Karla Schooler would go on to compete in the District contest in Lubbock.

The Hub City Crusers captured the first place cash prize in the Post lighted Christmas parade downtown. Second place went to the Citizens Bank parade entry and third place was awarded to the Methodist Children's Bell Choir.

Post High School Antelopes selected to the All-District football team were Sam Zubia, Chad Williams, Sam, Woods, Roy Perez, Todd Terry and Steve Gonzales.

A three-man, nine-woman jury was selected to decide the state's case against local resident Jerry T. Smith, who stood accused of the murder of Edna Laverne Blodgett of Post who has been missing since June 1993.

## 20 Years Ago December 3, 1986

After passing the hurdles of District, Region and Area try-outs, Post High School student Eric Reece would journey to Odessa to audition for the All-State choir.

Angela and Ron Graves, daughter and son of Ronnie and Diane Graves were hon-

ored with the 4-H Gold Star Award which is the highest honor presented at the county level. The annual awards banquet was held at the Koko Palace in Lubbock.

The seventh grade girls basketball team came away with a victory over Cooper 26-16. Trudy Woods led the scoring with seven points followed closely by Angela Wallace with six and Sara Alexander and Laura Norman having five apiece. Lucy Rodriguez added two and Raeline Bagby contributed one point.

Ribbon cutting ceremonies for Bovard took place this week in 1986. Bovard was operated by Mike Stewart and Bob Merrett.

The Amity Study Club met in the home of Sue Shytle. Mattie Collier presented the program, "Texas Parties".

## 30 Years Ago December 9, 1976

Everette Windham, Dee Caffey and Loyd Mock, employees of George R. Brown, were honored by the company for 25 years of service and were presented service awards.

Garza's 1976 cotton crop ranked as the second best in the county's history "dollarwise. With good cotton prices - Garza's crop was worth \$8,550,000. A Dispatch gin check showed 18,504 at the end of November, with only a little over half the cotton crop bales ginned.

Melanie King of Post was named Winter Festival Queen at South Plains College. Miss King a sophomore elementary education major, graduated from Post High School in 1975. Mrs. Earl Daniels was hon-

ored with a surprise wedding shower in the "break room" of the spinning room of Postex Plant. Mrs. Daniels is the former Mollie McAfee.

Jackie Brown was named South Plains "Class AA Coach of the Year" by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

## 40 Years Ago December 8, 1966

The Garza County Historical Survey Committee won three important awards at the statewide annual meeting in Ft. Worth which included Mrs. A. C. Surman, being named one of the 20 outstanding chairmen of county historical survey committees in Texas for 1966.

Jerry Hitt, talented young Post pianist and vocalist who made quite a name for himself in the Texas entertainment world, released his second record entitled "New Hitts Wright from Dallas." Jerry, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hitt was a graduate from Post High School.

Mason and Company celebrated its 51st anniversary with a big furniture sale. The firm was organized as a partnership in 1915 by Marshall Mason and W. L. Davis.

With 142 points on 57 field goals and 28 free throws, Sherry Woods lead the Post Doe scorers through their first six games. Her game average was 23.7.

## 50 Years Ago December 6, 1956

O. G. Shepherd Jr. was employed as city marshal by the city council and would begin his new duties at a monthly salary of \$250. Shepherd was on duty from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. The city had been without a marshal since the resignation of Marion Reep.

Birth Announcements: Mr. and Mrs. Malachi Mitchell an-

nounced the arrival of a daughter born November 27 in Garza Memorial Hospital. She was named Amanda Ann; Mr. and Mrs. Travis Gilmore are parents of a daughter, Jenda Raye, born November 29 in Slaton Mercy Hospital; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Kennedy announced the arrival of a son on November 28 in Slaton Mercy Hospital. He was named Russel Jay.

Deputy Sheriff J. W. (Red) Floyd confiscated wine, whiskey, gin and beer after a wild and reckless 50-mile chase. The bootleg suspects from Lubbock County were first spotted near the Close City community. Shots were fired at the men's automobile after refusing to stop. The pursuit ended near the Union community, east of Slaton.

Mary Eula Kemp, daughter of Mrs. Phil Trammell, and Darrell Eugene Echols, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Eckols, were married in the sanctuary of the First Methodist Church in Lovington, N.M.

## 60 Years Ago December 5, 1946

Mrs. Jake Sparlin, the former Miss Jo Ella Cowdrey, was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower given in the home

of Mrs. Ray Young with Mrs. James Stone as co-hostess.

Music pupils of Mrs. Elmer Long were presented at the High school auditorium. Mrs. Long's students included Leslie Nichols, Linda Lou Lott, Wilma Jean Welch, Hazel, Patsie and Mary Ann Shults, Tommye Lou Scott, Janice Gordon, Mrs. N. C. Outlaw, Billie Louise Nichols, Barbara Norris, and Joyce Short.

Mason and Company announced that it would stay open until 8 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday until Christmas. Some of the sale items included: studio couches - \$59; bed room suits - \$69; baby strollers - \$6.95; card tables - \$3.95; children's red rockers - \$2.95 and end tables - \$1.95.

Weldon Jobe, who before the war was associated with Greenfield Hardware Company, and later accepted poistions in Tahoka and Houston, has moved back to Post and is now with the Post Truck & Tractor Company.

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- TXism: "it's a pretty penny"
- TX Martha Hyer '58 film: "Upon a Horse"
- female horse
- in dry months, TX counties have \_\_\_\_\_ on burning
- TXism: "siesta"
- ex-Ranger pitcher Kenny who pitched in '06 World Series (init.)
- wide bodied jet used by TX-based American Airlines
- song by TX Nesmith Monkee group: "Creek"
- TXism: "the wool" (genuine)
- "Field"
- was a TX Army Air Corps air base
- in Brooks Co. on hwy. 281
- TX Johnny Rodriguez sang "By"
- TXism: "looks good enough to \_\_\_\_\_ a sermon"
- TX TV actress and comedian Vidale intriguingly unusual
- a fruit grown in TX
- fashionable
- educated guesses
- TXism: "light as fat horse"
- baby horse (2 wds.)
- TX Holly's song might have been about Wink's Peggy
- TXism: "sticks like \_\_\_\_\_ road"
- this Errol starred in "San Antonio" (init.)
- objectives for Cowboy Romo (abbr.)
- TXism: "it'll make your hair stand \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "sells like \_\_\_\_\_ cakes"
- home state of TX outlaw Sam Bass (abbr.)
- Laguna Madre waterfowl
- TX Fuller Four hit: "I Fought the \_\_\_\_\_"
- tea chiller
- TXism: she'll bend your \_\_\_\_\_
- Lake El Sal del \_\_\_\_\_
- Denison born president (init.)
- mother of Quanah Parker
- Texas \_\_\_\_\_ Univ.
- actress Adams in "Racquet" with TX Lynda Day George
- actress Foch in "Strange Affair" with TX Keyes
- tire pressure (abbr.)
- TXism: "close but \_\_\_\_\_ cigar"
- sch. exercise (abbr.)
- chopping tool
- dip up gravy
- TX Ranger creator of the Walker Colt revolver (init.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ mark"
- chili: "bowl \_\_\_\_\_"
- "high \_\_\_\_\_"
- beach surface
- ex-Cowboy lineman Nate (init.)
- TX Steve Martin film: "\_\_\_\_\_ Story"
- archaeological fragments
- TXism: "put a pencil \_\_\_\_\_"
- vase-shaped jug

**DOWN**

- newspaper in seat of Comanche Co.
- TXism: "loud as \_\_\_\_\_ boot heels \_\_\_\_\_ floor"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ the bottom of the barrel"
- h.s. student
- once a Port Lavaca FM
- TXism: "let a \_\_\_\_\_ (ignore)"

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How big is Texas? 801 miles north to south and 773 miles east to west. That is a lot of space to house 18 million Texans and 15 million head of cattle!

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**TEXAN TEST**

- Texas ranks highest in the US production of:
  - Oil
  - Cotton
  - Watermelons
  - All of the above
- Texas has more tornados a year than
  - Louisiana
  - Kansas
  - Arkansas
  - Any of the above
- Which two presidents are native Texans?
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
  - George H. Bush
  - George W. Bush
- Texas has flown under the flag of:
  - Mexico
  - France
  - Spain
  - All of the above

Texas Was an independent republic for nine years. Sam Houston was the first president and Stephen F. Austin was Secretary of State.

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Explorer Hernando de Soto searched Texas for cities of gold, helping to fly the flag of Spain from 1519-1685. France claimed ownership 1685-1690, until the Spanish again reigned from 1690-1821. The Mexican flag flew from 1821-1836 until Sam Houston, leading the Texas army, defeated Santa Anna, forcing the Mexican general to sign the agreement that made Texas a free & independent republic. By 1845 Texans had voted to join the United States. Except for 4 years during the Civil War, when the bars & stars Confederate flag flew over Texas, the stars and stripes have proudly waved.

TEST ANSWERS  
1-d  
2-d\*  
3-a & b\*\*  
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\*Texas has an average of 100 Tornados a year.  
\*\*Neither President Bush were born in Texas.

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