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Longtime county judge closing door on 34 years in public office

by Sheri Lewis

County Judge Giles W. Dalby has faced numerous challenges during his 34 years in office, but one of the toughest tasks may still lie ahead - clearing out his courthouse office and walking away for the last time.

"I'm dreading that," Dalby said last week. "I get nostalgic when I go up there thinking, 'OK, I've just got X number of days left.' When you've done it so long, going up there and some days it's fairly calm and some days it's just total chaos, it was always a challenge in some way or another."

Sitting in his downtown ranch office, surrounded by family photos and mementoes of both his public and private careers, the outgoing county judge said he has known for quite some time that 2006 would be his final year in the courthouse.

"I knew that when I ran the last time it would be my last one," he said. "Here I am I'm 74, and I'd like to have a few years for (wife) Nelda and I to do things, enjoy our grandchildren and travel some.... I've been here 34 years. I want to smell the roses and do some other things. And I thought it was time to get some new blood in here, younger than I am, and let them continue on what we've started. And hopefully they'll build on it."

But don't think that his retirement from the office of county judge means Dalby is done with public service.

"I'll stay active. I'm not gonna go sit down in a rocking chair," he said. Dalby maintains several positions of community service, including involvement with the Post Economic Development Corporation; director for Plains Capital Bank in Lubbock; vice-chairman for the West Texas Centers for MHMR; and chairman of the Garza County Appraisal District. And, of course, there's always

work to be done operating and managing his Cross H Ranch.

"Out at the ranch I can stay as busy as I want to. There's always something to do out there," Dalby said. "Or I can sit back and enjoy things and not have a schedule like I do now."

Although his name has on more than one occasion been suggested in connection with higher, perhaps state-level offices, the judge said he's not interested.

"I have no ambition for higher office," he said, putting a heavy emphasis on the word no. "I'm done."

Of course, he still has a few days before his term is over, and he'll be busy right up until the end. His final duties actually will fall next week - on Jan. 1 he'll go to the courthouse to swear in local elected officials and on Jan. 2 he'll return to do the same for the district judge.

"After that, I'm history," he laughed.

Getting started

Dalby first took office on Jan. 1, 1971, after defeating a pair of opponents, including the incumbent, in the Democratic Party primary in 1969.

And what prompted him to run for office?

"I don't know," he said, "I really don't. You know, it was just something that came to me, a strong feeling, and I decided, well, I was in a position where I could serve, so I just went down and filed."

The then-39-year-old had a family and ranching interests, but felt compelled to do more.

"I was comfortable," he said. "The job didn't pay much - it paid

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Judge Giles W. Dalby

New county officials to be sworn in Monday

A fresh slate of county officers, including a new county judge, will be sworn in at 10 a.m. Monday in the courtroom of the Garza County Courthouse.

Conducting the swearing-in ceremonies will be outgoing county judge Giles W. Dalby, who is retiring after 34 years of public service.

Lee Norman, a Republican and former member of the Garza County Commissioners Court, will be sworn in as county judge. Also taking the oath of office will be newcomer Charles Morris, elected as Precinct 2 commissioner, and Mike Sanchez, elected to return to his Precinct 4 commissioner's post.

Other local elected officials to be sworn in during the month include incumbent Jim Plummer, district/county clerk; Ruth Ann Young, incumbent to the county treasurer's office; Dee C. Justice, incumbent, justice of the peace, Precinct 2; and newcomer Gordon Terry, Pct. 1 justice of the peace.

GCHD clinic project awaits survey, input from architect

by Sheri Lewis

Work surrounding the proposed clinic project for the Garza County Hospital District is at a standstill, with district officials waiting on a survey of the property and a meeting with an architect.

During the Dec. 21 meeting of the district's board of directors, board members were advised that no survey of the property purchased for the clinic project has been completed.

Also, district officials are waiting on a visit from an architect who has done extensive work for Physicians Network Services (PNS), operator of the Garza County Health Care Clinic. A representative from the architectural firm is expected to meet with board members at their next regular meeting.

In November, the board voted unanimously in favor of spending \$7,500 to purchase three acres of land at the corner of Avenue S and Hwy. 84. According to reports, the proposed clinic site is eligible

for city water service, but will require the installation of a septic system for the handling of wastewater.

The land purchase was made as part of the board's plan to relocate the existing district-funded clinic to an upgraded, more accessible location. However, the board cannot move forward with its plan to build a new clinic facility without approval from hospital district voters.

District officials, prompted by "expensive repairs" and ongoing problems with the existing facility in the hospital building constructed in 1952, have been eyeing the possibility of relocating the clinic for several months.

In other business, board members:

- Received the monthly clinic report, which showed revenues of \$50,022 and expenses of \$40,152, resulting in a profit of \$9,869. A total of 793 visits were recorded in the month of November, including 1,460 procedures. Reports also indicated that the physician's provider numbers have come in, and Medicare is beginning to pay on back claims. District officials are hopeful that most deficits will be erased this month and next as the claims can now be processed by federal officials.

- Heard a report on the 2007 election from the district administrator. Two positions - Precinct 3, currently held by Yvonne Kennedy, and Wayne Edwards' Precinct 4 seat - will be open. Candidates may file at any time, but filing deadline is March 12.

- Received a report on the Garza Central Tax Appraisal District audit for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30.

- Received the indigent care report for the month of November. Ten clients were in the program at the beginning of the month. Five potential clients were interviewed; one was approved. Four clients were re-certified, leaving a total of 11 clients in the program at the end of the month, according to reports. Expenses were \$1,292, for a year-to-date total of \$1,883. Balance remaining in the indigent care budget is \$98,116.

- Approved the sale of two foreclosed properties.
- Approved minutes from the previous meeting.

The next meeting for the hospital district's board of directors will be at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 18 in the Citizens Bank Community Room.

Post Notes

Garza Co. Stock Show set January 17-20

Garza County Jr. Livestock Association planning meeting for all members and exhibitor parents will be held Thursday, January 4 at 7 p.m. Workday at the show barn for members, parents and exhibitors will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, January 6. All entries are due by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10.

Brick project seeking volunteer

Garza County Memorial Brick Project is needing a volunteer to research election records to establish Elected Officials time of service. This will produce an accurate record from the beginning of the City and County that will then be continued for all future generations. Please contact Thressa Harp at 778-4469 or 495-2467 if you are willing to work on this "time sensitive" project.

American Legion meeting December 28

The American Legion Post 270 will meet Thursday, December 28 at 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 813 W. 13th Street. All members are urged to attend. We extend a special invitation to our new members.

Church sets building fundraiser

The Women's Chapter of the Church of God of Prophecy, 602 W. 14th, is offering a tamale sale Friday, December 29 from noon to 5 p.m., \$7 per dozen. Call 495-3644 to place an order.

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' mailing 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 generating 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

Deadline for the December 28 edition of the Post Dispatch 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.

Masonic Lodge meeting set January 6

Post Masonic Lodge #1058 will hold an Entered Apprentice Degree on Saturday, January 6, 2007. Breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. and E. A. Degree to follow. All members are urged to attend, visitors are welcome. For information call Secretary Archie Gill at 495-3419.



Garza County Victims Assistance Program receives contribution

Bob Arnold (left) presents a check for \$1800 to Jayta Cravy (right) of The Garza County Victims Assistance Program to help purchase toys and Christmas presents for the local families and children who have suffered as victims of crime. The check was made possible because of donations from the employees of B.O.F. Company.



City and County emergency personnel handle a two car accident last Wednesday at the intersection of Broadway and Main Streets. Details about the accident were not available as of publication date. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

LOOKING FOR A PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN YOU CAN ACTUALLY UNDERSTAND?

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Flowers. It's better than medicine," says Cook, 65, who doesn't let her multiple sclerosis overcome her desire to brighten someone's day. She gets flower donations from friends.

In the dumpster of her apartment complex in Washington, Ill. (pop. 10,841), Decerned to recycle them, the great-grandmother used the crook of her cane to fish out the trophies one

This Week In Post City

By Rosa Latimer-Bell
BE IT RESOLVED.

It doesn't seem as though you hear as much about New Year's resolutions as we used to. I'm not sure why - perhaps because Americans always resolve to do (or not do) the same things each year: lose weight, stop smoking, exercise more and it just isn't as interesting as it once was.

Just how did New Year's Resolutions get started? This custom dates back to the early Babylonians. Their most popular resolution was to return borrowed farm equipment. Some believe that resolutions at the first of the New Year date back to 153 B.C. A mythical king of Rome, Janus, had two faces - one to look back on past events and one to look forward to the future. This became the Roman symbol for New Year's resolutions. I would guess that in our society, New Year's resolutions began as part of reminiscing about the year just coming to a close and declaring to "do better" in the upcoming year.

According to a recent survey, conducted by Gail Kasper, a motivation coach, 51% of

Americans don't have New Year's Resolutions and of those that do, 79% don't have a plan to achieve them. Kasper has one short phrase to motivate us all: Action creates results.

So, if you're going to join those who make New Year's resolutions and if you're serious about achieving them, you will need a plan of action. Making resolutions with no plan of how to achieve them is really just wishful thinking. Why don't we join together as a community to "resolve" to enjoy this upcoming Centennial year and celebrate our history and our future together? The plan of action is well under way and there will be many opportunities to participate.

PERSON OF THE YEAR

The naming of Time Magazine's "Person of the Year" began in 1927 as a "Man of the Year" designation based on "the individual or group of individuals who most affected the news and our lives, for good or for ill." (The recognition was changed in 1999 to "Person of the Year." This change most likely coincides with the movement in our country to become more

politically correct.)

This year the magazine chose "You" - that's right, you were honored for the growth and influence of user-generated content on the internet. According to a magazine spokesperson, "Choosing the collectivity reflected the way the internet was shifting the balance of power within the media through blogs, videos and social networks" such as MySpace, Facebook, Wikipedia and YouTube. Frankly, I think the panel that had the responsibility to choose this year just couldn't agree. It was probably getting really late one night and a decision had to be made so the magazine could go to press. There was a stalemate - either no clear-cut winner or the contenders were just too controversial. Someone probably reminded the committee how many Time subscribers the magazine lost when Hitler and Stalin were chosen, and after <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ayatollah_Khomeini> Ayatollah Khomeini made the cover as "Man of the Year" in 1979, the magazine suffered a tremendous loss in readers and advertisers. One committee member probably threw up his hands and said, "Let's just don't give it to anyone this year!" And, someone else said, "No, let's just give it to everyone, every person who uses the internet, contributes to the internet, everyone!" Since "everyone" isn't very personal, they changed it to "You" and turned it over to the art department to find a picture for the cover. So, congratulations to YOU! Time Magazine's Person of the Year for 2006! HAPPY 2007! Comments you often hear this time of year is: "Where did the year go? I can't believe it's already the New Year." This end-of-the-year attitude should be a lesson to us

all that we ought to live each day to the fullest - live a life that we (& others) will remember so that at the end of the year, we can look back at a joyful, fulfilling experience.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Thank you, God, for this good life and forgive us if we do not love it enough. - Garrison Keillor
That's it for this week, and this year, in Post City!

Births



Garrett Thomas Graves

Averi and Ryleigh Graves are happy to announce the birth of a brother, Garrett Thomas Graves, at 1:41 p.m. Dec. 20, 2006, in the Lynn County Hospital.

The infant weighed 8 pounds and was 19 inches long at birth.

Parents are David and Alicia Graves of Post.

Maternal grandparents are David and Judi Martin of Post. Maternal aunt is Tressie Martin and uncle, David Martin, both of Post. Maternal great-grandparents are John Huffman and Edna Bilberry of Post. Great-aunts are Joni Huffman of Post and Sarah Rodriguez of Lubbock. Great-uncles and -aunts are Dian and Art Pettet of Cody, Wyo., John and Sandra Bilberry of England and C.J. Bilberry and Michelle Ramirez of Post. The baby also has many cousins in Post.

Paternal grandparents are David and Mary Graves of El Paso, and great-grandparents are Nova Thomas of Lubbock and the late Ed C. Thomas and the late N.S. and Imogene Graves of Waco. Paternal uncle is Sidney Graves of Post. Paternal aunt is Tanya Graves of Lubbock. Great-uncle and -aunt are Eddie and Carolyn Thomas of Smyer.

Extension Extras

Movie Tickets Help 4-H

You can support 4-H programs in Texas when you purchase tickets to "Charlotte's Web" online at www.fourhcouncil.edu. Hollywood Movie Money will make a \$1 donation to 4-H for each ticket purchased online. Once the purchase is complete, a ticket certificate will need to be printed for each ticket purchased. Certificates will need to be redeemed for a ticket any time until Jan. 31. For more information, contact Nancy McDonald at (806) 495-4400.

Holiday Cookbooks Available

Home for the Holidays cookbooks are available in the Extension office for a cost of \$6.00 each. It has over 300 pages of wonderful recipes and useful cooking tips.

Office Holidays

The Garza County Extension office will be closed Monday and Tuesday,

December 25 and 26 for Christmas, and Monday, January 1, for New Years

Day. We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Garza County Website - Bookmark it!

<http://garza-tx.tamu.edu/>
Due to postage cuts, we plan to post important dates and information on the website.

Garza County Jr. Livestock Association.....

Thursday, January 4, at 7:00 p.m., Extension office - planning meeting will be for all members and exhibitor parents.

Saturday, January 6, at 9:00 a.m. Workday at show barn for members, parents and exhibitors.

Wednesday, January 10, 2007, by 5:00 p.m. - Entries due in Extension office.

January 17-20, 2007 - 43rd annual county stock show.

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.

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National Weather Service

Dec. 26, 2006

Source:
NWS Lubbock Web site

Post:
Average high - 55.5
Average low - 31.5
Monthly average temp - 43.5
Normal temp - 43.1
Monthly total precip - 1.25
Normal precip - 0.78"
Year-to-date precip - 24.72"

Lake Alan Henry:
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Giles W. Dalby

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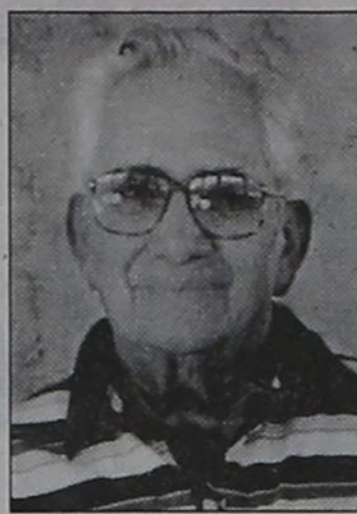
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Obituaries

Herbert Pantoja



Rosary for Herbert Pantoja 84 of Post will be 7:00 PM Wednesday at the Holy Cross Church. Mass of the Resurrection will be 10 AM Thursday at Holy Cross Church with Rev. Paul Karieakatt, Rev. Malcolm Neyland, Rev. Joe Augustine, Rev. Hugh Thekkel and the Rev. Joseph Thanavelli officiating. Burial will follow at the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home. Mr. Pantoja died Christmas Day at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Herbert was born January 31, 1922 at Nixon, Texas to Alberto and Adela (Gusman) Pantoja and was raised at Sequin. They moved to West Texas and to Post in 1936. He served in the US Army during WWII in the South Pacific and received a Bronze Star. After the war he returned to Post and

married the former Juanita Jimenez, August 1, 1948. Herbert worked in construction, building roads and bridges. He work for the Postex Cotton Mill for ten years and then went to work for Garza County Road & Bridge Precinct Three. He retired in 1993. Herbert was very active in his church (Holy Cross), serving on the Parish Council, Usher and Eucharistic Minister. He loved working in the yard at home and also at the church everyday. This he did until his illness would not allow him to. Herbert was a loving husband and precious grandfather, great grandfather and great-great grandfather. He is preceded in death by his parents: Adela and Alberto Pantoja, one brother and two sisters. He is survived by his wife of 58 years and also by one Son: Nick and his wife Adela Pantoja of Murphy, Texas; three Daughters: Phyllis and her husband Luis Ayala of Amarillo, Yolanda Navarro of Post and Melissa and her husband Walter Perez of Canyon. One Brother: Daniel and his wife Lola Pantoja; and five Sisters: Louisa and her husband Julio Valdez of Post, Balentina Carrizales of Lubbock, Cenaida and her husband Rudy Hernandez, Tommie and her husband Ramon Gonzales of Amarillo and Adelita Interrial. 10 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. Pallbearers will be: Angel Ayala, Luis Ayala, Mathew Ayala, Bryan Navarro, Josh Perez, Isiah Perez and Zachry Ayala. Memorial are suggest to the Holy Cross Church, Main and Avenue K, Post, Texas 79356.

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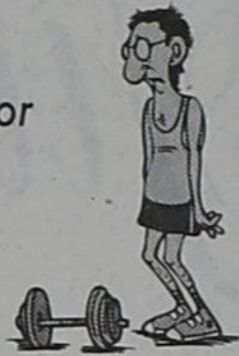
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'America at War' program offered Jan. 12, 13 by LSO

The Lubbock Symphony Orchestra will offer a salute to servicemen and women with its 'America at War' program set for 8 p.m. Jan. 12 and 13 in the Lubbock Civic Center Theatre. Sponsored by ARMtech, the CH Foundation and the Helen Jones Foundation, the event serves as the fourth concert in the America Series that reflects aspects of American culture. In 'America at War', conductor Jeffrey Pollock will lead the orchestra in music that pays tribute to Americans who have committed their lives to the cause of freedom throughout the history of the nation. Veterans and active military wearing their uniforms or medals will receive a free ticket to the concert for themselves and one family member. They also may call the LSO office at (806) 762-1688 to reserve up to two free tickets to either performance. Single ticket prices for 'America at War' are \$18 and \$32 for adults. Student pricing is also available. For more information or to buy tickets, call (806) 762-1688, visit www.lubbocksymphony.org or stop by the LSO office at 1313 Broadway, Suite 2, in Lubbock.

On God's Word

By Timothy W. Burnett

The Chronology of the birth of Jesus Christ, Part 2

In his book, "Jesus Christ Our Promised Seed," Victor Wierwille provides a nice chronology of key events before, during and after Jesus' birth up to age 12 (pp. xxii-xxiv). This column will include Wierwille's list with some mention of dates from his dated chronology. The dated information was determined from a combined study of the scripture, recorded historical events and astronomical events of the time. --Luke 1:5-25 Angel's announcement to Zacharias in the Temple of the birth of John the Baptist (May, 4 B.C.). --Luke 1:26-38 Angel's announcement of the birth of Jesus to Mary in Nazareth (December, 4 B.C.). [It was at this time that Mary conceived Jesus]. --Luke 1:39-56 Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist, for three months. [This was when Elizabeth was filled with holy spirit. Hence John was also filled with holy spirit being in her womb.] --Luke 1:57-80 Birth of John the Baptist to Zacharias and Elizabeth (March, 3 B.C.). --Matthew 1:18-24 Joseph is encouraged by an angel of the Lord "to take unto thee Mary thy wife." [They sealed their marriage]. --Matthew 1:25 & Luke 2:21 Jesus Christ is born in Bethlehem (September 11, 3 B.C.). --Matthew 1:25 & Luke 2:21 Jesus' circumcision and naming. --Luke 2:22-24 Mary's purification and Jesus' presentation to the Lord. --Luke 2:25-35 Simeon thanks God for the promised seed (prophecy). --Luke 2:36-38 Anna, a prophetess in the Temple, gives her praise and thanks to God (prophecy). --Matthew 2:1-12 Magi from the East arrive in Jerusalem and proceed to Bethlehem (December, 2 B.C.). [Approximately 2 years after Jesus' birth]. --Matthew 2:13-22 Joseph, Mary and the child flee from Herod to Egypt. [After visit by Magi

who came to give treasures that would ultimately sustain the family throughout their days in Egypt]. --Matthew 2:23 & Luke 2:39 After Herod's death Joseph and family return to Nazareth (April 8, 1 B.C.). [Archelaus became the new king of Judea]. --Luke 2:40 Jesus 9 to age twelve "grew and waxed strong." --Luke 2:41-50 Jesus stays behind at the Temple when his parents leave after the Feast of Unleavened Bread. --Luke 2:51-52 Jesus (from age twelve to manhood) "increased in wisdom and stature." One interesting note that is often overlooked. According to Luke 1:80, John the Baptist "grew and waxed strong in the spirit." The record of John being filled with holy spirit is in Luke 1:41, "And it came to pass, that when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost." This means that her unborn baby was also filled with the same spirit. The first record of Jesus being baptized with the spirit of God is found in Matthew 3:13-17 when he was in his early 30's. This event would not have been necessary if Jesus already had the spirit in him from his early years. Turning to Luke 2:40 we see the words, "And the child grew and waxed strong in spirit..." After a review of concordances and lexicons of earlier Greek texts it can be seen that the words "in spirit" were not in the earlier texts. This is also noted by E.W. Bullinger in "The Companion Bible." Jesus' ministry began at the time of his baptism by John. This is when he was first anointed with the spirit of God. For more details visit www.geocities.com/christinyou7/love. See the teachings for December 11, 2003 thru March 4, 2004.

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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 bloviating 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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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.

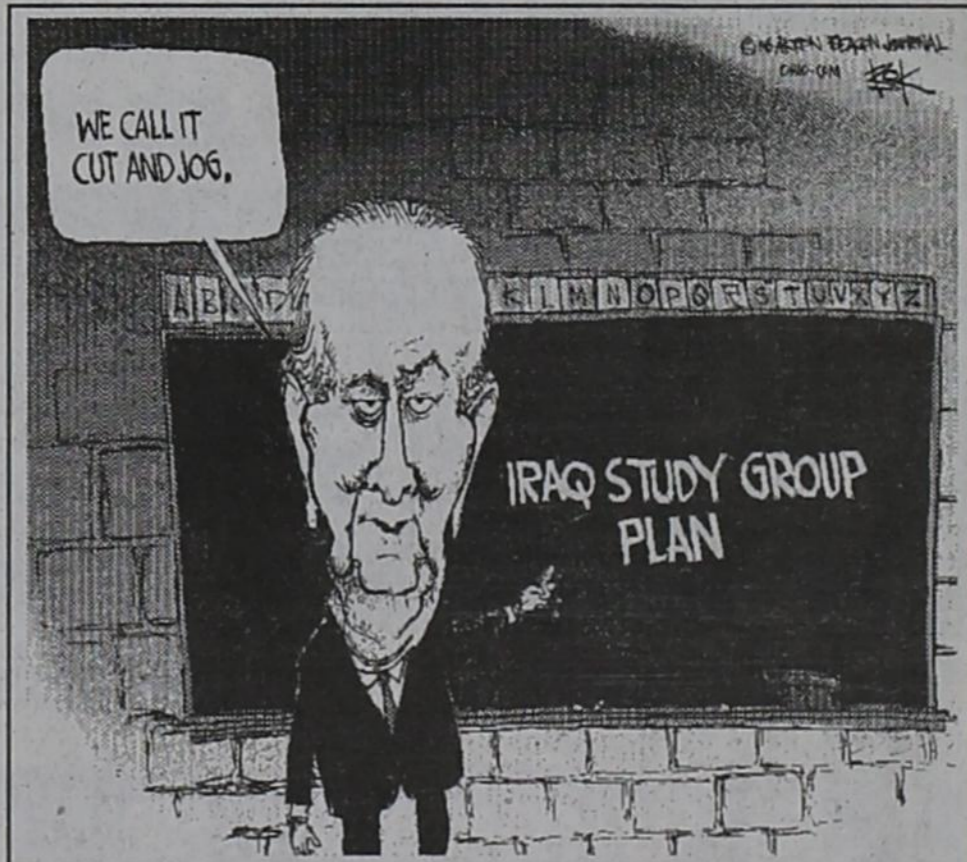
This decline in the value of the dollar is simple to explain. The dollar loses value as the direct result of the Federal Reserve and U.S. Treasury increasing the money supply. Inflation, as the late Milton Friedman explained, is always a monetary phenomenon. The federal government consistently wants 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



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

Judge Dalby retiring...

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\$7,000 a year back then - but as far as pay, I didn't get in it for that or position or anything like that. I just thought I had some abilities that I could use.... I just wanted to leave things a little better than they were when I found them."

He chuckled when he thought back about his early days in office.

"When I took over they said, 'There's your office. There are the law books. You're on your own,'" Dalby said. "Now we have mandatory classes for new judges."

What many local residents may not fully realize is the Garza County judge played a major role in establishing training methods for incoming county judges throughout the state of Texas. He was serving as president of the Texas Association of Counties in 1983 when the state legislature mandated education for all judges. Dalby formed a TAC committee that initially was responsible for the training; however, it quickly became clear that the task was a bit more challenging than expected.

"We finally realized that we weren't real good teachers," he said. "That wasn't our profession."

With assistance from officials with the Texas Tech University Law School, the committee established a training curriculum and the bench book used today.

"Our education is second to none," he said. "In fact, we've

probably got the best bench book of any judicial branch in any state. It's very complete."

Dalby also served on the Legislative Committee for Constitutional Changes in Texas and worked to maintain the constitutional powers assigned to the office of county judge and to the county government.

While his efforts outside of Garza County were important, Dalby said his initial goals for the job focused on improving things at the local level. One of his primary priorities was to ensure that Garza County was financially sound.

"We had adequate funds. We weren't extravagant by any means," he said of the 1971 Garza County government. "You know, I just wanted to do some better business practices than we had at the time."

All things considered

Dalby experienced more than a few bumps in the road during his tenure as county judge. Perhaps one of the largest was a personal one - health problems that resulted in open-heart surgery in the late 1980s.

Following the procedure, his doctors suggested that he reduce his stress levels and suggested he get out of public office. He followed their advice and didn't sign on as a candidate for the office in the next primary election.

Another county judge was elected, but Dalby said he found

himself missing the work. When primary time came around again and several local residents urged him to run again, he agreed.

"I felt like I had a lot to do, a lot that I could accomplish," he said. Dalby ran against the incumbent to reclaim the office. That election and the primary election prior to his taking office in 1971 were the only two times he faced an opponent.

Staying busy

As a testimony as to just how busy Dalby has been over the past few decades, the following is a quick overview of a few of the positions and honors the judge has collected over the years: chairman, Workers' Comp Board of Texas Association of Counties; TAC Leadership Foundation 2004 Trailblazer Award; TAC past president; director, Plains Capital Corp.; former president, County Judges and Commissioners Assoc. of Texas; former president, West Texas Assoc. of County Judges and Commissioners Assoc.; chairman, State Committee for County Judges Continuing Education; Chancellor's Council member, Texas Tech University.

Also, past vice-president, Caprock Development Corp., South Plains Assoc. of Governments; American Judicature Society member; service on the Governor's Task Force for Traffic Safety; service on the Legislative Committee for Constitutional Changes in Texas; former member of the Post Independent School District board of trustees.

Additionally, Dalby has served as an elder for the First Presbyterian Church; was elected Man of the Year in 1975 and 2005 in County Government, West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Assoc.; recognized as Citizen of the Year in Post in 1988; past member of the Texas Bar Grievance Committee, Area 16-C; past chairman, Texas County & District Retirement System Board; and past chairman of the Risk Management Board of TAC.

On Nov. 16 the judge received the Texas Association of Counties

first Giles W. Dalby Award for Judicial Leadership. Not only was he the first recipient, but the award also will permanently bear his name.

"I was real pleased with that," Dalby said, his voice full of emotion.

Then... and now

Today, the county has "considerable income from other sources that don't come out of ad valorem taxation," Dalby said. The biggest of those is the operation of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility, which injects about \$1 million into the county budget each year.

"That has been an extremely big help to us," he said.

The idea of building a correctional facility came in the early 1990s from an old friend who suggested that the county look into the possibility of constructing a juvenile detention center, the judge said. Juvenile holding facilities were needed, and the thoughts of a project that could generate additional income for the county was intriguing. Dalby took the idea back to the Commissioners Court, and in 1994 the facility was completed.

"It wasn't very long after that that the opportunity came up to build a federal prison," he said.

Today, the process is under way to expand the prison facility, which houses federal inmates. Scheduled to be completed next summer, the expansion will bump the bed count of the unit, which bears the judge's name, to 1,650 beds and the number of employees to more than 300.

The juvenile detention center also has seen an expansion since its opening, Dalby said, with 96 beds and an employee roster of more than 40. The center houses Texas Youth Council youths and area counties.

Jobs created by the prison and the juvenile center just about offset the number of jobs lost in 1984 with the closure of the cotton mill.

"We went to a 22 percent unemployment in this county (when the mill closed)," he said. "...That was one thing that the court looked at real hard when we started all of

this. All of our young people were leaving soon as they got out of high school and very rarely did you see somebody go to college and come back here.... We were just getting stagnant. And now, with these opportunities, you know, it gives people an opportunity to stay here."

In fact, it was the closure of the mill that the judge said marked the most difficult period of his time in office.

"We didn't have funds in the county or the city to do anything," he said. "We just kind of floundered for a few years until some of these other opportunities came along." In contrast, the prison, Dalby said, is easily the biggest accomplishment Garza County has seen during his years in the county judge's office.

"I mean, it's doing what we wanted to do," the judge said. "You know, it's a clean industry, there's no pollution to it. It's gonna be steady. You know, you're not gonna run out of criminals. And the wage scale is good."

The county is in good shape, reaping financial and employment benefits from the detention facility, Dalby said, but there are still a few pieces of unfinished business he wishes he could have wrapped up.

One of those is the renovation of the Garza County Courthouse.

"Of course, we're fixing the courthouse up gradually," he said. "And, you know, we did the electrical. We're putting in (new) windows in most of it before the centennial. I've always worried about the heating and air conditioning up there. Someday in the near future they're gonna have to bite the bullet and do something different... because that system has been in there forever."

Dalby also talked of his desire to have built a courthouse annex that met ADA requirements that could not be addressed in the existing courthouse facility. That project, however, never materialized be-

cause of projected costs.

What lies ahead

So what does the seasoned public servant see ahead for local residents? Dalby said he believes the future of Post and Garza County is bright.

"I think right now the city of Post is on the verge of a lot of great things - with the conversion of the old golf course by the Polks, the Tower Theater now having these different shows in here and the Catholic Church putting that museum in here," he said. "I think that Post is really on the verge of really taking off."

Much of the future success obviously will be built on the efforts of past city and county officials, and Dalby said he has a lot of respect for those he was privileged to work with over the years.

"I'm just proud of the way that I've had great commissioners all through," he said. "Certainly we've all argued a little bit, but I've never had a bad Court. They've all been great people, and I think that probably the thing that pleases me most that I've been a very small part of is all of this coming to pass in Post. And getting it done."

Dalby also said he feels confident about county judge-elect Lee Norman, who served as a Garza County commissioner for 12 years, taking over the position of county judge.

"I feel like Lee will do a very good job of carrying on," Dalby said.

After more than three decades of public service, the judge said he is thankful for the many opportunities he's been given and ready for the next phase of his life - even though the transition from Garza County judge to Garza County resident may be a difficult one.

"I've just been grateful to the people of Garza County for allowing me to serve these 34 years," he said. "It's been my pleasure. I hope I've served them well."

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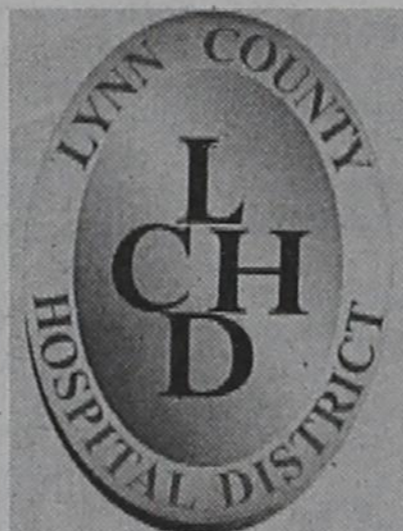
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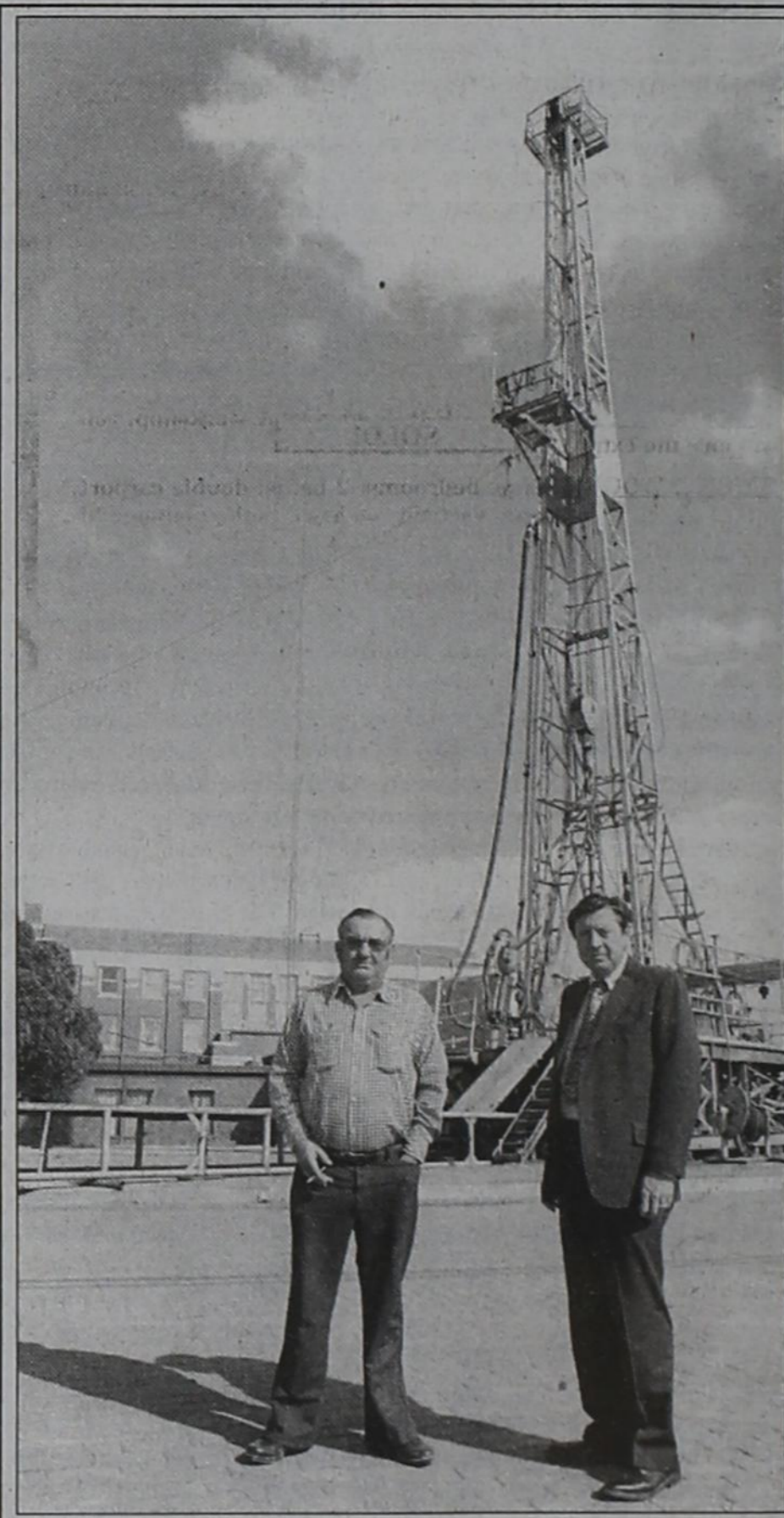
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County Judge Giles Dalby (left) with County Commissioner Herbert Walls in front of the Garza County Courthouse square during the drilling of an oil well on county property. This well is said to be the only one ever drilled on a courthouse square.

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Nancy's News

by Nancy McDonald,
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December 22, 2006

Fostering Good Care: Take It Outside
Foster parents in Texas have just been given another reason to make quitting smoking their No. 1 New Year's resolution this year.

"As of Jan. 1, foster parents in Texas will no longer be allowed to smoke in their homes or vehicles," said Courtney Schoessow, Texas Cooperative Extension program specialist for health education and development. "They need to take it outside." The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services' publication, "Minimum Standards for Child-Placing Agencies," states that as of New Year's Day, "caregivers and other adults may only smoke tobacco products outside" and "no one may smoke tobacco products in a motor vehicle while transporting children in care." For more information visit the agency's Web site at <http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/>.

Smoking doesn't affect only the smoker, Schoessow said. Children living in homes with smokers can develop some serious medical conditions.

According to figures from the Environmental Protection Agency, babies and children who live with adult smokers are "at increased risk of lower respiratory tract infections and are more likely to have symptoms of respiratory irritation like coughing, wheezing and excess phlegm," Schoessow said. "The EPA estimates, with children under 18 months of age, secondhand smoke causes between 150,000 and 300,000 lower respiratory tract infections, resulting in 7,500 to 15,000 hospitalizations each year."

Children who live with smokers are also more likely to have ear infections than children who don't, she added. And the EPA estimates as many as 1 million children with asthma have more and more severe episodes each year if they live with adults who smoke.

Opening windows isn't enough, she said. "Ventilation systems in homes cannot filter and circulate air well enough to eliminate secondhand smoke," Schoessow said. "Poisons from smoke linger in the air up to seven days. People may be exposed even if they are not present while a person is smoking."

But deciding to stop isn't all it takes. Quitting can be extremely difficult, she said. Smokers often need some help with this resolution. That's why Extension developed its "Put It Outside for Healthier Kids" program. This program will help adults stop smoking or at least teach them the importance of keeping their smoke away from children, she said. For more information on the local availability of this program, contact any county Extension office. More information on secondhand smoke and how it affects non-smokers is available on Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/>. Click on the link to HealthHints newsletter and scroll down to the newsletter on Secondhand Smoke. The HealthHints newsletter called "Tobacco Cessation" also gives steps on quitting tobacco use.

Schoessow also recommended getting more information by calling the American Cancer Society at 800-227-2345, the National Cancer Institute Smoking Quitline at 877-448-7848 (877-44U-QUIT) the Texas Department of State Health Services at 800-345-8647 or the EPA at 800-490-9198.

"We need to make all children in the state of Texas as healthy as possible, and secondhand smoke is very harmful to children," Schoessow said.

Anyone who "has concerns about a foster child's care or the behavior of a foster parent, call 800-252-5400," she said.

For more information on this and other health issues, visit the Web at <http://fcs.tamu.edu> and click on the link to Health.

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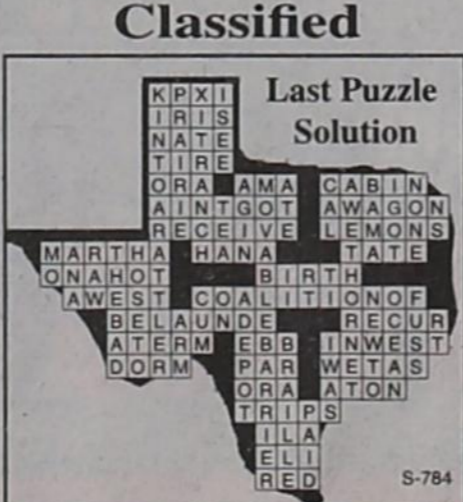
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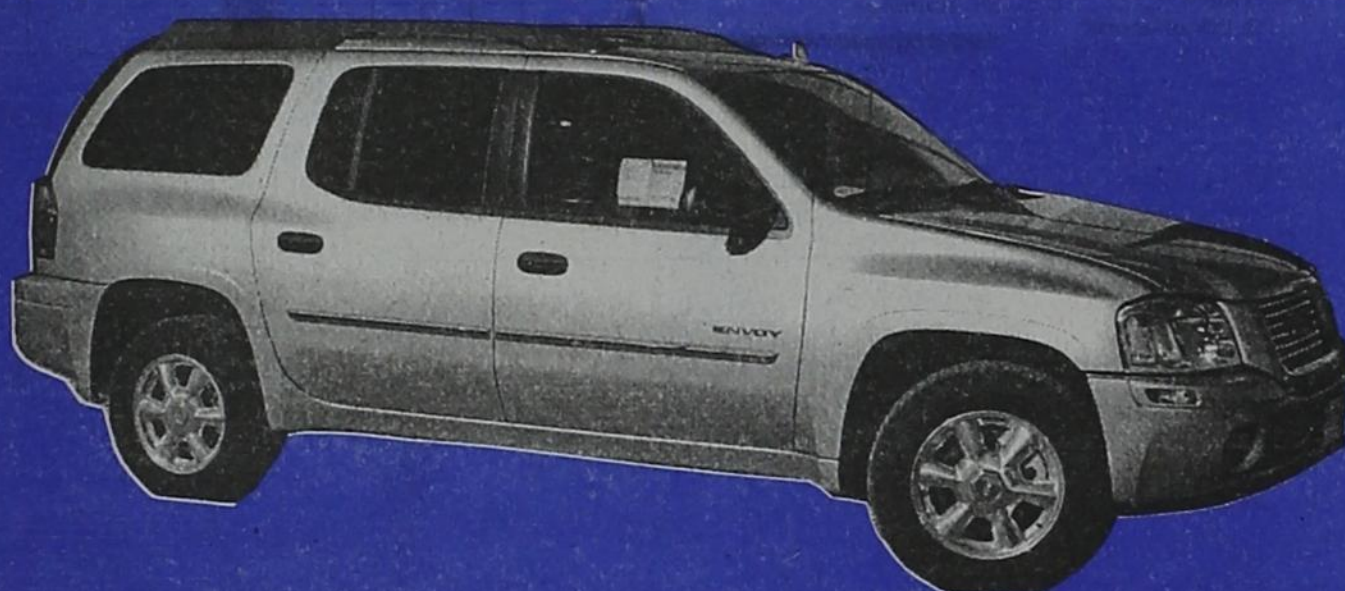
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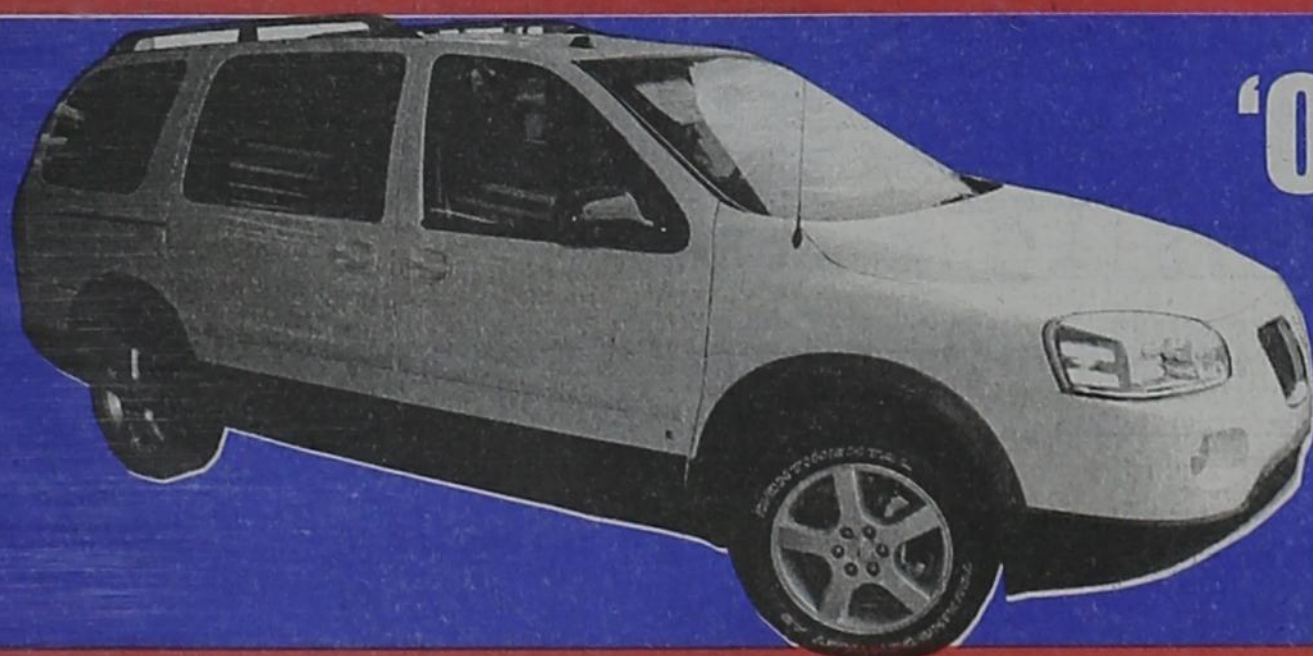
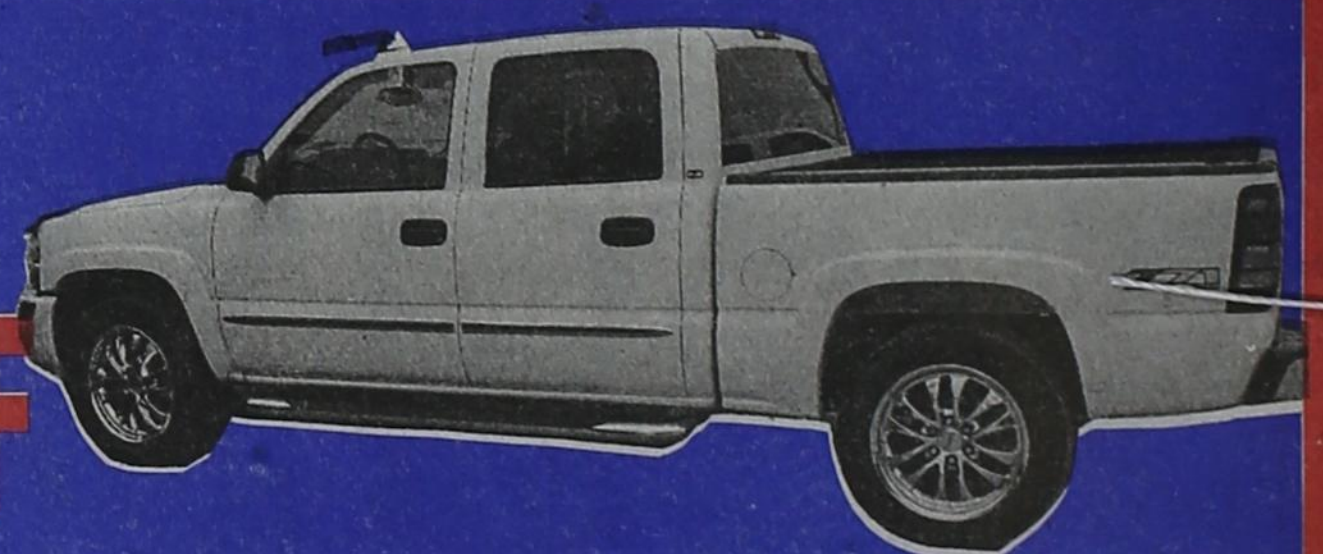
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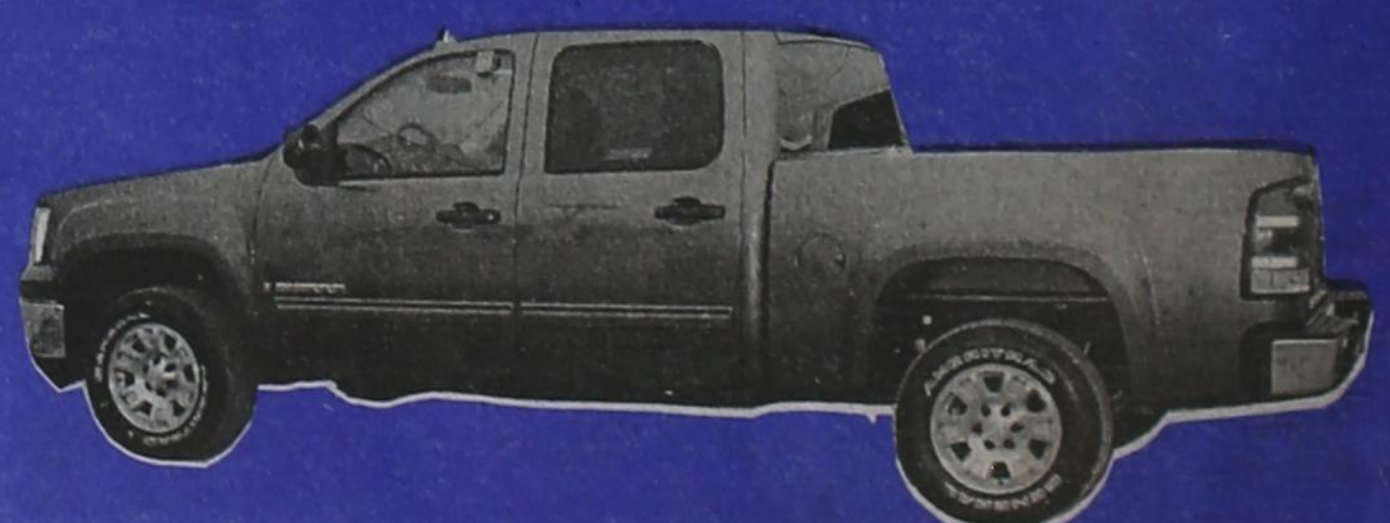
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10 Years Ago
December 29, 1996

Beans earned local fame when Bertha Iles some national notoriety. Iles, a Green Thumb worker at the Caprock Cultural Association and Garza County Historical Museum, learned her "Pinto Beans" recipe was featured in the 1996 "Green Thumbs in the Kitchen" cookbook.

Dale Redman, who grew up in Post was elected the Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundations' Vice President of Special Projects. Redman is owner and president of Reef Chemical Company. He earned a BBA from Texas Tech University in 1984.

The National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants awarded Michael Travis from the Garza Family Health Center national certification on December 6, 1996.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gist of Post were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at the Garza Hotel. Hosting the celebration were their children: Linda and Edwin Lewis of Post, Sherry and Benny Owen of Snyder and Vickie and John David Gist of Sundown.

20 Years Ago
December 31, 1986

Maxine Durrett Earl of Post was the recipient of the 1986 Outstanding Public Service Award given by the Center for Public Service at Texas Tech University.

Mr. and Mrs. Quanah Maxey were honored with a reception on their 50th wedding anniversary at the Graham Community Center. The reception was hosted by their daughters and son-in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Noel White, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mason, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Graves.

Mike Vyas of Vyas Motors, Inc. announced the return of Robert Benavidez to Post as the business' Service Manager.

Pamela Ehret was inducted into the Xi Sigma Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi at Hardin-Simmons University. Pam is the daughter of Sandra Ehret of

Post.

The Post ISD board of Trustees meet in regular session and accepted the new vocational agriculture building. Inspecting the new building were Superintendent Bill Shiver and board members Don Payne, Prudencio Basquez, Jack Kirkpatrick, Tom Middleton, Jimmie Bartlett and Royce Hart.

30 Years Ago
December 30, 1976

Post had a good building year in 1976 with some 26 building permits for a total of \$598,481 in estimated construction. And that didn't count the over \$100,000 remodeling of the old Parrish grocery into the Post Community Center.

The Post Rotary Club elected Henry Wheatly and the Rev. Tom Pass as new club directors. The pair replaced Tom Power and David Newby.

Mrs. C. L. Cooper won first prize in Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the Women's Division of the Post Chamber of Commerce. Featured in the yard of the Cooper home at 215 W. 12th was a mobile of Walt Disney characters on one side of the walk and a rotating nativity scene on the other side.

Miss Rebecca Lynn Dalby, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Giles W. Dalby, became the bride of John Harris Whitmire of Houston in the First Presbyterian Church in Lubbock.

40 Years Ago
December 29, 1966

To go with one of the best Post High School football seasons in history, the 1966 Post Antelopes landed five players on the All-South Plains Class AA football team and also won the Coach-of-the-Year award for their head man, Coach Glynn Gregg. Making the first team were Donnie Windham, Jackie Huff, and Paul Walker, while Clyde Cash and Dick Kennedy were named to the second team.

West Texas' largest and nicest dance palace, the All-Star Corral of Post announced it's

New Year's Eve dance would feature Sandy Edwards, with Jimmy Mackey and his All-Stars for your enjoyment.

The teen-agers live nativity scene, one of the most inspirational parts of Post's Christmas was presented for the sixth time in the carport of the Jim Cornish resident. The 1966 cast included Marcia Newby, Linda Altman, Linda Hays, Edith Johnson, LaGayluah Young, Sue Gilmore, Duke Altman, Donnie Windham, Paul Walker, J. O. Smith, Bo Hutchins and Joe Hudaman.

50 Years Ago
December 27, 1956

The senior class, Franleigh Fashions and J. P. (Jude) Manley home were named as winners in the Post Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas decorations contest.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Caylor announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Virginia, to James Babb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Babb.

Two Post residents and a former resident of the city were among the six persons who were winners of six Fords given away by Piggly Wiggly and D&H Supermarkets. The Post winners were Mrs. W. A. Oden, Marvin O. Odom and Johnny D. Matsler.

Fads and Facts: Couples seen around town included Novis Pennell and Rexene Welch, Ronnie Morris and Dorothy Kuykendollk, Jackie Payne and Kay Jean Jones, Emmitt Goode and Charlotte Muse, Rex King and Margaret Thompson, and Dickey Beggs and Barbara Wheatley.

Holiday guests in the M. A. McDaniel home were their children and families, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin O. McDaniel and children of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Poe and family of Sweetwater and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. McDaniel.

60 Years Ago
December 30, 1946

College kids from Texas Tech back for the Christmas holidays included Marj Etta Norman, Josh and Polly Cook, Billie June Kennedy, Iris Parker, Norma Hudman, Glen Day, Elwood Wright, Marshall Mason, Buddy Malouf and Buddy Williams.

Santa Claus, the world's

by **Traci Freeman**

-Sunday after church we ate out for lunch and saw Troy and Joyce Nelson. It was nice to get to visit with them some, Troy seems to be feeling well. They had their daughter, Melinda Morgan and her family with them.

-The Johnson Family enjoyed Christmas in Ruidoso this year. Mike and Clarice; Clay, Bobbie, Kutter & Justin Johnson; Clint Johnson and Susan Welch all left on Friday and returned on Christmas Eve. Clarice said they had a wonderful time and it was beautiful with just a little bit of snow on the ground.

-Tino and Linda Alaniz had their family together for the holiday. Eric, DeeDee, Hailey and Jace Alaniz of Shreveport; Amanda Alaniz of League City; and David, Melinda, Quincy and Andrew Quintana of Post all gathered just east of Ragtown for some great food and lots of catching up.

most popular man, brought hundreds of spectators to downtown Post when he made his first daytime appearance since 1941

New officers elected to the Post Volunteer Fire Department were Surman Clark, president, Homer McCrary, fire chief and Marshall Gibson, secretary.

Mirth, music and a touch of madness formed the ingredients of a farce-comedy, "Riverboat Rhythm" which was booked for a New Year's preview at the Garza Theatre according B. J. Edwards, manager of the theatre.

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-The Chester Morris family all met at Chester's house for lots of visiting, food and their "annual Chinese Christmas" Those attending were Chester, Juanita Peel; Ronnie and Sally Morris, Ronnie's daughter, Lisa and her husband Steve with Devin and Randy Lee; Judy and Travis Guy, Todd and Teresa Guy with Clay, Ken and McKinsey, Jada Raymundo with her friend, Doug, Justin Raymundo, Donae Dalby, Tamara Raymundo; Ann and Bert Gravitt, their daughter Pilar with her two children, Piper and Ben; Charles and Sharron Morris, Tim and Diane Morris, Barry, Kayla and Brooke Morris and Chuck, Kristi and Dylan Morris.

-Jack and Jean Morris have a full house this week, their daughter, Dana, her husband Mike and their daughter, Laura Jean are here visiting from Longview.

-Dillard Morris had his bunch at his house on Christmas day

for lunch. Those attending were; Jerry and Lois Morris; Jerry Jr. and son Tyler Morris; Melinda Choate with Camille and Cade; Jack, Jean and Nancy Morris; James and Sheila Melton; Clint and Leslie Melton; Jimmy, Renee, Dylan and Jarrod Thomas; Rusty, Melanie, Russ and Jake Morris

-Get Well Wishes Carmen Abraham got to come home last week.

-As of Tuesday morning the official bale count at the gin was 2767

-Birthdays December 26th-Alison Quisenberry is 9
December 30th-Raegan Belongia is 13
December 31st-Ayda Lopez is 16

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

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- 12 Dallas downtown site: John Neely Bryan's ___
- 17 TXism: "a lick of sense"
- 19 TXism: "could talk ___ out of a ditch" (persuasive)
- 21 TX lotto winners wampum a lot of ___
- 22 Valley citrus
- 23 TX actress Hyer
- 28 TX Caroline Hunt once owned ___ Ranch in Hawaii
- 29 TX Helmond was Jessica ___ on TV series "Soap"
- 30 TXism: "agile as a snake ___ road"
- 31 TXism: "___ day suit" (naked)
- 35 TXism: "can stay neck 'n neck with ___ Texas jackrabbit" (fast)
- 36 Stephenville group: "National ___ Free Men"
- 42 UT alum & past pres. of Peru: Fernando ___ Terry
- 44 happen again
- 46 UT semester (2 wds.)

DOWN

- 1 TXism for a wicked person
- 2 Grand ___ TX
- 3 this west TX operation was once the largest of its kind in the world (2 wds.)
- 4 TX Tanya's "Can ___ You Tonight?"
- 9 TXism for "against"
- 10 Dallas has ___ HOV lanes
- 11 TXism: "some gravel" (fell)
- 12 famous TX square dance caller Golden
- 13 TXism: "mad as ___"

ACROSS

- 47 Gulf's ___ tide
- 49 El Paso is biggest city ___ Texas
- 50 SMU living area
- 51 average golf score
- 52 TXism: "___ a drowned rat"
- 53 TX Gilley's "A Headache Tomorrow ___ Heartache Tonight"
- 54 TXism: "hit me like ___ of bricks"
- 55 stumbles

DOWN

- 14 The Crimson Tide
- 15 TXism: "___ sheared like a spring lamb" (swindled)
- 16 TXism: "not a lick" "Texas ___" (oil)
- 20 "Stormin' Norman" (init.)
- 23 Sonora produces a lot of ___ hair
- 24 Santa ___ National Wildlife Refuge
- 25 TXism: "tough as ___ hide"
- 26 TX-made film: " ___ News Bears..."
- 27 TXism: "useless as panty ___"
- 32 TX Kenny's "The Gambler, Part ___"
- 33 TX actor Rip (init.)
- 34 TX electronics co.
- 36 honors at a TX univ.: ___ laude
- 37 TXism: "put ___ the feed bag"
- 38 TXism: "hot as ___ stove"
- 39 TXism: "___ these parts"
- 40 the Gulf's Atlantic
- 41 "no muss no ___"
- 43 TXism: "got misery up to my ___ pits"
- 45 this Roy was TX Bonnie Parker's husband (init.)
- 48 raised writing
- 49 TXism: "feel like ___ chewed up and spit out"
- 56 TXism: "all bought and ___ for"

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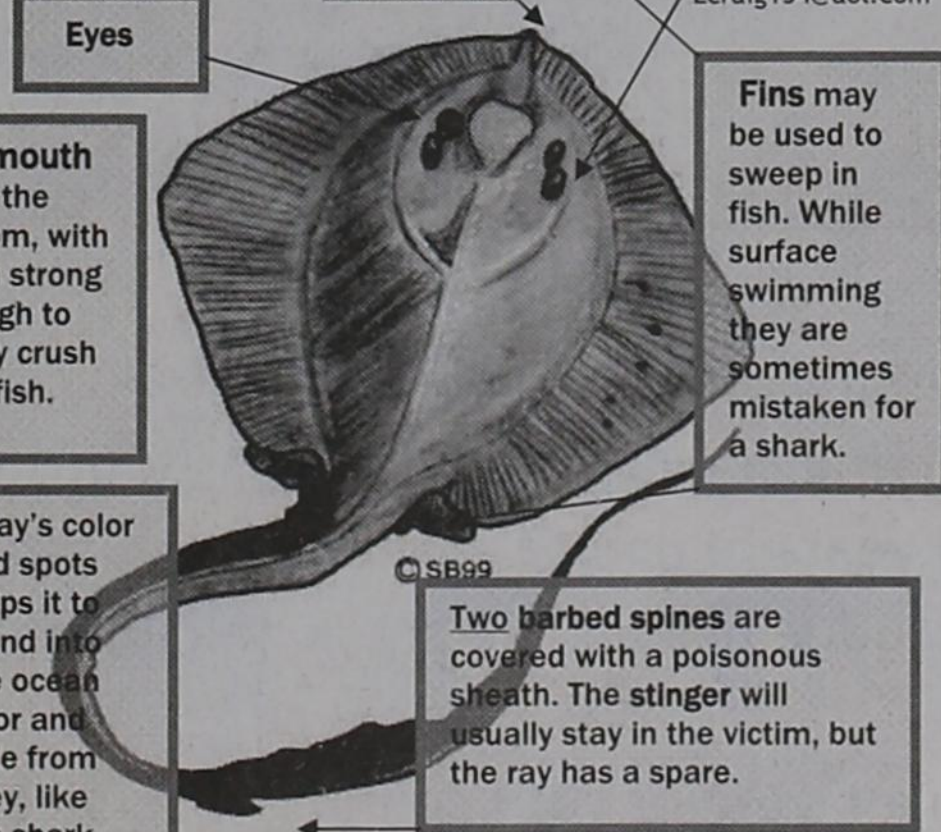
VOL 16 **STINGRAY STYLE**

Like a magic carpet on the ocean floor that suddenly springs to life, the startled stingray flutters away to avoid human contact. These beautiful and graceful swimmers may be found in shallow USA waters from Chesapeake Bay to Florida and in the Gulf of Mexico. They are ovoviviparous which means they give birth to litters of 3-5 live young (no egg).

Friend or Foe? In the USA there are about 1,500 stingray strikes reported each year. World wide, a few deaths will occur when a person is struck in the chest. Heat applied to the wound will deactivate the poison. Stingrays are not aggressive, but when accidentally stepped on a ray may sting. The barbed spines leave a painful mark called a hickey.



Scientific name: *dasyatis americana*
Snout



Spiracle (breathing hole), where water is sucked in are located on the top so it will not become clogged with sand when the ray is cruising for lunch on the ocean floor.

Fins may be used to sweep in fish. While swimming they are sometimes mistaken for a shark.

A ray's color and spots helps it blend into the ocean floor and hide from prey, like the shark.

Two barbed spines are covered with a poisonous sheath. The stinger will usually stay in the victim, but the ray has a spare.

Rays range from 6 inches to 14 feet long.

R-A-Y Word Wonders

Rays, found in most oceans of the world, may also be found swimming among the words below. Use the hints to fill in the blanks.

- s _ ray - burst of fine mist
- _ _ ray - homeless dog
- _ ray - cafeteria lunch holder
- _ ray _ n - art class staple
- _ ray _ i _ h - fresh water shrimp
- _ ray _ n _ m _ n _ i - big ugly bug
- _ ray - heavy load wagon
- f _ ray - to raid
- _ ray _ r - "Our Father"
- _ ray _ d - jean cutoffs, hem
- ray _ n - synthetic fabric
- _ ray - a holy plea

Stingrays are much like a flattened shark.
Answers: 1.spray, 2.stray, 3.tray, 4.crayon, 5.crayfish, 6.praying mantis, 7.dray, 8.foray, 9.prayer, 10.frayed, 11.rayon, 12.pray

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Ray Bagby (left) delivers a couple of large bags of toys last Wednesday at Rick & Carolyn's Burgers and Fries on behalf of the Post Rotary Club. The toys were donated to the Post Lions Club Toys for Tots program. Receiving the generous donation on behalf of Post Lions Club is Shelly Duran (right).



Lana McGee (center), new director of the Trailblazers Senior Citizen Center, is showered with a reception last Friday at the Center. Board members sharing the special event with McGee are Sandra Alexander (left) and Lee Norman (right). Following the noon meal, participants enjoyed a Christmas party that included treats and singing of Christmas carols.



Chairman and CEO Alan B. White presents Judge Dalby with the PlainsCapital Lifetime Achievement Award for his strong support of PlainsCapital Corporation.

PlainsCapital Bank Salutes the Honorable Giles Dalby



Congratulations, Judge Giles Dalby, on your retirement as the longest-serving constitutional county judge in Texas. We commend you for your 34 years of dedicated service to Garza County and to Texas. Your tenure as judge has helped shape the future of Garza County.

Thank you for your continued service to the PlainsCapital Corporation Board of Directors and the PlainsCapital Bank Board of Directors. We are proud to have you as a member of the PlainsCapital family.