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City Council approves resolution for installing new water meter equipment

by Sheri Lewis
During their regular Dec. 5 meeting, members of the Post City Council voted unanimously in favor of a resolution authorizing a lease-purchase agreement for new water meters and related equipment.

The resolution was the result of a decision made Nov. 7 in which council members agreed to enter into a 12-year lease-purchase plan to fund the purchase of a \$472,000 Sensus electronic metering system from Western Industrial

Supply. The agreement also will cover the cost of installation of the meters, transmitters and auxiliary equipment.

The new equipment will replace the city's aging water meters, enabling more accurate water readings and cutting back

on the number of man hours required to read meters. The new system will be set up to electronically transmit updated water meter readings to the City Hall base station several times daily, and the updated meters should be close to 99 percent accurate,

according to reports.

City water subscribers will not be asked to cover costs relating to the new equipment, city officials said.

In other business, council members:

• Heard from Lewis Ammons,

a former independent contractor who performed custodial services for the city. Ammons said he was "very disappointed" in the City Council for what he called "discrimination" and indicated he has retained an attorney and filed a complaint against the city with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. After accepting bids from four service providers, including Ammons, the City Council recently tapped another independent contractor to handle the municipality's custodial services. Walton said the city has not received notice of any EEOC complaint.

• Authorized the city attorney to prepare a document on behalf of the City Council allowing the sale of a West Main Street property that required a variance because an existing structure on the site extends approximately two feet onto city property.

• Approved a Texas Department of Transportation Random Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) grant for \$625.

• Approved the sale of unimproved property at 502 S. Ave. H to recover taxes owed against the property. Councilwoman Kenda Bartlett voted against the motion.

• Conducted an executive session to consult with the city attorney regarding the possible purchase of real property. Following the closed-door consultation, the Council returned to open session to authorize the city attorney to pursue negotiations on the property.

Centennial family history boards, supplies available

by Sheri Lewis
Organizers behind the Post Centennial Celebration, which will be conducted in June, are hoping local residents will use the holiday season to work with family members on family history boards.

Plans call for dozens of family histories, which will help detail the stories of Post and Garza County, to be displayed throughout the community during the centennial event, according to Thessa Harp, chairman of Post City Celebrations. And although the event is still months away, centennial officials think there is no better time to work on family history projects than that time of the year when most families gather for the holidays.

"It's a neat way to display the histories of all of the families that live here," Harp said.

The project is open to anyone interested in participating who has "any sort of history within Garza County," she said.

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Post 5th grade students playing the role of soldiers during yesterday's elementary assembly performance of "Christmas on Candy Cane Lane" are (front left to right) Rodney Moore and Brandon Hervey. The musical was directed by Karen Nichols with the help of Assistant Director Carla Perez. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

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Church selling gordita plates

A gordita plate sale will be held at The Church of God of Prophecy from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday, December 15. To order call 495-3644. God bless!

Baptist Church to perform Christmas concert

"The Savior and The Season, There Is Only One King!" - The public is invited to attend a concert for Christmas featuring the students of FBCCS and The First Baptist Church "Blessings". Two performances only, Saturday, December 16 and Sunday, December 17, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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. 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.

Christmas meal at JD's

JD's Bar & Grill will have a Christmas dinner, including turkey and all the fixings beginning at noon on Monday, December 25.

'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 donations may

Toys for Tots organizers report slow collections, \$500 shortfall

by Sheri Lewis

Things are a little tight so far for the 28th annual Toys for Tots campaign.

According to Shelly Duran, one of the volunteers behind the Post Lions Club effort,

contributions of toys and cash have been sluggish, leaving the campaign about \$500 behind where it should be two weeks prior to Christmas.

"We appreciate anything

and everything anybody does," Duran said late Monday, "but I'm hoping the community will step forward and help out a little more." Post Middle School stu-

dents have pitched in to help, collecting toys to be donated to the campaign, but Duran said she'd like to see other organizations step forward to help out.

Last year the program provided toys for more than 100 local youths; however, if contributions don't pick up, Duran said they might be forced to cut back that number.

"I'm hoping to do even more," she said. "We've gotten quite a few applications in."

To cut back on the number of children served, the program would be forced to curb its age range, which usually includes youths 10 or 11 years of age, back to ages 8 or 9.

"And I don't want to do that," Duran said. "Some of these families have younger kids and older kids too. That's not fair to the older ones if they don't get gifts and the younger kids do."

New and good used toys are needed for distribution. Contributions of toys or monetary donations may be dropped off at Rick & Carolyn's Burgers & Fries, 601 N. Broadway, or at 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 and at The Dispatch.

Deadline for contributions and applications is Dec. 23.



Post Middle School National Junior Honor Society and Student Council members collecting Christmas gifts to be donated to Toys for Tots are (back row left to right) Haily Berry, Sydnee Jones, Britney Miller, (front row) Kari Dunn and Amber Wilson.

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This Week In Post City

by Rosa Latimer
THANKS, ROTARY!

Originally I joined Rotary so I could have lunch with my husband every Tuesday. Only through a review of the columns I've written the past couple of months have I discovered that my experiences at Rotary have made, and continue to make, quite an impression on my life.

I am sure all of the members of this service club enjoy the camaraderie and friendship shared among the members and the impact the Rotary Club of Post has on this community is immeasurable.

Don't forget this is the group that holds the Community Dog Dip each year! And the annual broom sale in the Spring.

Each year the group also provides scholarship money to deserving PHS graduating seniors as well as helping with a variety of other community service projects.

I found this brief explanation of the organization on their web site: "Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world."

Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

The Rotary Club of Post has approximately 30 members. Recently the local club has agreed to allow time prior to its planned program for the Centennial Committee to discuss plans for that special event. It is a great opportunity to share information of interest to anyone in Post and offers a broader chance for involvement in the Centennial events.

If you're not a member of Rotary, you might want to visit and learn what it is all about. For one thing, you'll enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Mary Cade. (Visitors pay \$6.00 for the meal; the cost of lunch is included in your Rotary dues if you're a member.)

You'll also have a fun time with some great people! Just come to the meeting room on the south end of the Community Center at noon on any Tuesday - you will be welcomed by a diverse, fun group of people.

THANKS BOB COLLIER!

Before I leave the subject of Rotary, I want to thank Bob Collier for an inspirational program last week. Bob is a favorite when it comes to Rotary programs and his poignant stories were especially appropriate for the holiday season.

And, our meetings would not be the same without his "Hook 'em Horns" at the end of each pledge to Texas (state of).

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Of course, there are many other opportunities to become more involved in our community.

The Lions Club sponsors the annual Toys for Tots campaign each year as well as other worthwhile activities.

And, as I've mentioned before, we have many groups in Post, each with a different focus, such as the Women's Culture Club, the Post Merchants group, Women's Division of the Commerce and Tourism Bureau, MADD Dads, and the Art Guild plus various school and church-related groups.

I know there are other groups I haven't mentioned; however, my purpose is to prompt anyone who is interested in working with others to contribute to our community to find a place and get busy. It most likely will be a mutually beneficial arrangement!

CHRISTMAS CARDS

With emails, cell phones and the ability to stay in constant touch with friends and family, mailing Christmas cards doesn't seem to be as popular as in past years. However, there is still a very special feeling when you open a Christmas greeting from someone - even if you see them every day. These personal holiday wishes help set the Season apart from our daily routines.

My cursory research on Christmas traditions yielded the following information: Christmas Cards originally started as letters sent from school children to their families around the holidays.

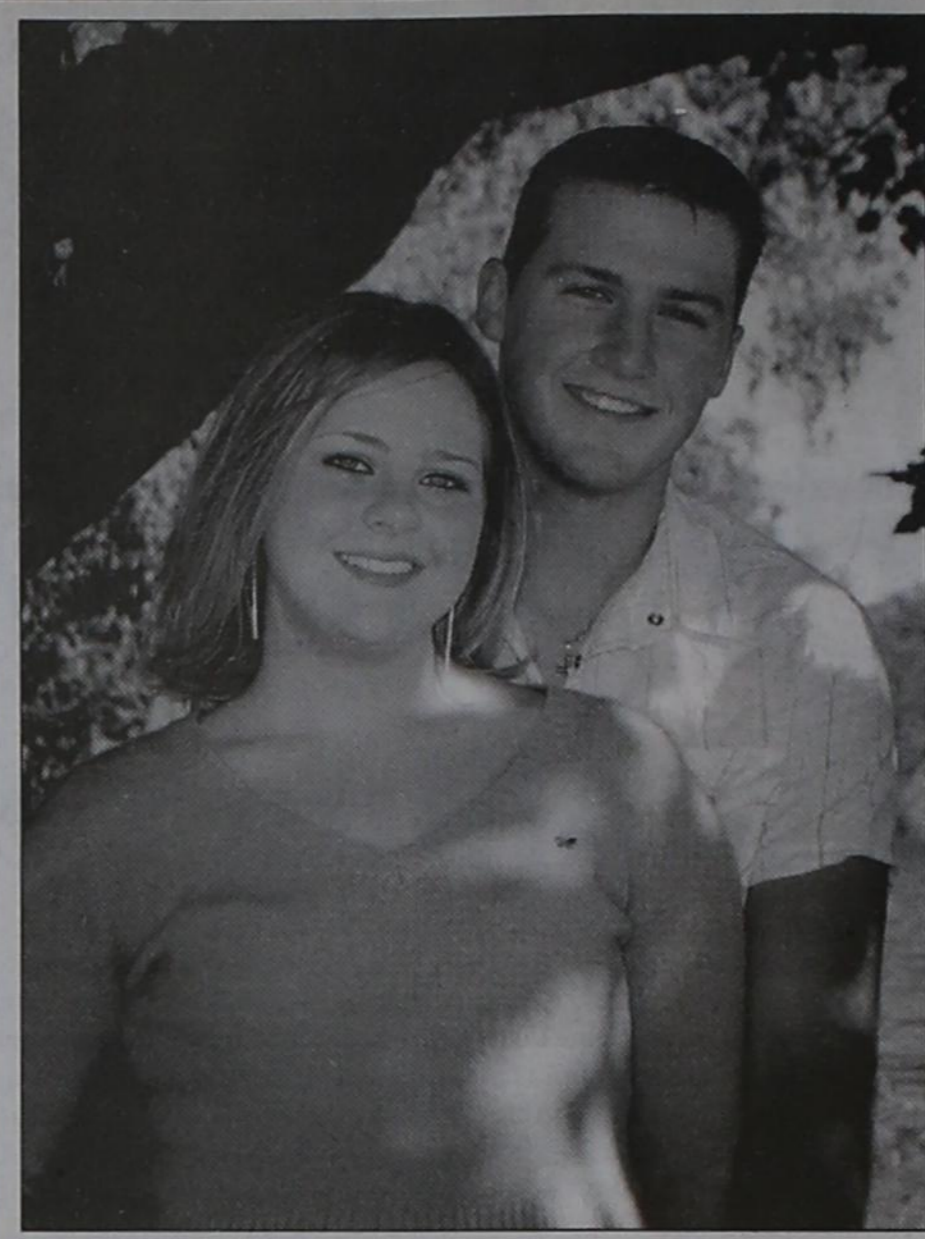
Christmas Cards as we know them today began to be seen after the invention of the steam press in the 1840s.

It appears people first mailed cards to each other in the United States around 1845. Until 1875 Americans had to import their Christmas Cards from Europe, but in 1875 that changed when a German immigrant by the name of Louis Prang published the first line of U.S. Christmas Cards.

Quote of the Week:

Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful. - Norman Vincent Peale

That's it for this week in Post City!



Mary Engledow and Jacob Dan Tucker

Engledow, Tucker set Dec. 22 wedding

Tim and Rebecca Tanner of Post and Danny and Mary Engledow of Hemet, Calif., have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jessica Elizabeth Engledow, to Jacob Dan Tucker, son of Gaylon and Rita Tucker of Paducah.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Texas Tech High School, is a student at South Plains College.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Paducah High School. He will graduate from South Plains College this month and is scheduled to attend Texas Tech University in the spring.

Both are employed with United Supermarket. The couple has planned a Dec. 22, 2006, wedding in Lubbock. They plan to make their home in Levelland.

Post City Entertainment

- At the Garza Theatre - Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m., "Miracle on 34th Street." Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

- At the First Baptist Church - "The Savior and the Season," Saturday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m.

- At the Tower Theater - Direct from Las Vegas, Gary Anthony as Frank Sinatra, December 20-24, call 990-2133 for reservations.

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Account opened for Peel

A benefit account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Randy Peel to help with expenses relating to emergency open heart surgery. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

PHS grads' addresses needed

In conjunction with the Post City Centennial Celebration to be held in June, the Post High School Reunion Planning Committee needs an individual from each PHS graduating class to prepare a list of classmates and their current addresses for use by the committee. Lists will be used to create announcements and invitations to be mailed out in mid-February. Anyone interested in generated such lists should deliver the information to Leslie C. Acker, 122A E. Main, prior to February 1.

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.

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.

Family history boards

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Using black tri-fold display boards, available free for pick up at Ammons Printing, families can create an overview of their history. Suggestions for items to be included on family history boards are copies (not originals) of photographs, handbills, mementoes and other souvenirs of life in Post and Garza County, as well as brief descriptions or timelines of family history. Boards can be headlined with the family name.

"We want them all to be unique and factual," said Harp, who already has created a board for her father and plans to create another one next month representing her family.

Instructional guidelines, as well as a sample family history board, are available at the print shop to family members picking up and signing for their tabletop-sized tri-fold boards, she said.

The boards will be collected prior to the centennial celebration and displayed in local businesses, the courthouse, museums and, weather permitting, along downtown area streets.

Heading up the family history board project are Lee Norman, Nancy Gordon and Mary Margaret Norman.

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James and Linda Dye celebrate 50th anniversary

James and Linda Dye of Post celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 10, 2006, with a gathering of family and friends at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Donny Stelzer.

The honorees' children - Donna and Donny Stelzer of Post and Mike and Suzanne Dye of Midland - hosted the reception.

James Dye and the former Linda Byrd were married Dec. 14, 1956, in the First Baptist Church in Clairemont.

The Dyes have five grandchildren, Jill Simpson of Lubbock, Becca Schmitz of Midland and Justin, Clint and Emily Dye of Midland, and two great-grandchildren, Olivia and Claire Simpson of Lubbock.

The couple celebrated their golden anniversary in September with a 10-day tour of Niagra Falls and Canada's capitals.

Their children presented the couple with a trip to Las Vegas.

Post City Merchants plan special events for 2007

by Donna Degan

Post City Merchants met at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 5 at Plum Crazy.

President Donna Degan called the meeting to order. Minutes were read by Sue Trammel. Other officers present were vice presidents Curtis Hudman and Naomi Matsler.

Business members present were Hudman Furniture, Texas Treasures, Higginbotham's, Garza County Historical Museum, Rockin' K, Plum Crazy and McDonald's. Our new member is Poka Lambro.

Linda Puckett will print our new PCM decals to be distributed to our current members.

The Christmas window display contest was won by Porter Hardware. They will receive the \$150 cash award from PCM.

The Post City Merchants Bucks Cash Giveaway drawing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Friday at the Garza Theatre. Winners will be announced.

Texas Treasures received the Featured Business of the Month for the month of January.

PCM selected Rockin' K as the Featured Business of the Month for the month of December.

Plans for the Post City Centennial Celebration to be held in June 2007 were discussed.

A 'spruce up' committee will be formed to get ready for the big event.

To join our group, call Donna Degan at Plum Crazy at 495-0888. Our next meeting will be Jan. 9 at Cocara's.



James & Linda Dye (present)



James & Linda Dye (1956)

PHS reunion organizers need current addresses

Planning for the Post High School Reunion events, set for June 1 at the community center, is well under way, but officials organizing the activities need assistance from PHS grads.

Someone from each PHS graduating class is needed to prepare a list of classmates' names and current addresses. This information, which will be used to create reunion announcements and invitations to be mailed out in mid-February, is needed by Feb. 1.

Individuals interested in assisting with this project should drop off their lists to Leslie C. Acker, 122A E. Main St.

The PHS reunion reception will begin at 3 p.m. on June 1, followed by a free dance set for 9 p.m. The events, to be held in conjunction with the Post City Centennial Celebration, have been scheduled to allow PHS graduates to join in on the celebration of Post's 100th birthday.

For more information about the centennial celebration, visit www.postcitytexas.com to see a schedule of events planned for June 1-3.

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Notice of Drinking Water TTHM Violation

The City of Post has been notified by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) that the water this system supplies has exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes (TTHM's), as set in the Commission's Drinking Water Standards.

The MCL for TTHM's is 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L). Compliance with this level is based on a running annual average of quarterly sample results. Post's running annual average for the third quarter of 2006 was 0.096 mg/L (parts per million).

Trihalomethanes are a group of volatile organic compounds that are formed when chlorine, added to the water during the treatment process for disinfection, reacts with naturally-occurring organic matter in the water.

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidney, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

We are working to correct the problem. The City of Post purchases treated water from two different sources. One source has been using liquid ammonium sulphate as a disinfectant and the other was using chlorine. We also re-chlorinate the water in order to maintain an acceptable chlorine residual. Both water supply sources are now using ammonia based disinfectants and the addition of residual by the city has created an increasing amount of disinfectant by-products. The disinfectant by-products, including trihalomethanes and haloacetic acids, are a result of the chlorine and ammonia interacting. The City has embarked on a vigorous sampling and testing regimen to determine a proper balance of disinfectants. We have also reduced the amount of chlorine being added to the system.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, you may contact Ric Walton, City Manager, at 806 495 2811.

Notice of Drinking Water HALOACETIC ACIDS Violation

The City of Post has been notified by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) that the water this system supplies to customers has exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for HALOACETIC ACIDS. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for HALOACETIC ACIDS at 0.060 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in this community for HALOACETIC ACIDS indicates a level of 0.063 mg/L (parts per million).

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

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Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses).

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Obituaries

Miguelina Garcia

Services for Miguelina Garcia, 81, were scheduled for 11 a.m. today, Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, in the Betz, Rossi & Bellinger Family Funeral Home in Amsterdam, N.Y., with the Rev. Jose Payno, the Rev. Louis King and the Rev. Ruben Hanns officiating. Burial will follow in the Fairview Cemetery.

She died Friday evening, Dec. 8, at the Mt. Loretta Nursing Home in Amsterdam.

Born Dec. 23, 1924, in San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic, to Westley and Isolina Wilson Samson, she attended schools in the Dominican Republic and moved to White Plains, N.Y., in 1966. She moved to Amsterdam in 1980. She lived in Post for two years, but recently returned to Amsterdam.

An employee at St. Agnes Hospital in White Plains for 15 years, she served as a missionary and member of the Church of God of Prophecy in White Plains and Amsterdam. In 1949 she married Thenard A. Cabo.

Survivors include one son, Thenard A. Cabo Jr. of White Plains; two daughters, Felicia Payano of Post and Doris E. King of Amsterdam; two sisters, Josephine Samson of White Plains and a sister who resides in the Dominican Republic; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, who died in 1963; one daughter, Zoraida Gomez, who died in 1972; and her parents.

The family has suggested memorial contributions be made in her name to the Church of God of Prophecy, 225 E. Main St., Amsterdam, N.Y. 12010.

An online guest book is available for signing at www.brbsfuneral.com.

Floyd William Duncan

Services for Floyd William Duncan, 83, of Abilene, formerly a longtime resident of Snyder, were set for 11 a.m. today, Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, in the East Side Church of Christ in Abilene with Tom Holcomb, Steve Barrett and Tony Wofford officiating. Burial will follow in the Fort Sam Houston Cemetery in San Antonio. The Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

He died Monday, Dec. 11, at Hendrick Medical Center, Abilene. Born Dec. 29, 1922, in Wagoner, Okla., he grew up in Wink and moved from Monahans to Post in 1955. He moved to Snyder in 1979. He was a pipeline maintenance supervisor, having worked for AMOCO for 40 years. He worked in Monahans, Brownfield, Levelland, Post and Snyder.

A member of the East Side Church of Christ, he was a U.S. Army World War II veteran, serving 1943 to 1945. He married Emma Elizabeth Barthold on Oct. 12, 1942, in Carlsbad, N.M. She died March 30, 2002. Following his retirement, he and his wife worked at RV sites in various campgrounds throughout Colorado for about 10 years.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Ronald Simpson of Abilene; one son and daughter-in-law, Wendell and Lin Duncan of San Antonio; five grandchildren, Lane Duncan and Bart Duncan of the Metroplex area, Russell Simpson of Dripping Springs, Ryan Simpson of Midland and Jenny Simpson Lain of Gunnison, Colo.; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife; a twin brother, Lloyd; another brother, Raymond; and two sisters, Juanita Riley and Ethel Ramsey.

Ella Norene Moreman Middleton

Memorial services for Ella Norene Moreman Middleton, 87, were conducted Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at the First United Methodist Church of Azle. A family graveside service will be conducted Friday, Dec. 22, in Post.

She died Nov. 30.

Born June 5, 1919, in Post to Harvey Donald and Oma Jocie Moreman, she had resided in Azle since 1984 after retiring from a 25-year high school teaching. A member of the Methodist church since childhood, she had belonged to numerous service organizations. Interests included gardening, needlework, sewing, travel, Bible study, learning new technologies and serving others. A lifelong learner who was passionate about education, she earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas Tech University.

Survivors include one son, Ernest Chester Ryder of Azle; daughters Deborah Diane Ryder and her husband, Rene Van Rooyen, of Aruba and Jeanne Marie Ryder Ballard and her husband, Charles W. Ballard, of Greenville; and her grandchildren, Colin, Andrew and Alyssa Amber Smith and Joseph Samuel and Bethany Joy Ballard.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Maudie Faye Rose

Services for Maudie Faye Rose, 70, of Henryetta, Okla., were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006, in the Church of Christ, 5th and Broadway, with Jackie Smart and Robert Frost officiating. Burial followed in the Westlawn Cemetery under the direction of the Rogers Funeral Home.

She died Dec. 6.

Born Oct. 25, 1936, in Grassland to J.P. and Opal (Greer) Ray, she married Donald Rose on April 4, 1953, in Post. She worked for the American Exchange Bank and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her children, Danny Rose and wife, Lana, Melody Rose and Bill Rose and wife, Karla, all of Henryetta, and Donna Revis and husband, Rick, of Dustin; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; her mother, Opal Ray of Post; one brother, Jerry Ray and wife, Mary, of Slaton; and one sister, Janet Dean and husband, Bobby, of Post.

She was preceded in death by her husband on July 6, 2004, and her father on July 3, 2004.

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On God's Word

By Timothy W. Burnett

All members have same spiritual capacity ... 1 Corinthians 12:28-31

1 Corinthians 12:28-30 says, "And God has set some in the church. First apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." For a long time I thought this was only a list of gift ministries, until I noticed that at least two are also listed in the manifestation of holy spirit. They are speaking in tongues and gifts of healing. The manifestation of the spirit of God is given to every man (1 Corinthians 12:7).

Every member of the body of Christ has the spiritual capacity to be an apostle, prophet, teacher or to do miracles, etc. At the same time each one will be stronger, or called in certain areas. It in no way means certain people will not be allowed to or capable of doing any of them according to their personal desire to serve God.

This is a matter of distinguishing between "capacity" and "ability." The mere existence of holy spirit in each member gives each one the capacity to serve in all areas. The fact that each member is more experienced and stronger in certain areas identifies the ability.

Verses 29-30 include a question mark after each thing listed above. Punctuation marks were added by the King James writers and did not exist in the earlier Greek texts. The question marks were probably accurate when related to each member's spiritual strong suites. But they were not meant to question whether each member has the spiritual capacity.

Similar language is used in verse 18, "...God set the members every one of them in the body,

as it has pleased him." With this in mind, we can see that verses 29-30 refer to each member being stronger in certain areas. Once again, it is still true that every member has the spiritual capacity to do all of them.

What about speaking in tongues? We see in 1 Corinthians 14:5 it says, "I would that you all spoke with tongues..." There is no conflict. Chapter 14 distinguishes between speaking in tongues in personal prayer lives, with speaking in tongues with interpretation which is done during believer assemblies (church fellowship time). God wants all the members to speak in tongues in their personal prayer lives. At the same time, some will excel in speaking in tongues with interpretation for the edification of the church.

Paul said in 1 Corinthians 14:18, "I thank my God I speak with tongues more than y'all." He had a reason for giving this challenge. Speaking in tongues with the interpretation is one of those areas that some believers may be stronger at than others. At the same time speaking in tongues can and should be done often in the believers' personal prayer lives.

"Covet earnestly the best gifts. And I show you a more excellent way." It's saying to embrace earnestly the spiritual areas that we excel in, and yet we're about to learn a more excellent way. What is that way? Perfect love from God.

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Studying Iraq

by Bill O'Reilly

Reaction to the Iraq Study Group report has ranged from hysterical to depressing. Right-wing newspapers and commentators are tending to dismiss the report as a surrender document, compiled by frightened bureaucrats who do not understand war or the stakes in Iraq.

The left-wing media is actually giddy, using the report to bash their least favorite guy: President Bush. Of course, both positions do not do Americans much good because they are based on emotion, not what's most beneficial to the country.

Let me give you a few examples. New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman, who is often incisive in his analysis, actually said on the radio that the Iraqi insurgents have defeated the U.S. Army.

That statement is completely absurd. It would be like saying the IRA defeated the British Army in Northern Ireland, or Hamas has defeated the Israeli Army in Gaza.

No military organization on the face of the earth can stop thugs from bombing and murdering civilians. The truth is the U.S. military has kept Iraq together and functioning for nearly four years. Mr. Friedman's assertion is irresponsible.

Likewise, basing your opinion of Iraq on hope is irresponsible. At this point, the evidence says the Iraqi people are not willing to make the sacrifices needed to defeat the anti-democratic forces. Hoping that will change is not a strategy, particularly when Americans are dying. President Bush's responsibility in this area is twofold — first to give the military the best chance to succeed, and second to define the consequences of failure.

The most important accomplishment of the Iraq Study Group is that it has created a sense of urgency. Surely, the new Iraqi government now realizes that the presence of the United States and Britain is not guaranteed. The massive amount of corruption and duplicity in Iraq must be dealt with by the government, or it will perish. The poobahs in Baghdad have been put on notice.

In America, the Study Group's findings have been used by the usual partisans in the usual ways. "NBC News," which has taken a pronounced turn to the left, led the way by focusing on the Iraq "failure" rather than on what can be done to make a bad situation better. NBC White House correspondent David Gregory was even branded a "partisan" by Tony Snow in a press conference. Snow is correct.

With so much on the line in Iraq and the Middle East, it angers me that the press and individual Americans cannot rise above their petty ideological hang-ups and work for success in Iraq. Is Democracy not a noble goal in that country? Do the dopey partisans not understand Iran is a deadly threat who will benefit greatly if Iraq goes under?

It is long past time to point fingers at those who are hurting the United States. A big digit goes to the Iraqi people, who are not making the sacrifices needed to defeat the forces of totalitarianism. And the second finger of fate is pointed at the American media, who has allowed its hatred of President Bush to distort its objectivity.

If you really want to study what has gone wrong in the quest to bring democracy to a vital, turbulent part of the world, let those two fingers point you in the right direction.

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Is any war civil?

by Sheldon Richman

Whether Iraq is embroiled in a civil war is a matter of some controversy. News organizations such as NBC have dramatically announced that, indeed, it is. Pundits solemnly debate the question on cable news talk shows. Former Secretary of State Colin Powell says yes. Present Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice says no.

Of course, the president of the United States agrees with Rice. He has two good reasons for doing so. If President Bush admits we have a civil war on our hands, the American people will (1) know that the Bush doctrine is a big flop, and (2) wonder why we should stay in Iraq.

So what sounds like a debate over semantics is really a matter of politics. For the record, the American Heritage Dictionary defines "civil war" as a "war between factions or regions of the same country." If that's not what is going on in Iraq, then what is going on?

The mental contortions being undertaken by the Bush administration on this question are pitiful. The president's press secretary, Tony Snow, denied a civil war is going on in Iraq because a civil war is a situation in which "people break up into clearly identifiable feuding sides clashing for supremacy within the land."

Huh? But here's something more outrageous: Snow said that in contrast to Iraq, a good example of a civil war is what happened in the United States from 1861 and 1865. Really? Although that conflict is called the Civil War, in fact it does not satisfy Snow's definition. In no sense were there "clearly identifiable feuding sides clashing for supremacy within the land." Northerners and Southerners were not fighting over who would control the government of the United States. Eleven southern states had tried to leave the Union and become their own country, the Confederate States of America. President Lincoln

declared the secession illegal and went to war to prevent it. Whatever you think of the justice of one side or the other, it was not a civil war.

In the end, it doesn't matter whether Iraq is having a civil war or not. In either case that country is in a situation that the U.S. presence can only make worse. Why? Because the U.S. military is a foreign occupier, and it is perceived as such. Polls show that the Iraqis do not want American troops there. A strong majority says it's okay to kill Americans. How can we justify even one more day there?

The stupidity of the Bush policy becomes more obvious every day. (According to a recently leaked memo, outgoing Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld seems to agree.) Not only has the policy plunged Iraq into a caldron of violence, it predictably has given Iran what it couldn't achieve on its own: dominance over its next-door neighbor. Considering that Bush regards Iran as the leader of the "axis of evil," his policy looks peculiar indeed.

Bush is so deeply invested in his mistake that he can't even hint that something is gravely wrong. He doggedly insists, against all evidence, that al-Qaeda is the cause of the violence. In public he praises Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki as the "right guy for Iraq" while his national security advisor writes memos calling Maliki ignorant, dishonest, or incompetent.

Everything about the Bush policy is an insult to the intelligence of the American people. If the opinion polling is accurate, the people aren't as stupid as the administration thinks.

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Why not invade Vietnam too?

by Jacob G. Hornberger

Amidst all the comparisons of the Vietnam War with the occupation of Iraq, people seem to be ignoring an important question: Why not invade Vietnam too?

After all, everyone knows that Vietnam is not a democracy. In fact, unlike Saddam Hussein's dictatorial regime in Iraq, the Vietnam dictatorship is communist, and as U.S. officials reminded us throughout the Vietnam War, communists are committed to burying America. Moreover, let's not forget that the Vietnamese communists killed almost 60,000 American men — that is, many more Americans than Saddam ever killed and, in fact, 20 times the number of Americans killed on 9/11.

Wouldn't an invasion of Vietnam not only spread democracy in that country but also avenge the deaths of tens of thousands of American men?

So why was President Bush recently visiting Vietnam and shaking hands with its communist dictators instead of leading a U.S. invasion force into Vietnam in his capacity as commander in chief?

By shaking hands and partying with the Vietnamese communist dictators, Bush was implicitly conceding that the issue of regime change in Vietnam properly lies with the Vietnamese people, not with the U.S. government. By his actions, he was saying that the U.S. government would have no more right to invade Vietnam and liberate the Vietnamese people than the Vietnamese government would have to invade the United States to liberate the American people. Regime change — whether through the ballot box or through violent revolution — properly lies with the citizenry of each particular country, not with foreign governments, especially since the price of such regime change is oftentimes extraordinarily high in terms of death and destruction, as the people of Iraq have involuntarily discovered.

Bush's refusal to invade Vietnam is not much different from how U.S. presidents treated Eastern Europe during the Cold War. As miserable as the citizens of Eastern Europe were after U.S. officials delivered them into the clutches of the Soviet communists at the end of World War II, the issue of violent regime change properly lay with the Eastern Europeans, not with the U.S. government. They chose peaceful means, even though it took almost half a century to throw off the shackles of Soviet tyranny. Who is to say that Eastern Europeans would have been better off with a U.S. invasion that would have killed hundreds of thousands of them and left Eastern Europe a wasteland?

Why did Bush invade Iraq rather than travel to Baghdad and shake hands with Saddam, as U.S. envoy Donald Rumsfeld did during the 1980s on behalf of the U.S. government, and as Bush himself recently did with the Vietnamese communist dictators?

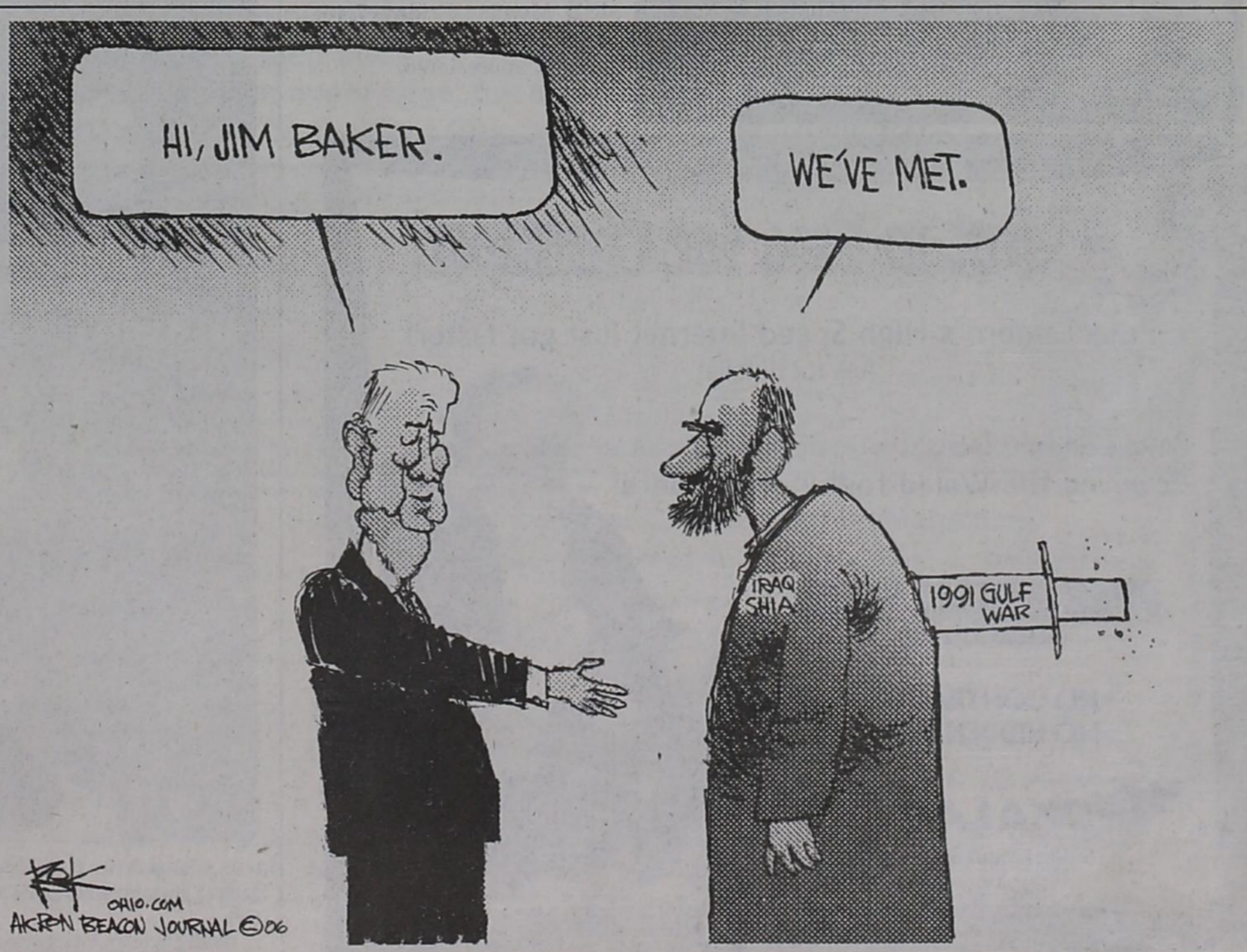
The answer lies in a very simple fact: U.S. presidents use their standing army, which loyally and obediently follows presidential orders, to attack weak and relatively defenseless Third World countries, such as Panama, Grenada, Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, and Iraq, and only when U.S. casualties are expected to be low. With Iraq as with Vietnam, it's obvious that they simply miscalculated a bit.

As the Iraq debacle continues to spiral downward, sucking ever-growing numbers of people into its death throes, all too many Americans continue to judge the invasion and occupation of Iraq by how many U.S. troops have been killed. But from a moral standpoint, Americans should also be asking themselves two important questions: (1) Under what moral or legal authority did the U.S. government invade Iraq, killing hundreds of thousands of people in the

process? and (2) If the U.S. government invaded Iraq to spread freedom and democracy, as U.S. officials maintain, why is it cozying up to such totalitarian regimes as the communist dictatorship in Vietnam?

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Lady Lopes Tamara Raymundo (10) passes the ball to Lauren Gonzales (23) while under pressure from an O'Donnell defender during last weekend's Borden County Tournament championship game. (Photo by Kameron Strivens)

'Lopes win championship at Borden County tourney

The Post Antelopes slipped past Lubbock Christian High School 53-50 to win the championship of last week's Borden County Tournament.

The first quarter of the game was tight, with Post carrying a slim 11-10 lead, but the 'Lopes turned it up in the second period to take a 24-16 margin into halftime. LCHS answered with some added offensive sparkle in the third quarter to take the lead 34-33 at the end of the period, but Post managed to grab the win before the buzzer sounded.

JV boys drop two at Spur tournament

The Post High School junior varsity boys dropped a pair of games at the Spur Tournament last week.

The 'Lopes lost their first game to the Spur varsity team by a score of 36-23.

Post managed to stay close in the game - the team led 16-15 at the half - but Spur unleashed an offensive outpouring that netted 14 points in the third period, while the 'Lopes were limited to two points.

Jovanni Garay led scoring for Post with 14 points, followed by Quinton Valdez and Jarrett Blevins with three apiece, Chad Miller with two and Reed Williams, one point.

In their second game of the tournament, the 'Lopes lost to Hermleigh, 49-41.

Garay was top scorer with 17, followed by Miller with nine, Valdez with five and Blevins and Trent Babb with four points each.

Leading scorer for Post was Blake Nichols, who had 16 points in the game. Colter Creech had 10 points, followed by Heath Fellhauer with eight points, D.J. Baiza with seven, Wilson Cash, six, Aaron James with four and Tim Wilson, two points.

In the semi-final game, Post handed the host team a 48-39 defeat.

Post jumped out to an early lead, making it a 14-10 game at the end of the first quarter and 35-19 at the half.

Baiza topped scoring for the 'Lopes with 19 points, followed by Cash with nine and Fellhauer with seven. Nichols had six points in the game, while Creech had four, James had two and Wilson added one point to the scoreboard.

In their first win of the tournament, the 'Lopes downed New Home by a score of 53-47.

New Home jumped out to an early lead, outscoring Post 20-16 at the end of the first quarter and taking a 35-26 lead at the halfway point. But Post rebounded strong in the third period, cutting New Home's lead to a single point.

Creech led scoring for Post with 17 points, followed by Baiza with nine and Fellhauer and Nichols with eight apiece. James had five points in the game, Clint Windham had four points and Cash scored two points.

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Post Antelope defenders bearing down on Borden County with another steal during last weekend's Borden County tournament are (left to right) Timothy Wilson (00), D.J. Baiza (21) and Heath Fellhauer (4). (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

O'Donnell slips past Lady Lopes in Borden County tourney

The varsity Lady 'Lopes were close, but couldn't quite pull out the win to take the championship in the Borden County Tournament played Dec. 7-9.

O'Donnell killed Post's tournament win by a score of 35-30.

Post led scoring in the first quarter of the championship game, but O'Donnell came on strong in the remaining quarters to take the victory.

Leading scorer for Post in the game was Jackie Hays with 12 points, followed by Rachel Gray with nine, Samantha Hoover and Lauren Gonzales, four points each, and Kylie Easterling, one point.

Kylie Easterling had four assists in the game.

Hoover and Gray led in offensive rebounds with three apiece, while Hoover was the standout with four defensive rebounds.

Following the championship game, the Lady 'Lopes' season record stands at 8-4.

In the tournament's semi-final

game against Klondike, Post came out on top by a score of 39-25.

Post jumped out to an early lead and outscored Klondike in all but the fourth quarter. Both teams scored eight points in the final period of play.

Gray led scoring with 11 points, followed by Hays with 10, Easterling with nine, Brenna Postell with three points and Hoover, Gonzales and Lori Jones each scoring two points.

Gray led assists with four. Postell led in offensive rebounds with four, while Hays topped defensive rebounding with four.

In their first game of the tournament, the Lady 'Lopes upended New Home, 58-30.

Post set the pace in the first period, scoring 16 points and limiting New Home to three points. The third quarter was even more lopsided, with Post scoring 21 points and New

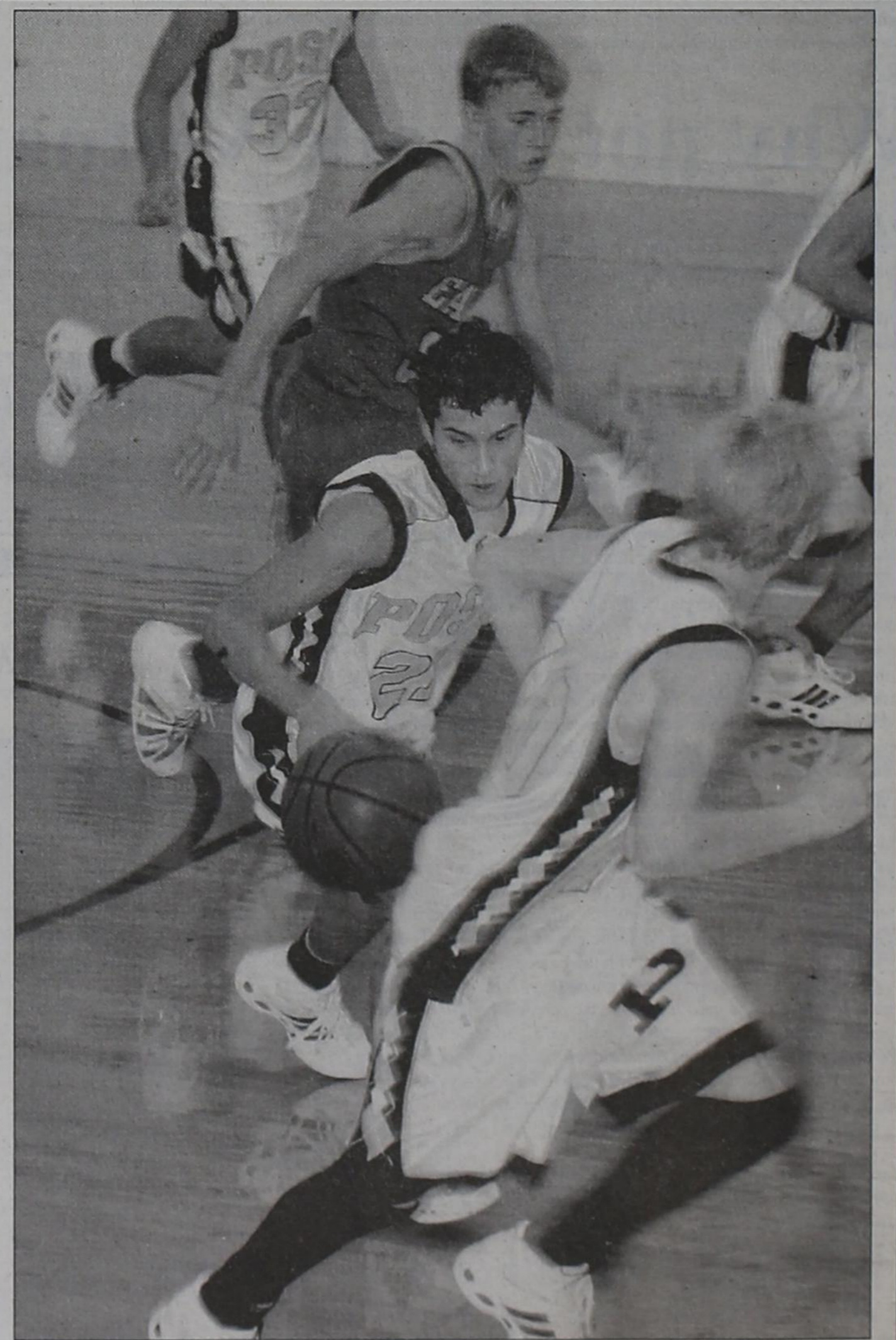
Home adding only four to the scoreboard.

Lead scorer for the Lady 'Lopes was Gray with 19 points, followed by Hays with 12 and Cheyenne Miller with six. Hoover and Jones each had five points in the game, while Tamara Raymundo added four, Postell, Gonzales and Easterling had two points apiece and Marlee Plummer had one point.

Gray had three assists in the game.

Postell led offensive rebounding with five, while Jones grabbed five defensive rebounds to top that statistic for Post.

During this game the Lady 'Lopes broke two tournament records. Gray set an individual record with the highest number of free throws made - 13 - in a single game. The entire Post team also set a team record for the highest number of free throws made - 27 - in a single game. Overall the team was 68 percent at the free-throw line.



D.J. Baiza drives the ball down court for the Antelopes during last Saturday's Borden County Tournament championship game against Lubbock Christian High School. Also in the play is James Aaron (10). (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

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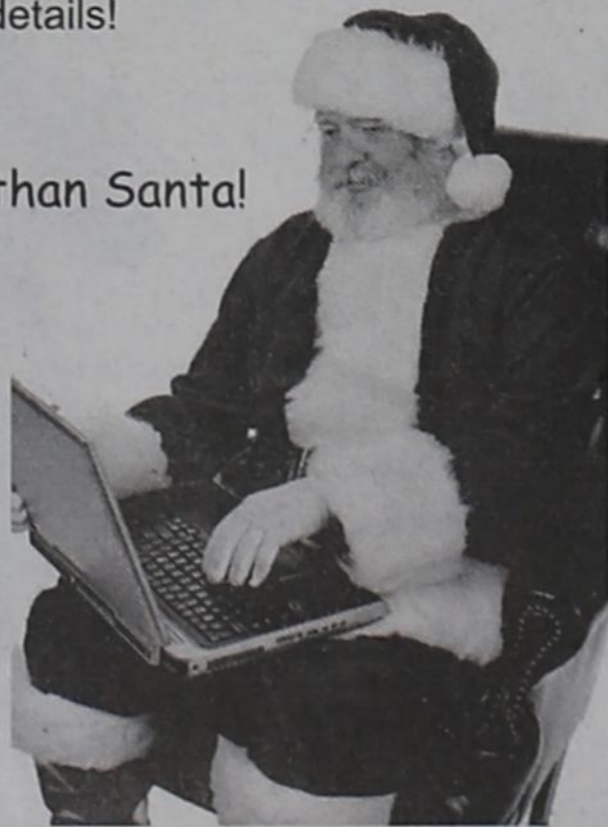
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Eat Your Vegetables! Parents Can Encourage Healthier Eating in Their Children

COLLEGE STATION Ask a child what his or her favorite foods are, and chances are vegetables and fruits won't be on the list. And yet "most of us know that eating fruits and vegetables are important for good health," said Dr. Jenna Anding, Texas Cooperative Extension nutrition specialist. Healthy diets that are rich in fruits and vegetables can help reduce the risk of many chronic diseases, she said. Unfortunately most school age children today are not getting the recommended amounts. "Depending on energy needs, school age children need as much as 1.5 cups of fruits and 2.5 cups of vegetables each day," she said. "Another concern

is lack of variety. An estimated 25 percent to 30 percent of the vegetables consumed by children are potatoes." So what's a parent to do?

First, Anding said, provide a good example. Many adults fall short of the recommended amounts as well. "And as parents, we can't expect our children to eat fruits and vegetables if we don't eat them ourselves," she said.

Other factors can influence what children will and won't eat, Anding said. She cited research showing availability, accessibility, fear of new foods and personal preferences as influences. "A parent may have to expose a new vegetable to a child 10 times or more before the child accepts it," she said. Sometimes, that isn't enough.

Anding admits to not liking or eating a vegetable or two herself, even as an adult. But liking every single vegetable

isn't required, she said, as long as children will eat a variety of fruits and vegetables for good health. These tips might help, she added: - Keep fresh fruit on hand for quick snacks. A bowlful on the kitchen counter makes for quick and easy access. - Offer crunchy vegetables such as carrots and celery and low-fat dip for a pre-meal snack. - Add fruits and vegetables to favorite recipes. For instance, slice carrots into chicken soup; serve sliced peaches on breakfast cereal; add mashed bananas or grated zucchini to homemade breads. - Get the kids into the act. Let them pick which fruits and vegetables to serve with meals. - Plant a vegetable garden. Kids like to watch things grow, and a garden can help foster an appreciation for agriculture. - Make eating fruits and vegetables fun. Use fruits and vegetables to teach young children colors or letters of the alphabet.

And above all, have patience, Anding said. "Don't be surprised

if children refuse new vegetables the first time they are offered," she said. "Just remember the rule of 10 ... Studies show that repeated exposure is a good way of getting children to eat a new vegetable."

"Getting children to eat more fruits and vegetables can be a challenge but the rewards are great," Anding said. "The foods children eat today may very well affect the foods they eat tomorrow, as well as their health in years to come."

For more information on this and other nutrition issues, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to "Food and Nutrition." To find recommended amount of fruits and vegetables, visit the MyPyramid Web site at <http://www.mypyramid.gov>

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Southland Eagle Patrick Martinez (14) looks to pass the ball as Bryce Martinez (30) assists in the play during the recent game against Lockney. (Photo by Melissa Morin)



Southland Eagle Junior Galindo (12) pushes the ball down court during the recent game against Amherst. Also in on the action are (back left to right) Bryce Martinez (30) and Alfredo Aguero (22). (Photo by Melissa Morin)

Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA

Profitability Workshop Set For December 19 For Area Growers

Area producers can get a leg up on planning their management strategies for 2007 at the profitability workshop sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension.

"We will take a long, hard look at higher production expenses, and how that may affect your operating strategy," said Dr. Jackie Smith, Extension economist based at Lubbock. "We know producers have faced higher energy costs for irrigation, fertilizer, fuel and ginning."

The workshop is slated for December 19th, from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the Tahoka Housing Authority (1400 Avenue K, Tahoka).

Jeff Pate and Jay Yates, Extension risk management specialists based at Lubbock, will provide an outlook for fuel, fertilizer, other farm inputs, and crop prices for 2007. They will also discuss farm program payments and possible production budgets for cotton and grain.

Smith will examine crop budgets for 2007 using the latest forecasts for commodity prices

and input costs. Alternative cropping strategies will be compared with input from participants. A CD with spreadsheet tools used in the workshop will be made available to all in attendance.

There is no charge to attend. For more information contact Smith at (806) 746-6101, or the Extension office in Lynn

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Profitability Workshop

Area producers may want to attend a Profitability Workshop scheduled for December 19, 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the Tahoka Housing Authority (1400 Avenue K, Tahoka). For more info see Greg's column in today's paper.

Address Changes

Many Garza County residents are on our mailing list for various newsletters. Due to the many 911 address updates lately, please contact us at 495-4400 if yours has changed. Also, if you have an email address, please let us know so we may send you information by email and save postage. Thanks.

18 arrests made in Garza County

Local law enforcement officers made 18 arrests in recent days, according to a report from the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

Arrests included that of a 20-year-old male, minor in consumption of alcohol; a 19-year-old male, minor in consumption of alcohol; a 33-year-old male, assault/family violence of disabled person; a 42-year-old male, possession of marijuana and driving while license invalid; a 31-year-old male, assault/family violence; a 22-year-old male picked up on a Crosby County warrant; and a 26-year-old male arrested on a Lubbock County warrant.

Also arrested were a 38-year-old male arrested on a Garza County warrant/theft by check; a 32-year-old female, Garza County warrant/theft by check; a 28-year-old male, driving while intoxicated/third; a 59-year-old male, assault; a 23-year-old female, Collin County warrant/theft by check; a 17-year-old male, driving under the influence of alcohol and reckless driving; a 34-year-old male, Garza County warrant/application to revoke probation; and a 17-year-old male, driving under the influence of alcohol/reckless driving.

Also arrested were three juvenile males under the age of 16. All were picked up for minor in consumption of alcohol, according to reports.

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Stan Tucker as 'Kris Kringle' speaks with his supportive Macy's store elves during the Garza Theatre production of "Miracle on 34th Street." (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

Garza Theatre's 'Miracle' wraps up this weekend

Final performances of the Garza Theatre's "Miracle on 34th Street" production will be at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15 and 16.

Based on the book by Valentine Davies, the production is 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.

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).

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

- Lee and Marsha Norman had a full house with all of their children visiting. Matthew, Laura, Tipton and Ivy May of Austin; Janie and Simon Stach of Trophy Club; David, Brenda and Emily Norman of Lubbock and Uncle Steve Norman also of Lubbock. Tipton and Ivy got to spend a little extra time with Grand and GiGi while their parents were working out of town.
- The Wilke family traveled to Carlsbad for "Christmas on the Pecos" a river ride through some very spectacular Christmas light attractions. Those enjoying the ride were; Robbie Wilke & G.B. Wilke both of Post; Jerry and Lilly Wright of Lovington, N.M.; Efrén, Jennifer, Lexi and Jacob Gonzalez of Coleman and Chris and JoAnn Wright of Crowley.
- We've had a couple of "special" visitors out here this week; Bobby Clem came by and drank a cup of coffee, ate some peanuts and checked out his old stomping grounds. Bobby lives in New Home now but attended school at Close

City. Frank Thomas also came by to visit and seems to be getting along pretty well. Frank and his wife Melba live in Tahoka.

- Danny Gonzales has been "batching" it this week. Susan has gone to Dallas to stay with Stevie while her daughter-in-law, Flora works. Danny and Susan's son, Steve and Patrick Gonzales who is their nephew and the grandson of Mike and Eva Gonzales, have gone to Austin for a golf conference. Only a grandma would travel 300 miles to baby-sit.

- Get Well Wishes~ After having knee surgery in Decatur, Maurice "Bubba" Fluitt, was moved to the hospital in Bowie for therapy, his wife, the former Doris Robinson, reports he is at home and doing well.

- Carmen Abraham is still in UMC and has had some skin grafts done, under the circumstances she seems to be doing well. Billie Windham spent a couple of days in the hospital in Tahoka with pneumonia but is now home and doing well.

- As of Tuesday morning the official bale count at the gin was 1,854

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December 16th • Laura McCampbell Smith
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Neil Diamond fans were treated to classic Diamond entertainment last week at the Tower Theater with Las Vegas' Pat Garrett performing a wide variety of Neil's greatest hits. Celebrating the event Sunday afternoon at the Tower Theater are (left to right) Ginger Walton, Lana Simmonds, Sharon Simmonds, Pat Garrett, Danica Williams, Brooke Morris and Ric Walton. The Tower Theater opens another Las Vegas show December 20 with Gary Anthony brining Frank Sinatra to the stage here. Call the box office at 990-2133 fir reservations.

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'Kris Kringle' (Stan Tucker) gets a big hug from a new friend and fan, Susan Walker played by Madison Bryan during Garza Theatre's "Miracle on 34th Street." Final performances will start at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, December 15 & 16 at Garza Theatre. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

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Santa Letters & Christmas Greeting Deadline:
Friday, December 15 at Noon
123 E. Main Street

Legal Notices

Notice of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

Kerry Petroleum Company Inc, 500 West Texas Ave., Suite 1450, Midland, Tx 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres formation, CONNELL -B- lease, Well Number 30. The proposed injection well is located 6 miles Southeast Of Post, Tx in the Rocker -A-, NW (SAN ANDRE) Field, in Garza County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2488 to 2900 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

Public Notice

South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) as the Area Agency on Agency will be conducting a public hearing at the Garza County Trailblazers on December 19, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. The Location of the site is 205 E. 10th Street Post, Texas.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING/FORUM:

In accordance with Public Law 89-73 of the United States Of America known as the Older Americans Act of 1965, Congress listed as an objective of the Act that: "older persons (age 60 or older) should have free exercise of individual initiative in planning and managing their own lives, full participation in planning and operation of community-based services and programs provided for benefit and protection against abuse, neglect, and exploitation."

This public hearing/forum is being held to provide you, the older person (age 60 and older) the opportunity to participate in the planning and operation of community-based services and programs provided for your benefit through the South Plains Association of Governments Area Agency on Aging. It is not intended to answer questions. It is to receive your problems/comments/concerns. If we receive a comment that is already covered by some current program or law, we will contact you after the hearing. However, we will input a problem that reflects lack of information/education in the particular area you commented on.

You are encouraged to attend this important hearing to provide input and direction for the services that are provided in SPAG's service region. Older persons requiring special accommodations, please contact SPAG at 1-888-418-6564

Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones
From The Post Dispatch archives

10 Years Ago

December 12, 1996
The Garza Theatre's rendition of "Little Women" continued to run through the month of December. Locals performing included Anne Sims, Amber Conoly, Anna Wilson, Marlee Plummer, Jenny Conoly, Jennifer Hubble, Linda Self, Daisy Breedlove, Jerrica Tyler and Nicole

Menus

Post ISD

December 18
Breakfast: Biscuits, sausage, gravy, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, chocolate pudding cup, milk.

December 19
Breakfast: Donuts, sausage link, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Pigs-n-blanket, pinto beans, baked chips, orange pineapple salad, milk.

December 20
Breakfast: Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, strawberry shortcake, milk.

December 21
Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, sausage link, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Meat & bean chalupas, spanish rice, lettuce & tomatoes, rosie applesauce, milk.

December 22
Christmas Holiday

Southland ISD

December 18
Breakfast: Oatmeal, sausage link, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Chicken nugget, quick bake potato, mixed vegetables, roll, apple, cake, milk.

December 19
Breakfast: Cereal, fresh fruit, Graham cracker, juice, milk.

Lunch: Soft tacos, lettuce & tomato, refried beans, orange quarter, cake, milk.

December 20
Breakfast: Muffins, yogurt, juice, milk.

Lunch: Fish, tartar sauce, mac & cheese, pinto beans, fruit cup, brownie, milk.

December 21
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, sausage patty, juice, milk.

Lunch: Sack lunch.

December 22
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.

Lunch: Sack lunch.

TRAILBLAZERS

December 18
Salisbury steak, green peas, cauliflower, cheese sauce, wheat roll, pears, cookies.

December 19
Chicken strips, new potatoes in sauce, broccoli, pickles, hot rolls, brownies.

December 20
Polish sausage, noodles, peas & carrots, wheat roll, oranges & bananas.

December 21
Spaghetti & meat sauce, tossed salad, carrots, garlic bread, chocolate cake.

December 22
Roast beef, brown gravy, baked sweet potato, okra, hot roll, oatmeal cookie.

Gray. The production was directed by Christy Morris.

District Judge George Hansard handed down forty-nine-year-old Jerry T. Smith of Post a life sentence after being found guilty in the murder of Edna Laverne Blodgett.

Bryony Martin, Post High School freshman, received 1st chair in both the Honor Band and All-Region Orchestra in the Texas Music Educators Association Region 16 All-Region Band and Orchestra tryouts held at Frenship High School.

Hettie Dudgeon was honored December 8, with a celebration of her 90th birthday at the Hospitality House in Lubbock.

20 Years Ago

December 11, 1986
Three Garza County youth received national honors during the 65th National 4-H Congress held in Chicago. Awards went to Derick Dunn, Korren Ann Payton and Angela Graves.

Adeline Young, who resided at Golden Plains Care Center was honored with a reception on her 100th birthday.

A baby shower honoring Mrs. Sherry Williams was held December 14, at the First National Bank Room.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Collier announced the birth of their daughter, Christin Nicole, born December 2, 1986 in Lubbock General Hospital. At birth Christin weighed three pounds and five ounces.

David Shults and bobby Redman, both of Post, were two of the more than 350 scholarship recipients recognized during the Texas Tech University College of Agricultural Sciences' 59th Annual Pig Roast.

30 Years Ago

December 16, 1976
The Post Antelope selected to All-District included Mike Babb, Mike Waldrip, Perry Rogers, Evans Heaton, Matt Allison, Jimmy Dorland, Randy Baker, Danny Saldivar, Buddy Britton, Randall Wyatt, Casey Zachery and Mark Kirkpatrick.

The Post Dispatch was named a National Blue Ribbon Newspaper for 1977 by the National Editorial Foundation in Washington, D. C. Marita Jackson and Connie

Zeigler presented "Our Christmas Gift to Friends in Post" in a recital of Christmas Music performed at the First Baptist Church.

Miss Penny Norman, bride-elect of Macky Sappington, was honored with a miscellaneous shoe at the bank community room.

Norma Baumann was named as Youth Center Director following the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Tol Thomas who moved to Seagraves.

40 Years Ago

December 15, 1966
J. A. Stallings, Post's "Mister Santa Fe," retired December 3 after 54 years of service with the Santa Fe Railway Company, 42 of those 54 years as Santa Fe agent in Post.

Conservation Farmer and Rancher award plaques were presented Ray McClellan and Jack Lott at the annual Christmas awards dinner of the Garza County Soil Conservation Service board held at the Graham community center.

Post High School band members Zelika Freeman, Ricky Heintz and Mickie Taylor were named to the all-district band at tryouts held in Abilene.

Postings: Mrs. Inez Capps received a delightful holiday surprise when the phone rang at Genez Steak House and it was her son, Sgt. Dwayne Capps, calling all the way from Hong Kong.

A surprise was shared by all at the FHA party, when in came Santa, played by Tom Harmon.

50 Years Ago

December 13, 1956
By a vote of 110 to 5, Garza County farmers joined the nation's other cotton growers in giving overwhelming approval to the national cotton marketing quota program.

Through the first three games of the basketball season, center Damon Ethridge lead the Post Antelope scor-

ers with 27 points on seven field goals and 13 free throws.

The Rev. Clinton Edwards, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, was elected president of the Post Ministerial Alliance.

A trophy case, made possible through a \$50 donation from the 1956 graduating class, was installed in the hallway at Post High School. The trophy case was constructed by four shop students, James Williams, Troy Cartmill, Sammy Martin and Arlon Ford.

Misses Carolyn Hudman and Patricia Lott were among the 800 pledges from Texas Tech's 10 social sororities, who were presented in a mass ceremony at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

60 Years Ago

December 12, 1946
Garza county rural folk, as well as townspeople, attended the formal opening of the Post Implement Company, J. I. Case farm equipment dealers, in their brand new building located at 605 North Broadway.

The business was operated by Jess Wright, Jr., who in 1941 and '42 coached football at Post High School.

Remodeling of the 40x160 foot building on Main, which formerly housed the M. J. Malouf dry goods store, and would later be occupied by the G. F. Wacker variety store, got underway the first of the week.

Three persons were selected as outstanding members of the Women's Society of Christian Service. Presented Life Membership certificates at the annual Christmas social meeting were Mrs. W. F. Presson, Mrs. N. W. Stone and Miss Iris Parker.

Other Elton "Pokey" Ammons, who enlisted in the Navy, has been given an honorable discharge at San Diego. He is the son of Mrs. Lemen M. Ammons.

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- Astro Berkman had a lot of these in '06
- TXism: "busy as ___-armed paper hanger"
- TXism: "hell ___ for leather"
- film's Warner or TC's Orbison
- "bidness" abbr.
- TXism: "he could sell ice ___ Eskimos"
- early Roy Orbison band: "___ Kings"
- TXism: "___ a milk bucket under a bull"
- TXism: "___ hill for a stepper"
- TX Miller sang "trailers for ___ or rent ___"
- TXism: "sticks like tar ___ road"
- young cows
- Canton's "First Monday" event (2 wds.)
- this Nick was in "Affliction" with TX Sissy (init.)
- below a bishop
- TX ZZ Top album: "___ Hombres"
- TXism: "keep your saddle ___"
- nachos topping (2 wds.)
- join in marriage
- TXism: "light as a ___ feather"
- half an "em"
- Caldwell FM
- TXism: "___ some gravel" (fell)
- black-eyed ___
- Superman's vision? (2 wds.)
- antique auto
- home state of Alamo's Travis (abbr)
- bold aroma
- Salado has a yearly "Gathering of ___ at Scottish event"
- town really close to Brownwood
- TX Janis sang "Me and Bobby Mc ___"
- TX actor Tommy Jones
- TX Perot's old co.
- TXism: "never let 'em ___ sweat"
- ex-Cowboy owner Schramm (init.)
- "bear" south of the border
- TX Vidor film: "___ Passage"
- TXism: "Voice of America" director (init.)
- TX John Connally served on this ship in WWII
- TXism: "drawing a ___ on it"
- fishin' items or pitches
- TX Judge Roy Bean courtroom/saloon "The Jersey ___"
- Pepper
- "a plea"
- students at a TX university
- dull pain
- TXism: "___ late and a dollar short"
- "hither and ___"
- TX Sissy '86 film: "Violets ___ Blue"
- actress Ruby
- religious statement

DOWN

- "conejo" south of the border
- Kendall Co. seat
- TXism: "___ as a newborn calf"
- tennis units
- this TX Chase was "Voice of America" director (init.)
- TX John Connally served on this ship in WWII
- TXism: "drawing a ___ on it"
- TXism: "never let 'em ___ sweat"
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THE NOT JUST FOR KIDS PAGE

The Donner Party Tragedy

Cheap land, fertile soil and no blizzards. So promised Lansford Hastings in his guide book to California. Brothers, George and Jake Donner and friend James Reed loaded up nine wagons, packed their families, hired teamsters (to help control the 6-9 oxen needed to pull each wagon) for the five California. Hastings included two pieces of information in his guide book that would play a part in the tragedy. First, was his warning that the mountains must be crossed before the first snows. Most regrettably was the "shortcut" that promised to cut 350-400 miles off their journey. Hastings had never actually tested this short-cut. In reality it added 125 miles to the trip; leading to 81 people in the Donner party to be trapped in the mountains for 4 months. Forty one people would not live through that brutal winter of 1846. The Donner party would become the biggest tragedy in our nation's effort to achieve Manifest Destiny: settling America shore to shore.

Stranded and Starving

Just two days earlier the last wagon train made it safely over the mountains. Delayed by the "shortcut" the Reeds & Donners were now trapped in 5-13 feet of snow. Over 100 oxen had perished. Lakes were frozen over. Wildlife had retreated to lower elevations. The desperate group holed up for the winter in abandoned cabins and make shift shelters. It would be four months until rescue parties would be able to reach the survivors.

Two Indians were hired as teamsters to tend the oxen. Eventually they found themselves part of the rescue party that tried to go for help. After days with out food, 4 men froze to death. In a hunger frenzy one of the rescue party killed the Indians for food.

What's for Dinner?
Shoe leather, buffalo skins and human flesh.

One of the sad legacies of the Donner party is the fact that eventually they were reduced to eating the remains of the friends and family that had perished. Only after eating all the oxen and killing and eating the beloved family dog Cash, did the Donner Party become resigned to cannibalism, as a desperate chance to survive.

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