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Laws, Munk win election recounts

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

According to a certified Supervisor's Report of the election recount held Monday, Nov. 24 the winners in the Sheriff and County Attorney races remain unchanged.

In the Sheriff's race original totals showed Cliff Laws winning over Phil Matthews by a vote of 896 to 836.

After the recount, the results were 894 for Laws, 839 for Matthews.

In the race for County Attorney, original election results were Mike Munk 672 votes

to Arimy Gradine Beasley's 638. After the recount in this race, the results were 671 for Munk and 640 for Beasley.

The results of the recount will not be official until the recount votes are canvassed by the Commissioner's Court at their regular meeting on December 8.



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DAY AT THE MUSEUM



OS Museum Director Marie Neff (above, left) explains the history of the OS Museum to visitors Marty Smith of Canyon and Jan Hargrave of Amarillo. The ladies were part of a large group who visited Post last week. A bigger-than-life Santa and a beautifully decorated Christmas tree greet visitors to the OS Museum.

“It's Christmas Time” exhibit now open at OS Museum

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

A group from Amarillo and Canyon visited the OS Museum in Post last week, joining approximately 5,000 visitors who have toured the museum this year.

And, the most popular exhibit has just opened. For years the OS Museum has built its reputation on its Christmas exhibit. “It's Christmas Time” the current exhibit at the museum is no exception.

A sparkling, bigger-than-life Santa and a beautifully decorated Christmas tree greet you as you enter the gallery and signify that collector and museum owner, Giles McCrary, is once again bringing the spirit of Christmas to our community as only he can. The museum exhibit is an eloquent way to

More than 5,000 visitors have made it to the Post museum in 2008

gain an understanding of how Christmas is celebrated and honored all around the world. A perennial favorite feature of the exhibit is the display of Russian Faberge eggs.

The public is invited to a special open house at the museum Saturday, December 6 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wassail and cookies will be served.

A long-time community leader and former mayor, McCrary and his wife, Louise, have traveled extensively throughout the world and amassed a wonderful art collection. Notes in the museum brochure explain how

the museum developed from the McCrary's large, diverse private collection. Marie Neff, Museum Director, has written, “Giles and Louise McCrary have always enjoyed collecting beautiful and unusual things. Their collecting became very lively in the late 1960s, and continued during the OS Steer Roping and Art Exhibit and Sale, held at the OS Ranch.”

An inventory of the artifacts was begun in 1991. McCrary had acquired “the building C. W. Post had built to house his Land and

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Medicare open enrollment deadline Dec. 31

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

The open enrollment period for Medicare Part D ends Dec. 31. Seniors enrolled in Medicare Part D have until that date to decide whether to stay with their current prescription drug plan. If you aren't currently enrolled in Part D, you have the option to sign up during this same time period.

Go to www.Medicare.gov and click on “Medicare Prescription Drug Plans” to compare plans, enroll online or view your current plan. You can talk to a Medicare customer service representative by calling 1-800-Medicare.

If you want more personalized

attention to your questions about prescription drug plans, Alisa Peters and Aaron Peters at Hometown Pharmacy can help. Alisa cautions about waiting too late to review your plan. “If you wait until December 31 and decide to make some changes, it will probably take a while for those changes to take effect.”

Peters, owner of the local pharmacy, also cautioned those who are considering a Medicare Advantage plan. “Some of these plans can drastically affect your Medicare prescription coverage.” Medicare Advantage Plans are health plan options that are part of the Medicare program. If you join one of these plans, you generally

get all your Medicare-covered health care through that plan. This coverage can include prescription drug coverage. Medicare Advantage Plans include: Medicare Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs); Preferred Provider Organizations (PPO); Private Fee-for-Service Plans; and Medicare Special Needs Plans.

According to the Medicare web site most of these plans will offer extra benefits and possibly lower co-pays than in the Original Medicare Plan. However, you may have to see doctors that belong to the plan or go to certain hospitals to get services. To join a Medicare Advantage Plan, you must have Medicare Part A and

Part B. You will have to pay your monthly Medicare Part B premium to Medicare. In addition, you would likely pay a monthly premium to your Medicare Advantage Plan for the extra benefits that they offer. If you choose to join a Medicare Advantage Plan, your Medigap policy won't pay any deductibles, co-payments, or other cost-sharing under your Medicare Health Plan.

Even if you're satisfied with your current prescription plan, it would be wise to take a few minutes to review possible changes in your plan for 2009. “None of these plans will be the same as last year,” said Peters.

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No need to leave Post to celebrate ‘Black Friday’

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

Black Friday is the popular name for the Friday after Thanksgiving and is considered the unofficial beginning of the Christmas shopping season.

While today is not an official holiday many businesses are closed giving employees an extra day off, which increases the number of potential shoppers.

The term “black” Friday has been used since the 1960s and refers to the beginning of the period in which retailers often begin turning a profit for the first time during the calendar year thus moving their bottom lines “into the black.”

There's no need to leave town to participate in this national shopping tradition. Post has lots of opportunities right here at home. Although we were not able to contact every business in town, it seems that most retailers will be open regular hours today. And, if you don't get all your shopping done come back for Post Merchants Day, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with special sidewalk sales.

If you're putting up Christmas lights or doing other chores around the house and need some supplies, Porter Hardware and

Higginbotham will both be open during their normal hours today and Saturday.

City and county government offices will be closed today as well as the Post Area Chamber of Commerce and Garza County Health Clinic. Wells Fargo and Citizens Bank and the U. S. Post Office will be open normal hours today. Hometown Pharmacy will be closed.

You can easily stock up on food and beverage after your Thanksgiving feast. United Supermarket will be open regular hours (7 a.m. – 9 p.m.) today after taking a holiday on Thanksgiving Day. Brady's Package Store will open regular hours as will the Post Beverage Barn.

If you're tired of turkey, most restaurants in Post will be open during normal hours today except for Cocora's on Main Street. Trailblazer's Senior Citizens Center will also be closed.

Entertainment options in Post this weekend are limited. Both local theater venues – Ragtown Gospel Theater and Garza Theatre – will be closed the entire Thanksgiving weekend. However, the Garza County Historical Museum will be open today and Saturday and the OS Museum will be closed today, but open for visitors on Saturday.

Post Notes

PWD sponsoring Christmas yard of the week

The “Post Women's Division” will be sponsoring the “Christmasyard of the week” beginning the first of December. We invite all homes to decorate for the event. PWD will contact the yard and a sign will be placed at the site. For more information call Donna Degan @ 495-0888 or come by Plum Crazy, 220 E. Main to put your name on the list.

Coat Drive at Holy Cross Catholic Church

Holy Cross Catholic Church is having a Coat Drive from now until the end of November. You can bring the coats, scarves or gloves by the church on Wednesdays from 5:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. or drop them in the Coat box.

Iglesia Catolica tiene un Camino de Abrigo de ahora hasta el fin de noviembre. Usted puede traer los abrigo, las bufandas o los guantes por la iglesia el miercoles de 5:15 p.m. a 6:45 p.m. o dejar los caer en la caja de Abrigo.

4th & 5th grade Christmas Musical /Science Fair

We would like to invite the community to enjoy and participate in our annual Christmas Musical entitled “Jingle All the Way” on Thursday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary Auditorium presented by the 4th and 5th grade music classes of Post Elementary.

The Science Fair will be held in the Elementary Gym on Thursday, December 11 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. which features every class in the lower grades and individuals in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. Please come and enjoy both events on December 11.

Rotary Bean and Cornbread supper

The Post Rotary will serve beans and cornbread at the Community Center Saturday, Dec. 6 beginning at 5:00 p.m. and will continue after the parade. Cost is \$5.00 and includes beans, cornbread, drink and dessert. All proceeds go to the Rotary annual scholarship fund.

Annual Christmas Singing December 7th

The annual Community Christmas Sing will be held Sunday evening, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. This grand event is sponsored by Post Cares and hosted by the First United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to attend the musical celebration of Christmas songs and reading. If any individual or group would like to participate, please contact the Methodist church office at 495-2942 or Kent Campbell at 495-3044 no later than Friday morning, December 5th, so you will be included on the program.

“It's Christmas Time”

OS Museum located at 201 E. Main and Avenue I, invites you to view Nativities, Creches, and Santas gathered around the world the

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Santa letters due by Friday, Dec. 5



Ribbon Cutting ...

Post Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting this week celebrating the addition of Jazzercise at Vibes Tanning & Tanning, 119 E. Main Street. Pictured are (back row) D' Linda Chapman, Celia Mason, Jagruti Dehenia, Dana Babb, Kay Jackson, Kalyn Norman, Amy Pennell, Jenny Gomez, Angeline and Emmitt Collier. (front row) Owner Rhonda Norman, Instructor Gina Morris, Rosa Latimer, and Jay Young. Not pictured is Instructor Jodi Williams. Vibes opened 16 years ago and also offers Step, Pilates, Body Pump and personal training.

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Publishing the news that matters to Garza County citizens The Post Dispatch

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

During a regularly scheduled meeting, the Garza County Commissioners and Judge conducted a routine canvass of votes from the November 4 election. The Court is required by law to review vote tabulation in all elections. The canvass was approved as presented.

Tuesday afternoon the Dispatch learned a recount has been ordered for the county attorney race and county sheriff race. On Nov. 4, Mike Munk was counted as winning the county attorney position 672-638 over Arimy Gradine Beasley. Incumbent sheriff Cliff Laws was counted as defeating challenger Phil Mathews 896-836.

The recounts will take place next week.

In other business minutes from the October 27 meeting; reports from county offices; and accounts payable for October 28, 2008 to November 12, 2008 were approved. One line item transfer was approved.

Property bids for lots 10 - 12,

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OS Museum ...

Cattle Company." After renovation was complete, a large meeting room was "designated to be the display area for the collection." In August of 1992, the OS Ranch Foundation Museum opened to the public. The museum is described by Neff as, "No rusty barbed wire, just beautiful things from all over the world."

The OS Museum presents three exhibits each year. A previous exhibit, "Where the Spirit Dwells" showcased a collection of brass and gold reproductions of instruments

used by early explorers. Another exhibit window was dedicated to carvings depicting scenes from early life in Alaska. Exhibits fill a total of thirteen display windows and extend to sculpture and art throughout the gallery. Display drawers hold exquisite surprises.

The museum, on the second floor at 201 E. Main Street and Avenue I, is open Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to Noon and 1 to 5 p.m. There is an elevator for your convenience. "It's Christmas Time" will be on display until Jan. 31, 2009:

Medicare ...

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Some drug plans will make changes that will impact price and which drugs are available.

As with any decisions concerning your health care, be sure those who are advising you

have your best interests in mind. Give yourself time to consider the options so you can avoid the pressure of having to make a decision without weighing all of your choices.

Commissioners canvass election, recounts ordered

(Editor's note: the following article originally ran in the Nov. 21 edition of The Post Dispatch but was inadvertently cut off. We regret the error)

Block 24, City of Post and lots 13 and 14, Block 24, City of Post were discussed. According to a report by County Attorney Leslie Acker, the lots are owned by Garza County by way of a court judgment and did not sell at a Sheriff's property sale. Pending approval of other taxing entities, the Court voted to accept the bids.

A jail inspection was set following the meeting. Judge Norman, Commissioners Valdez and Morris participated in the inspection. Completion of construction of the jail facility is scheduled for December 14; TLETS date to move is January 10, 2009; jail standards inspection is set for January 18.

The meeting concluded with a discussion of a new employee, Stephanie Hattaway, as Marketing Director at the Garza County Jail. Her responsibilities will include establishing a relationship with other entities to use the new facility for an overflow of prisoners.

Commissioner McDaniel expressed the need for the Commissioners Court to be involved in all jail operations to be sure that everything possible is done to make it a success.

The next scheduled Commissioners Court meeting will be December 8 at 9 a.m.

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month of November thru January 2009.

A Special open house will be held on Saturday, December 6 from 10am to 6 pm. Enjoy wassail and cookies as you view the exhibit. An upstairs elevator is provided for your convenience. For more information call 495-3570.

Seeking entries for Christmas Parade

Post Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking entries for the Lighted Christmas Parade. The parade will be on Saturday, December 6 at 6 p.m. You may enter a float in the Business or Organizational division or a golf cart, 4 wheeler, Go-cart, etc. All entries must be lighted. Prizes will be awarded to winning entries! For more information call 495-3461

Rotary International Exchange Program

The regional Rotary Club is sponsoring an exchange program with Israel and is looking for young professional non-Rotarians to participate. The exchange takes place May 10 through June 7, 2009. Applicants chosen to go will have all expenses paid and will live with Rotarians in a variety of cities in Israel. They will get to experience life in Israel up close and personal. The deadline for applications is December 12, 2008. For more info and to apply, contact Jim Plummer, Post Rotary President. 806-781-1911.

Retirement Reception scheduled December 15th

A retirement reception honoring Leslie Acker and John Valdez will be held on Monday, December 15, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Courtroom at the Garza County Courthouse located at 300 West Main St.

Trailblazers selling tickets for 12 gauge

Tickets for the raffle of a Turkish Silver Eagle Siyah 12 gauge shotgun may be purchased at Garza County Trailblazers, 205 E. 10th Street. One ticket cost \$1 or six tickets may be purchased for \$5. The drawing will be held on Tuesday, December 23rd at noon at the Trailblazer Center.

A Thanksgiving Wish

Thanksgiving is an important occasion because it not only reminds us to count our blessings, but to recognize the importance of being good neighbors. And when neighbors work together, everyone prospers.

May your Thanksgiving holiday be rich in the blessings of family and friends, as you have blessed us with the gift of your friendship. We would also like to especially thank our troops for their dedication and service to America and to our community.



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Obituaries



Clara Rodriguez Landa

Rosary for Clara Rodriguez Landa, 70, of Midland and formerly of Post, was 7:00 PM Sunday, November 23, 2008, at the Holy Cross Catholic Church, Post. Funeral Mass was held 3:30 PM Monday at the Holy Cross Catholic Church with the Rev. Paul Karieakatt officiating. Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery in Post. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Clara died on Wednesday November 19, 2008 at home in Midland.

She was born on August 12, 1938 to Jesus and Elida (Tijerina) Rodriguez at Sterling City. She moved to Post in 1969 and worked for the Twin Cedars Nursing Home and later for Golden Plains Care Center. She worked for her brother at LaFamilia Restaurant and then moved to Midland, there she worked for a childrens day care center. Clara also lived a time in Kansas and Levelland. Clara loved music, cooking, yard work, being with family (especially grandchildren) and was known for a kind heart. She was a life long Catholic. Clara was preceded in death by a son: Isreal Landa November 8, 1993; by her parents Jesus Rodriguez and Elida T. Rodriguez; brothers: Jessie T. Rodriguez, Alfredo Rodriguez, Willie T. Rodriguez and by a daughter in law Angel Landa and a grandson Tony Guerrero.

She is survived by three sons: Conception and Rosita Landa, Jr. of Midland; Adrian Landa of Post and Phillip Landa of Midland. Two daughters: Frances and Julian Flores of Post and Veronica and Rene Lopez of Levelland. Sixteen grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons: Chon Lee Landa, Andrew Landa, Adrian Landa, Jr., Israel Landa, Jr., Christopher Espinoza and Joey Espinoza.

Memorials are suggested to the Hospice of Midland 911 West Texas, Midland, Texas 79701

Ruby Carpenter

Memorial Services for Ruby (Mimmie) Carpenter, 95, of Post will be at 2 PM Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Buddy Payne officiating assisted by Rev. Jon Foster.

She died Saturday at the Golden Plains Care Center in Post. She was born on Nov. 7, 1913 in Chickasha, Oklahoma to Jud and Suda Gurley. She moved to Garza county in a covered wagon when she was two years old. She married George Carpenter on Nov. 1, 1930 in Garza County.

He preceded her in death on August 22, 1960. She was preceded in death by a son Wayne Carpenter on January 10, 2003. Survivors include 1 daughter, Velta (Gene) King of Post, 3 granddaughters; Pam Humble of Post, Marsalyn (Jim) Motley of South Lake and Rhenalea (Curt) Beck, of The Woodlands and 8 great grandchildren: Tandi (Joseph) Young, Monty Humble, Kelsi Beck, Austen Beck, Kaylen Beck, Aaron Motley, Nicolas Motley and Dillon Motley.

The family suggests memorials to Odyssey Hospice at 460 66th Ste. E, Lubbock 79414 or to First United Methodist Church of Post. The family will receive visitors at the funeral home on Monday from 6:30 until 8 PM.



Carolyn Davis Allen

Carolyn Davis Allen, 58, of Snyder and formerly of Post, died Friday November 21, 2008 at her home. She was born on May 18, 1950 to Thomas and Ruby Nell (Blacklock) Davis here in Post. Carolyn attended Post schools and graduated Post High. She married Elvin Allen on November 23, 1968 in Post at the Trinity Baptist Church. They made their first home here in Post and later moved to Snyder. She took care of her Father T.F. Davis until his health failed him completely. She enjoyed taking care of her grandchildren and was a long time Baptist. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother: Leon Davis Nov. 11, 2000.

Visitation was held from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Monday at the Justice-Mason Funeral Home. Graveside services were held 2:00 PM Tuesday Nov. 25, 2008 at the Terrace Cemetery in Post. The Rev. Kent Campbell, Post Church of the Nazarene officiated. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home, Post.

She is survived by Spouse, Elvin Allen of Snyder. Daughter, Jennifer Northcutt of Snyder and Son, Jeffery Elvin Allen of Snyder. Two Brothers: Darrel and his wife Kay Davis of Fort Worth and Leslie and his wife Linda Davis of Lubbock. Four Grandchildren: Cherie Northcutt, Michael Northcutt, Matthew Northcutt, Cameron Green and Lance Allen all of Snyder.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association 2514 82nd St Suite B Lubbock, TX 79423.

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Area cotton gins expecting 'short' crop

Hanaba Munn Welch
Blackburn Media Staff Writer

Cotton isn't the kind of harvest the Pilgrims celebrated, but it's what's happening now across the Texas Plains and Panhandle and southern Oklahoma. Off to a slow start in general for lack of freezing weather, the quality of the crop promises to be good. For lack of rain, yields in most places aren't expected to come close to last year's levels of production.

"It's going to be a real short crop this year," said Traci Freeman, gin clerk at the Close City Coop Gin near Post, where the weather has been especially dry.

Many farmers have decided not to defoliate the plants for an earlier harvest but rather to wait for a freeze to kill the leaves naturally.

"It's not worth spending the money (to defoliate and open late bolls)," Freeman said.

But, until last week -- except on the Caprock -- Jack Frost had been waiting in the wings, intensifying that element of suspense in the drama of the cotton harvest. Even last week's dip in temperatures could not be termed a "hard" freeze in the best sense of the word -- a freeze guaranteed to shrivel all cotton foliage and put an end to pesky late growth that won't add to yields.

The bale count at Close City was only 478 at the end of last week.

By contrast, the Coop Gin at O'Brien, south of Knox City had ginned about 5,000 bales by Friday -- irrigated defoliated cotton that didn't have to wait on a freeze.

"The cotton looks good," said Betty Starnes, gin clerk.

During last week's cold snap, the temperature dropped to about 25 degrees in the O'Brien area, Starnes said.

"We needed it really bad," she said. Some people were waiting on a freeze.

At nearby Rhineland, the bale count was 12,000 on Friday.

"It was a dry year," said Brenda Brown, gin secretary. "The irrigated is going to do pretty good. ... This year the irrigated is getting close to three bales to the acre."

Some of the dry land cotton will be decent.

"There's spots where they caught the rain ... but nothing like last year," Brown said. Last year the gin at Rhineland processed 61,000 bales.

At Childress, farther north, ginning is barely under way

with 874 bales ginned by Friday. Time will tell whether last week's freeze will kick ginning into high gear.

"They're out looking to see if it was good enough," said Nicole Murdock, secretary at the Childress Farmers Coop Gin.

Last year the total bale count was about 53,000. This year's crop is expected to be much smaller.

"The estimate right now is about 10,000," Murdock said.

In the Wellington area, the crop will also fall short of last year.

At the Wellington Farmers Coop Society No. 1 Gin, Kim Martindale, manager, said the outlook is for a 25,000-bale harvest, compared to 65,500 bales ginned last year.

"Our acres were down, and then we've lost some to storm and the drought has hurt," Martindale said.

Much of the cotton in the Wellington area is irrigated.

"The irrigated is doing pretty good," Martindale said.

The effects of the early Friday morning freeze will take a week to ten days to determine, Martindale said.

The bale count Friday at Wellington was about 8,500 bales.

At Dodson, 14 miles southeast of Wellington, the bale count was 2,458 Friday. The Tri-County Coop Gin at Dodson gets a mix of irrigated and dry land cotton.

"We've got about half and half," said Molly Granadoz, scale office clerk. "We're waiting on a freeze."

How much last week's freeze will help the Dodson area is yet to be determined.

"It was cold," Granadoz said.

The Dodson bale count Friday was 2,458. Last year's total was 33,000.

At Estelline, halfway between Childress and Memphis, ginning is under way but not in full swing. The bale count Friday was 377.

"We expect to get more after the cold weather last night," Shirley Fuller, gin secretary, said Friday.

Most of the cotton in the Estelline area is dry land, Fuller said.

At the gin at Lakeview, ten miles west of Memphis, Friday's bale count was 9,613 with about

a third of the crop estimated to be in.

"The quality is good," said Starla Phillips, gin secretary.

But even good quality and decent yields don't make up for low prices, a worldwide situation.

"The price is terrible," Phillips said.

Cotton on the world market soared into the 90-cent range in March, only to drop into the 30-cent range by fall.

Most farmers are taking the government loan price for their crops, Phillips said.

If there's a bright spot in this year's market for cotton, it's the price gins are able to pay the farmers for the seed.

At Lakeview, the price is \$170 a ton -- higher than usual.

"It's covering the ginning and giving everybody a little seed check," Phillips said.

In Memphis, at Memphis Farmers Gin, the bale count was a little over 2,000 on Friday, with many farmers waiting on a freeze.

"That's one thing that's been slowing everybody down," said Leah Byars, bookkeeper.

Last year's total bale count at Memphis was over 24,000.

North of the Red River, in Hollis, Okla., the bale count was 5,400 Friday at the Harmon County Coop Gin. Most of the cotton handled in Hollis is irrigated, meaning the harvest is well under way.

"Seems like it's going to be pretty good," said Jamie Snider, gin manager.

The cotton that comes in later will be mostly from non-irrigated acreage.

"We get some out of Texas that's not irrigated," Snider said.

The Harmon County Coop

pays \$200 a ton for seed. "The quality of the cotton, it's been good," Snider said.

Last year's bale count was nearly 11,000 at Hollis.

On the Texas Caprock, in the Floydada-Lockney area, the harvest is looking good -- almost as good as last year's crop.

The bale count Monday morning at Barwise Gin at Floydada was 12,985.

Scott Hilburn is the gin owner.

"For me personally, I will actually have more cotton this year than last year," he said. "We lost some last year to hail and cold weather during planting."

A good freeze has already been checked off the wish list for this year's harvest in the Floyd County area.

"We've already pretty well had two killing freezes," Hilburn said. "That's not an issue any more. Down off the Caprock, they needed that freeze."

At the Farmers Coop Gin in Floydada, expectations vary, but the staff and farmers agree it will be close to last year's crop in quantity -- 69,574 bales.

At Lockney, this year's harvest is promising to be an average year, but the drop in the size of the crop is partly due to a drop in cotton acreage, based on markets for other commodities at the time planting decisions were made.

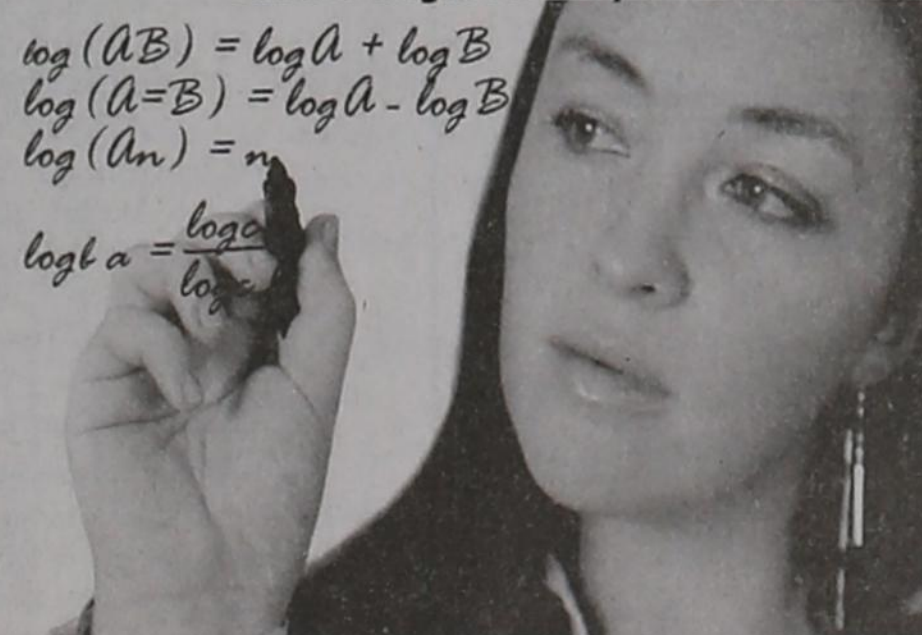
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By CHRISTOPHER BLACKBURN

The planet is in financial turmoil. As crazy as it may seem, we are all in this together.

According to Kanaga Raja, global economic expert, the entire world economy is in the toilet. Raja said, "The downturn after four years of relatively fast growth is due to a number of factors: the global fallout from the financial crisis in the United States, the bursting of the housing bubbles in the US and in other large economies, soaring commodity prices, increasingly restrictive monetary policies in a number of countries, and stock market volatility."

"The fallout from the collapse of the US mortgage market and the reversal of the housing boom in various important countries has turned out to be more profound and persistent than expected in 2007 and beginning of 2008. As more and more evidence is gathered and as the lag effects are showing up, we are seeing more and more countries around the world being affected by this rather profound and persistent negative effects from the reversal of housing booms in various countries."

Basically, this will continue to get worse before it gets better. And yes, we'll be effected.

The Georgia Pacific plant in Acme is laying off 35 people immediately. There is not enough demand for drywall so the company has no choice. That's just one example of the ripple effect of this crisis.

The world's financial firms have now lost over \$2.8 trillion and global taxpayers have now spent around \$8 trillion to shore up the world's banks. These amounts will continue to climb as large businesses fail taking smaller ones with them.

On Monday, President-elect Barack Obama discussed items in his blueprint for turning around the economy - including a huge stimulus package and tax cuts for a "vast majority" of Americans paid for by the nation's "wealthiest."

The package will probably be around \$600 billion. That's on top of the \$700 billion package which Congress passed earlier.

Other countries around the globe are working to curb the recession as well. It seems every day the crisis is on the tip of the tongue when various leaders speak. And really, that's probably a good thing for us.

As bad as it is and as bad as it will get, it could be much worse.

We are all in the same boat, but what if we

weren't? What if the price of oil had stayed where it was this summer? It would have had a catastrophic effect on the U.S. and our allies.

Had just a few countries entered into recession (with the U.S. being one of them), we'd be watching Russia, Iran, China and others gain power.

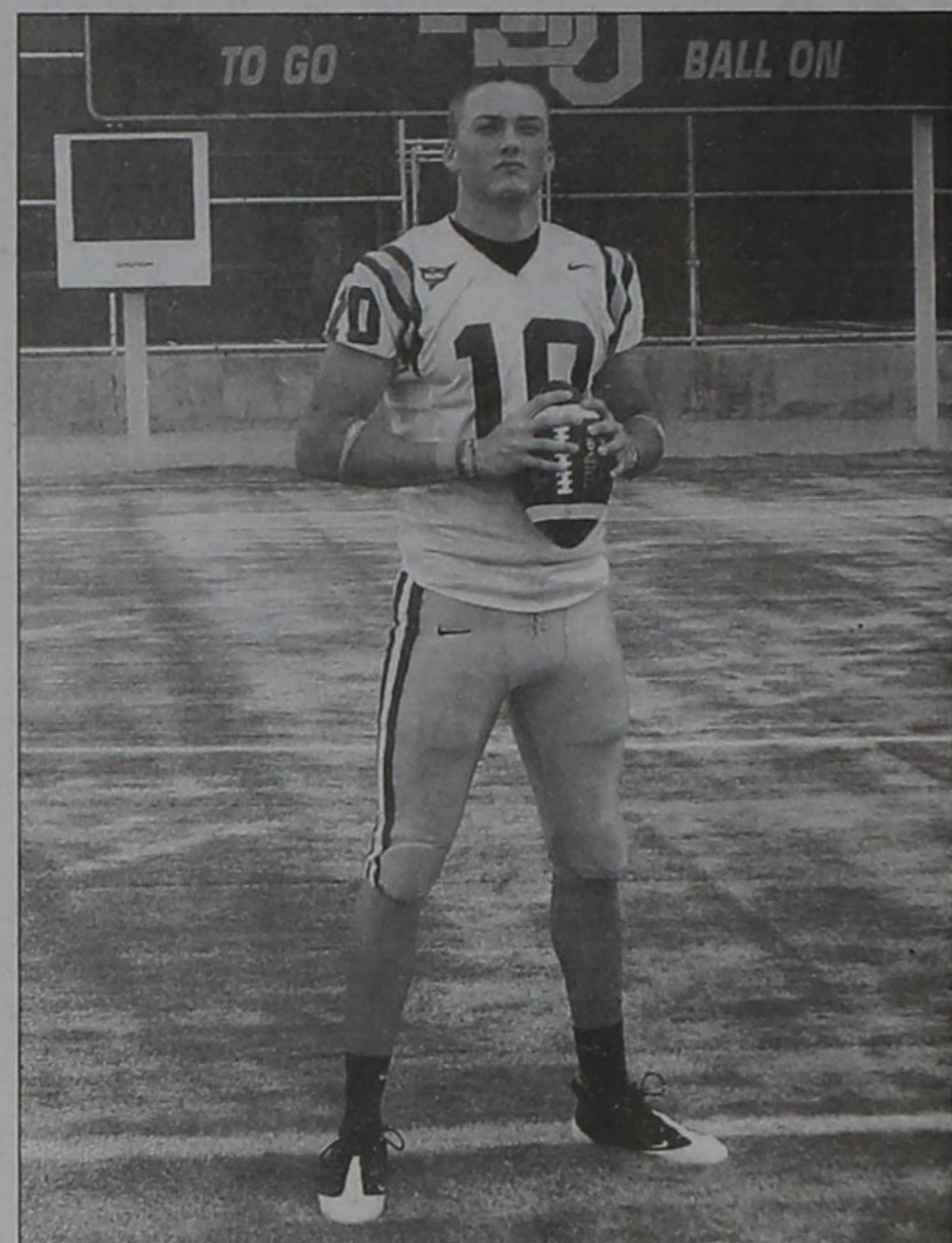
Russia has been flexing muscle of late and Iran has been trying to develop nuclear weapons for years. Had those countries not been a part of this economic disaster, think of those implications.

We are fortunate that our status as a Super Power and as the world's richest country that we have seemingly taken everyone down with us. As bad as it is now, I shudder to think of this world with us, Europe and Japan in an economic crisis while China, Russia, Iran and others are booming.

With this a world-wide problem, it is in the world's best interest for the United States to get back on solid footing economically. The reality of this whole thing is: as we go, so does the world.

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Grisham All-Conference first team offense for HSU



Hardin-Simmons University senior Jerrad Grisham was recently named All-Conference First Team Offense, tight end, for 2008, as announced by the American Southwest Conference, NCAA Division III.

The HSU offensive line is ranked 4th in the nation in division III. Grisham, a 3 year varsity letterman for the HSU Cowboys, completed 20 catches for 378 yards.

He also scored 5 touchdowns in the season, with the longest being 60 yards. Grisham also had 6 kickoff returns for 59 yards.

Total yardage for the season came to 437. The HSU Cowboys finished their season at a ranking of 7th in the nation.

Grisham received various individual team recognition throughout the season as well as representing the HSU Cowboys by serving as speaker for the New student-parent orientation.

As a business student, Grisham will graduate from Hardin-Simmons in 2009 with a double degree in business and marketing.

A 2005 Post High School honor graduate, Grisham received various district, regional and state recognition and honors during his high school career.

He is the son of Allen and Pixie Grisham.



JOHN CORNYN
UNITED STATES SENATOR, TEXAS

TEXAS ★ TIMES

Giving Thanks in Texas By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

At Thanks-Giving Square in downtown Dallas, in houses of worship, and in community kitchens and family tables across the state, Texans heartily observe our national holiday and express gratitude for the gifts of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Many say thanks every day of the year, but Thanksgiving Day is when Americans join together to express gratitude throughout the nation.

These annual get-togethers bring family and friends together, and renew our focus on the great American tradition of giving thanks for our blessings.

This year, about 46 million turkeys will be served during Thanksgiving in America. Across Texas, tables will be filled with rich foods produced in our state, easily found in stores by looking for the "Go Texan" label. Farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers, processors and workers provide much of the harvest that Texans depend on throughout the year.

In addition to Thanksgiving dinner, people fill the holiday with all kinds of relaxation. We like football games, hunting, parades, and "Turkey Trot" fun runs, to name a few.

But in the midst of giving thanks, Texans also take time to focus on those who need our thoughts, prayers and support - especially those away from their homes because of military service or public service jobs that keep them on duty during the holidays.

We are thankful for our

soldiers and veterans, health care workers, law enforcement officers and first responders. The safety and security they provide put them high on our thank-you lists.

Texas also is blessed by the volunteers who work in food banks, serve at community dinners for the less fortunate, and supply boundless energy and generous support to charitable organizations all year long.

This year will be remembered for the destructive storms that hit parts of Texas.

We must continue to supply public and private aid to Texans whose homes and communities were damaged or devastated by Hurricanes Ike and Dolly, and other natural disasters. Many Texans suffered greatly. Their pain continues, and we need to be as vigilant today in helping them get back on their feet as we were in the days following the storms.

It is not unusual to see hearts open their widest when times are toughest. We have to find the best ways to uplift those seeking the American dream or hoping to hold on to it - those needing jobs and those impacted by the state of the economy.

Thanks-Giving Square in Dallas includes the interfaith Chapel of Thanksgiving, which opened during America's bicentennial year, 1976. It serves as "the Home of American Thanksgiving" and "The Center of World Thanksgiving."

The Thanks-Giving Foundation, which spearheads programs to "promote the value and spirit of thanksgiving," describes the tradition well.

"Of all the profound gestures of the human heart, thanksgiving is the most communal and the most basic. Its presence creates a universal bond that transcends differences throughout the world."

By expressing gratitude, we acknowledge that our lives depend on the work, contributions and kindness of others. While self-reliance is a cherished virtue in America, it is equally important that we recognize our interdependence

and reach out to help each other, at home and abroad.

In "America the Beautiful," we sing about "amber waves of grain" and the "fruited plain." As we count our blessings, let's seek ways to share them with others.

That puts words into action. It's the Texas spirit at work, the heart of what makes us Texans.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary and Budget Committees. In addition, he is Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Border Security and Refugees subcommittee and the Armed Services Committee's Airland subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

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Eat This!

by Ryan Mills

I wasn't a big fan of vegetables as a kid. As a matter of fact, if my mother wanted me to eat it, she pretty much had to drown them in cheese.

As an adult, I love vegetables of all types and today's recipe incorporates a few into one dish.

This dish can be served with just about anything you would like to serve it with.

I usually serve them with steak or chicken. I've never done it but I think these would be a nice dish to serve at brunch.

I'm not in the brunch business but you might be.

Most of the time when I say I'm making Vegetable Pancakes I get strange looks. Most people think of the typical breakfast pancake. The only similarity here is that these are round and flat.

I like this recipe, my kids don't, so I wouldn't advise trying to shove these on your kids' plates. I wouldn't have touched them as a kid. But for those of us who have overcome our fear of veggies, they hit the spot. Especially with some Trappery's hot peppers in vinegar doused on top.

Vegetable Pancakes

Ingredients
1/2 cup flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1 egg
1/4 cup milk
1 cup grated carrots
1 cup grated squash
2 green onions chopped fine
oil for frying
Directions
In a bowl, stir together the

flour, baking powder, salt and pepper.

In a separate bowl, beat together the egg, milk, carrots, squash and onions. Add to the dry ingredients and stir until combined.

In a skillet, lightly drizzle with oil and heat over medium. Place the batter by spoonfuls into the skillet.

Cook on both sides until golden.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

The weather has been good; fair during the day and down right cold at night. They say we could get some moisture over the weekend. If all goes well all of our producers that haven't begun yet should start pulling next week. Remember the link to find out our daily bale count is <http://closecitycoopgin.blogspot.com>

We want to send a BIG Happy Birthday out to Annie Laura Francis. She turned 90 years young on November 25th. Her family will give her a reception on December 6th, 2008 from 2-4 at the Citizens Bank room. Happy Birthday Annie Laura!

Lee and Marsha Norman are entertaining family this week. Janie and Simon Stach of Trophy Club came early for the holiday. Also joining the family is David, Brenda and Emily Norman of Lubbock. I hear congratulations are also in order for David and Brenda as they are expecting twins! Steve and

Mary are also enjoying the holidays. Laura and her family didn't get to come but will be joining them for Christmas.

All of us here in Ragtown want to send our thoughts and prayers out to the family of Ruby Carpenter who passed away last Saturday. Ruby and her family have been a big part of our gin and our community for a long time now. There will definitely be a vacant seat at our annual meeting come April. Ruby never missed it, oh how she loved that fried fish!!!

We have the new 2008 Garza County Plat Books for sale here at the gin. If anyone is interested in having one give us a call here at the gin.

Visitors.....Richard Cook stopped in a got a new cap. Daniel Yarbro came by just to check in on us. Fermin stopped in to say hi and get him a new cap also.

I asked him how Travis (Lancaster) was doing

and he tells me he is doing really good. Travis had heart surgery a couple of months ago. Corky Abraham was another visitor we had this past week, he brought a bus out to weigh it. Corky is an ol' Ragtown fellow.

I want to remind everybody to watch when you are coming through here, there are a lot of trucks coming and going as well as farm machinery. So keep an eye out and take it a little slower!

Get Wells.....To anyone who may be sick we send you a big Get Well!

Don't forget our Ragtown Folks in the nursing homes; Doug and Claudine Tipton, and Fannie Ballentine in Post and Mary Ethridge and Carmen Abraham in Lubbock. Keep our troops in your daily prayers.

I left out Cecilia Esparza's birthday last week, she celebrated on November 22nd. Cecilia, I'm so sorry and I hope you had a great birthday! I

also left out Tammy Bland's birthday, she turned the big 40 on November 26th. Happy Birthday to you also Tammy.

Birthdays this week.....

- November 22nd - Cecilia Esparza
- November 26th - Tammy Bland
- November 30th - Steve Norman
- November 30th - Patsy Craig
- December 4th - Barry Morris
- December 4th - Kristin Massey

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Come out and have a cup of coffee with us sometime.

Be sure to call and let me know about any happenings going on, birthdays, anniversaries or any one that may be sick. If you don't tell me, I don't know to write about it.

You can call me at the gin or e-mail me at closecitycoop@pcca.com

Weekly Inspirations

I'm Right There With Ya'

By Sylvia Basham

"I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you."

John 14.18 (KJV)

"I'm right there with ya'!" a mom of a three-year-old boy commiserated to another mom of a three-year-old boy. We were at an all-day volleyball tournament for our daughters and the little tikes (as well as the moms) had already had about as much excitement as they could take. We were all having a late-afternoon meltdown.

Tears welled up in my eyes as I overheard this exchange, and I thought, "I wish I was right there with ya'." My son Jonathan, had he lived, would have been three also.

Before the trickle of tears could become a raging river, God's truth proclaimed in my heart, "I AM right there with ya'!" I smiled through my tear-blurred vision and thanked God for His comfort, and for the hope I have in Him. I thanked Him for sustaining me through this journey of grief.

I am thankful that I can be content that I have Christ and He is all I need. As our key verse tells us, Jesus will not leave us comfortless. He will be there. It is a journey to get to that place of contentment in Him, and wanting more than anything else on this earth to be right there with Him. It is also a destination that can be reached if we don't misplace our hope.

My experience has made me realize there are hurting people, especially as we approach special days during our holiday season, who will be grieving and missing a loved one. This grief may feel all-consuming at times, and they may forget that Christ is right there with them. They will have misplaced their hope. Just as mine had been misplaced in the past, their focus will be on what they don't have instead of Who they do have. The temporary will displace the eternal, leaving them feeling empty.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 says, "Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him" (NIV). Having hope when others do not is a choice to believe that this scripture is true.

Now there's where I really want to be. As Isaiah 35:10b says, "Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away." That's what a life filled with hope looks like.

It's incredible how the grief still sneaks up on me sometimes - how moments like that one at the volleyball game make me feel so alone and how my heart is still so tender especially around those special dates. At those times, the journey continues as I draw closer to my true Hope. He is right there with me as I remain right there with Him.

Dear Lord, In times of grief, help me remember You are my Hope and You are right there with me. I pray You open my eyes and heart to others who are hurting and help me remind them of the Hope. Please give me boldness and compassion during this season to introduce the ultimate Hope to others in need of hope. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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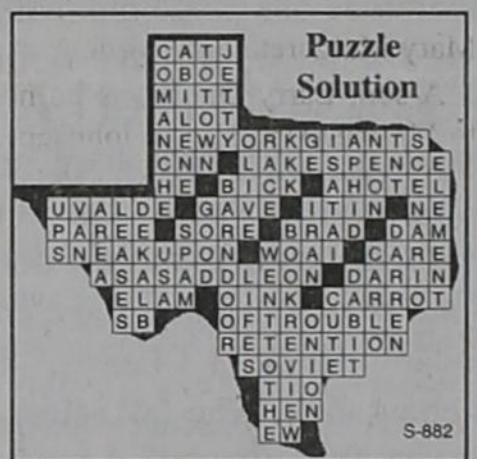
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Tahoka Christmas Craft Show Dec. 6

Crafters from Tahoka & surrounding communities will hold their Annual Christmas Craft Show Saturday, December 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka. The popular event will feature the talents of crafters from Tahoka and surrounding communities. "There will be over 20 booths with a very wide range of unique items," according

to Amy Preston of Tahoka, Craft Show Coordinator. "We've added several new vendors this year and will have many of our regulars - back by popular demand", added Preston.

Admission to the Craft Show is free and visitors can expect to find a little bit of everything, including jewelry, Christmas ornaments, hand-made soaps, new wickless candles and much,

much more. Tahoka Senior Citizens will be selling baked goods and the Phebe K. Warner Study Club is preparing and selling chicken 'n dumplings and stew for lunch!

Tahoka's Life Enrichment Center is located at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka. For more information, please contact Amy Preston at 806-759-1690.

Major retiring after 31 years with AgriLife Extension

LUBBOCK - Jett Major, administrator for Texas AgriLife Extension Service's 20-county South Plains District, will retire Dec. 31 after a 31 year career with the agency.

Major began his career in 1977 as the assistant county agent for agriculture in Lubbock County. He accepted the county agent position in Floyd County in 1979. In 1982, he moved to Lamb County as county agent until 1990 when he transferred to Hockley County for seven years before

being promoted to District Extension Director for agriculture in 1997 and later to his current position in 2003.

Major, a Groom native, earned a bachelors degree in animal science from Texas A&M University in 1976 and a masters degree in agricultural educa-

tion from Texas Tech University in 1981.

Major said one of his favorite quotes is:

"The Purpose of Life is a Life of Purpose."

"My parents and mentors instilled similar values in me at an early age and I have always tried to live my personal and professional life according to those values," Major said.

"I am so fortunate to have had the opportunity to work the past 31 years for a state agency and with extension agents, specialists and volunteers who share the same core values."

A retirement celebration open to the public is set from 2-5 p.m. with a presentation at 3 p.m. on Dec. 6 at the South Plains Fairgrounds in Lubbock.

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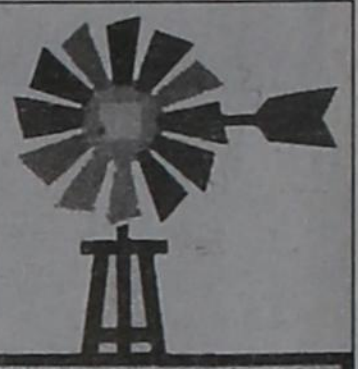
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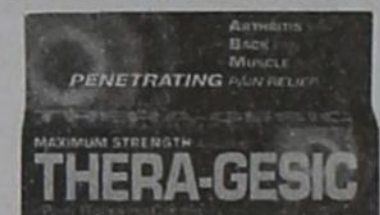
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Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones
From The Post Dispatch archives

10 Years Ago November 25, 1998

The Post Antelopes could not overcome a series of fumbles and missed opportunities in the Regional Championship game at San Angelo, finally running out of downs in overtime as the Sonora Broncos took the trophy home with a 14-7 win.

Daniel Yarbro, Thomas Albert, Angelia Melton and Lin Pierce graduated from the South Plains Association of Government Peace Officer Academy Friday, November 20.

Stopping by The Post Dispatch during a visit in Post with family and friends were Dewayne Warren, his wife Tomoko and their children Rebecca and Angelica. Dewayne has been reassigned to McChord AFB, Washington from a tour of duty in Okinawa. He is the son of Chet Warren of Post and Becky Warren of Fort Worth.

20 Years Ago November 30, 1988

Garza County officials honored at a special retirement reception were Sheriff Jim Pippin, Tax Assessor/Collector Ruth Reno, Judge Giles Dalby and Commissioner Buck Craft. The reception was sponsored by county employees and elected officials.

Santa Claus arrived in Post on Main Street, traveling without his standard reindeer, but adapting to West Texas transportation (horse and wagon), courtesy of Earl Chapman.

Randy Lewis of Post, a sophomore at South Plains College in Levelland, is a member of SPC's livestock judging team that took home three team awards and seven individual honors from the Louisiana State Fair livestock judging competition.

The Antelopes pulled out a 65-57 win in overtime against Spur. Scoring for Post were Bill Rankin, Kevin Williams, Dustin Ammons, Rance Sappinton, Darren Brown, Lannie Lee, Lee Wayne Greathouse and Matt Holly.

30 Years Ago November 28, 1978

Gene Moore was presented with a plaque and desk set for his eight years of service as a Garza Memorial Hospital director.

Lisa Cowdrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Cowdrey, and Brad Mason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mason, were chosen as Gold Star 4-H boy and girl of the year at the Garza County 4-H Banquet.

Jess Knight of Justiceburg

won the saddle bronc riding competition in the Lone Star Circuit Finals held in Abilene.

Tied nine all at the half, the Post 8th grade girls team went on to win the game against Cooper 25 to 11. Scoring for Post were Monique Claborn, Reyes Bustos, Charlcie Dalby, Tina Greene, Darla Jackson, Cynthia Poole, Norma Samora, Verdny Taylor and D'Linda Tyler.

40 Years Ago November 28, 1968

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Short left this week in 1968 to make their home after living in Post for 22 years. The Shorts moved to Post in March of 1946 with their six children and operated Short Hardware.

Specialist Four Virgil Leon Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas Nelson of Rt. 2, Post, was assigned to the 334th Signal Company, U. S. Army Support, Thailand. Specialist Nelson, a pole lineman entered the Army in April 1965 and completed his basic training at Fort Polk, La. He attended Southland High School.

Senior Superlatives for the 1968 high school annual were Most Masculine: Delbert Rudd; Most Feminine: Kay Lofton. Most Versatile Boy: Mike Scott; Most Versatile Girl: Martha Jo Walls. Most Intelligent Boy: Bob Wilkins; Most Intelligent Girl: Karen Hundley. Most Dependable Boy: Danny Bostick; Most Dependable Girl: Sharyn Bilberry. Best Dressed Boy: Ben Miller; Best Dressed Girl: Donna Stewart. Most Athletic Boy: Jerry Crenshaw; Most Athletic Girl: Karen Lee. Friendliest Boy: Ronnie Williams; Friendliest Girl: Debbie Cummings.

50 Years Ago November 27, 1958

General Telephone notified Mayor James Minor that new rates would go into effect in December. One party business

phones went from \$7.75 to \$9 monthly, two party business from \$6.25 to \$7.25, one party residence from \$4.50 to \$5 and two party residence from \$3.75 to \$4.

Four twirlers leading the Post Antelope Band were Judy Gossett and Minnie Lee Mathis, juniors, and Judy Clary and Ruthell Martin, freshmen.

The top two awards presented to members at the Garza County 4-H Club were the 1958 Gold Star Boy and Girl medals, which went to Donald Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Young, and Jessie Carolyn Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ward.

Army Pvt. John C. Boren, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Boren of Post, is a member of the 18th Infantry Band at Fort Riley, Kan. He was graduated from Post High School in 1953.

60 Years Ago November 25, 1948

Advanced sale of tickets to the Bi-District Championship football game between the Post Antelopes and the District 3-A Champions, the Lockney Longhorns, indicated that the majority of Garza County's population would be in Jones Stadium of Texas Technological College in Lubbock. Although there were no chartered busses to Lubbock, additional busses for the regular schedules were sent to the local bus station. Nine thousand reserve tickets went on sale in Lubbock, Post and Lockney at \$1.50 each.

The following officers were elected at a meeting of the Young Women's Auxiliary of the First Baptist Church in the home of Mrs. Iven Clary. President, Mary Nell Bowen; vice president, Alice Ruth Carr; secretary-treasurer, Faye Ruth Hamilton, and program committee, Bonnie Cupp and Mary Margaret Duckworth.

A son, Larry Dale, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Haden Johnson in the Mercy Hospital at Slaton on November 16.

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5	1	6	7	9	4	3	8	2
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4	2	6	8	7	9	1	3	5
8	7	4	6	1	3	5	2	9

ANSWER:

ACROSS

- TXism: "___ pill to swallow"
- vera
- jockey
- '49 film: "___ Paso"
- org. for Mavs, Spurs & Rockets
- cuddly feline? (2 wds.)
- TXism: "___ enough to pucker a pig"
- Fredericksburg paper: "Standard/___"
- Stanton: "Home of 3,000 Friendly People"
- Old Soreheads"
- this Diaz was Ranger infielder (91-93)
- classy & expensive
- Cowboys are in the upper ___ of NFL teams
- surrounded with a saintly light
- 29 Santa Hold 'em" is usually ___ in TX
- great 4-octave TX singer Roy (init.)
- TXism: "___ can't see to can't see"
- TXism: "___ bout"
- support garment
- "Lonesome Dove" was ___ by TX Larry McMurtry
- Cowboy DT Tony (91-93, 96-97)
- "Santa ___ National Wildlife Refuge"

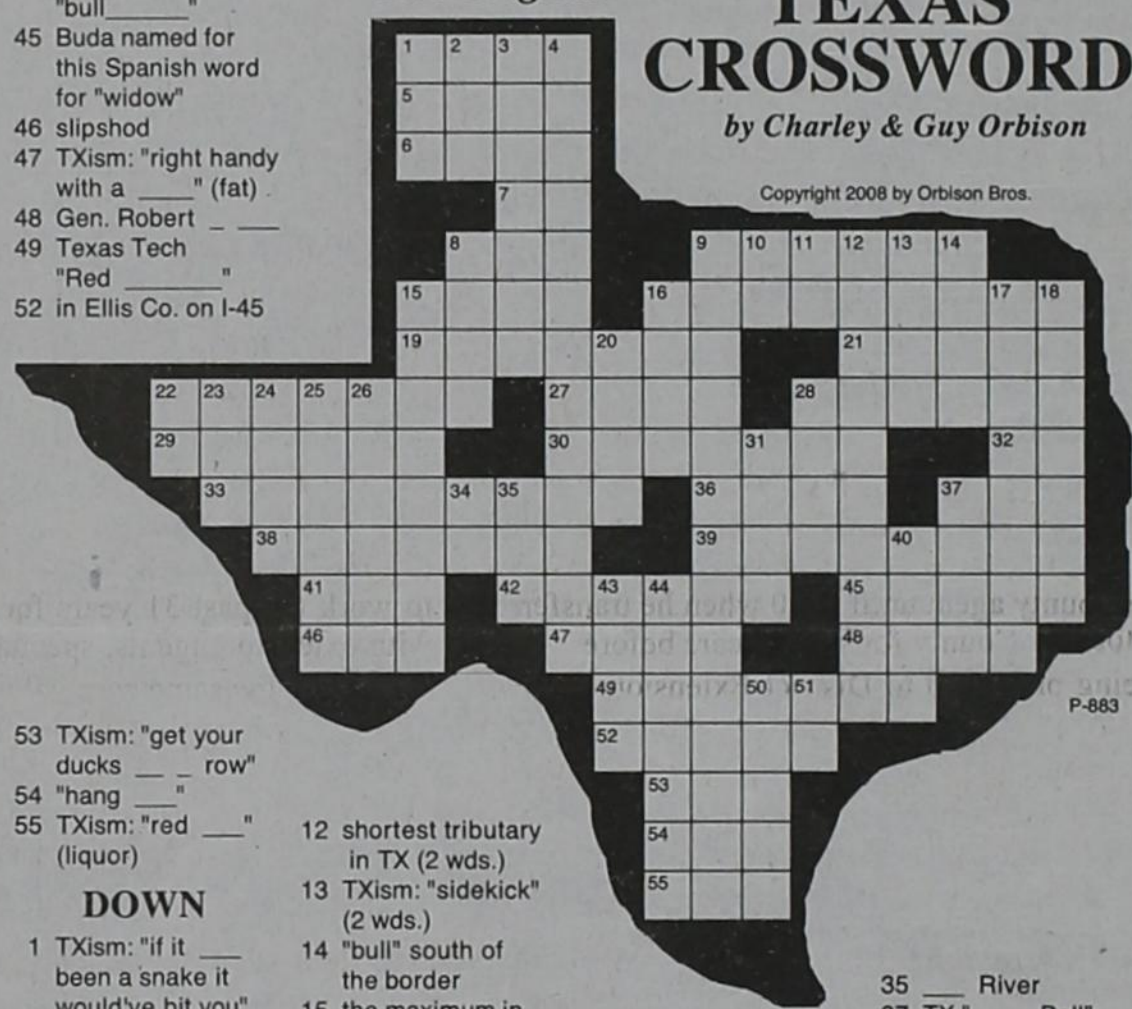
- rodeo steer wrestler: "bull ___"
- Buda named for this Spanish word for "widow"
- slipshod
- TXism: "right handy with a ___" (fat)
- Gen. Robert ___
- Texas Tech ___
- "Red ___"
- in Ellis Co. on I-45

The Original

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- TXism: "get your ducks ___ row"
- "hang ___"
- TXism: "red ___" (liquor)
- TXism: "if it ___ been a snake it would've bit you"
- he "roped-a-doped" TX Foreman in '74
- in Falls Co. on 77
- Texas ___
- Independence signed in 1836
- TXism: "not a lick"
- Captain Henry ___

DOWN

- TXism: "if it ___ been a snake it would've bit you"
- he "roped-a-doped" TX Foreman in '74
- in Falls Co. on 77
- Texas ___
- Independence signed in 1836
- TXism: "not a lick"
- Captain Henry ___
- named Corpus Christi
- "in the year of our Lord" (abbr.)
- approx. 3,14159

- shortest tributary in TX (2 wds.)
- TXism: "sidekick" (2 wds.)
- "bull" south of the border
- the maximum in TX is 8.25% (2 wds.)
- rod and ___
- above El Paso: ___
- Cristo Rey"
- TXism: "got as much ___ hibernating bear"
- TX Swayze medium
- Cowboy Barbar alma mater (abbr.)
- TXism for "hand"

- ___ River
- TX "___ Bell" ice cream
- San Antonio amphitheater: "Lone Star ___"
- George W. edged him out in 2000
- capitol is made of "sunset red"
- Keaton of "Family Stone" with TX Luke Wilson
- ex-Cowboy Emmitt (init.)

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The First Thanksgiving

Among the 102 passengers on the Mayflower, were Separatist (those who wanted religious freedom), Strangers (those who came seeking a better life), and the crew. After 66 days at sea they landed in New England. Not the Virginia coast, which was their original destination. After finding a safe harbor—Plymouth, fresh water, some abandoned fields and corn seeds they decided to make New England their home. Unprepared for the first harsh winter, half of the pilgrims (as they now called themselves) died. But, spring brought renewed hope. Friendly Indians taught them how to plant and find food. The first harvest was plentiful. It was time to give thanks...



Chiefs Massasoit and Samoset arrived with 90 other guests for the pilgrim's "Harvest Festival". (It was not yet called Thanksgiving.) Luckily for the Pilgrims, the Indians brought 5 deer, to share, during the three-day feast.

What's on the Menu?

Cross-out the items you do not think were served at the first Thanksgiving.

- Check your answers below.
- Blueberries
 - Potatoes
 - Pumpkin pie
 - Strawberries
 - Cranberries
 - Cherries
 - Chestnuts
 - Mashed potatoes
 - Sweet potatoes
 - Venison
 - Rolls
 - Oysters
 - Ham
 - Plums
 - Turkey
 - Squash

Answers: No potatoes, (sweet or mashed). Potatoes were not yet grown in New England. No plgs, so no ham. There were pumpkins, but no flour for pumpkin pie or rolls.

Everything else was on the menu!

After searching along the New England shoreline, the Pilgrims finally set ground on Plymouth Rock, Dec. 11, 1620. They faced a terrible winter ahead.

Plymouth Rock
Facts: Only the top 1/3 of the rock is still visible. The historical rock weighs 4 tons.

Games played at the first Thanksgiving:
Hide-n-seek
Foot races
Tug-o-war.

"Thus arrived in a good harbor, and brought safe to land, they fell upon their knees and blessed the God of Heaven who brought them over the fast and furious ocean."
Gov. William Bradford



The pilgrims were especially thankful for the Indian, Squanto. Years earlier Squanto had been captured by an English ship captain. By the time Squanto escaped and returned to his homeland he had learned to speak English. While being held captive, Squanto's tribe had been wiped out by disease. He was the only survivor. Chief Massasoit introduced Squanto to the pilgrims. Squanto made Plymouth his new home. A valuable friend, Squanto taught the pilgrims to fish, fertilize crops, plant corn and assisted them with fur trading.

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Laura Craig



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Can drive



Post High School's National Honor Society sponsored a canned food drive to support local charities. Over 2850 cans were brought in at last count, with more showing up after the deadline. The students took the cause to heart and when finding out her class came in second, Gaby said, "Oh, well, it's for a good cause." Gaby did win most cans for a single student with 156, Raymond Torres came in second with 132. The combined classes of Smith, L. Dunn and Davenport won with a total of 1288 cans - an average of 53.6 cans per student! Second place went to the combined class of Moore and K. James with a total of 961 cans, 50.5 cans per student. Thank you to Palmer Oil Field Construction and Lawrence Welding Shop for the monetary donations towards the cause.

Extension Extras

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Consumer Decision Making

Consumer Decision Making competition will be held in Tahoka on December 6.

Community Service

4-H is collecting box tops for PTO and canned foods for Rural Community Services. For your convenience, items can be dropped off at the Extension office.

Hometown Holidays

December 4th at 6:30 pm, the Post Community Center. Registration is \$8.00. Post City Merchants displays, door prizes, crafts, tasting and cookbook.

GCJLA Meeting

December 3, 2008, 7:00 at the Extension office.

Horse Show

Sunday, December 7, 2008 at 2 pm at the rodeo grounds. Enter by calling the Extension office at 495-4400.

For more information, contact Kim Reiter.

Quality Counts Training

District 2 4-H and FFA Quality Counts Beef, Lamb, Goat & Swine training will be Saturday, December 13 in Lubbock. Complete information and Agenda available at the Extension office.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Southland ISD News

Congratulations to Mr. McCollister and the FFA Quiz team (Michael Estrada, Bianca Abraham, Colton Schoonover and Brian Armendariz) for winning 1st place at the area meet and qualifying for the state LDE Contest in Huntsville on December 4th and 5th... Good Luck guys!!

Congratulations to Kyle Voigt who placed 6th at the area meet in Junior Creed!!

Congratulations to our Boys and Girls basketball teams who competed very well this past weekend with the boys winning the Consolation Championship and the girls defeating Amherst on the final day of the tournament. Congratulations to all of our competitors at the Elementary/Junior High UIL meet last week at O'Donnell. Our kids and teachers did very well. The results are attached at the top.

Events for This Week:
Thanksgiving Holidays beginning Wednesday through Friday.

Events for Next Week:
Junior high Basketball at Wellman-Union beginning at 6:00 pm

Varsity Girls and Boys at Klondike beginning at 6:30 State LDE competition in Huntsville on Friday and Saturday

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