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Downtown Post comes alive with the spirit of Christmas



By Jodi Lincoln
News Editor

Post is certainly in the Christmas Spirit.

It was easy to see that last weekend. Saturday, Old Mill Trade Day followed by the Lighted Christmas Parade was a resounding success Dec. 4 for the community of Post and any lucky guests who were in town for both events.

Downtown Main Street was packed as crowds of shoppers mingled on the street viewing the wares of the numerous vendors and local merchants Saturday. The merchants and vendors had a very good day as shoppers were busy viewing their merchandise with many making purchases along the way. The turnout for the Lighted Parade again had Main Street packed with crowds of families watching the brightly lit floats move down through Main Street with the crowds cheering them as they passed by. Many remained after the parade to walk through downtown and visit the shops of local merchants that were still open for business. The Lighted Parade was

an outstanding sight to behold with the floats all decorated with Christmas themes and lights that were breathtaking to see at night. The parade was led by the Garza County fire truck carrying Santa who was making his first appearance in Post this season. The Post ISD marching band was at the top of their game as they marched behind Santa. They were followed by the many brightly lit and gaily decorated floats, tractors, horse drawn wagons, floats carrying Santa and his elves, the Post Toasties Express train, and many others too numerous to mention, but nonetheless equally as impressive. The Post EMTs and the Garza County Sheriff's Department brought of the rear of the parade with lights and sirens going. It was a night that will be long remembered by those who came out to watch and those who participated in the Lighted Parade.

The floats were judged by category and the winners were: the award for "Best of Show" sponsored by Xcel Energy went to the Zina Martinez Family; the



Photo by Jodi Lincoln
Volunteers working to decorate the Post Toasties Express train for the Lighted Parade.

category of "Image Award" also sponsored by Xcel Energy and was won by the Post Toasties Express Train; Citizen's Bank sponsored the "Winter Wonderland" award and it was won by Belinda Jackson in the Cinderella Carriage; Wells Fargo Bank was the sponsor for the "Christmas Spirit" and the We are Hollywood Band won for that category; "Holiday Imagination" was sponsored by United Supermarket and was won by Post Tire and Lube; OS Museum was the sponsor for the "Heritage Award" which was won by the Post Animal Refuge Center; Brady's sponsored

the "Christmas Whimsy" award and it was won by the Bigham Family; Sonic sponsored the "Christmas Fantasy" and the award went to Bullard Farm Tractors; Xcel Energy sponsored the "Good Tidings" award which was won by the Holy Cross Catholic Church; "Silver Bells" was sponsored by Post Auto Parts and was won by Giles Dalby, Jr.; Hudman Furniture sponsored the "Frosty The Snowman" award which went to Dru An VerKamp; and Twins Fashions was the sponsor

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Train and semi Collide

By Jodi Lincoln
News Editor

At about 8 a.m. Sunday morning a semi-truck belonging to Kenworth Trucking was hauling an over-sized load on a flatbed trailer when it was hit by a Santa Fe Burlington Northern train as the semi was crossing the tracks on Hwy 84 and FM 1269. The engine of the train was pulling 750 feet of cars when it collided with the semi.

The engine and part of the second car derailed as a result of the crash. Both the engineer and the semi-driver were treated for minor injuries. Allen Binkley, 65

of Arizona was treated at the scene and released. The driver of the semi, David Hines, 60 of Lubbock, was taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital in Snyder where he was also treated and released. The intersection at the crossing was closed from the time of the incident until it re-opened Tuesday morning. The semi was not carrying any hazardous materials, so there were no threats to safety.

The accident was investigated by the Garza County Sheriff's office and the Texas Department of Public Safety. The accident is currently under investigation. No further details were available

Post Notes

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Free Christmas Meal

The public is invited to a Christmas dinner December 25th at 6 p.m. at Trailblazers. If you have any questions, please call Bubba Smith at 806-549-1562. The meal is free to the public and open to those who have no place to go for Christmas, those who are in need and to the residents of Post.

Post Toasties Express Train Operating schedule for the month of December

The Post Toasties Express will be running on a regular

schedule beginning Dec. 4th. through Dec 31st. The train will run Thursdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m., Fridays 6:30 to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 10:00am until 9pm and Sundays from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets will be available at J. Cruse Christmas Gallery. The tickets will go on sale Dec. 4th and will be \$3.00 for adults, \$1.50 for children 10 and under and children under one year ride free.

Reception to be held for Mike Sanchez

Retirement Reception for Commissioner Mike Sanchez will be held October 20, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Garza County Courtroom
2nd Floor of Courthouse

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I totally disagree with last week's comments regarding our local paper. There has been a definite improvement in coverage of community events. The editor/publisher can't be everywhere or attend all our events especially if they do not know when they take place. If you know of a need to be covered, by all means let the newspaper know and I am sure they will do their best to cover it. As for the miss-printing of last week's paper, the paper is

not printed locally... Printers make mistakes. "Speak Up" is a way for readers to send their opinions to the Post Dispatch and have them published each week. No signature is required by the writer; writer identities will be kept anonymous and you can address any topic you want. Published "Speak Up" comments can not exceed 100 words and the Dispatch staff has the right to edit for length or refuse to print materials if they deem to be inappropriate. Drop your Speak Up comments in the box in the front office of the newspaper or in the mail slot in the front door after hours. You can also email your comments to postcitydispatch@yahoo.com.


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When & Where:

- Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at Garza County Health Clinic 1104 North Avenue S in Post, Texas

What to expect:

- Evaluation of risk factors for abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA), carotid artery stenosis, and peripheral artery disease (PAD).
- Based on risk factor evaluation, possible further screening using techniques such as ultrasound and/or ankle brachial index.
- Evaluation of screening results by Ralph Paone, M.D. of Lubbock Heart Surgery.
- Basic report of any findings to facilitate follow-up with your physician(s).
- Education on Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Carotid Artery Stenosis, and/or Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD).

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Chamber News

A big THANK YOU from the Chamber to everyone who participated in the Lighted Christmas Parade last Saturday. The parade gets better every year and will continue to grow. Congratulations to our cash prize winners – Zina Martinez Family, Post Toasties Express, Belinda Jackson, We Are Hollywood Band, Post Tire & Lube, Post Animal Refuge Center, Big-ham Family, Bullard Farm Tractors, Holy Cross Catho-

lic Church, Giles Dalby, Jr., DruAnn Verkamp and the Texas Tech Masked Rider. The following sponsors made these prizes possible: Xcel Energy, Citizen's Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, United Supermarket, OS Museum, Brady's Package Store, Sonic Drive-In, Post Auto Parts, Hudman Furniture and Twins Fashions.

Don't forget that Rag-town Gospel Theater and the Garza Theatre both have

performances this Friday and Saturday. Get out and enjoy Post.

Also, the Harlem Ambassador Basketball Show will be back on February 27, 2011. If you would like to be a part of this great event, please contact the Chamber office. Sponsorships are now available – call 495-3461 or email chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com

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Yesteryears...

Year of 2000 - 10 Years

Teresa Doggett and Jackie Cruse put the finishing touches on a Texas Santa Claus destined for Texas Governor's mansion in Austin.

LaRinda Ledbetter received the highest honor 4-Hr's can earn at the county level when presented the Gold Star Award at the South Plains District Gold Star banquet at the KoKo Palace in Lubbock.

Year of 1990 - 20 Years

Lynette Massey recently earned certification as a drug and alcohol abuse counselor. She is the assistant counselor for the City/County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program.

Barry Owen, senior at Post High School, was named to the All-Area Band following the competition last Saturday in Lubbock. Barry will compete this Saturday to earn a spot on the all-State Band.

Post Tiger Cubs visited Golden Plains Care Center this week, spreading a little Christmas Cheer as they sang a number of Christmas songs during meal time at the center.

Year of 1980 - 30 Years

Basketball seems to be taking a toll on the players. Karen Davis and Carol Holleman are sporting an extra set of legs, Karen with a sprained ankle and Carol with a broken leg.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some drums and a cotton candy maker. I am seven years old and have been pretty good. Traci wants a pretty doll.
Tim Tannehill

Year of 1970 - 40 Years

Airman-Sgt. Ronnie Blacklock, son of Mr. & Mrs. Pat Blacklock of Post, has arrived for duty at Korat Royal Thai AFB, Thailand.

A public meeting to be held at the First National Bank for the purpose of organizing a Museum Association. "It is hoped that our museum will become a respected and popular institution," says Frank Runkles."

Year of 1960 - 50 Years

Dec. 8, 1960
Mayor Powell Shyles made the first telephone call

late last Wednesday night following the General Telephone cutover to the dial system here. The first call was to his daughter Barbara at SMU.

Post's population is 4,663. John Lott to speak at the First Methodist Church. He just recently returned from a Boy Scout trip to South America.

Year of 1950 - 60 Years

R.H. Ranson, superintendent of Post School, was elected president of the county teachers association, with Miss Bonnie McMahon named secretary.

Financial Condition of Garza County is very good at this time despite an almost total cotton crop failure and a short grade sorgham crop.

The first christian Ladies Aid complimented Mrs. Ida Robinson which a luncheon Mrs. F. I. Bailey.

Saturday night, the girls basketball team of Post brought back a 14 inch concolation trophy from the Jayton tournament. Mr. Gordon Deering is the girls coach.

Wheat producers recognize 'Man of the Year'

AMARILLO - Texas AgriLife Research wheat breeder Dr. Jackie Rudd was recognized as the 2010 Texas Wheat Man of the Year by the Texas Wheat Producers Board and Association during a reception for the Texas Commodity Symposium on Nov. 30 in Amarillo.

"Dr. Rudd has changed the landscape of the Texas wheat industry and continues to provide new avenues of wheat advancement through his tireless and coordinated research efforts," said Rodney Mosier, Texas Wheat Producers executive vice president.

Rudd is the project leader of the AgriLife Research hard-winter wheat breeding program for the High Plains and Rolling Plains of Texas. His responsibilities include management of the cultivar development project, graduate student training and conducting research relevant to wheat genetic improvement.

Mosier said Rudd was being recognized for leading the way in the development of new, better-performing wheat varieties, including

the popular TAM 112, and for being instrumental in identifying genes of insect and disease resistance.

"Most recently, Dr. Rudd's team has announced the identification of a wheat streak resistance gene which could have a major impact on Texas wheat production," he said.

Rudd said, "It is an honor to serve the wheat producers of Texas, and receiving the award is icing on the cake."

A native of Big Spring, Rudd earned a bachelor's degree in agronomy from Tarleton State University and a master's degree in agronomy from the University of Arkansas with emphasis in plant breeding. He earned his doctorate at Kansas State University in agronomy with an emphasis in wheat breeding.

Including his previous work as project leader for spring wheat breeding at South Dakota State University, some of Rudd's major project achievements are the development and release of seven hard red

spring wheat cultivars, six hard red winter wheat cultivars and two triticale cultivars.

Rudd came to Amarillo in 2001, and since then his program has released TAM 111, 112, 303, 304, 203, 401 and most recently TAM 113 wheat cultivars. TAM 111 and TAM 112 are the two most popular wheat cultivars in Texas and last year they accounted for 25 percent of the wheat acres harvested, he said.

Rudd is a member of the National Wheat Germplasm Committee and the National Wheat Improvement Committee and serves on the board of trustees of the Wheat Quality Council.

"It is obvious from working with Dr. Rudd that he loves what he does and he always puts the focus of his research on advancing wheat germplasm with producers in mind," Mosier said. "He honestly has his finger on the pulse of modern wheat production and, through his research and educational efforts, has advanced Texas wheat in more ways than can be counted."

Post ISD Menu

Breakfast Menu Dec. 13th - Dec. 17th

Monday
Pancake on a Stick, Syrup,
Fruit, Milk

Tuesday
Muffins, Sausage Link, Fruit,
Milk

Wednesday
Malt-o-Meal, Sausage, Toast,
Fruit, Milk

Thursday
Cinnamon Roll, Sausage

Link, Fruit, Milk

Friday
Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice,
Milk

Lunch Menu Dec. 13th - Dec. 17th

Monday
Hamburger, Lettuce,
Tomatoes & Pickle, Tater
Tots, Carrots w/Ranch,
Chocolate Pudding, Milk

Tuesday

Pizza, Salad, Corn, Peaches,
Milk

Wednesday
Fish Strips, Mac & Cheese,
Tossed Salad, Fresh Fruit
Choice, Hush Puppies, Milk

Thursday
Chicken & Noodles, Green
Beans, Fruited Gelatin, Texas
Toast, Frozen Yogurt, Milk

Friday
BBQ on Bun, Pickle Spears,
Corn Coblette, Pineapple
Slices, Milk

Southland ISD Menu

Breakfast Menu Dec. 13th - Dec. 17th

Monday
French Toast, Sausage,
Fruit, Juice, Milk

Tuesday
Eggs, Bacon, Toast, Jelly,
Fruit, Juice, Milk

Wednesday
Cereal, Muffins, Yogurt,
Fruit, Juice, Milk

Thursday
Breakfast Pizza, Fruit,
Juice, Milk

Friday

Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy,
Jelly, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu Dec. 13th - Dec. 17th

Monday
Ravioli, Tossed Salad,
Carrots w/Ranch,
Breadstick, Fresh Fruit,
Milk

Tuesday
BBQ Chicken, Mashed

Potatoes, Green Beans,
Roll, Pears, Milk

Wednesday
Chicken Fajita Salad,
Chips, Chili Beans,
Cheese, Chocolate Cake,
Fruit, Milk

Thursday
Chili Dogs, Oven Fried
Potatoes, Mixed Veggies,
Fruit, Milk

Friday
Sack Lunches, Chips,
Yogurt, Raisins, Fruit, Milk

Trailblazers ISD Menu

Dec. 13th - Dec. 17th

Monday
Swiss Steaks, Sweet
Potatoes, Spinach, Roll,
Carmel Pecan Pie

Tuesday
Taco Salad, Rice, Beans,

Mexican Wedding Cake

Wednesday
Chicken Fried Steak,
Mashed Potatoes, 7 Layers
Salad, Roll, Fruit Salad

Thursday
Smothered Chicken, Mac &

Potatoes, Broccoli, Biscuit,
Jello

Friday
Hamburger Steaks, Ranch
Potatoes, English Peas, Roll,
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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Bale Count
Our bale count as of Wednesday at noon sat at 7,383, we have about 5 guys still pulling the rest are taking it easy for a few days.

News
Not much going on out here this week other than ginning that cotton. I did say something about the lights in Close City last week, we now have a wreath at the old school...very pretty I might add that Lois, Jim and Nedra

have a really neat tractor display in front of their house, and Chuck and Kristi have brand new lights this year...I'd say we're getting pretty merry out here!

Cookbooks and T-Shirts
The first order of T-shirts are in, if you ordered some you can pick them up at the gin or call us and we'll be glad to deliver them to you. If you haven't gotten one yet you can pick up an order form at CoCara's as well as

get a cookbook from there. Christmas is not far off at all and either of these would be a great gift.

Visitors
Gene and Velta sent us some more goodies to munch on.....Thanks ya'll, they were great! Other than that we've had pretty much just our regulars in this week. We love visitors so come out have a snack and visit sometime. Remember, they're the cheapest in the county! =)

Get Wells
We do have some people under the weather this week.....Auda Vee Taft; John Shults; Joyce Nelson Ya'll get well soon now, ya hear?

Close City Birthdays this week
December 11th - Kevin Crispin
December 12th - Lance Dunn; Lupe Esparza
December 15th - Kari Dunn
December 16th - Angela West

The ones I forgot last week
December 3rd - Javier Esparza

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember are.....W.C. and Marj Caffey in Marble Falls; George Miller in Lubbock; Doug and Claudine Tipton and Carmen Abraham in Post; Odie Kemp in Tahoka; Jean Tipton in San Angelo; Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are, Mack Ledbetter in Slaton; Joyce Overton in Post; Doris

Wilson in Castorville; John and Mary Gist in Lubbock; Lula Jo Stewart also in Lubbock. Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

Don't forget to check us out on Facebook, and feel free to post pic's if you want. Also send in your news; you can email it to me at close.city.coop@pcca.com or call me at the gin 495-2753

Everyone have a great weekend and keep our troops and the harvest season in your prayers!

Thanks a bunch!
Traci Freeman

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Weekly Inspirations

EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

By: Michael F. Taylor

John Davenport was a new and relatively un-experienced, but compassionate and understanding Magistrate in the City of New York several years ago. And being a junior judge in the Big Apple and taking into account the sheer number of residents in New York City, it fell upon Judge Davenport to host the dreaded Night Court on Christmas Eve. Now, John took his position rather seriously and wanted to ensure that each and every suspected perpetrator received every opportunity that the law allowed. John was in a festive mood on this Christmas Eve, in spite of the fact that he was stuck on the bench hearing many petty cases and was being very lenient in his judgments. Everything seemed to be going well, until the Prosecutor brought before Judge Davenport a young man who was being charged with breaking and entering, with the intent to commit Burglary. The Judge patiently advised the suspect of his rights and then being in a particularly cheerful mood, inquired of the prosecutor the alleged charges. Without waiting for the prosecutor to reply, the would-be bandit exclaimed, "Your Honor, I was charged with early Christmas Shopping!" Wanting to show his merry mood, Judge Davenport responded, "Why Mr. Prosecutor that doesn't sound like much of a crime to me. How early did our young man begin his shopping spree?" Without missing a beat, the somber faced prosecutor replied, "Unfortunately your Honor, he began before the STORE OPENED FOR BUSINESS!"

Well, I'm not sure that we should begin our early Christmas shopping that soon, but you have to appreciate the man's initiative! Christmas is such a blessed time of year for all of those who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. This week, the first week of Advent, I would like to remind all of the true Reason for the Season! The ultimate gift giving! The gift of the Christ Child! But I would also like to remind each of you of the miraculous gift given just prior to the Christ Child- the gift of John the Baptist! The Book of Luke in Chapter One teaches, "11 Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. 12 When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. 13 But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. 14 He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, 15 for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. 16 He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. 17 And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." NIV

Then, just a few verses later, we see, "26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." 29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." NIV

Isn't it wonderful to know that God has a plan! Isn't it exciting to know that God choose two young ladies (through the birth of John and then the Very Son of God) to bring His Message to a needy world. What a joy it must have been for Zechariah when he declared in verse 76, "26 And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, 27 to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins..." NIV My prayer for each of us this week, is that we would truly remember why we celebrate this Most Wonderful Time of the Year! And that we don't Shop too Early!

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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Legal Notice

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL
DISTRICT 8A
CASE NO. 0266072
December 2, 2010
STATUS NO. 696801
Amended to include additional field

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. §§ 2001 et seq. (2010), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on

JANUARY 10, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. §§ 2001 et seq. (2010). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

The Commission will consider the application of Merit Energy Company for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of 16 Texas Administrative Code §3.37 (Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37). Applicant seeks an

exception to the distance between wells requirement of the field rules for the Storie (San Andres) and Storie (Glorieta), because the proposed well is closer than allowed by the field rules to existing wells in the same fields on the Storie, S.C. Lease, Storie (San Andres) and Storie (Glorieta) Fields, Garza County, Texas. Applicant has also applied for a permit at a regular location in the Wildcat Field.

Applicant has made application for a recompletion permit for Well No. 5, Storie, S.C. Lease, Sec. 1303, Blk. 1, EL&RR RR Co. Survey, A-295, Storie (San Andres), Storie (Glorieta) and Wildcat Fields, Garza County, Texas being within 8 miles northwest of the city limits of Post, Texas.

The location of this well is as follows:

1140 feet from the south line and 1140 feet from the west line of lease

1500 feet from the north line and 1500 feet from the east line of the EL&RR RR Co. Survey

The distance to the nearest well on this lease in the Storie (San Andres) and Storie (Glorieta) reservoirs is 425 feet

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This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9300 feet.

If you have access to the Internet you can view the documents filed by going to our website at www.trc.state.tx.us and accessing Data &

Statistics, then go to Drilling Permits Application Query and enter the Status Number in the appropriate box.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Michael E. McElroy, at 512-327-8111.

If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512) 463-6848.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify, including placement of the proposed well at a different location from that requested by applicant, and the establishment of the amount of acreage on the applicant's tract that can reasonably be considered to be productive of hydrocarbons for the purpose of assigning an allowable.

ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEEDING, a party other than the applicant must

file with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date, a notice of intent to appear. A copy of the notice of intent to appear should be served on the applicant and any other parties of record.

IF ANY PARTY DESIRES A WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT of the hearing by a Court Reporter, that party should notify Docket Services at (512) 463-6848, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If a written transcript is requested, the Commission may assess the cost of the transcript to one or more parties. Unless any party requests a written transcript, the record will be made by audio recording.

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ALLEXHIBITS FILED AS A PART OF THE RECORD in this cause must be submitted in duplicate. Data in Commission records may be incorporated by reference, but the reference must be specific, and if it includes exhibits filed in prior proceedings before the Commission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted for this record.

THE APPLICANT MUST review this notice and the attached service list for accuracy and completeness. The applicant shall immediately notify Docket Services, Office of General Counsel of any discrepancy or omission.

THIS HEARING REQUIRES NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.

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Thank You
 I would like to take this time to thank everyone for the support, calls and concern shown to Beth Ann and the family during this troubling time. We could not have done what we needed to do without the support of co-workers, family and friends. My special thanks

to the Garza County Law Enforcement Center co-workers for covering for me in this time of need. Everyone has been so wonderful to allow me to leave when needed. I want to especially thank my wonderful daughter (Shea, you and Rodney are the best) and her extended family, Anita, Diana, Karen, Brad's family, Bart and Jodie, and all the people they recruited to help work so hard on the benefit. All the people that came to the benefit, our family thanks you all. Lynn and Dodie, your visits and concern have meant the world to Beth, Maritta just being there for us means a lot. For all that don't know Beth is now back in the hospital with blood clots in her left leg, so that has put her therapy on hold pretty much. Hopefully she will go back to Golden Plains Care Center (between hospital stays to receive platelets) for some physical therapy so she can get stronger for the surgeries that are needed. She is a very strong woman but she needs prayers and support, she has experienced a lot in the last six weeks. I want to personally thank my brothers for being there for me and for Beth. Will and Shyan, just thanks and prayers for you both to remain strong.

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Left to right: Preslea Hall (Gail ISD Student), Shailey Miller (Post ISD Student), Kara Grace Egan (Home school Student), and M'keison Guerrero (Southland ISD Student).

On November 23, 2010, these four girls were Texas Tech Lady Raider Ball Girls. They have attended the Lady Raider Basketball Camp for several years and this is their second year to be ball girls for the Lady Raiders. They received ball girl jersey to be worn during any game which they are ball girls at. They

get to set on the court while the game is going on, they get basketballs for the Ladies before the game and at half time, they get water for the referee's, and they do anything that is asked of them by the coaches. M'keison Guerrero was also a ball girl on December 1, 2010.

Photo taken by Dawn Guerrero

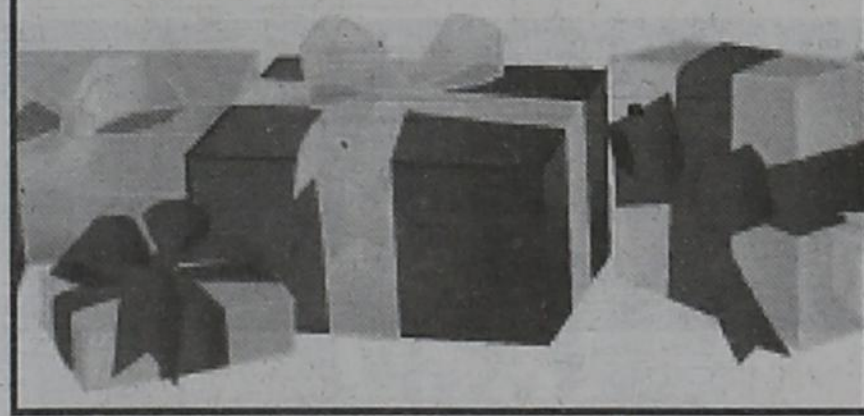
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From Page 1

Gospel Theatre needs help for non-speaking acting roles

Ragtown Gospel Theater needs immediate help for extra people for the "Bethlehem" production.

They are none speaking roles.

Final dress rehearsals are 12/1 and 12/2.

Show runs three weekends, 12/3 through 12/19.

Friday nights at 7:00 and Saturday afternoons at 3:00.

One Sunday production at 3:00 on 12/19.

Cellular Connection is now open and is a donation center for Toys for Tots.

The Cellular Connection is now open in Post. Anyone wishing to donate to the Toys for Tots may bring them to the donation center at Cellular Connection at 1410 N. Broadway. This location is the first store location in Post with 20 additional stores across the state. Cellular Connection is a Verizon Wireless Premium retailer and is the largest retailer in the Midwest.

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The Stitchin' Club will meet at the Heritage House Thursday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. The group will not meet Dec. 23 & Dec. 30, but will begin again Thursday, Jan. 6. For more information, call 495-4148.

Post-Garza Endowment

This is the season of charitable giving. Please remember the Post-Garza County Endowment when deciding on your charitable contributions this holiday season. Look for details at www.postgarzacountyendowment.org or call (806)762-8061.

Hometown Christmas Open House

Come taste test a few

new holiday recipes while enjoying quick & easy holiday decorating and gift ideas. Come and go at the Garza County Extension Office, 215 West Main Street, December 15th from 11AM to 6PM. The 2010 Hometown Holidays cookbook will be available for \$8.00. Everyone Welcome.

Post Lions Clubs accepting Toys for Tots

Post Lions Club/Toys for Tots is now accepting applications for needy families with children. Applications can be picked up at any Post ISD Campus office, with any Lions Club member and at some of the drop off locations or by emailing postlionsclub@gmail.com.

For those willing to donate, drop off locations around town are: Wells Fargo Bank, Citizens Bank, United Supermarket, Hometown Pharmacy, Post Elementary and Middle Scho2010

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Legends... from the Archives of the Garza County Historical Museum

By Linda Puckett
Museum Director

This is the second in a series of stories about extraordinary people who over time became Garza County legends. This is the story of an old-time cowboy, Ed Scott, from the archives of the Garza County Historical Museum.

Ed Scott was born in 1873 and died in 1971. Many changes occurred during his lifetime of 98 years from the horse and buggy days to traveling in space. Wow!

He came to Garza County in 1889 with his family. His father, Ed Scott Sr. was already in the county-managing the Llano Ranch. At 16 years of age, Ed hired out to the OS Ranch and continued working there off and on for the next 68 years. He came here with A.J. Long from Nolan County.

The OS headquarters was three miles northwest of the present site. It was a plank two-room house about 16 feet square. The Longs sold their cattle in 1900 to Clark, Scharbauer, and Connell. Mr. Clark lived on the land and moved the headquarters to its present site.

Scott told this story about a small grave on the ranch. In 1903, J.O. Gardner was manager of the OS, and lived there with his wife Nannie. In August, a child was born to the Gardners. Only two other women were living in the county; Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Doc Knox. Scott was at the line camp when a cowboy came to send him to Snyder for Dr. Scharbauer. The cowboy went to get

one of the women and Scott got on his horse and headed for Snyder. He traveled in the worst rain he could remember and had to remain in Snyder for a day or two to let his horse rest.

Help arrived too late and the Gardner baby died. It was buried in an Arbutle coffee box, wrapped in a blanket. A headstone for the grave was of white pine and has long since fallen down. A fence was built around the grave and a shrub of some sort volunteered and came up inside the fence. This grave is still in the OS pasture. The Gardners moved back to their former home in Fisher County.

In 1889, there were no windmills or tanks to speak of. Cattle were watered by scraping the Yellowhouse River with a slide. Water would come up in the holes and the cattle could drink. The first tank Scott remembers was a mile west of where the railroad and highway now cross. It was for trail herds and had to be rebuilt because it did not hold.

The same year he came to this part of West Texas, Scott went to Amarillo on a trail drive with A.J. Long. They were driving big Longhorns who had probably never seen man but once or twice, and were pretty wild. In driving the herd through Lubbock, Scott recalls the cowboys having a hard time going between a house and the Courthouse. Chickens would fly up and the cattle would run back. It took thirty days for that round trip. That first night after turning over the

herd is the best sleeping a cowboy ever gets.

In the early days of Post, Scott ran a wagon yard. He was known as the most crippled cowboy in the country, so during one of his "lame" periods, he owned and ran the wagon yard. In 1909 he sold it twice in one hour. First Jim Gilmore bought it, and then Bud Marable offered \$100 and what Gilmore paid. Scott advised Gilmore to take the money for the hour's ownership because buggies were being replaced by automobiles.

Feed for the horses was added to the 25 cents people paid for staying overnight in the wagon yard. Scott had a building to put the harness in, but he usually just slung it over the fence. He made good anything that was lost while people stayed in his yard. After a costly experience with some Oklahomans, he started putting the harness away.

While Scott was running the yard, local businessmen kicked in \$10 to finance a barbecue. When they got to the picnic, people had taken such big chunks of meat that some of those who had paid had to go back to town to eat.

Scott didn't like to make drives, but occasionally he was persuaded to do so. Most drives were to Colorado City before the railroad came through here. Once he drove 900 cattle to Cimarron, Kansas. He was suppose to take them to South Dakota, but could not get them across the river. He turned them over on the Little Arkansas

River after a 15 day drive from the Oklahoma line. Once he drove a herd of 500 black muley cattle during WW-I.

During 1917-1918 he worked for the Double U Company, but the secretary-bosses got on his nerves so he quit. Scott remembered that Mr. Hartford, who was in charge, cried. He went back to the OS-he was in demand to rope at that time. When he was at the wagon yard, OS paid a man to keep it while he roped for them. Scott had been clocked at 90 calves in an hour, the best he could do outside of a pen. He missed only one rope during that time. He had a favorite roping horse named Alec, that had been raised by Bryan Williams. He was well trained and did not make mistakes. One time the horse stepped in a rope, which could have been very dangerous. Scott talked to the horse while Morris Neff ran up and cut the rope so there was no accident. The Connells gave Scott the horse when he retired.

Ed had a lot of breaks over time, his leg was broken twice, his ankle several times, his arms several times and his ribs caved in. He even worked roundup with a cast on his leg.

Ed Scott always loved to dance since he was a child. He would dance all night and sleep the next day. The boys stayed in the bunk house and the girls in the main house or "white house". During the day the boys would take the young ladies horse-back-riding. Food was available

all the time, on a long table in the white house. A beef would be cooked at the ranch and the ladies would bring cakes and pies. He thought the best cooks were Negroes. The sour-dough biscuits had to be prepared for two or three days, until you get a start. No yeast was used. Flour and water was put in a wooden keg or jar. Plenty of water was used

and the mixture was stirred until thick. Next a peeled Irish potato, a handful of sugar and a little soda was added. After 12 to 24 hours, it began to rise. A little of this was kept in the jar each time and flour and water added for the next batch of biscuits.

Look for the next chapter on Ed Scott as his story continues next week.

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South Plains Regional Housing Authority is currently looking for landlords whose property could be utilized in conjunction with the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. SPRHA's portion of the rent is guaranteed and the landlord still retains control of their property. If interested in being a landlord for the Section 8 Program plan to attend our recruitment meeting at 1611 FM 300, in Levelland, TX on Thursday, December 9, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.

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Post Middle School UIL 2010 district champs.

The Post Middle School district UIL Literary meet was held in Denver City on Thursday, November 18, 2010. We took 79 sixth, seventh, & eighth graders to UIL meet. The students and teachers have been working on these events since the first of September and all of that work has paid off. We were the smallest school out of the four in our zone and we placed first, Slaton middle school placed second, Denver City middle school placed third and Roosevelt middle school placed fourth.

Editorial Writing coached by Vickie Bundick

7th Grade:
Savina Gomez 1st
Ragin Kimmons 4th
Trey Havens 6th

8th Grade:
Keaton Collins 6th

Ready Writing coached by Gini Aldridge

6th Grade:
Triana Curtis 1st
Chase Morris 5th

7th Grade:
Brogan Macy 5th

8th Grade:
Jayson Walden 1st

Impromptu Speaking coached by Bill Coltrane

7th Grade:
Fabian Marquez 5th

8th Grade:
Jaime Marquez 5th

Modern Oratory coached by MaDawn Sherrin

7th Grade:
McKenzie Ward 5th

Oral Reading 7th Grade coached by Ashley Breshers

Jessi Isbell 5th
Ragin Kimmons 6th

Oral Reading Continued:

8th Grade coached by MaDawn Sherrin
Kelsey Griffin 2nd
Katie Colvin 3rd
Chelby Morris 6th

Art coached by Sandra Jones

7th Grade:
Laurkyn Fluitt & Lexi Antillon tied for 1st
Brogan Macy 4th

The 7th grade Art team placed 1st (Laurkyn Fluitt, Lexi Antillon, Brogan Macy, & Victoria Gutierrez)

8th Grade:

Dylan Pearson 1st
Erik Gomez & Alejo Rodriguez tied for 2nd
The 8th grade Art team placed 1st (Dylan Pearson, Erik Gomez & Alejo Rodriguez)

Calculators coached by Jason Powell

6th Grade:
Yvette Armendariz & Triana Curtis tied for 3rd
Janikah Collazo 6th
The 6th grade Calculator team placed 2nd (Yvette Armendariz, Triana Curtis, & Janikah Collazo)

7th Grade:

Zayra Pizana 3rd
Gabby Soto 5th
The 7th grade Calculator team placed 2nd (Zayra Pizana, Gabby Soto, Kaitlyn Walden, & Ragin Kimmons)

8th Grade:

Jonathan Castro 1st
Kelbie Oden 2nd
Ethan Self 3rd
The 8th grade Calculator team placed 1st (Jonathan Castro, Kelbie Oden, Ethan Self, & Chelby Morris)

Dictionary Skills coached by DeSanne Fluitt

6th Grade:
Kally Comeaux 3rd
Yvette Armendariz 5th
6th grade Dictionary Skills team placed 2nd (Kally Comeaux, Yvette Armendariz, Janikah Collazo, & Triana Curtis)

Dictionary Skills Continued:

7th Grade:

Brogan Macy 1st
7th grade Dictionary Skills team placed 2nd (Brogan Macy, Trey Havens, & Lauren Record)

8th Grade:

Carson Kirkpatrick 2nd
Kelsey Griffin 3rd
Dakota Greer 5th

8th grade Dictionary Skills team placed 2nd (Carson Kirkpatrick, Kelsey Griffin, Dakota Greer & Kelbie Oden)

Listening Skills coached by Nancy Vaughn

6th Grade:
Lexi Antillon 2nd
Lauren Lynch 5th
6th grade Listening Skills team placed 2nd (Lexi Antillon, Lauren Lynch, Chase Morris, & Noe Hernandez)

7th Grade:

Tristan Fannon & Jessi Isbell tied for 4th

7th grade Listening Skills team placed 3rd (Tristan Fannon, Jessi Isbell, Ali Whitfill, & Jarred Curtis)

8th Grade:

Kortnee McKee 2nd
Brendon Cunningham & Blake Boren tied for 3rd
8th grade Listening Skills team placed 1st (Kortnee McKee, Brendon Cunningham, Blake Boren & Jaime Marquez)

Maps, Graphs, & Charts coached by Rick Jones

6th Grade:
Blaze Smith 3rd

6th grade M, G, & C team placed 3rd (Blaze Smith, Noe Hernandez, Paxton Nava, & Chase Morris)

Mathematics coached by Cally Mahler

6th Grade:
Chase Morris 6th

Mathematics Continued:

7th Grade:
Kaitlyn Walden 1st
Ragin Kimmons 4th
Kyle Jones 5th

7th grade Mathematics team placed 1st (Kaitlyn Walden, Ragin Kimmons, Kyle Jones, & Fabiola Araiza)

6th Grade Music Memory coached by Bernie Tackitt

Adriana Trinidad 1st
Areysi Mendoza 3rd
D'Kota Walls 4th
Brooklyn Courtney 6th

6th grade Music Memory team placed 1st (Adriana Trinidad, Areysi Mendoza, D'Kota Walls, & Brooklyn Courtney)

Number Sense coached by Staci Allen

6th Grade:
Katie Quintana 5th
6th grade Number Sense team placed 3rd (Katie Quintana, Kally Comeaux, & Russell Morris)

7th Grade:

7th Grade Number Sense team placed 3rd (Cambry Gilbert, Aron Lopez, & Blaine Reece)
There were no individual places.

8th Grade:

Kyle Jones 5th
No team place

Social Studies coached by Amy Abraham

6th Grade:
Blaze Smith 1st
Kade Smith 4th
Ben Ayala 6th

6th grade Social Studies team placed 1st (Blaze Smith, Kade Smith, Ben Ayala, & Jose

DeLuna)

7th Grade:

Isaah Jones 4th
Fabian Marquez 5th
7th grade Social Studies team placed 3rd (Isaah Jones, Fabian Marquez, Jaybren Rodriguez, & Fabiola Araiza)

Science I (7th grade) coached by Robert Wilson

Savina Gomez 2nd
Science I team placed 2nd (Savina Gomez, Wyatt Gray, Miguel Gomez, & Quincey Quintana)

Science II (8th grade) coached by Greg Henry

Jayson Walden 1st
Colton Stamey 3rd
Science II team placed 1st (Jayson Walden, Colton Stamey, Jaime Marquez, & Gilberto Flores)

Spelling 6th grade Spelling coached by Gini Aldridge

Erika Solis 1st
6th grade Spelling team placed 1st (Erika Solis, Katie Quintana, Kally Comeaux, & Kade Smith)

7th grade Spelling coached by Pam Humble

Lauren Record 3rd
Isaah Jones 5th

7th grade Spelling team placed 2nd (Lauren Record, Isaah Jones, Fabian Marquez, & Alonzo Armendariz)

8th grade Spelling coached by Pam Humble

Carson Kirkpatrick 1st
Dakota Greer 5th

8th grade Spelling team placed 1st (Carson Kirkpatrick, Dakota Greer, Hector Chapa & Hayden Belongia)

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Christmas...

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for the "White Christmas" award which went to the Texas

Tech Masked Rider.
Following the parade, the Post Toasties Express train

began giving tours on the train of the downtown Miracle on Main Street Light show as thousands of bright Christmas lights flashed in sync with Christmas songs broadcast over loud speakers. The train will run on a weekly schedule until December 31st and tickets will be available at J. Cruse Christmas Gallery. The schedule and tickets prices will be posted in Post notes weekly at the Post Dispatch. For those who did not see make it out to see the parade, the highlights can be seen on the Fox News 34 web site. FoxNews 34 kindly came and covered the parade and interviewed local businessman and Post promoter, Jackie Cruse of J. Cruse Christmas Gallery. Video footage can be viewed of the scenes shown on the Sunday night 9:00pm newscast by going to myFoxlubbock.com.

If the light show was not enough to put one in the Christmas spirit, then the light show and the gaily decorated merchants windows would. The downtown area is an awesome sight to see. There are many gaily lit animated Christmas figures and yard ornaments throughout the downtown Main street area, the courthouse is beautifully lit and all the trees on Main are wrapped with thousands of lights. The whole downtown area is alive with the sights and sounds of Christmas. Many of the visitors and locals could be seen taking pictures of family next to the lights. The merchants are to be commended for their beautifully decorated stores. Mike Holly and Jackie Cruse, along with numerous other volunteers have spent many hours working on the light show and have done an amazing job lighting downtown. The community of Post has so much to be proud of and that shows in the efforts that have been put into inviting visitors and local residents to shop in Post with our local merchants. This will be a year that residents and merchants alike will long remember. It will take a lot to top this year, but the city of Post will no doubt succeed in doing so.

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OPINION



The Paperboy

Upon further review...

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

I turned 43 Sunday. I don't have to remind any of you how quickly the time flies.

No one could tell, but it was somewhat of an emotional day. I felt different. Perhaps it was because I was reflecting on past birthdays or maybe it was because I question every facet of my life and try and evaluate the entire body of work.

Some observations:

At my age, any dreams of playing any competitive sport at a high level are long gone. I'm not a runner, and truth be told, don't really want to be.

However, in many ways I'm in my prime. Anyone know how long a "prime" will last?

Am I past middle-aged? I've seen people in their 50s claim to be middle-age, but statistically, that number should be about 37.

I know I'm pretty "old" to have young children. I'm 20 years older than some I know with children the same age

as mine. I also know plenty of grandparents younger than me.

Age is a funny thing. "You're only as old as you feel" has plenty of merit. There are days I feel pretty whipped. There are others I feel like taking on the world.

Sometimes, I wonder how smart I am (you probably do as well). Am I an intelligent person or just smart enough to realize how to use a few gifts from God?

When we evaluate ourselves, some of the things we determine are not always pleasant. What dreams are no longer possible and what dreams remain? Thank goodness for new dreams...

My sons are always asking "what if" this and "what if" that ... I still do some of that myself. But instead of saying, "What if dinosaurs lived today?" I'll say, "What if North Korea bombs Japan?"

The older you get, the more respect you gain. Maybe it's a societal thing, but it seems the more gray hair I get the more I get called sir.

I mentioned in the first sentence about how fast time

goes by. Having children only proves this point. My baby asked me to hold him during church Sunday. There won't be much more of that I'm sad to say. When they get bigger than a large sack of dog food, the holding thing can get tiring in a hurry.

I don't want you to think I'm not pleased with my life. I'm very thankful and can't think of many regrets. I tend to look forward rather than look back and I think it's more healthy to live that way. When you start looking back and regretting things, it diminishes all you have now. I don't know if I thought that way ten years ago.

In the end, it's no big deal I'm not looking back on an NFL career or reuniting with members of a famous rock band. I like my life and would not trade with anyone. And Lord willing, I'll have another 43 years to improve upon this one...

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Other Opinions

Don't Get Burned During the Holidays

By STEVE BILLS

The holiday season is right around the corner. As families begin to plan festivities and coordinate travel arrangements, it is important to consider some fire safety tips that can help ensure a safe holiday with loved ones.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, fires during the holidays claim the lives of more than 400 Americans, injure 1,650 and cause more than \$990 million in damages. In addition, the National Fire Protection Association notes that Christmas trees are involved in more than 400 fires annually, which highlights the importance of safety practices during the upcoming holiday season.

Christmas Trees

Christmas trees provide a beautiful focal point for many homes during the holidays, but can also pose a danger. It is important to select a tree that will help prevent fires from spreading rapidly throughout a residence. A lack of knowledge on how to correctly pick a Christmas tree and safely decorate your home can be costly and even harmful.

When picking a cut tree, make sure the

needles are fresh—they should not easily break if the tree has just been cut. Bounce the tree trunk on the ground to check if it is a fresh tree. If too many needles fall to the ground, the tree is a potential fire hazard. If a flocked tree is your choice, make sure the flocking is fire retardant and non-toxic.

When placing a tree in your home or business, keep it away from heat sources such as fireplaces and heater vents, as the dry air from these sources will dry out the tree quicker. It is best to keep the Christmas tree for no more than two weeks, but you can extend the freshness of your tree by mounting the tree in a stand that can be filled with water. When the tree is ready to be disposed of, take it to a recycling center or have it picked up by a service.

When lighting your tree, make sure to use low wattage bulbs and decorations. These produce minimal heat and lessen the sources for an ignition. Never use candles or other flames on or around a tree. At bedtime or when leaving the tree unattended for extended periods of time, it is best to turn off the lights.

If you are going to display a tree for a long period, an artificial or metallic tree is preferred, but make sure it is flame retardant to lessen the chances of a fire.

Holiday Lights and Decorations

While preparing to beat the neighborhood competition with the best light display, it's important to check the holiday lights each year. Before putting up lights, keep an eye out for loose wires, broken sockets or excessive wear and tear. Never overload electrical outlets, and periodically touch the wires to check the temperature—they should not be warm.

When selecting extension cords, pick the one designated for exterior use. These cords use heavier wiring and will be less likely to overheat. Avoid stringing lights and electrical cords through areas where water can collect and submerge the wiring.

When choosing holiday decorations, ensure the label indicates that the decoration is nonflammable or flame retardant. Also, never dispose of wrapping paper in a fireplace as it may emit dangerous sparks and large em-

bers.

Candles

The increased use of candles during the holidays can pose a fire hazard. It is best to avoid lighting candles, but if they are lit, employ safety practices to keep your loved ones away from harm.

Make sure that candles are in stable holders and cannot be easily knocked down by pets or children. Never leave candles burning alone in a residence, and make sure candles are located within sight.

Keep candles away from combustibles such as Christmas trees, curtains, clothing or decorations. Do not use candles in sleeping areas and extinguish them before going to sleep.

The holiday season is a time to enjoy some quality time with your loved ones, but it's also a great chance to educate your family on fire safety. Test your smoke alarms and review your home escape plan in case of an emergency. Most importantly, employ safety practices to ensure a safe and joyous holiday season for you and your loved ones.

Other Views

The Fed's Foreign Bailout

By ROBERT ROMANO

We can't say we weren't warned.

On October 1st, 2008, Senator Jim DeMint hypothesized that one of the principal causes of the federal government's plan to purchase toxic mortgage-backed securities as part of the \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) was to bail out foreign entities.

On "The Mark Levin Show," he said, "I think China and Saudi Arabia are holding a lot of these securitized mortgages. And I think they've basically said they're not going to loan us any more money until we buy them back. And if they don't give us loans every day, we default on our loans [because] we have so much debt as a nation. So, we're going to borrow more money to try to make this situation right. There's nothing else for me, Mark, that explains the urgency in using a sledgehammer to fix something that most of us know a few screwdrivers could fix."

He may have been right, after all. Although, since TARP was instantly transformed into a bank recapitalization fund by then-Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson, it was invariably the Federal Reserve that stepped in to buy the troubled assets — some \$1.25 trillion worth.

All of the securities the Fed purchased were those underwritten by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and Ginnie Mae (Federal Housing Administration) — the government entities that helped cause the housing bubble with their loose underwriting standards and "affordable housing goals."

Based on new data released by the Federal Reserve, of the \$1.25 trillion bought by the Fed, foreign entities sold some \$442.7 billion of MBS at the height of the program. It was a full bailout, too, with printed money no less. According to the Federal Reserve, the securities were purchased at "Current face value of the securities, which is the remaining principal balance of the underlying mortgages."

These were not loans, but outright purchases. That's a bailout.

That included \$127.5 billion given to MBS Credit Suisse (Switzerland) for the junky securities, \$117.8 billion to Deutsche Bank (Germany), \$63.1 billion to Barclays Capital (UK), \$55.5 billion to UBS Securities (Switzerland), \$27 billion to BNP Paribas (France), \$24.4 billion to the Royal Bank of Scotland (UK), and \$22.2 billion to Nomura Securities (Japan). Another \$4.2 billion was given to the Royal Bank of Canada, and \$917 million to Mizuho Securities (Japan).

According to the New York Fed's website, the purpose of the program was to "foster improved conditions in financial markets". Now, we know by that the Fed meant in foreign countries, too.

These foreign financial institutions also happen to be primary dealers, those banks that are responsible for lending money to the government via purchases of U.S. treasuries at government auctions. Senator DeMint thought that perhaps if the foreign entities could not get rid of the MBS, they would not lend us money, or could not afford to. He may have been right. Of the \$9.2 trillion federal debt held by the public, some \$4.268 trillion is held overseas by foreign governments.

Foreign investment in the U.S. housing market, which had been booming in the 2000's, had been widespread overseas. Of the \$5.5 trillion in MBS owned or guaranteed by Fannie and Freddie, \$1.5 trillion had been sold to foreign investors, as reported by the New York Times.

According to the Times article, in 2008 "Asian institutions and investors [held] some \$800 billion in securities issued by Fannie and Freddie, the bulk of that in China and Japan. China held \$376 billion and Japan \$228 billion as of June 2007, the most recent country-specific Treasury figures... In Europe, roughly \$39 billion in Fannie and Freddie debt is held in Luxembourg and \$33 billion more in Belgium, countries that are home to large investment management firms. Investors in Britain hold \$28 billion, and Russian buyers hold \$75 billion. Sovereign wealth funds in the Middle East are also believed to be big investors in Fannie and Freddie debt."

Fannie and Freddie had sold their securities with the im-

PLICIT backing of the government, and Ginnie Mae with the explicit backing. As the Times noted, "For more than a decade, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the housing giants that make the American mortgage market run, have attracted overseas investors with a simple pitch: the securities they issue are just as good as the United States government's, and they usually pay better."

Which is how we got into this mess. Fannie and Freddie sold their junk all over the world, and when the housing market experienced critical failures, the foreign institutions demanded their money back. Else, why was the program necessary?

The fact that now the Fed has taken it upon itself to bail out foreign entities that were holding bad paper should be cause for concern for all Americans. Although they had ample warning from Senator Jim DeMint, who at the time was a voice in the wilderness. He was only one of 25 senators to have voted "no" against TARP, although no Senator, nor any lawmaker alive, voted to adopt the Fed's foreign bailout.

Instead, the \$1.25 trillion bailout, which transferred almost a half a trillion dollars overseas without Congressional approval was authorized by Section 14 of the Federal Reserve Act — in 1913. That means no new appropriations by Congress are necessary for the Fed to act to send money overseas.

Which we now know they did. Perhaps if elected officials did not have to hypothesize about what the Fed was up to or why, there wouldn't be wholesale dismay about revelations regarding the central bank's activities over the past couple of years to bail out seemingly the whole world.

Perhaps it's time for the new Congress to take up Representative Ron Paul's Fed Audit bill, so that elected officials can make decisions about what the Fed is up to, and whether or not they even approve. Perhaps then we won't get fooled again.

Herbert Walls celebrates his 80th birthday

On Saturday, November 27, 2010, Herbert Walls was surprised on his 80th birthday by friends and family at the Garza County Trailblazers. His three children hosted the event.

Those attending were, son, Derek Walls and wife Cheryl of Chico, Tx., Irene Fry of Post, and Martha Jo Roberts and husband Doug of Claude, Tx.

Also attending from Post were Sandy and Del Wilson; Don and Ruth Walls; Lucas and Tina Jo Walls, D'Kota, Aisha, Sydnee, San and Shiloh;

Carmen Walls, Seth, Austin, and Nathan Walls; Geneva Belongia, Chris Belongia and Hunter; Lauri Odom and Shelby; Geri Fry and children Miranda and Jaycob; Mary Lee Claborn; Don Windham; George Nelson; Jerry and Lorena Benham; Jiggs and Shorty King; Bobby Josey and Jaynie Diekson; Trey and Jona Jones and sons Ty and Tru and C.J. and Michele Bilberry.

Out of town guests attending were Doyle Goss of Seminole, Tx.; Jayson

Fry of Quitaque, Tx. and daughter Dewey Lou of Slaton; Tommy and Marsha Walls of Manford, OK.; Brandon and Leslie Burton and children Ashley, Taylor and Renee of Claude, Tx.; Jeff, Aimee, Kelsee and Karson Roberts of Claude, Tx.; Brad Roberts and Kinzie of Canyon, Tx and friend, Chandra Brown of Canyon, and Holly Eilers of Claude, Tx.

All enjoyed a meal of brisket and cake, along with visiting.

Amazing turnout of generosity



Left to right - Rotarian Bud Davis, Lion Ruth Davis, Rotarian Thressa Harp.

The Post Rotary Club presented or donated the Post Lions Club with toys and money for the Post Lions Toys 4 Tots program. This year the Post Lions Club will be helping to

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have volunteered their time and money into helping the Lions Club with this program. So far over \$3500 cash and well over 100 toys have been collected. Post is a generous community.

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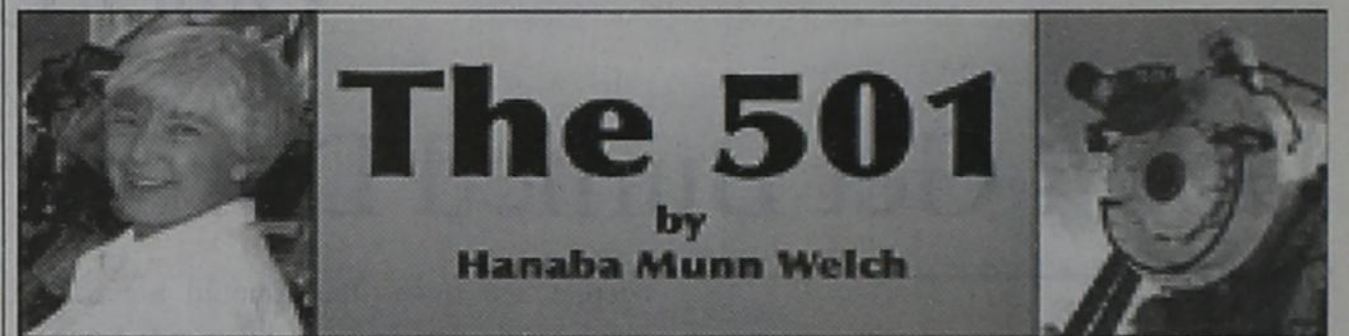
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Together we'll go far



Granddaughter Rylee just won third in ready writing in her school district. She's 8.

I'm proud of her, but I'm not sure what ready writing is. Maybe it's like what I do weekly. Or maybe it's something else.

My guess: It's a contest wherein participants write about topics not revealed to them until they have pens or pencils in hand and blank tablets in front of them and somebody says go. Or maybe they face blank computer screens.

Either way, that scenario describes me at the moment - poised to write on a blank slate, figuratively speaking, topic yet to be announced.

What shall it be? Don't ask me. If I knew, I'd already be writing. Picking a topic is the hard part. So, why don't I just close my eyes, swirl myself around a few times (sort of like the pointer on Wheel of Fortune) as I count to ten to see what I spy when I open my eyes? Here goes.

PAUSE TO TWIRL.
 That spin brought back memories. When I was about

Rylee's age, or somewhat younger, I spent quite a bit of time twirling around to make myself dizzy, often in public places, like when my mother was shopping. I'm glad to say I can still do it, and I must be better than ever because it doesn't take me as many turns to reach the stumble-into-things level of dizzy.

What did I see when I opened my eyes and steadied myself? Coffee beans, Lava soap, nail polish and a wooden clothespin.

Not knowing the rules, let's just say I get to pick one of the four things to write about. Since I've already written definitively on clothespins and fancy fingernails - no kidding - we're left with coffee beans and Lava soap. I choose the soap.

I still remember when my mother told me how to wash my hands: Put in the stopper, turn on the hot and cold water, wet your hands, soap your hands, replace the soap, wash the soap off your hands, wash the dirt off the soap, wash the soap

off your hands again, and don't drink the water out of the lavatory.

Those were the steps. I was never even tempted to drink the water.

Probably the soap was Lava because I remember Mother and I were standing that day at the particular sink where my father washed his farmer's hands before lunch. He used Lava. To this day, Lava makes me think of Daddy. Nothing beats soap nostalgia.

Soap was also part of how I learned some other stuff - for example, that lava is also what flows from volcanoes and that ivory is also the stuff of elephants' tusks and piano keys.

Daddy also sometimes used Lifebuoy soap. Mother told me everyone mispronounced it, but she finally gave up and called it "Lifeboy" too, at least sometimes.

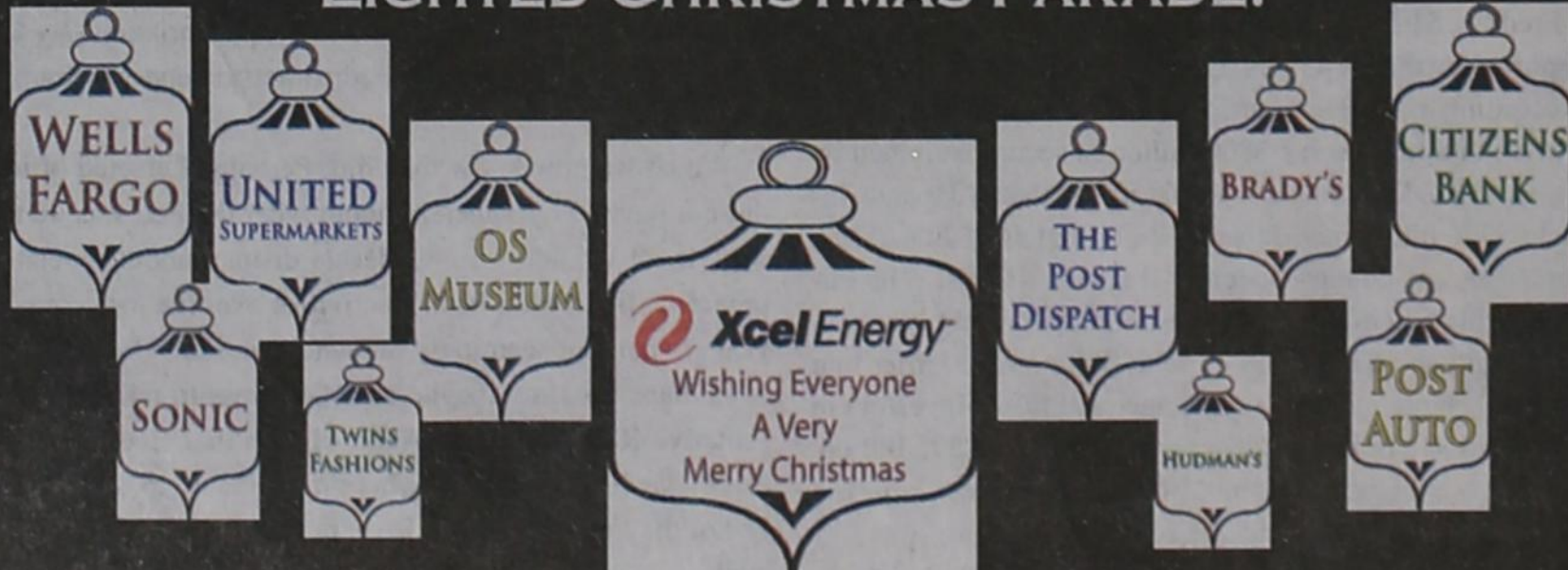
If ready writing requires a moral, let's consider Lifebuoy soap and say it's just not worth the trouble to keep a language clean.

Here's to Lifeboy.

Thanks for reading!



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