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Past year remembered through Dispatch photos

The year 2007 was one of many highs and lows in Post, Garza County and the surrounding area, and The Post Dispatch was there to record history as it unfolded.

Inside this week's edition readers will find a photo spread capturing some of the year's most notable stories: the opening of Ragtown Gospel Theater; the city's Centennial celebration; election of the first woman Mayor of Post; the arts; and the unexpected and tragic loss of community leader Jimmie Redman. These are just a few of the images captured by the Dispatch's Tim Burnett and other newsroom photographers.



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Primaries will see contested races

by Sheri Lewis

Garza County voters will have some choices in the sheriff's and county commissioners races when it comes to the March 4 primary election.

An unofficial candidate list released late Wednesday by Garza County Clerk Jim Plummer showed that at least three local primary election races will be contested.

According to the preliminary report, two men – Maurice "Mo" Herridge and incumbent Cliff Laws – have filed to run in the Democratic primary for the position of sheriff. The winner of that race will face Phil Mathews, the only candidate who filed to run for sheriff in the Republican Party primary.

Two Republicans filed for the Precinct 1 county commissioner's post: Jerry Hays and incumbent Gary L. McDaniel, according to reports. No candidate filed to run for the position on the Democratic Party ballot.

Three Democrats will square off in the primary election for the right to run for the Precinct 3 commissioner's seat. Ted A. Brannon, Tommy Young and David Woods each have filed to run as Democrats. The only Republican candidate to file for the post was Cain Abraham.

No one from either political party filed to run as county attorney, according to the report.

Other filings included:

- Tax assessor/collector – Incumbent Judy M. Bush, Democrat
- Constable #1 – Incumbent Daniel A. Yarbrow, Democrat
- Constable #2 – Incumbent Eric D. Cravy, Democrat
- Republican Party county chair – Scott Creech
- Democratic Party county chair – Lewis Earl

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Fire Department protects old family home from grass fire

Volunteer Fire Department personnel (back) extinguish a grass fire on Wednesday about 12 miles east on Highway 380 at the old Lee Davis home on the Davis lease. The fire appeared to have started on the east side of the abandoned house and moved through tall dry grass in a westward direction toward the house. There were no reports of fire related damage to the house. The emergency call included the use of two water tankers and one water transport truck. Fire Chief Darrell Reece was considering nearby power lines as one possible cause of the fire. An official report of the investigation was not available as of publication date. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Toys for Tots effort serves 125 children

by Sheri Lewis

The 2007 Toys for Tots campaign, spearheaded by the Lions Club, served 125 Post and Garza County children, according to reports.

"We took care of everybody just about, all the way up to 12 years old," said toy chairman Joe Duran. "We had 125 kids that we were able to take care of. Boy, we had enough money to take care of every one of those kids with good Christmas toys."

A late start for the campaign had Duran nervous, he said.

"It came out just great," he said, "but I was really sweating it."

The strong outcome was fueled once again by the generosity of many faces familiar to the toy campaign – donors who step forward year after year to help out – as well as some new donors.

"Many of the same regulars that donate from year to year came out, but there were some new people too. Everybody that has donated

up to this point has been great," he said. "It touched me, especially because of the amount of time that we had to put it together."

Duran lauded local middle school students who, as in past years, gathered a large number of toys to give to the campaign.

"The children in the middle school went out to get us toys, and man, they did just wonders to help us," Duran said. "It helped us a great deal."

Also helping out was Slaton's ALCO store, which gave Duran a discount on toys purchased at their retail outlet.

"We'd like to keep the money in Post," Duran said, "but we have

to shop where we can get a discount and the money can go as far as it can."

In addition to the generosity of the community, Duran said he also was excited that all of the toys collected this year were new. No used toys were contributed to this year's campaign.

"It really touched me," he said. "Man, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for the toys."

Donations still are being accepted, Duran said any funds collected during the next few months will be used to purchase toys "down the line – that way by the end of the year we'll have a good start and maybe we'll have enough funds to do it all again."

Anyone interested in making a contribution do the Toys for Tots drive may do so by contacting Duran at 781-8481 (leave a message) or Michelli at 777-4783.

Post Notes

Fundraiser to benefit skate-park

The Rural Community Organizing Project will be hosting a fundraising yard in January 2008. Anyone wishing to donate items or clothing may contact Reyes Pequeno at 778-2628 or Krishna Bush at 781-3986. All proceeds will benefit the future skate park. Thanks to all those that have helped in making this project a success.

Account established for Chris Clark

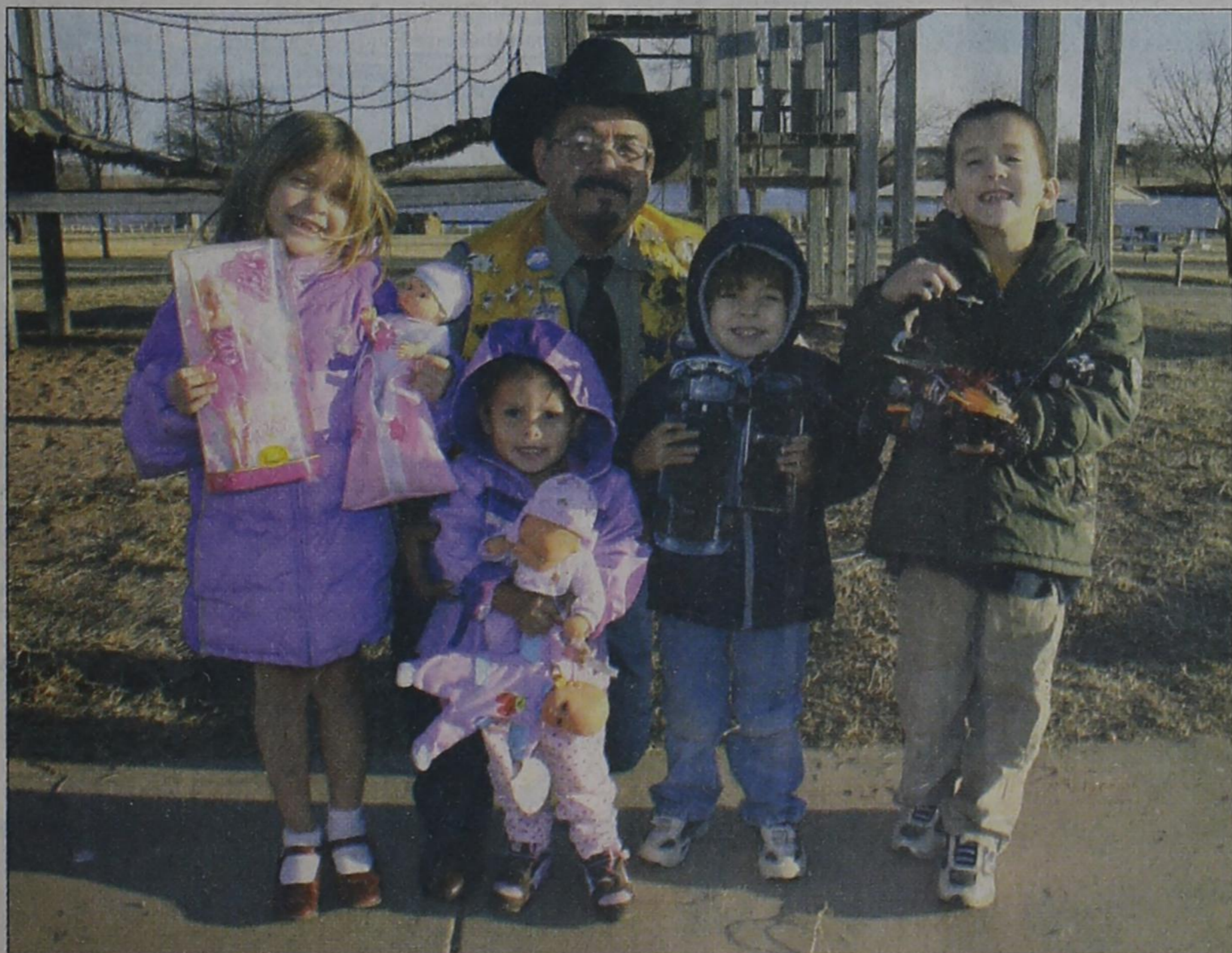
An account has been opened at Wells Fargo Bank for Chris Clark, Assistant Manager of McDonald's in Post. The benefit account is to help with a kidney transplant. The funds will also assist with financial and medical needs for Clark and family which includes two children ages six and three. For more information contact Suzie Barboza at 495-2804.

"Grandma Brag Page" deadline February 5

The Post Dispatch annual "Grandma Brag Pages" will be published Friday, February 8, with a Tuesday, February 5 deadline for entries. The popular annual tradition features photos of grandchildren in advance of Valentine's Day. Call 495-2816 for details.

Post Area Chamber Of Commerce Monthly Meeting

Post Area Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting at noon, Thursday, January 3rd at Chapa's. All chamber members as well as anyone interested in membership are encouraged to attend. After a "dutch treat" lunch, the Garza County Sheriff's Department will present a short program on "Effective Security for Your Business."



Children saying "Thank you" on behalf of all 125 other gift recipients from the community through the Lion's Club Toys for Tots program are (left to right) Joelle Williams, Savanna Trebing (front), Joe Duran (Lion's Club Representative), Landon Trbing and Montana Williams. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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Cash giveaway, free admission offered this weekend at OMTD

by Rosa Latimer
 This weekend shoppers will have an opportunity to win cash at Old Mill Trade Days in Post. "Everyone could use a little cash after Christmas," said Rosa

Latimer, general manager of the event, "so we decided to have a cash giveaway for our customers."

In addition, Post and Garza County residents will be admit-

ted free of charge simply by providing the ticket booth attendant with their ZIP code.

"Trade Days has quite a history with the community of Post and as the event has gone through changes during the past 14 years, we have fewer and fewer Post residents as vendors or shoppers," said Latimer. "We'll be offering free admission to Post residents through March to encourage them to visit Trade Days again."

OMTD will give away cash all three days of the January event, which begins Friday. Each day shoppers can bring at least \$50 in OMTD vendor receipts with that day's date to the Antique Mall & Gift Shop in Two Bush Knob and trade the receipts for one draw from the Old Mill Money bin. The money bin will be full of cash from \$1 up to \$100; free passes to Trade

Days; special discount coupons from vendors; and gift certificates redeemable for meals at OMTD food vendors.

As with any ongoing event, OMTD has experienced many changes through the years. The event began as an arts & crafts show in 1994, and as the market has changed, the profile of vendors and shoppers has also changed.

"Each year there is speculation as to whether Old Mill Trade Days will remain open," Latimer said. "There's no question that the economy and the price of gas has had an impact on our attendance and the number of vendors. In 2007, we had below freezing temperatures during one-half of our event weekends including snow and ice in April. Yet, Trade Days in Post continues to be a unique, fun place to visit."

Latimer said the shareholders and board of directors are committed to maintaining Trade Days as an event that positively impacts the economy of Post, not only by bringing an average of 1,750 visitors to the town during the event, but several successful businesses in Post, primarily on Main Street, began at Trade Days.

The event, though smaller than in past years, has a full schedule planned for 2008, including the special Thanksgiving weekend.

With an average of 60 to 65 vendors each weekend, Trade Days offers a variety of merchandise, some only available in Post.

"We have several vendors who began with Trade Days over 14 years ago. Plus, with each event we have new vendors offering a variety of merchandise," the general manager said. "Old Mill Trade Days is a great mix of familiar and different. It changes every month as new vendors participate and our regular vendors bring in new merchandise."

Vendor products include hand-made jewelry, antiques, exotic birds, gourmet food and coffee, and a variety of home décor items. Food vendors offer barbecue, hamburgers, funnel cake, pizza, turkey legs, nachos, fajitas and various desserts.

Other recent changes have placed Trade Days in a position to appeal to the shopper and vendor of this decade. Online shopping on the OMTD Web site (www.oldmilltradedays.com) has been established, and an area of approximately 3,000 square feet in the Post City Building has been designated as an Antique Mall

& Gift Shop.

"As we talked to potential new vendors during the past couple of years we discovered that many are not willing or can no longer afford to travel to Post for the weekend to sell their merchandise," Latimer said. "The Antique Mall has been a successful alternative for the vendors. We have several Post vendors who have also chosen to sell in this area because of the convenience of not having to staff a booth for three days each month."

Trade Days staff handles sales for the vendors in the Antique Mall area.

OMTD management also determined the typical Trade Days shopper in the 1990s, when the event began, was much different from shoppers today.

"Women are our primary market and those who strongly supported this type of event in the past are now at a time when many are downsizing their homes or traveling more and investing less in their homes," Latimer said. "The younger women who have expendable

income often choose to shop via the Internet."

Several OMTD vendors are selling merchandise via the Web site, which will expand in 2008.

"We have contracted with a Web site service that will handle all online shopping/selling. This service is not limited to Trade Days vendors, but is available to any small business that wants to participate in online selling. The cost of using the Trade Days Web site is much less than developing a Web site," Latimer said.

First Friday Old Mill Trade Days is this weekend and every first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the year. The event will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Sunday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Admission on Friday will cost \$1 for adults and will be free for senior citizens. Cost will be \$2 for adults on Saturday and Sunday. Children under 10 are admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

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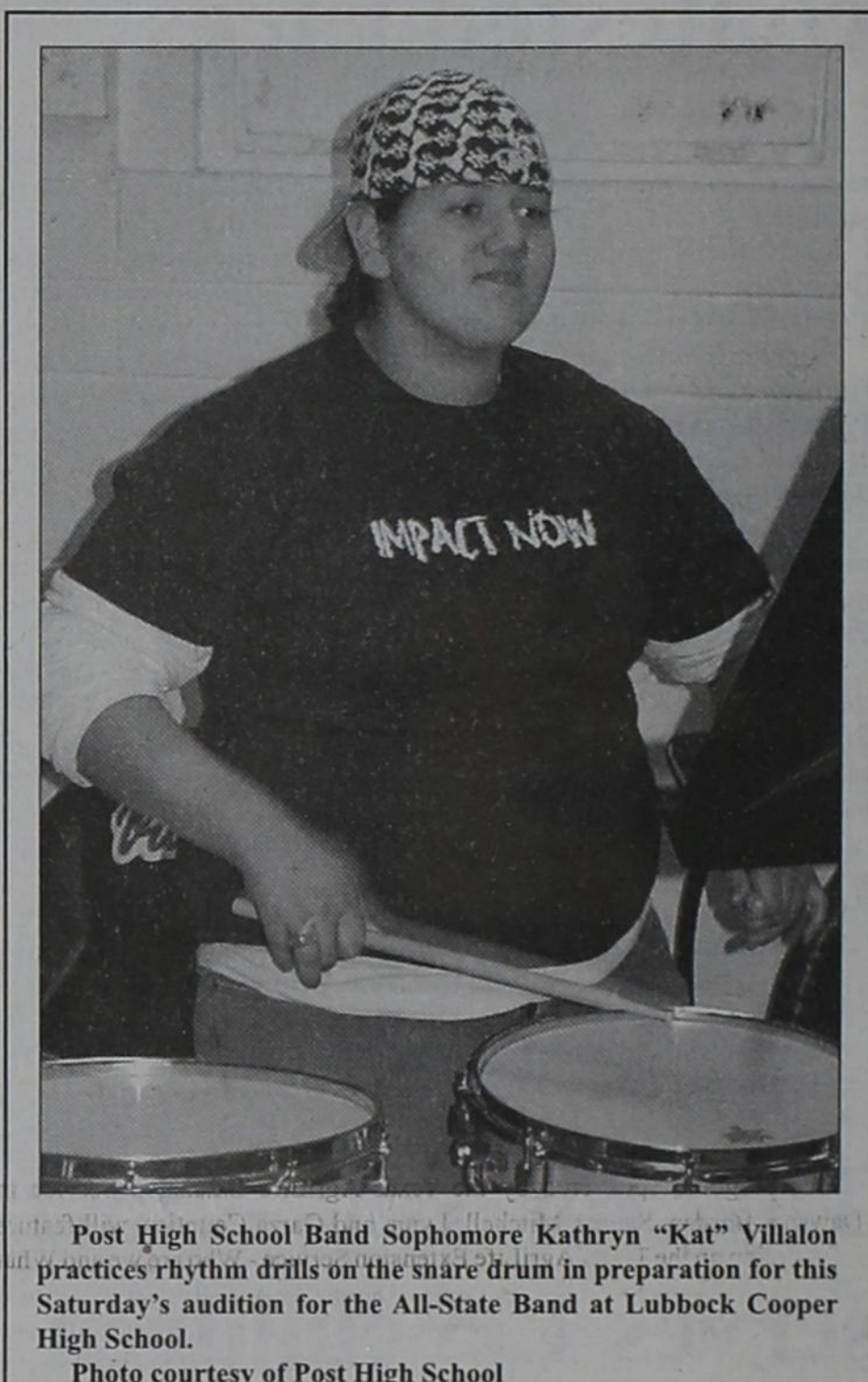
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Post High School Band Sophomore Kathryn "Kat" Villalon practices rhythm drills on the snare drum in preparation for this Saturday's audition for the All-State Band at Lubbock Cooper High School. Photo courtesy of Post High School

Villalon to try out for All-State Band

Kathryn Villalon, a sophomore at Post High School, will travel to Lubbock Cooper High School Saturday to try out for a position in the All-State Band in San Antonio in February.

To be eligible for the tryout, Villalon had to be one of the first three chairs, according to PHS band director Aaron Rathbun.

"She garnered the third spot at Floydada Saturday, Dec. 8, coming in behind two Levelland drummers at first and second," he said. "She is the best 2A snare drummer in the Region 16. As talented as she is, it's not good enough to be the best in Post. I told her we weren't going to do this halfway. We were going to pick, weak and tear apart that music until it was perfect."

Saturday's round of competition will include percussionists from Fabens, Clint, Canyon, Tulia, Crane, Monahans, Seagraves and Levelland.

"She has to beat 10 of them to survive," Rathbun said. "She has been touching up everything. Two weeks ago there were five things to clean up. Now there are three. She's coming along. I couldn't be prouder of the effort and determination she has displayed. It has been worth all the extra time."

Villalon is the daughter of Vince and Ruth Villalon.

Primaries...

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Deadline for candidate filing was 6 p.m. Wednesday.

As of 3 p.m. Dec. 28, two Republicans - Brian Kingston and Sammy McCrary - had filed as candidates for district attorney, 106th Judicial District, according to reports.

Feb. 4 is the final day individuals may register to vote in the upcoming primary election.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Check next week's Post Dispatch for a complete and official listing of local and district candidates.)

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Wilks earns TTU degree

Rebekah Wilks, daughter of Keith and Velma Wilks, graduated cum laude in Honors Studies from Texas Tech University in Lubbock Dec. 15.

The bachelor's degree Wilks received was in cell and molecular biology.

Wilks is the granddaughter of Ginger Phillips of Post and the late Glenn Phillips and Bennie Wilks.



The Texas A&M University System

by Greg Jones,
Extension Agent

Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference

The Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference will focus on regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture as well as the BMP's (Best Management Practices) for cotton, grain sorghum, and peanuts.

This conference will be held at a new location this year, the Movieland Theater, located at 604 North Austin Ave. in Lamesa, Texas, and will begin on Wednesday, January 23rd, at 7:15 a.m. The registration fee, which includes a complimentary gift, technical sessions, door prize ticket, lunch, refreshments, educational materials and access to exhibits, is \$20 if paid by January 16, 2008. After January 16 and at the door, the registration fee will be \$25. Registration forms and fees, payable to "Dawson Ag Fund.", should be mailed to Texas AgriLife Extension Service-Dawson County, P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa, Texas 79331.

The program, sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Mitchell, Lynn, and Garza Counties, will feature information on the Texas AgriLife Extension Service - Who are we and What do we do?; Overview of Cotton Variety Demonstration Results; Overview of Cotton Production - Picker vs Stripper, Fertilizer Management in Dryland & Irrigated Production Systems; Overview of Small Grain Production: Wheat & Grain Sorghum - Varieties and Fertilizer Management in Irrigated & Dryland Production Systems; Overview of Peanut Production: Varieties and Fertilizer Management in Irrigated & Dryland Production Systems; Plains Cotton Growers Update; AgCares Update; Weed Control in Cotton Production Systems; Management Production for Sustaining Agriculture while Maintaining Profitability; Cotton Pest Management; Nematode & Wilt Control in Cotton Production Systems; Laws and Regulations Presentation.

Five Continuing Education Units (CEUs) (3 General, 1 IPM and 1 Laws & Regs) will be provided for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators for attendance at this program.

Speakers include Dr. Darrell Dromgoole, Dr. Mark Kelley, Dr. Randy Boman, Dr. Calvin Trostle, Dr. Wayne Keeling, Mr. Jay Yates, Dr. David Kerns, and Dr. Terry Wheeler all with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service; Mr. Roger Haldenby with Plains Cotton Growers and Mrs. Debbie Slocum with the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Producers who wish to pre-register, may do so by calling the Dawson County Extension Office at 806/872-3444. Remember, the absolute registration fee deadline is \$20 if paid by January 16, 2008. After January 16 and at the door, the fee will be \$25.

We will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for this event. We request that you call the Dawson County Extension office at 806/872-3444 as soon as possible to advise us of any auxiliary aid or service that you require.

Official Court Reports

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

Dec. 18

• Clinton Guy Fricks, judgment revoking community supervision, a second-degree felony. Plea: true. Sentenced to six years in the TDCJ. Fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay \$561 in court costs and \$140 in restitution.

• Luis Ceja, charged with criminal mischief, a state jail felony. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to five years' probation. Ordered to pay a \$500 fine, court costs of \$261 and \$4,237.38 in restitution.

• Luis Ceja, charged with burglary of a habitation, a second-degree felony. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 10 years' probation. Ordered to pay a \$2,500 fine, court costs of \$261 and \$1,155 in restitution.

• Justin Michael Bonner, charged with possession of a controlled substance, a state jail felony. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to three years' probation. Ordered to pay a \$750 fine, \$261 in court costs and \$140 in restitution.

Garza County Court

Dec. 17

• Pamela Jane Coleman, charged with driving while license suspended, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 10 days in the county jail. Fined \$500 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs.

Contest winners named by PCM

Diane Graves, Betty Smith and Paula Valdez were winners of the Post City Merchants Association drawing conducted recently.

The PCMA placed boxes in member businesses to allow individuals to sign up for a PCM Bucks giveaway. Graves won \$150 in PCM Bucks, while Smith won \$100 worth and Valdez, \$250, according to information provided by the association.

The drawing took place Dec. 15 at the Garza Theatre, and winners were required to spend their Bucks with participating businesses by Dec. 31.

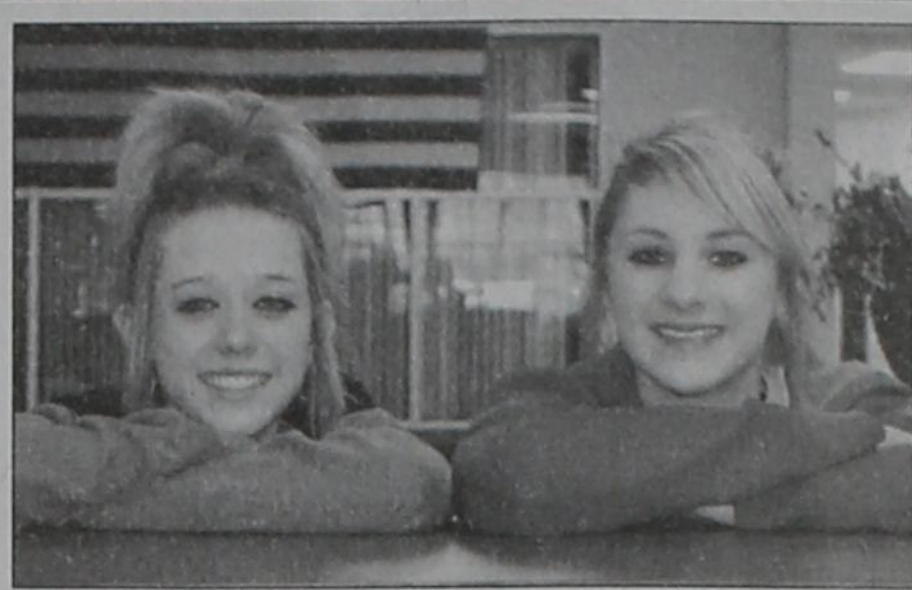
'Lopes tapped for All-District honors

Many members of the Post High School Bold Gold Antelopes were recognized as members of the All-District squad, according to recent reports.

Named All-District were Bradley Curtis, first-team running back and first team defensive end; Jeremy Short, first team offensive tackle; James Griffin, first team secondary; Chris Crenshaw, first team defensive line; Blaize Lester, second team tight end; Tyler Odom, second team wide receiver; John Vasquez, second team defensive end; and Kamron Shumard, honorable mention, offensive guard.

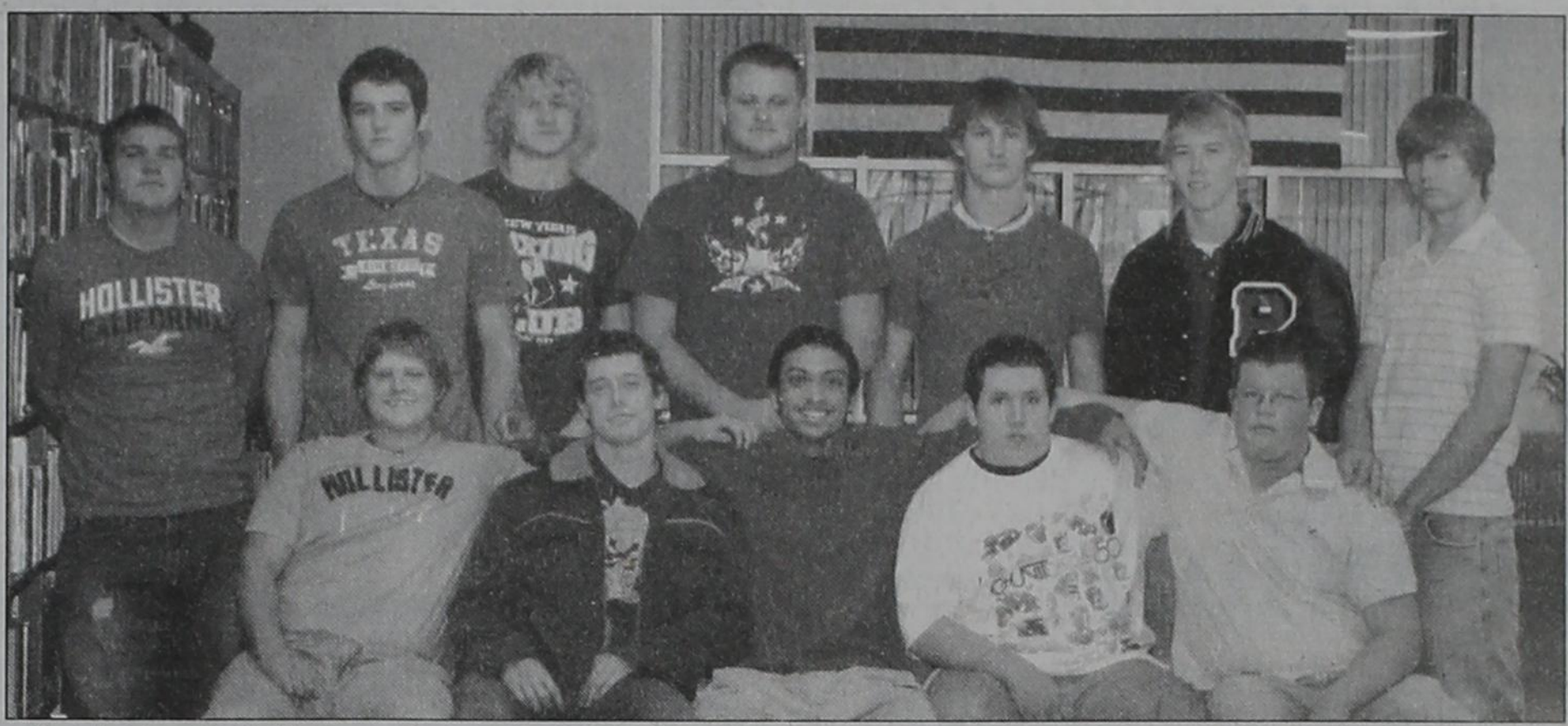
Also, Chad Miller, second team linebacker; Jarrett Blevins, honorable mention, secondary; and Jesse Vera, honorable mention, punter.

Rounding out the list were Giles Dalby, first team fullback; Josh Rodriguez, first team offensive guard and second team defensive line; Trent Babb, second team, running back; Heath Palmer, second team offensive tackle; Mitchell James, honorable mention linebacker; Aaron James, honorable mention secondary; and Clint Windham, honorable mention quarterback.



Post Lady Lopes Cross Country team members earning Academic All-District honors are (left to right) Alex Miller and Branda Stevens.

Photo courtesy of Post High School



Post Antelope Football team members earning All-District and Academic honors are (back row, left to right) Giles Dalby, Clint Windham, Kris Crenshaw, Jeremy Short, Call Windham, Blaize Lester, Aaron James, Jarrett Blevins, (front row) Mitchell James, Chad Miller, James Griffin, Kamron Shumard and Heath Palmer. Also earning Academic All-District honors are James, Miller, Griffin, Shumard, Windham, Crenshaw, Short, Windham and Lester. All District team members not pictured are Tyler Odom, John Vasquez, Bradley Curtis, Jesse Vera and Trent Babb.

Photo courtesy of Post High School

Yarbro announces run for constable

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Daniel Yarbro

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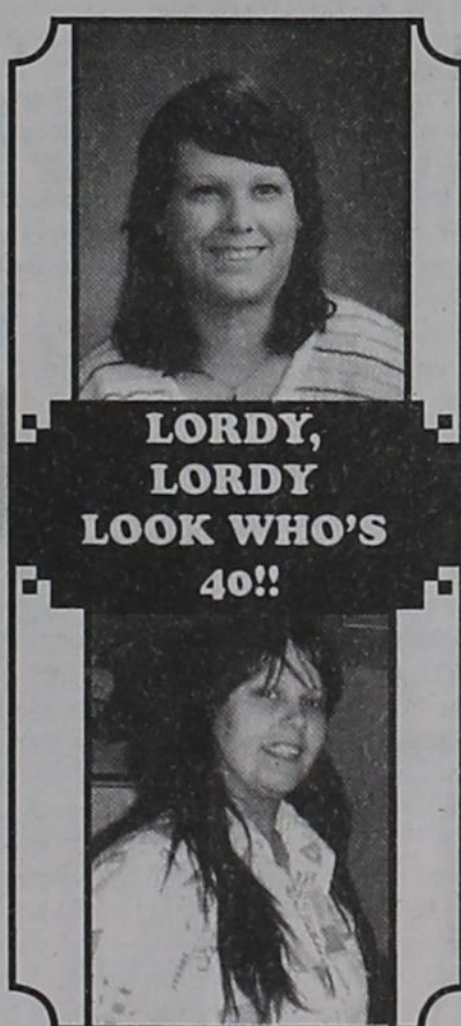
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God and the presidential election

by Bill O'Reilly

You've got to hand it to the committed left media, they are ruthless and fanatical — much more so than the relatively few right-wingers currently inhabiting America's newsrooms. The latest leftist tactic is to put the "hypocrite" label on any Republican presidential candidate who dares mention his "faith."

Leading the charge is The Washington Post, a newspaper that is densely populated with secular progressives. Their chief anti-religion hatchet man is columnist Harold Meyerson, a self-proclaimed "non-believer" who routinely smears public people who demonstrate spirituality.

Earlier this month, Meyerson wrote a column entitled "Hard-liners for Jesus," and it was a beauty. The lead paragraph went like this: "As Christians across the world prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, it's a fitting moment to contemplate the mountain of moral, and mortal, hypocrisy that is our Christianized Republican Party."

But Meyerson was just warming up. He then went on to assassinate the characters of GOP politicians, including the president: "Bush whose catechism is a merry mix of torture and piety..."

Blood dripping from his keyboard, Meyerson ended his brutal diatribe with: "The most depressing thing about the Republican presidential race is that the party's rank and file require their candidates to grow meaner with each passing week. And now, inconveniently, inconsiderately, comes Christmas, a holiday that couldn't be better calibrated to expose the Republicans' rank, fetid hypocrisy."

Joy to the world, Harold. Right?

The strategy here is obvious. Any Republican who dares mention God or faith on the campaign trail will be vilified as full of "fetid hypocrisy" if he has ever done anything wrong in his entire life. Using this tactic, the secular American media hope to get any faith-based issues out of the campaign.

That would be good news for Democrats, of course, because a Pew Research study shows that only 29 percent of Americans believe the Democratic Party is friendly to religion. Thus, discussions about faith and values aren't going to help the Democrats very much.

But there is a larger issue at play for The Washington Post, The New York Times and other committed left media. Standing in the way of gay marriage, legalized drugs, unfettered abortion and other sacred liberal causes, are people of faith. They are the primary opposition to the social liberal agenda fervently embraced by the leftist press. If you can demonize (sorry) people of faith, if you can shut them up by playing the hypocrisy card, then say hello to a Swedish social system.

Ah, Sweden, a country of nine million people enjoying, perhaps, the most "progressive" political system on earth. The quasi-socialist government provides cradle-to-grave entitlements, most people never get married and just about anything goes socially. By the way, about 85 percent of Swedes do not believe in God.

Harold Meyerson would love Sweden. The Washington Post should begin publishing there. What a country! None of this God stuff, none of this vile "fetid hypocrisy." Just an enormously high suicide rate while everybody does his or her own thing.

But back to the USA. In the months to come you will hear and read countless news commentaries about the moral hypocrisy of the GOP. The secular-left media will hammer Giuliani, Romney, Huckabee, et al., while Senators Clinton and Obama will get a pass. Unless, of course, they start up with this God stuff. Then all bets are off.

So a word to the wise: The upcoming presidential election will not only be about important issues facing America. It will also be a test of faith.

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What does the U.S. Supreme Court say about the definition of income?

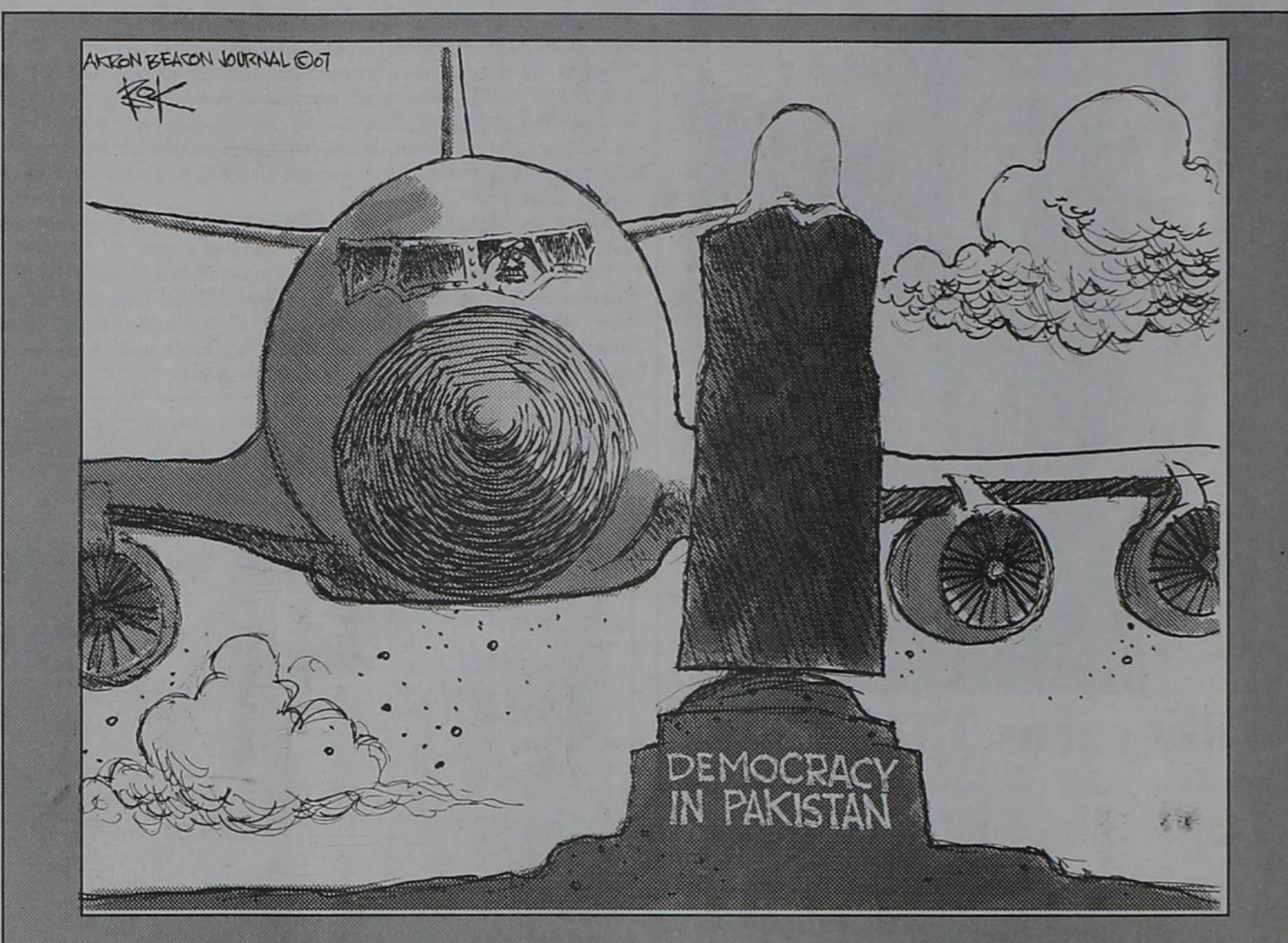
"Throughout the argument of the Government, in a variety of forms, runs the fundamental error already mentioned — a failure to appraise correctly the force of the term 'income' as used in the Sixteenth Amendment, or at least to give practical effect to it." EISNER v. MACOMBER (252 U.S. 189, March 8, 1920).

"The Act of 1916 taxes gains derived from capital invested in corporate stocks, that is, shares of corporate gains or profits. It does not tax dividends per se but merely uses them to indicate the form in which such gains shall be taxed and to mark the time when the tax shall be collected. And, in the case of stock dividends, it uses the stock issued to measure the amount of the gains." EISNER v. MACOMBER (252 U.S. 189, March 8, 1920).*

* This case has never been overturned and is still the Law of the Land. The court ruled that "income" is gain or profit.

Taxation is as evil as slavery. Both institutions enslave people against their will.

Opinions



Greed, need and money

by Walter E. Williams

Demagoguery about greedy rich people or greedy corporate executives being paid 100 or 200 times their workers' salaries is a key weapon in the politics of envy. Let's talk about greed, starting off with Merriam-Webster's definition: "a selfish and excessive desire for more of something (as money) than is needed."

That definition is a bit worrisome because how does one know what a person really needs? It's something my economics students and I spend a bit of time on in the first lecture. For example, does a family really need one, two, three or four telephones? What about a dishwasher or a microwave oven? Are these excessive desires? If you say these goods are really needed, then I ask, how in the world did your great-grandmother and possibly your grandmother, not to mention most of today's world population, make it without telephones, dishwashers and microwave ovens? "Need" is a nice emotional term, but analytically, it is vacuous.

"Selfish" is a bit more useful term, and it's the human motivation that gets wonderful things done. For example, I think it's wonderful that Alaskan king crab fishermen take the time and effort, often risking their lives in the cold Bering Sea, to catch king crabs that I enjoy. Do you think they make that sacrifice because they care about me? I'm betting they don't give a hoot about me. They make it possible for me to enjoy king crab legs because they want more money for themselves. How much king crab would I, and millions of others, enjoy if it all depended on human love and kindness?

What about complaints about CEOs earning so much more than the average worker? Before looking at CEOs, let's look at another area of huge pay differences. According to Forbes' Celebrity 100 list, Oprah Winfrey earned \$260 million. Even if her makeup person or cameraman earned \$100,000, she earns thousands of times what they earn. Among the celebrities earning hundreds or thousands of times more than the people who work with them are: Steven Spielberg (\$110 million), Tiger Woods (\$100 million), Jay Leno (\$32

million) and Dr. Phil (\$30 million). According to Forbes, the top 10 celebrities and athletes earned an average of \$116 million in 2004 compared to an average of \$59 million earned by the top 10 corporate CEOs.

When Jack Welch became General Electric's CEO in 1981, the company was worth about \$14 billion. Through hiring and firing, buying and selling decisions, Welch turned the company around and when he retired 20 years later, GE was worth nearly \$500 billion. What's a CEO worth for such an achievement? If Welch was paid a measly one-half of a percent of GE's increase in value, his total compensation would have come to nearly \$2.5 billion, instead of the few hundred million that he actually received.

If a corporate board of directors could buy a \$1,000 computer that could do what a CEO does, it wouldn't pay him millions of dollars. If an NFL owner could hire a computer to make decisions that star quarterbacks make, why would he pay some of these guys yearly compensation packages worth more than \$10 million? If just anybody could have played the lead role in "The Da Vinci Code" and have it earn \$758 million at the box office, why would the film's producers have paid Tom Hanks \$74 million?

There's another important issue: If one company has an effective CEO or a team has a star quarterback, it is not the only company or team that would like to have him on the payroll. In order to keep him, he must be paid enough so that he can't be lured elsewhere.

You say, "Williams, what about those golden parachutes for failing CEOs?" Paying a failed CEO, or a spouse in the case of marriage, enough money to go away quietly might be much cheaper than litigation.

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Wartime origins of modern Income-Tax withholding

by Robert Higgs, The Freeman

Wars have always been the most important occasions for the introduction of new forms of taxation. At the outset of a war the state suddenly needs greatly increased revenues to pay for personnel and materiel to prosecute the war.

Although governments typically increase the rates of existing explicit taxes and raise the rate of the hidden "inflation tax" by abruptly augmenting the money stock, these measures often prove insufficient, and other means must be devised to extract resources from the public quickly.

One way to capture more revenue is to reduce tax evasion by seizing the people's earnings before the earners ever lay hands on them. This procedure has come to be known as tax withholding at the source, or simply withholding.

Precedents for withholding U.S. taxes go back as far as the War Between the States, when the Treasury withheld taxes owed by federal employees under the income-tax law adopted in 1862 until an 1864 amendment exempted federal salaries from taxation.

The war-spawned income-tax law was repealed in 1872, and an income-tax law enacted in 1894 was quickly declared unconstitutional (but not because it taxed wages and salaries). Immediately after ratification of the Sixteenth Amendment and passage of income-tax legislation in 1913, taxes were withheld at the source.

This system provoked so much complaint from employers, however, that even the secretary of the treasury, William Gibbs McAdoo, recommended its elimination, and in 1917 Congress withdrew its authorization. After passage of the Social Security Act in 1935, the payroll taxes it authorized were collected at the source, but income taxes still were not.

Before World War II individuals who owed federal tax on their income earned in a particular year paid the tax during the following year in quarterly installments. In those days relatively few people paid income taxes. As late as 1939 fewer than four million individual returns were filed, and the filers' total tax bill came to less than \$1 billion, or less than 4 percent of their net taxable income.

When so few people paid income tax and the amounts due in most cases were so small, the system of deferred payment imposed no great burden and gave rise to few taxpayer complaints.

Beginning in 1940, however, the tax burden increased enormously. As the government began to mobilize for participation in a gigantic global war, its revenue demands grew apace. Federal spending burgeoned from \$9 billion in fiscal year 1940 to more than \$98 billion in fiscal year 1945.

Although the greater part of this spending upsurge was financed by borrowing, huge increases in tax collections also took place. In 1945, 50 million individual income-tax returns were filed, and the filers owed more than \$19 billion, or almost 20 times the amount that Americans had coughed up for this tax just five years earlier.

Milton Friedman was an economist at the Treasury during the early part of the war. In his 1998 memoirs, *Two Lucky People*, written with his wife Rose, he observed: "It was clear to all of us at the Treasury, as we set out to multiply the amount of revenue to be collected from the personal income tax, that it would be impossible to do so unless we could develop a system to collect the taxes as the income was earned, not a year later."

The main problem connected with switching to a "pay-as-you-go" system was that when the switch was made, the taxpayers would have to pay two years' taxes in a single year—the amount due under the old system on the previous year's earnings and the amount due under the new system on the current year's earnings. Apart from the vociferous complaints such double-taxation was sure to produce, many people would simply be unable to make all the payments, especially when tax obligations were being increased drastically.

The transition problem sparked a great deal of debate in the government and

among the public. Perhaps the leading proposal in 1942 came from Beardsley Ruml, the treasurer of R. H. Macy & Co., who was also the chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Ruml proposed to "forgive" the previous year's tax liability completely when the switch to the pay-as-you-go system was made. The Treasury objected to allowing such a great amount of "forgiveness" and proposed an alternative, less-forgiving design.

After more than a year of wrangling in the bureaucracy and in Congress, the Current Tax Payment Act was signed into law on June 9, 1943. It provided for a complicated partial-forgiveness transition.

As Friedman described it, the law basically "canceled" . . . one year's tax obligations of \$50 or less and 75 percent of the required tax on the lower of 1942 or 1943 income, requiring the remaining 25 percent to be paid in two equal annual installments." After the system became fully operational, employers withheld almost \$8 billion for income taxes in 1944 and more than \$10 billion in 1945.

Charlotte Twight, in a revealing chapter of her 2002 book, *Dependent on D.C.*, shows that during the extended debate that preceded passage of the withholding law in 1943, its proponents used various tactics to misrepresent its workings, its consequences, and the government's reasons for seeking it.

In particular, she documents that "the tax 'cancellation' was a sham and was understood to be a sham by a significant number of government officials involved in its passage."

The withholding system has remained in effect continuously ever since 1943, even though the war that prompted its creation ended 62 years ago, and the system's perpetuation has contributed greatly to nourishing the postwar Leviathan state.

As Twight says, "Withholding is the paramount administrative mechanism that since 1943 has enabled the federal government to collect, without significant protest, sufficient private resources to fund a vastly expanded welfare state."

Reduces Taxpayer Awareness

The Treasury itself publicly acknowledges, in a fact sheet on the history of the U.S. tax system posted at its website, that wartime withholding not only "greatly eased the collection of the tax," but "also greatly reduced the taxpayer's awareness of the amount of tax being collected, i.e., [it] reduced the transparency of the tax which made it easier to raise taxes in the future."

Some evidence: in 2005 more than 130 million individual income-tax forms were filed, yielding the federal government \$1,108 billion in revenue, and of that amount, \$787 billion, or 71 percent, came from withholding.

Friedman, who admitted being "one of the architects" of the Treasury's proposal for a withholding system, correctly noted in his memoirs that the system "would have been introduced had I been involved or not."

Withholding was an essential element of the government's wartime revenue grab "At the time," concluded Friedman, "we concentrated single-mindedly on promoting the war effort. We gave next to no consideration to any longer-run consequences."

It never occurred to me at the time that I was helping to develop machinery that would make possible a government that I would come to criticize severely as too large, too intrusive, too destructive of freedom. Yet, that was precisely what I was doing."

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The Idle American

by Don Newberry

Okay, Kids, You Win... Commentary by Dr. Don Newberry Column #243 for Release Week of Sunday, December 9, 2007

When Thomas Paine spoke of soul-trying times for men at the time of our country's birth, he couldn't have realized that his words would have broader implications today.

His broadside rhetoric of 1776, if applied currently, soul-trying times would include women, as well as a plethora of other perplexing issues.

No doubt he'd be spending a great deal of time scratching his head, or wig, whichever his lot.

And soul-trying times today often pop up at the most inopportune times, even on weekends, the very time that some of us give our soul-trying

defense mechanisms a two-day pass....

The Rev. Lynda Dinsdale, a minister at New Braunfels Presbyterian Church, is in total agreement. She thought herself to be reasonably prepared to lead holiday services recently, but her "slip 'twixt cup and lip" came in the early going of the "children's sermon."

Rev. Dinsdale invited the young disciples to join her on the chancel. This day, she figured the 15 or so youngsters, mostly pre-schoolers, would provide rapt attention. After all, she'd made a couple of "Googling" swipes at "Mayflower," and had a photo of the pilgrim's ship to pass around. She thought maybe they'd

be dazzled by her findings. But she was wrong.... *****

In just a few seconds, she realized the "hot buttons" of the pre-schoolers were in the upright and locked positions. Why, they'd been studying about the pilgrims, the Mayflower and assorted Thanksgiving topics for several days in nursery school. Her "sermonette" was immediately riddled by corrections. Rev. Dinsdale's reference to the "104 Pilgrims" didn't float. "It was 102," a kid corrected, and another at the back of the bunch added, "and two dogs." "That's what I meant," she waffled. "It was 104 if you count the two dogs...."

Subsequent sentences suffered the same fate. She spoke of the two-month voyage that one child insisted was "66 days." As to the 52 who died, another alert youngster clarified: "But that was during the winter after they got off the boat." Yet another wanted to make sure the minister was aware

that "there were girl pilgrims, too." Then one of the tikes contributed: "Did you know Thanksgiving is my mom's birthday?"

This was segue enough for the reverend. "Let us pray, children," she said. Mostly, she prayed that the remainder of the service would go as she had planned. Then she patted their little heads, and they scurried back to their seats....

Speaking of children, they continue to line up, often around corners, waiting their turn to recite their Christmas "wish list" to Santa Claus.

And weird things are happening. One woman spread saran wrap across Old Saint Nick's lap before her little darling climbed up. "One just can't be too careful," she explained. "You never know who's been sitting there...."

One store, in my judgment, may be

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"penny-wise" in political correctness, but "pound foolish" in customer relations.

Adjacent to the gingerbread house, near the display of a mechanical Mrs. Claus pouring hot spiced tea for the Christmas elves, a large sign welcomes visitors. It is a full 30 yards from the jolly old man's rocking chair. It lists visitation rules and price lists for photographs. The final statement comes across as stark, and maybe as, uh, an outright threat: "UNATTENDED CHILDREN WILL BE TOWED AWAY AT OWNER'S EXPENSE...."

In the spirit of the season, may we give thanks for all those around us who serve, often in the dead of night, and/or weekends, on both these and foreign shores.

I am mindful this day of hospice volunteers who extend comfort and care to patients who can be served as well, and sometimes better, at home, where most would rather

be. It is noteworthy that recent findings confirm that hospice program enrollees are living an average of 29 days longer than non-hospice participants.

Say "thanks" in all the ways you know how to those who serve here and there—in this season and beyond....

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Family survive major accident

A 2007 Nissan Murano sits in the police impound lot of T.K. Thompson Wrecker Service following last Saturday's one car roll-over approximately five miles south of Post on Highway 84. There were no reports of serious injuries to the family of five after they swirled into the median and coming to a rest with the car turned onto the driver side. While the side air bags did appear to have deployed, there was no signs of the front bags being activated. The owners

of the car Aimee and Shaman Cutshaw, were traveling north with three children, enroute to their home in Albuquerque, New Mexico. DPS Trooper Price Chambers investigated the accident. According to volunteer Fire Department personnel the top of the car had to be cut and pulled back for rescue purposes. An official report of the accident was not available as of publication date.

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Hi, JENNY, WHAT'S YOUR NEW YEARS RESOLUTION?

...I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. BUT I SAVED ALOT AT CHRISTMAS JUST BY BUYING LOCALLY.

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Our Church Family

Edited by Rosa Latimer

The Church of Christ (10th and Avenue M) -- Bible Class at 9:30 a.m. Sunday; worship, 10:20 a.m. Sunday evening services at 6 p.m. Singing practice is Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m. Wednesday schedule includes Ladies Bible Class at 10 a.m. and worship at 7 p.m. For more information, call the church office at 495-2326.

Calvary Baptist Church (210 E. 6th) -- Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 10:45. Evening service, Sunday and Wednesday at 6 p.m. Charles Day serves as interim pastor. For more information, call the church office, 990-2342.

Caprock Springs Fellowship (12th and Avenue I) -- Sunday School for all ages, 9 a.m.; worship, 10 a.m. Men's prayer breakfast Sunday at 8 a.m. Children and youth meet and eat Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., followed by KIDMO (K-5th), Youth and Downtime for adults at 6 p.m. For more information, call at csfpost@yahoo.com.

Church of the Nazarene (202 W. 10th) -- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; evening worship at 6 p.m. Adult Bible Study and children's activities, Wednesday, 7 p.m. For more information, call the church office at 495-3044.

Family Harvest Church (111 N. Avenue I) -- Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m.; Wednesday Hour of Power at 7 p.m. Go Zone Youth Church Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact the church office at 495-1400 or visit www.fhcpost.org.

First Presbyterian Church (910 W. 10th) -- Adult Sunday School and Bible Study, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. Visit the church Web site at www.postpresby.org for sermons, contact information and other items of interest.

First United Methodist Church (216 W. 10th) -- Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 10:50 a.m. Junior High Bible Study, Wednesday at 6 p.m.; Youth Food & Fellowship, 6:45 p.m.; Senior High Bible Study, 7:15 p.m. For more information, call the church office at 495-2942.

Graham Chapel Church of Christ (1016 W. 15th) -- Sunday Bible Class, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; evening worship at 5 p.m. Wednesday Ladies Bible Class, 10 a.m.; Wednesday evening services at 7 p.m. For more information, call the church office at 495-0215.

Holy Cross Catholic Church (205 W. Main) -- Mass Sunday, 9 a.m. and Thursday, 6 p.m. Reconciliation the second Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m. Weekly CCE classes Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.

Unchained Life Ministries -- This local group, led by President Mike Holly, ministers to prison inmates and juveniles. They visit the Garza County jail every Monday, 6 p.m., and the juvenile detention center Wednesdays at 6 p.m. For more information, visit www.unchainedlife.org.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: To have your church's services included in this weekly listing, bring or fax (495-2059) a church bulletin to The Post Dispatch each Tuesday before 5 p.m. or e-mail to post-churchnews@yahoo.com.)

In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Things are going well out here this week. As of Monday morning our bale count sits at 11,923, which is 68 bales shy of our record. Many of our farmers are finished pulling their crops. We probably have about eight who are still going. As for ginning, we will be at for a while longer.

Our good friend, Grant Bright of Albuquerque, N.M., came by to visit this past weekend and of course brought us some of his famous homemade fudge and some chips and hot sauce. We always like to see him coming.

Mike, Dana and Laura Carter were here last week. They were here visiting with Dana's parents, Jack and Jean Morris; her granddad, Dillard Morris; sister, Nancy; and her brother's family, Rusty, Mel, Russ and Jake. They stayed until Saturday before heading home to Longview.

Ronnie and Diane Graves hosted the Graves Christmas on Saturday. Those attending included Annie Graves; Ronnie and Diane; Walter and Willa Didway all of Post; Blair, Shelly, Wyatt and Luke Didway of Newburg, Ore.; Russel, Lonna, Zeb and Hunter Graves of Fort Sam Houston; Ron, Melinda, Braden and Heston Graves of Floydada; and Mark, Angela, Kyler and Karsen West of Lubbock. They all enjoyed a Mexican food dinner and lots of visiting and catching up with each other.

I was reading in my Texas Co-op magazine and saw where it mentioned Raylea Underwood winning the Gold Star award in 4-H for Borden County. Raylea is the granddaughter of Mack and Jane Terry. We also want to congratulate Reed Williams for the same award in Garza County. Although he is not an official Ragtownite, we do consider him and his family good friends.

The Childs family enjoyed a trolley ride around Lubbock and Ransom Canyon during the Christmas holidays. They started out the night with dinner at Riversmith's, where the trolley picked them up. Those attending were Lois; the Prathers -- Connie, Chuck, Haleigh, Russell, Leslie, Caitlyn and Cade; the Ellises -- Nedra, Jim, Tad, Rhianna, T.J. and Emilee; the Guerreros -- Mandy, Joe, Raul, Abby and Ally; and the Justices -- Janet, Dee, Becky, Ben and Blane. Connie made a lot of pictures to send to Skipper, who is still in Iraq.

Lois has had other visitors at her house as well. Cordell and Dot Custer of Cincinnati, Ohio, have been here. Cordell is Lois' nephew. Harold and Glenda Childs of San Angelo were here as well. Harold is Lois' brother-in-law. He and Lois' late husband, W.H., are brothers.

We want to send our sympathies out to the family of Josephine Hodges. Josephine lived at Golden Plains. She passed away last week. Josephine is a sister to Doug Tipton.

Remember our ones in the nursing homes: Doug, Ruby and Margie in Post and Mary in Lubbock. Don't forget to check our recipes and other interesting info on our Web site: <http://closecitycoop.yourgin.com>, and keep our troops in your daily prayers that they come safely home.

See ya next week!

Birthdays

• Jan. 9 -- Cristina Lopez
Be sure to call and let me know about any happenings going on, birthdays, anniversaries or anyone that may be sick. You can call me at the gin or e-mail me at close.city.coop@pcca.com.

MoBass Team Tournaments

Lake Alan Henry

(Five-bass stringer; minimum of one over 18 if weighing five bass)

- March 1
- April 5
- May 3
- June 7
- Aug. 2 (night tournament, 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.)
- Sept. 6
- Oct. 4
- Nov. 1

* All tournaments 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

For more information, contact Maurice "Mo" Herridge at 495-0720 or 790-9287 or e-mail mobass@cebridge.net.

Green Pastures Bass Tournaments

Lake Alan Henry

All tournaments last Saturday of each month. Tournaments begin at 6 a.m., with weigh-in from 3:10 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the crappie dock (unless otherwise noted).

- Jan. 26 -- Club
- Feb. 23 -- Club
- March 29 -- Club
- April 16 -- Club Clanahan Classic
- April 26 -- Club
- May 31 -- Club
- June 28 -- Club
- July 26 -- Club (night tournament, 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.)
- Aug. 30 -- Club (night tournament, 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.)
- Sept. 27 -- Club
- Oct. 25 -- Club
- Nov. 29 -- Club
- Dec. 27 -- Club

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Web site: www.gpbassclub.com

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Letters ...

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GCJLA's new year

We wanted to remind you how important your support is for the Garza County Junior Livestock Show held for the youth in Garza County 4-H, Post and Southland FFA. Your past support has assisted greatly in offering opportunities for our youth to continue to be involved in agricultural practices by raising and exhibiting their animal projects annually.

There are many ways in which you may contribute and support our exhibitors. The first would obviously be to purchase an animal at our sale as a buyer, either alone or jointly with another donor. You may also donate to our Jackpot or purchase awards. But regardless, each donation assists greatly in the success of our annual show and premium sale.

We invite you to attend our 2008 livestock shows and sale. Please note new times on the schedule:

- Jan. 16 -- All animals in barn by 4 p.m. to start weigh-in (4 p.m. to 6 p.m.)
- Jan. 17 -- Beef cattle show, 5 p.m.; swine show, 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 18 -- Rabbit show, 10 a.m.; market lamb show, noon; goat show, 1 p.m.; peewee goat show, 2:30 p.m. (immediately following goat show)
- Jan. 24 -- Awards, sale and dinner, 6:30 p.m., Post Independent School District cafeteria

You may be contacted by one of our members prior to the show. You may either give your contribution check to that contact or you may mail your check to: Garza County Junior Livestock Association, P.O. Box 515, Post, TX 79356. We would welcome the opportunity to visit with you personally if you have a question or comment.

We hope you will be able to join us and that you will be able to continue your kind and generous support of this youth event.

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God's powerful promise

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your Married, for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. (Isaiah 62:1-5, NRSV)

There is a story during the first Gulf War about a young husband from a small town that was called up to serve. While he was serving in Iraq his wife had a very public affair. Once the young husband returned home, he heard about the whole affair. He had a great love for his wife and a strong desire to keep his family together for the sake of the children. He forgave her.

One night, in a Bible study in their local church, the wife broke down and shared the whole story with the group. She concluded by saying, "The question for me is this: How can I live with his forgiveness?"

Israel faced a similar dilemma. The 56th chapter of Isaiah points out that Israel's leaders are corrupt. In the 57th chapter of Isaiah, Israel's worship is condemned by the prophet. In chapter 58 the prophet calls Israel to obedience. In chapter 59 Isaiah calls the people of Israel to confession and to prepare for judgment. God's glory is the theme for Isaiah, chapter 60, as the people are reminded of God's power. The prophet tells the people that God will gather all the nations together. In chapter 61, Isaiah shares his prophetic call to preach good news. He even makes reference to the law governing the release of slaves after a period of six years.

In this way, we are given a hint of what is to come. Finally, in chapter 62, the prophet lifts up this incredible image of love and restoration. God will not rest, Isaiah explains, until Zion and Jerusalem's vindication shines out like a dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch (v.1).

In the second verse, Isaiah explains that the people will receive a new name from the mouth of God. The name, given by the Lord, is a sign of vindication. Israel will become like a crown or a diadem, beautiful in the hand of God. Then God's remaining process swings into full force: "You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married." (v.4)

The prophet goes on to tell the people that God will delight in them, just as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride. This is a powerful image because the people are corrupt and sinful; however, God's love for his people is more powerful than the desolation of sin. God is going to embrace his sinful, rebellious people and create in them something new. That newness that God is about to bring about is building God's own self into his people.

That, folks, is something to shout about!


How can we live with forgiveness? We can live as forgiven people because of what God has done through Christ Jesus. Using the imagery of the bride and the bridegroom, from this text in Isaiah we see that the bride (which specifically is Israel in the text, but also relates to all of humanity) is sinful and corrupt. In other words, she is not pure. The bride is purified not because of any action on the bride's part, but the bride is redeemed and made pure due to the gracious and pure love of the bridegroom. In other words, there is nothing that sinful humanity can do to make itself no longer sinful. It is because of God's grace and love in Christ Jesus that we can be forgiven and live as forgiven people. God's love and grace can redeem anyone from any situation. That is God's powerful promise.

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Obituaries

Lewis Ammons

Services for Lewis Ammons, 72, of Post were conducted at 2 p.m. Dec. 28, 2007, in the Post Church of Christ with Charles McCook and Travis Sweet officiating. Military rites followed in the Terrace Cemetery. Arrangements were handled under the personal care of the Justice-Mason Funeral Home. He died Dec. 26 at his home.

Born Aug. 17, 1935, in Post, he attended Post schools and went into the U.S. Army in 1953, serving in the Army during the Korean War. After being discharged in 1956 he married Jody Byrd June 8, 1956, in Post. They made their home in Post and he worked for Burlington Industries and for American Cotton Growers Industry in Littlefield before retiring in March 2002. A member of the Post Masonic Lodge No. 1058, he was a past master of the lodge. He was a member of the Post Church of Christ. He enjoyed watching the Post Antelopes and the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

Survivors include his wife Jody Ammons; one daughter,



Vicki Ryle of Bertram; three sons: Sonny Ammons of Amarillo, Randy Ammons of Lubbock and Kent Ammons of Post; one grandson, Kobe Ammons of Post; four granddaughters, Taylor and Raegan Ammons of Lubbock, Huntyr Ryle of Bertram and Krystal Ayala of Big Spring; one brother, James 'Tooter' Ammons and Toni of Post; and one sister, Elma Mae of Keller.

The family has suggested memorials be made to Vista Care Hospice, 1717 Norfolk Ste. A, Lubbock, TX 79416.

Josephine Hodges

Services for Josephine Hodges, 94, of Post were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008, in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Glenn Reece, retired minister, officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of the Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

She died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007, at the Golden Plains Care Center in Post.

Born April 7, 1913, to Joseph and Augusta (Pankey) Tipton, she and her family moved to Garza County and lived in the Close City community where she graduated from the Close City School. She married Reece Hodges Jan. 11, 1936, in Close City. He died Feb. 5, 1986. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Post.

Survivors include two sons, Dee and his wife Carolyn Hodges of



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Post and Bobby and his wife Lelia Hodges of Odessa; one brother, Doug and his wife Claudine Tipton of Post; two sisters, Ruby White of Rockwall and Bobbie Grizzle of League City; and four grandchildren, David Hodges, Nathan Hodges, Lizzy Baucom and James Baucom.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Spurgeon (Jim) Tipton and Tal Tipton; and two sisters, Tiny Shults and Lou Shults.

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The birth of Jesus Christ...Luke 2:1-19

Continuing chronologically, we come to the birth of Jesus Christ.

Luke 2:1-7, "And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria). And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David), to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

The scriptural record of Jesus Christ's birth is filled with information that helps to pinpoint the date of his birth. This will be covered in a later article. But please note that this decree from Caesar Augustus is recorded history. The word "tax" is a bad translation for an earlier known Greek word that meant to enroll or registered. It was basically the taking of a census.

Verse 4 reveals that Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem because they were both of the house and lineage of David (See the genealogy of Mary in Matthew 1:1-16). In verse 5 we learn by that time, Joseph and Mary had already sealed their marriage and lived together. Furthermore, Mary was in the later stages of pregnancy with her first son.

Mary "brought forth her firstborn son." Although we are often amazed about the birth of children, there is no indication that the general process of birth is truly miraculous. God designed people to be able to conceive and give birth to children. This was passed down over the generations. The same process occurred with the birth of Jesus. A comparative study of the birth of John and that of Jesus will shine more light on this subject. Both Elizabeth and Mary "brought forth" a son (see Luke 1:57 and 2:7).

There was something special about his post-birth preparation. Joseph and Mary followed the proper customs for the birth of a royal child. In his book, Light Through an Eastern Window, author K.C. Pillai explained the eastern Biblical tradition for the birth of a noble son. Whenever a King's son was born, he was "salted" and "swaddled." Bathing the child in salt water symbolized he would have the qualities of truth and honesty.

After the salting, strips of fine linen cloth were wrapped around his body. This was the "swaddling." He was wrapped from head to foot, with only his face showing. His straightened body and limbs symbolized that he would be free from crookedness and waywardness (See also Jesus Christ Our Promised Seed, by Victor Wierwille, pp. 205-208).

Verses 8-18 provides the wonderful record of the angel from God appearing to the shepherds that were watching their flock during the night. The angel said, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

They immediately proved God word and found the baby Jesus lying in a manger. Next they made this known to everybody in the area. And with sweet humility, Mary kept all these things to herself, and pondered upon them in her heart (Luke 2:19).

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the Commissioner's Court intends to consider for passage an Order authorizing the issuance of such Certificates of Obligation.

Public Notice

Pursuant to Article 258.002(c) of the Texas Transportation Code, the Commissioners Court of Garza County, Texas provides this notice to the public of its intention to convene a public meeting to receive comment upon the adoption of a County Road Map including each road in which the County claims the continued existence of a public interest and a right of access and egress for maintenance of an existing County Road. The roads in which the County claims a public interest have been maintained for many years, beginning some time prior to 1981, have previously been listed in a notice included in the 2007-08 Ad Valorem Tax statement. A proposed County Road Map depicting each road in which the County claims a public interest has been available for inspection by the public at the office of the County Judge in the County Courthouse, during business hours, commencing

Election Corner 2008

Garza County March 4, 2008

Republican (R), Democratic (D) Primary Election Local offices up for election (all 4-year terms unless noted): District attorney Sheriff County attorney Tax assessor-collector

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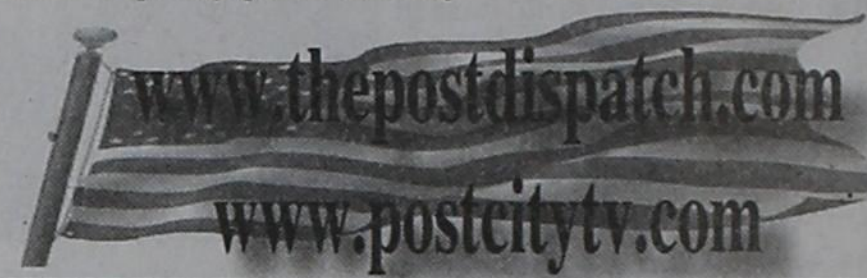
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December 1, 2007.

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Yesteryears

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10 Years Ago January 6, 1998

Making a list of important news stories in Post for 1997 started with the change of management at Old Mill Trade Days, followed by the opening of the Garza County Juvenile Detention Center.

Judy's Jabberin': The home of Lewis and Jane Mason was the scene of an annual Christmas dinner. Co-hosting the event were Joe and Beth Cook of Big Spring, Johnny and Nancy Kemp, Jane George and Dan Lamb. Special guests honored at the dinner were parents of the hosts, Quannah and Sue Maxey, Keith and Odee Kemp, Boy and Elizabeth Hart and Thurman and Annie Laurie Francis.

Chuck Harris, former manager at Higginbotham-Bartlett in Post, welcomed new store manager Jason Porter. Harris entered a new career as a crop duster pilot in Olton. Porter, a native of Plainview, came to Post from Snyder.

Local attorney Preston Poole had to temporarily relocate his practice after a fire erupted in his 311 W. Main office just before Christmas.

20 Years Ago January 3, 1988

The First Christian Church presented a live nativity scene during the Christmas season with Matt Pennell as Joseph; Lori Hudman and Holly Hardin as the Angels; Sheila Haire as Mary; Terry Timms, Kyle Gildwell and Justin Haire as the three kings; Jana Hudman, Sara Alexander and Jason Haire as the shepherds and Richard Hudman as King Herod.

Billy Timms authorized the Dispatch to announce that he would seek the position of Garza County Sheriff on the March primary ballot. Moving from Lubbock, Timms had been employed as Chief Deputy of Garza County for two and one-half years.

The Post EMTs held their annual Christmas party at the Post Community Center. EMTs and their families attending were John and Jane Redman, Debbie Reiter, Becky Warren, Jackie Gonzales, Melodie and Daniel Yarbrough, Monique and Tommy Binford, Marie Odom, Betty Posey, Janie Ammons, Kim and Mike Burch and Barbara Britton. Special guests included Herbert and Lois Wall, Brenda Angerer, Pauline and Stanley Mathis and David and Nellie Tyler.

30 Years Ago January 5, 1978

Winner of The Post Dispatch's first Baby Contest was Jamye Lynn Kitchens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kitchens of the Double U Ranch. The infant was born at 4:10 p.m. Jan. 3 in Garza Memorial Hospital with Dr. Rodriguez making the delivery.

Bryan J. Williams and Julian Smith were elected as new directors on the board of Post's Rental Housing Association, Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taylor were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Taylor was the former Jewel Hagar and the couple were married in Dickens on December 26, 1927.

Nancy Clary turned in the best individual scoring performance of the year for the Post Does when she scored 28 points to lead the team to an easy 63-21 victory over Lubbock High girls.

William Rodney Compton, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Compton was among 340 students to receive degrees from Baylor University at the end of the 1977 fall semester.

40 Years Ago January 4, 1968

Looking forward with anticipation to January 9, were Mrs. Ronald Harden and Mrs. Dickie Vardiman, who would leave by plane for Honolulu, Hawaii, to spend six days with their husbands who were stationed in Vietnam. Both young men held the rank of Airman 1st Class. Ronald was stationed in Phu Cate and Dickie at Phan Rang.

Post's New Year's baby was Tina Ann Ayala who was born January 1 at 2:13 p.m. at Garza Memorial Hospital. Little Miss New Year is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luis Ayala. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pantoja and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ayala.

Before the holidays the student body elected Mr. and Miss PHS with Micki Sterling and Dennis Altman receiving the honors.

Ansil O'Neal, manager of the Pioneer Natural Gas Co. here, was elected president of the Post Chamber of Commerce for 1968.

50 Years Ago January 7, 1958

Lawrence Cook of Hamlin, formerly of Spur, was employed as new Post Junior High School coach and teacher. He would replace Herman F. Raphael, who had been promoted to junior high principal.

Pvt. Don El Dale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dale arrived home on a 30-day leave, after which he would report to Fort Dix, N. Y. From there he would leave for Germany.

The Garza County commissioners' court took action to cooperate with the other five counties in the 106th Judicial District in employment of a district probation officer.

Dunlap's January Clearance: Entire stock of Bedspreads - \$4.99 each; Men's slacks - \$6.88; Women's shoes - \$1.88-\$3.88; Fine Blended Blankets - \$5.54; Men's All Wool Suits - \$28.88; Men's Sport Shirts - \$1.87. Cannon Wash Clothes - 10 for \$1.00.

60 Years Ago January 1, 1948

The Corner Grocery, on December 29, changed its name back to Graeber's Red and White Grocery, the name it carried before moving several years ago to the present location at the corner of Main and Adams Street.

The Bryant-Link Company, local John Deere dealer, invited all farmers and their families in Garza County and neighboring communities to attend the annual John Deere Day program held at the store and the Garza Theatre. The main attraction was a new especially produced Hollywood feature, "Doctor Jim," which starred Stuart Erwin.

Miss Johnnie O. Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Cook, became the bride of James Edd Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Hughes of Springfield, Colo., at an evening service in the Grassland Methodist Church.

Menus

Post ISD

January 7
Breakfast: Muffin, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch: Hot dogs, oven fried potatoes, apple & orange smiles, sherbert cup, milk
January 8
Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, toast, fruit, milk
Lunch: Enchiladas, refried beans, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, milk
January 9
Breakfast: Malt-o-meal, toast, sausage, fruit, milk
Lunch: Teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, English peas, pineapple tidbits, milk
January 10
Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch: Taco salad, seasoned corn, fruited gelatin, brownie, milk
January 11
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, & pickle, baked beans, baby carrots w/ranch, crispy cereal treats, milk

Southland ISD

January 7
Breakfast: Biscuits & gravy, bacon, juice, milk
Lunch: Pizza, salad, corns, cake, milk
January 8
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk
Lunch: Corn dogs, beans, chips, cookie, milk
January 9

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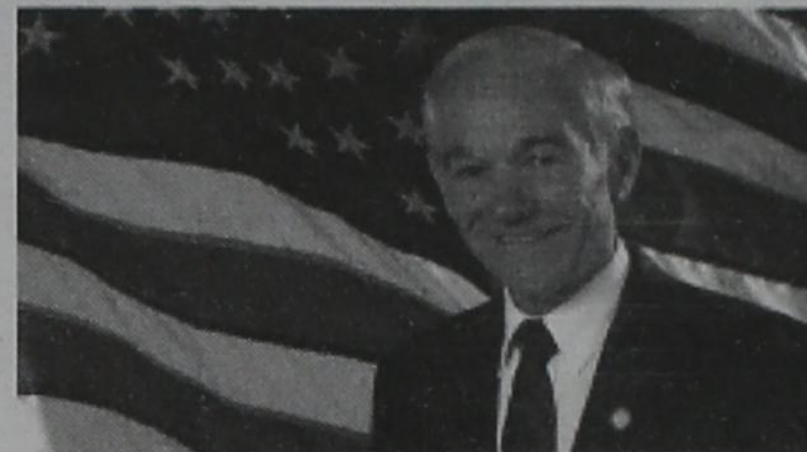
Breakfast: Sausage on a stick, fruit, milk
Lunch: Hot pocket, ravioli, yogurt, milk
January 10
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk
Lunch: Frito pie, salad, beans, jello, milk
January 11
Breakfast: Eggs, sausage, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: Cheeseburger, chips, Hb salad, ice cream, milk

TrailBlazers

January 7 BBQ chicken, broccoli, potato salad, cornbread, fruit salad w/topping
January 8 Chicken gumbo, carrots, cheese curls, banana pudding
January 9 Tacos, spanish rice, refried beans, salsa, pineapple cake
January 10 Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, roll, jell-o-salad
January 11 Beef stew, broccoli salad, cornbread, jell-o cake

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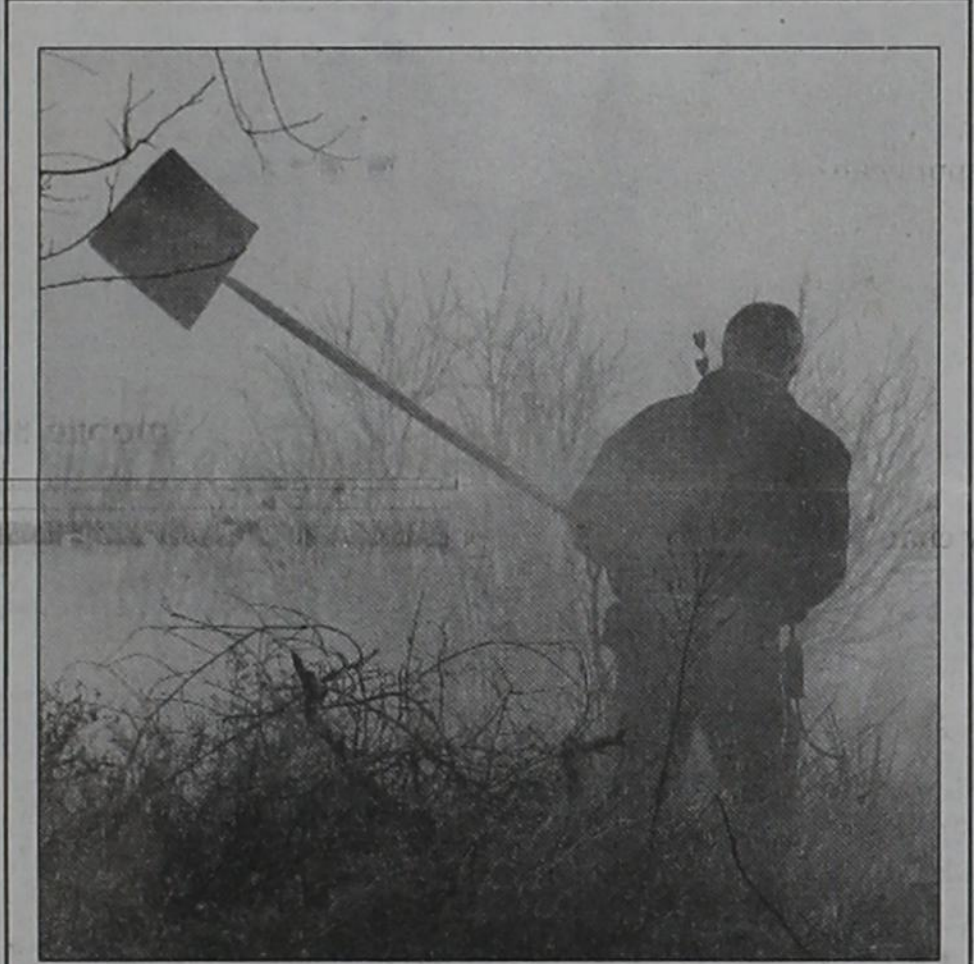


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Post-Garza County volunteer Fire Department Chief Darrell Reece stamps out areas of burning grass during Wednesday's grass fire approximately 12 miles east of Post about on Highway 84 near the old Lee Davis home. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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ACROSS

- courteous TX address
- against prefix
- "D" of TX Perot's old co. EDS
- Christmas meat (2 wds.)
- TX Medal of Honor recipient in WWII talk a lot
- train puller
- wife of Gov. John Connally (init.)
- TXism: "gonna drown worms" (fish)
- attractive young male?
- TX jazz trumpet player Kenny weed chopper (2 wds.)
- Cowboy WR Pearson (73-83)
- Bible's 2nd half (abbr.)
- TXism: "smart as a _____ owls"
- to believe or judge
- TX "Mr. Sam" (init.)
- TXism: "stock _____" (specialty)
- Gulf of Mexico, and others
- TXism: "_____ donkey fly?" (no)
- Liano: "_____ of Texas"
- TXism: "go with the chickens"
- this Linda was Sue Ellen on "Dallas"
- how TXns drink tea

DOWN

- TX Rather book: "The _____ Never Blinks"
- former champ bull rider, TX Donnie
- oil: "Texas _____"
- TX A.J. Foyt
- TX Bo Pilgrim wouldn't "_____ yellow chicken"
- "Fats" sang "Ain't That a _____"
- "bear" so. of the border
- TXism: "hombres"
- Astro Roy Oswald stat
- TX atheist O'Hair
- national wildlife refuge on the TX coast
- _____ dog
- Roberts Co. seat
- TXism: "high headed"
- in Jefferson Co. on hwy. 326
- TXism: "_____ in the hole" (reserve)
- early TX Mandrell group: "_____ Rites"
- TXism: "strong as _____ breath"
- connects computer to a phone line
- put away on a boat
- Gov. Jester was the only one to die _____ office
- TX winemaker
- Erik of "Border Blues" with TX Gary Busey
- horse _____ should be laid out north and south
- position of Cowboy "Tank" (abbr.)
- Alamo's Travis: "I shall never surrender _____ retreat"
- TX Nolan Ryan's pitcher son
- Brewster Co. summit: "_____ Mountain"
- TXism: "attacked like grandma _____ chicken snake"
- Alan of "The Aviator" about TX Howard Hughes
- _____ or No Deal"
- in Trinity Co. on FM 3317
- TXism: "_____ solid perfect"
- cavalry sword
- rare and bold baseball move (2 wds.)
- "Haley's _____"
- forerunners of TX Slurpees
- performing arts org. in Dallas
- TXism: "hot as a griddle"
- TX Edwin Carewe directed this '28 silent film
- _____ beam

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Dolphin Dynamics

Who can resist the curved mouth smile of the friendly dolphin?

More intelligent than dogs (and not colorblind), dolphins have been trained to alert swimmers when sharks are nearby. With their wide range of clicks, whistles, barks, and calls, some dolphins have even been trained to speak! Read on...

D P N T M T D V T D N N
N O R I D M O V T N I D
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H H J H H H L L R R L P
P I I C P I O O R L O H
L N H L Y D N M D T D I
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D D O L P H I N V N F R
W Y Y N I H P L O D R X

Dolphins usually live, hunt and care for one another in herds. Sometimes a herd may number over 1000, including different species of dolphins.

Can you find 12 dolphins in this word search herd?

Playing Fetch, Blindfolded!

Dolphins have keen eyesight but, like the bat, they also use echolocation (like sonar), to see in dark murky water. To prove this, dolphins were shown 3 shapes: a circle, square and triangle. They were instructed to dive for a particular shape. Then their eyes were covered with rubber suction cups. Using clicking noises, which bounce off objects, they were able to retrieve the designated shape every time!

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The original "Flipper" TV series ran from 1964-1968. Mitzi, a female bottle-nosed dolphin, played the beloved dolphin, Flipper. Today, Mitzi, aka, Flipper, is buried at the Dolphin Research Center, Grassy Key, Florida.

Mythology is rich with stories of dolphins. One tale has Poseidon, (Neptune), the god of the sea, sending the dolphin, Delphino, to search for Poseidon's missing wife. To reward Delphino for his successful search, Poseidon placed a dolphin constellation up in the heavens to shine for all eternity.

In another Greek myth, the gifted musician, Arion, was not content with talent alone. He also wanted fame and fortune. He traveled by boat to Sicily to compete for treasure in a musical contest. Upon winning he returned home laden down with his new riches. Before reaching shore the crew of the ship decided to toss him overboard and steal his new wealth. He begged to live, offering all his riches in exchange for his life. The men refused. They did allow him one final request, to make beautiful music one last time. He strummed a sorrowful tune on his harp and then plunged into the ocean. Dolphins, surrounding the ship, captivated by the lovely sound, allowed Arion to ride on their backs, safely back to shore.

What's the difference?

Dolphin	Porpoise
- curved dorsal fin	- triangle dorsal fin
- beak like faces	- round faces
- cone shaped pointed teeth	- flat teeth
- may jump 15 ft in the air	- does not usually jump out of the water
	- smaller than dolphins
	- swims faster than dolphins



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