

Quisenberry returns from Mediterranean cruise

Petty Officer Stephen Quisenberry recently returned to the United States after spending several months on a Mediterranean cruise aboard the USS Mount Whitney (LCC-20).

The ship pulled out May 19 and returned Oct. 22 after being stationed in Gaeta, Italy.

The ship's primary purpose was to serve as the Command Flag Ship for the Kosovo Incident. The commander of the Sixth Fleet, a three-star admiral in charge of the Kosovo Incident, was embarked about the Mount Whitney.

Ports visited during the Mediterranean cruise included Rome, Malta, Marce France, Villa France (or the French Riviera), Palma Spain, Barcelona, Rota Spain and two African ports.

"We were ambassadors in all of these ports and held formal parties on the ship for all of the ambassadors of the countries and all of the presidents and royal staff members," he said.

Quisenberry is from Tahoka and his wife Amanda is formerly of Post.



Alison Quisenberry takes a close look at her dad, Petty Officer Stephen Quisenberry, who recently returned from a six month cruise on the USS Mount Whitney (LCC-20). Alison is the daughter of Amanda and Stephen Quisenberry of Norfolk, Va. and granddaughter of Ricky and Judy Bush and Mike and Gail Quisenberry of Tahoka. Alison is also the great granddaughter of Lucille Bush, Marilyn and Ted Williams and Fannie Ballentine, all of Post.

VFW Auxiliary discusses holiday activities, parties

by Lana Comer

Upon the opening of the meeting of the Ladies VFW Auxiliary, two special guests, Gladys Wheeler and Georgia Miller from Lubbock VFW post, were introduced.

After the minutes and the treasury report were discussed, the Kids Christmas Party to be held Dec. 18 from 5-6 p.m. at the VFW Hall on Clairmont Highway was discussed. Santa Claus is to be there. There will be refreshments, stockings and fruit. Then at 7 p.m. on the 18 of December, the women will have their annual party. All women are to bring a gift for exchanges, chips and dips and an ornament for a tree which will be given away to a family in Post. Don't forget to bring groceries for the food baskets to be given away on Christmas to families in Post.

The ladies of the VFW will be going to help with the nursing home party

on the 16th of December at 6:30 p.m. We will be furnishing bananas for the patients.

The ladies will be meeting at the hall on Wednesday at 2 p.m. to decorate the Christmas tree for the children's party. Then on Dec. 23, a group will be going to the VA Hospital in Big Spring to help them celebrate Christmas. Anyone wishing to donate items should have them at the VFW Hall before 4 p.m. on Dec. 23.

Ladies for Mid Winter Conference, you can buy a \$10 raffle ticket to win a \$1,000. See Janet Ratliff about these. Also, we would like to take a decorated bear to Mid Winter Conference. The bear will be distributed to area hospitals.

We closed the meeting with Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Rotary Club hears program on crime victims assistance

Twenty-two Post Rotary Club members and five guests learned about the Crime Victims Assistance Program at the weekly Rotary meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Jayta Cravy, victims advocate for Garza, Dickens and King counties, explained that the State of Texas administers a fund of approximately \$25 million through the Texas Attorney General's office, which is used to reimburse innocent victims of violent crime for out-of-pocket medical, counseling and funeral expenses. In addition, a crime victim may be compensated for earnings or support lost as a result of the injuries suffered or for child care expenses incurred to enable the victim or surviving spouse to continue employment.

Cravy and volunteers are contacted by local law enforcement officers to assist victims of physical, sexual or domestic abuse in getting immediate medical attention, safe housing, clothing and counseling. Donated Teddy bears comfort abused children.

During a recent 10-month period, 182 victims of crime were assisted by the local office.

The Post Rotary Club will not have its regular meeting on Dec. 28.

Being prepared for Y2K — let common sense rule

After several years of preparation and taking a detailed inventory of all its computer systems, SPS does not expect any power outages because of the Y2K bug when the clocks tick into the new millennium.

What the company does expect, however, are times in the future when wind and ice will bring down power lines and leave our customers without power. Thankfully, those times are few and far between, but in the rare occasions of tornadoes and severe ice storms, some customers have had to do without power for hours and sometimes days.

So if you're debating whether or not to stock up on emergency supplies for New Year's, SPS' advice is to go right ahead — within reason.

"No, we don't expect problems because of Y2K, but we do want our customers to be prepared for any emergency," said a press release issued this week.

The American Red Cross has suggested that all households have an emergency plan and have on hand supplies to last at least three days. Planning involves knowing what to expect and where to get help. A big part of that plan is to make sure emergency supplies are stocked to help your family weather any emergency.

Their checklist includes:

- A supply of water (one gallon per person per day).

- A supply of non-perishable packaged or canned food and a non-electric can opener.

- A change of clothing, rain gear and sturdy shoes.

- Blankets or sleeping bags.

- A first aid kit and prescription medications.

- An extra pair of glasses.

- A battery-operated radio, flashlight and plenty of extra batteries.

- Credit cards and cash.

- An extra set of car keys.

- A list of family physicians.

- A list of important family information — the style and serial number of medical devices, such as pacemakers, for example.

- Special items for infants, elderly or disabled family members.

The odds are you won't ever need any of these items, especially because of the Y2K bug, SPS officials said, but anyone who's weathered brutal ice storms and killer springtime storms can testify that preparedness is a great comfort when the unexpected does occur.

For more tips on preparing for emergencies and protecting your family and property, contact the Amarillo Chapter of the American Red Cross at 806-376-6309.

Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush



As I write this on Tuesday afternoon the wind is blowing about 40 miles per hour or more, so it's nice to know when you read it that maybe the wind will have died down!

Well, never leave out your sisters or your good friends anniversary when you mention everyone else. My sis, Jane and Sharon Morris really gave me a hard time over the week end for leaving out their anniversary on December 11, when I mentioned my mom and my son. So here's to you, Jane and Mack and Sharon and Charles, HAPPY LATE ANNIVERSARY! love ya all.

Parade

There was a wonderful turnout by our town folks to see the parade. I think it is great that everyone turned out. The parade wasn't quite as big as the one last year, but it was as pretty. The kids love it so! Our "Bucks" winners were Marilyn Mason and Tino Treveno. The winner from the Frame Shop was Jenifer Fumagalli. Santa was too cute on his Harley and really enjoyed the kids. Hope you all had fun.

Birthdays this Week

Thursday, December 16; Kerri Zachary, Rick Hanna (Hey), Jennifer Smith and Kristie Odom; Friday, December 17; Quincey Quintana, Christian Moore, and T.C. Kane; anniversary Frank and Carol Tobias; Saturday, December 18; My lifelong friend, Melinda Cowley, Danica Williams, Chris Hernandez, Ricky D. Pequeno, Rogert Ortiz and Bertha Fuentes; anniversary, Shawn and Kalene Weathermon; Sunday, December 19; Matt Holly; anniversary; Kirk and Cynthia Williams.

Monday, December 20; Hope Salas, Opal Rudd, D'Anne Bishop and Nikki Bevers; Anniversary; Juanita and Raymond Rivera; Tuesday, December 21; Mercedes Hernandez and Dylan Bratcher; Wednesday, December 22; Sonny Bevers; John and Susan Boren and Wendell and Juanita Campbell.

Clothes Donation

Please remember, we have a barrel here at the Dispatch and there is also one at the Post Office provided by Victim's Assistance and Child Welfare. They are asking for any clothes you might be willing to donate to a very good cause.

"Congrats" to a special friend

This is to Pat Rountree! I know you are getting in lots of spoiling. I saw the pictures and she is a living doll. Give her one more smooch for me, tho I know she has plenty. You will have a ball with her, believe me!

Resignation

I received this email. Thought you might enjoy it. I am hereby officially tendering my resignation as an adult. I have decided I would like to accept the responsibilities of an 8 year-old again. I want to go to McDonald's and think that it's a four star restaurant.

I want to sail sticks across a fresh mud puddle and make a sidewalk with rocks. I want to think M&M's are better than money because you can eat them. I want to lie under a big oak tree and run a lemonade stand with my friends on a hot summer's day.

I want to return to a time when life was simple. When all you knew were colors, multiplication tables, and nursery rhymes, but that didn't bother you, because you didn't know what you didn't know and you didn't care. All you knew was to be happy because you were blissfully unaware of all the things that should make you worried or upset. I want to believe that anything is possible.

I want to be oblivious to the complexities of life and be overly excited by the little things again. I want to live simple again. I don't want my day to consist of computer crashes, mountains of paperwork, depressing news, how to survive more days in the month than there is money in the bank, doctor bills, gossip, illness, and loss of loved ones. I want to believe in the power of smiles, hugs, a kind word, truth, justice, peace, dreams, the imagination, mankind and making angels in the snow. So...here's my checkbook and my car-keys, my credit card bills and my 401K statements. I am officially resigning from adulthood. And if you want to discuss this further, you'll have to catch me first, cause "Tag!! You're it."

Till Next Week

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The First United Methodist Church, for the second year in row, won first place in this year's Lighted Christmas Parade with their float entry. (Photo by JoAnn Stelzer)



Santa came to Post in style last Saturday evening, riding his motorcycle. It was all part of the annual Lighted Christmas Parade downtown. (Photo by Judy Bush)



Michelle and Ashlyn Raley

Birth

Ashlyn Elexa Raley

Eddie and Michelle Raley are very proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Ashlyn Elexa Raley.

Ashlyn was born November 29, 1999 in St. Davids Hospital in Austin, Texas.

She weighed seven pounds, one ounce and was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Pat and Seabo Rountree of Austin.

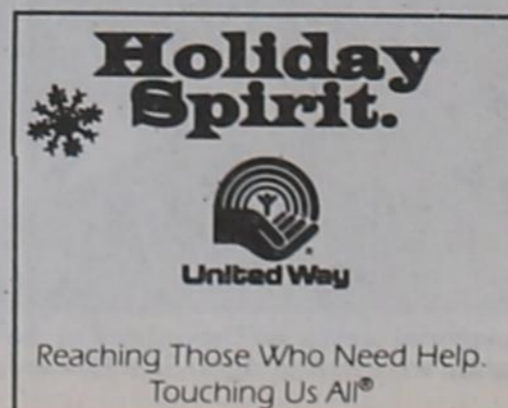
Paternal grandparent, Louise Raley of Austin.

Maternal great grandparents are P.O. Martin and the late Mary Martin of Post.

S.T.A.R.S. deliver Christmas bundles

Post Middle School students will be delivering Christmas boxes to families in Post on Friday, December 17. The first deliveries will be at 11:30 to 12:15, the next ones at 1:40 to 2:25.

Students are delivering to 15 families this year. This program is co-sponsored by the Middle School Student Council and the S.T.A.R.S.



Options For Pesticide Applicators to Obtain CEU's

The Texas Department of Agriculture offers pesticide applicators several options for getting the continuing education units (CEUs) necessary to renew their license, Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said. Many pesticide applicators face a Feb. 28, 2000, renewal date.

"The Texas Agricultural Extension Service and several private vendors offer traditional classroom CEU courses," Combs said. "But we're always exploring more convenient ways to help applicators keep current on changing regulations and products."

The Ag Ed Group and Advanced Professional Education made home study an option a few years ago. Private applicators can take classes via video for 10 hours but must complete the other five credits in a classroom.

Private applicators also may earn the required credits by passing a

200-question recertification exam that includes questions on information covered in continuing education courses. If an applicator passes the exam, a certificate of completion for 15 CEUs is issued. The exam costs \$50 per attempt.

The latest option is on-line courses. PestNetwork.com is offering up to 10 credit hours on-line for a fee. While commercial and noncommercial pesticide applicators can get all their credits this way, they may use the on-line option only every other year.

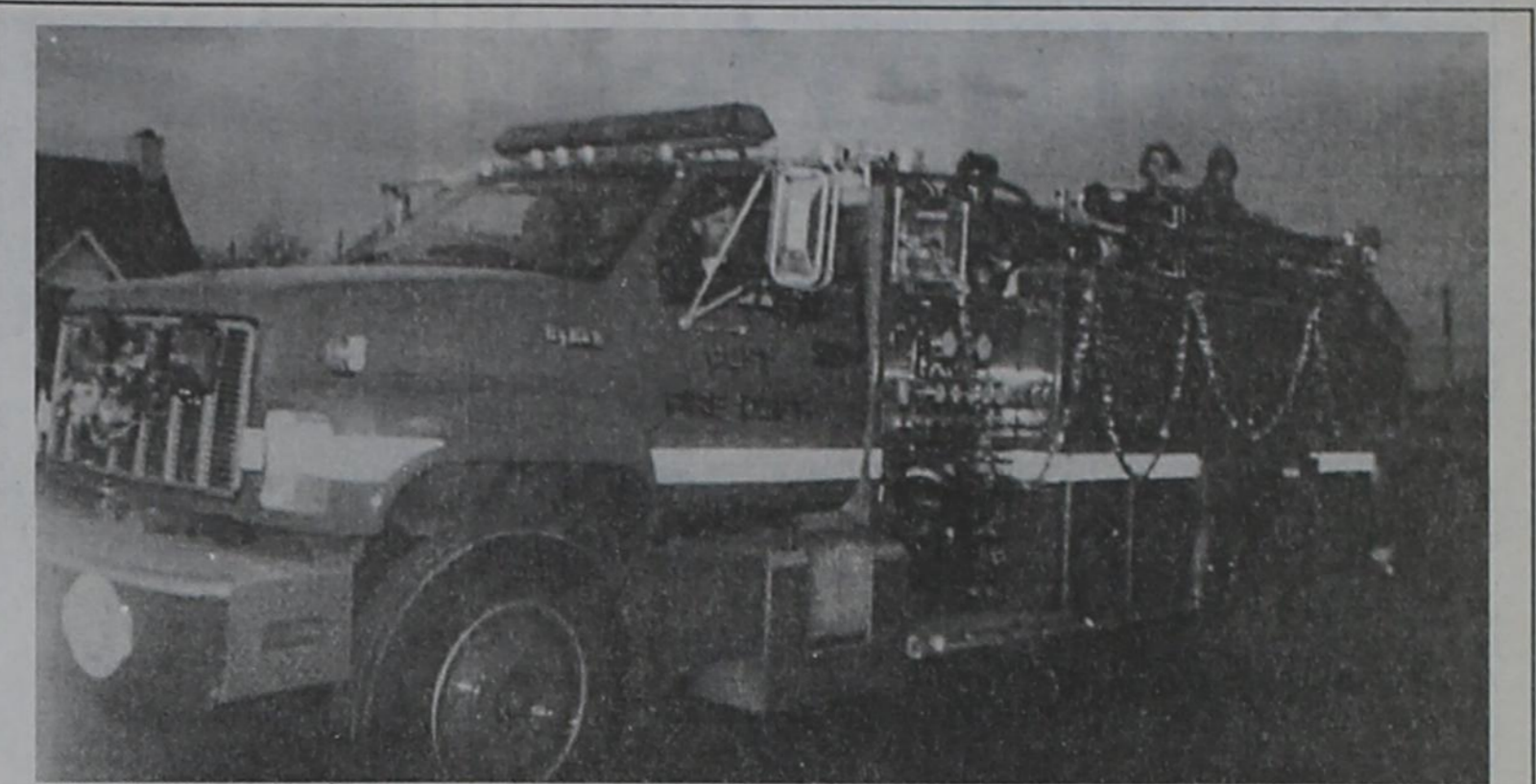
Private applicators must renew their license every five years and obtain 15 CEUs during that period. Two credits must be in integrated pest management and two in laws and regulations. Applicators must self-certify their credits by listing them on the renewal form they should receive by early January.

Private applicators cannot simply retake to renew their license. A license must have been expired for a year

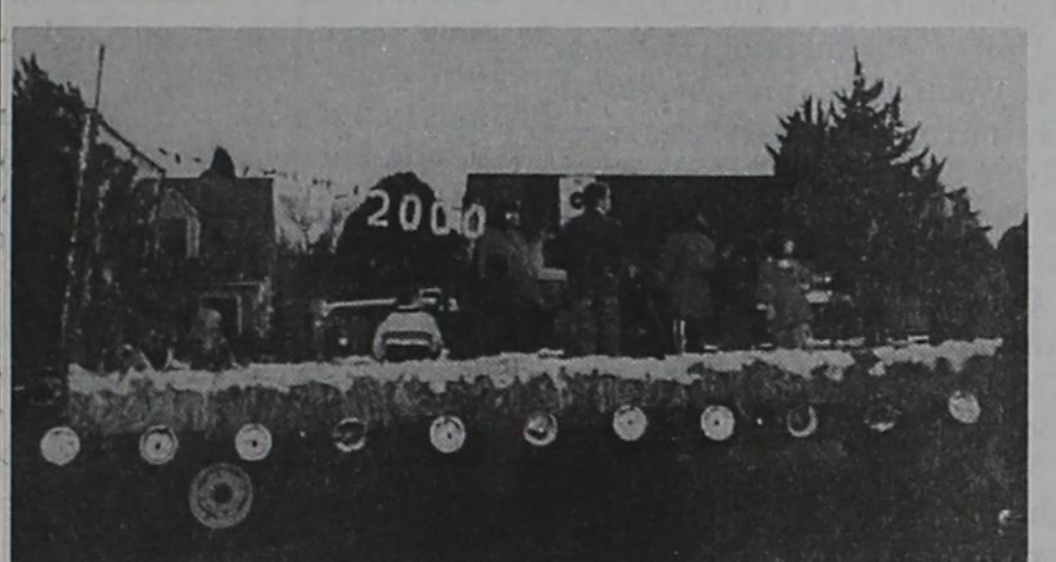
before an applicator can take the private applicator training course and test.

Commercial and noncommercial applicators renew each year and must earn five CEUs annually, including one CEU in each of two of the following categories: laws and regulations, integrated pest management and drift minimization.

Combs advises pesticide applicators to check with their county Texas Agricultural Extension Service office for courses offered or call the Texas Department of Agriculture at 1-800-TELL-TDA or (512) 463-7548 for a list of approved courses. A list of CEU courses is available on TDA's web site (www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/ceuhome.htm). For Further Information Contact: Texas Department of Agriculture P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 or Tel: (512) 463-7664 FAX: (512) 463-1104 e-mail: aspelce@agr.state.tx.us URL: <http://www.agr.state.tx.us>



Children are excited about riding on the fire truck. Post Volunteer Firemen kept the Lighted Christmas Parade this year going. (Photo by JoAnn Stelzer)



Garza County 4-H members on their Lighted Christmas Parade last Saturday evening. (Photo by JoAnn Stelzer)



Children of employees at the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility get ready for the ride downtown during last Saturday's Lighted Christmas Parade. (Photo by JoAnn Stelzer)



Members of the Holy Cross Catholic Church put the finishing touches on the church's entry in this year's Lighted Christmas Parade. (Photo by JoAnn Stelzer)

How Can You Help?

An outpouring of community assistance started well before the Wells quintuplets arrived Tuesday morning.

Earlier this year, the GAs of the First Baptist Church of Post organized a campaign through which they plan to raise enough money to purchase a year's worth of diapers for the newborns. The group is still needing assistance to reach that goal.

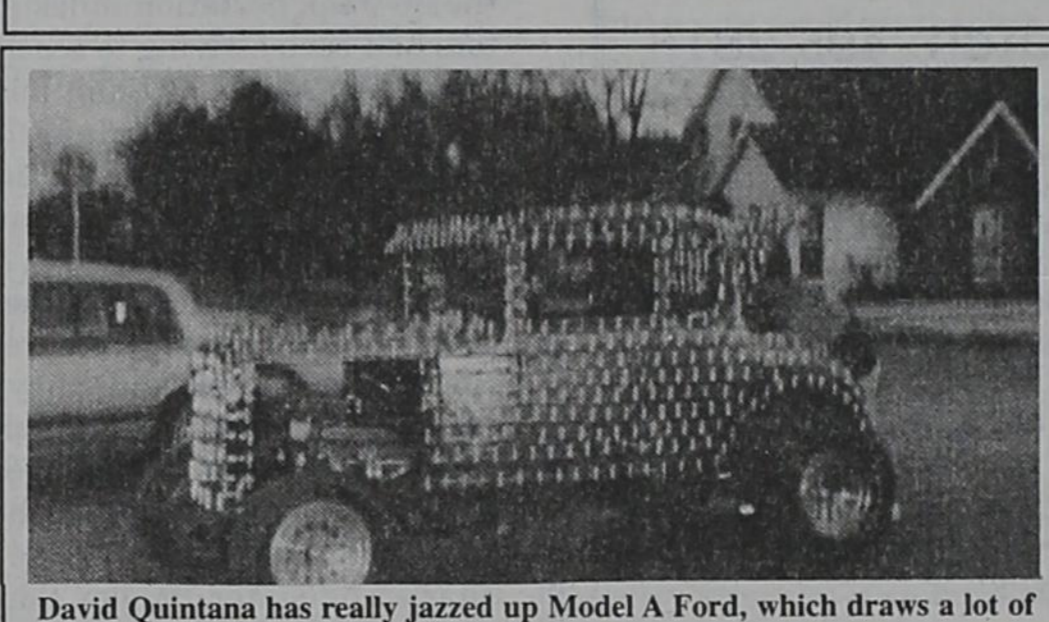
For more information, call Laura Morrow, GA director; the First Baptist Church office; or Jim Wells at Wells Pharmacy.

Bacon Heights Baptist Church, the church Mike and Jamie Wells attend in Lubbock, has stepped forward to help as well. Sunday school classes within the church have "adopted" each of the babies, purchasing cribs and committing to buy mattresses, strollers, car seats, high chairs and swings. Anyone interested in assisting with this effort is welcome to do so and should contact the church office. Donations are tax-deductible.

Several Post residents helped in recent weeks, providing bedding for the cribs. The group met one day each week for several weeks to help sew the bedding. Those assisting Sharla Wells with the task were JoAnn Miller, Janie Davis, Joy Poole, Kay Hayes and Gracie Hodges.



Children adorned the Golden Plains Care Center float in preparation for the annual Lighted Christmas Parade last Saturday evening. (Photo by JoAnn Stelzer)



David Quintana has really jazzed up Model A Ford, which draws a lot of attention. (Photo by JoAnn Stelzer)

Prizes awarded for lighted floats

The First United Methodist Church took first place (\$500) at this year's Lighted Christmas Parade last Saturday evening. Second place winner (\$300) went to the Garza County 4-H Club, followed by Golden Plains Care Center in third place (\$100). A \$100 charitable donation was made to Mad Dads, Inc.

The event was sponsored by the Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau. Other entries included the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility, Holy Cross Catholic Church Youth and the South Plains Antique Tractor Association.

Winners of \$100 in Post City Bucks® from a drawing held downtown following the parade were Marilyn Mason and Tino Trevino. The gift certificates were courtesy of The Post Dispatch and participating advertisers in the Christmas Sale Special.

The Frame Shoppe drawing winner was Jennifer Fumagalli.

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Sales tax rebate

The city's December payment from the state comptroller's office was \$24,070, some 42.21 percent above the \$16,925 payment the city received in December of 1998.

December's payments to cities include sales taxes collected by monthly filers in October and reported to the comptroller in November.

Statewide, a 7.1 percent year-to-date increase was reported.

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Nix to play benefit concert Saturday

Famed fiddler and country music star Jody Nix of Big Spring will appear in Crosbyton Saturday at 8 p.m. at a dance and concert to benefit Ken and Rita Brendle of Dickens.

Brendle, the Dickens County sheriff, and his wife lost their home and belongings in a fire Nov. 27.

The dance will be conducted at Crosbyton Seed Company, three blocks north of the main highway on FM 651. Kelly Wampler, plant manager of the company, indicated there will be plenty of room for dancing and listening to the music.

"This warehouse is 15,000 square feet, and by Saturday night we will be ready for a big crowd," he said.

His employees have already started clearing out tons of bagged seed to ready for the hoedown.

"Crosbyton Seed is community-minded, and we are glad to do what we can to help the Dickens County sheriff and his wife," Wampler said.

Nix is the son of famed West Texas fiddler Hoyle Nix and continues the family tradition with classic country music played in the style that has endeared the Nix family to music fans for decades.

Nix will perform tunes from his new CD entitled, "When It's All Said and Done" and other standards from 8-11 p.m.

Tickets will cost \$10 at the door. Nix has agreed to play at a reduced

rate and his concert fee is being paid by area business persons who wish to remain anonymous. This action will allow every dollar generated through ticket sales to go directly to the Brendles.

Radio station KRBL-FM of Lubbock is organizing the concert. For more information, contact Paul R. Beane or Steve Richie at 749-1057.



Post was blessed with two motorized Santas during last Saturday's annual Lighted Christmas Parade. (Photo by Judy Bush)

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Obituaries

David Perez Sr.

Services for David Perez Sr., 68, of Amarillo were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, 1999, at the Dayspring Ministries Church in Amarillo with Pastor Troy Bohn officiating.

He died Wednesday, Dec. 8.
Born in Thorndale June 26, 1931, he moved to Post where he married Pauline Rodriguez in 1951. He moved to Amarillo in 1971.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline, of Amarillo; three daughters, Jackie Vera, Paula Hernandez and Sarah Rivera, all of Post; three sons, David Perez Jr. of Post and Abe Perez and Bradley Perez, both of Amarillo; two brothers, Pete Perez of Lubbock and Johnnie Perez of Amarillo; one sister, Blanche Lara of San Antonio; 20 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Walter Perez of Canyon and Frank Perez and Mike Perez, both of Post; one sister, Beatrice Thompson of Post; and one granddaughter, Selicia Hernandez of Post.

Pallbearers were Sammy Perez, Ray Perez, Daniel Lara, Lance Gill, Tony Resindez and Charles Dove. Honorary pallbearers were Larry Rodriguez and Ricky Perez.

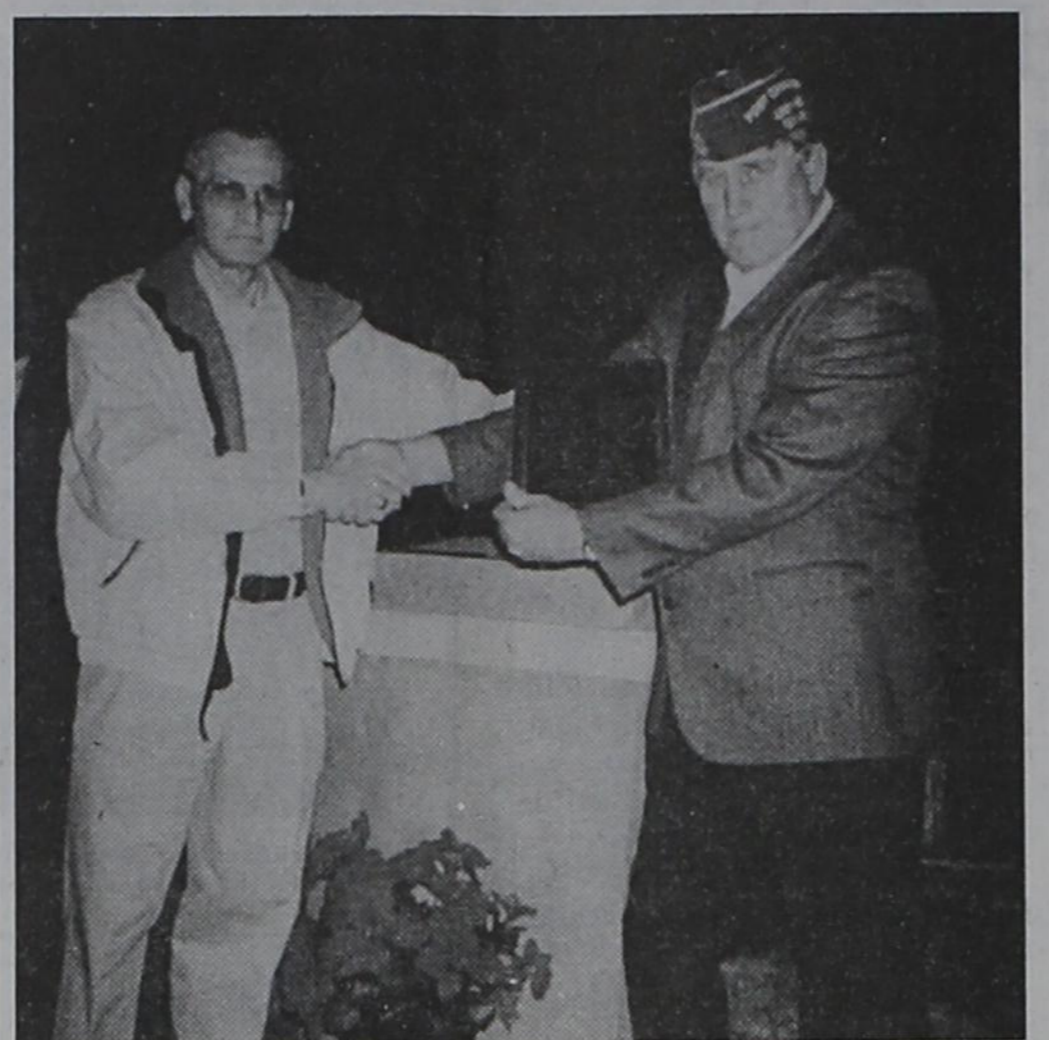


Charlene Worley

Graveside services for Charlene Worley, 49, were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1999, at the Terrace Cemetery with Mike Holly officiating. Services were under the personal care of the Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

She died Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.
Born Aug. 9, 1950, in Post to Doyle and Christine (Hicks) Worley, she attended Post schools. She moved to Lake Isabela, California, and lived there for many years. She returned to Post in 1995 and worked for Holly's Drive-In. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include five sons, Leo Wilson, Doyle Wilson, Butch Doser, John Doser and Billy Doser, all of southern California; her father, Doyle Worley of Post; six sisters, Doyleen Carruth and Donna Worley, both of Hot Springs, Ark., Teri Riedel of Smyer, Pam Taylor of Las Vegas, Nev., Carolyn Scott of Sheraton, Ark., and Rhonda Roach of Hobbs, N.M.; a special friend, Bubba Holly of Post; and three grandchildren.



Post VFW commander Billy Williams (right) presents a special Roll of Honor plaque to Garza County Historical Museum director Jack Alexander following the December 7 ceremony at the museum. The plaque is on display in the Roll of Honor room at the museum.



Kenny Ratke Jr. (left) and Patty Kirkpatrick at the December 7 Roll of Honor ceremony.

Roll of Honor

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James Odom, J.E. Robinson, Wright Hinson, Douglas Carradine, Orus Chesley Self, "Skeet" Edwards, Simon O'Keefe, Gale Charles Clem, Ray Smith Jr., Jack Edwards, Paul Cook, Clifford Puckett, Tom Cook, Otis Haire, Freeman Holly and Shirley Elliott.

During the reading of the names, the muffled sound of a chime pierced the cool night air, as Patty Kirkpatrick slowly and quietly kept the cadence. Following the roll of honor, Kenny Ratke Jr. broke the silence on his trumpet with taps.

Later, around a "campfire" and chuckwagon, Jane Mason and Noel White offered special musical entertainment as visitors to the museum enjoyed treats and tours of the building.

Museum directors and volunteers assisted with the tours, pointing out new additions and plans for future "rooms" highlighting important Garza County history.

Linda Puckett, museum curator, has done a marvelous job with the museum, and anyone who hasn't seen it lately is missing a great opportunity to see what can be done when people care enough to get it done.

We can all be very proud of our Garza County Historical Museum.

Wells quints...

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(Each of the babies is healthy, she said.)

The babies' names and birth weights are Jantzen Pierce, 2 pounds, 10 ounces; Briley Keaton, 2 pounds, 6 ounces; Zachary Ryan, 2 pounds, 3 ounces; Landen James, 2 pounds, 5.5 ounces; and Jaden Wesley, 2 pounds, 12 ounces.

The babies were delivered after their mother had spent the past 11-12 weeks in the hospital. Labor began just a few hours short of the 30-week gestation milestone and the Dec. 15-29 window doctors had been striving to reach.

The hospital's NICU unit has been on-call for weeks in preparation for the births, Sharla Wells said.

No word yet as to when the newest members of the Wells clan will be able to make their way home, but the babies' due date was Feb. 22.

"We hope to have them home by then," Sharla Wells said.

The boys are the first children born to Michael and Jamie Wells, who learned in early July they were expecting more than one baby. Grandparents of the quintuplets are Jim and Sharla Wells of Post and Tenia and Jim Johnston of Lubbock.

The birth of quintuplets to the Wells family marks the addition of six new grandchildren in the past month. On Nov. 18, Jim and Sharla's daughter, Shelley Ramage of Lubbock, gave birth as well.

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Trinity Baptist Church	915 N. Ave O, 495-3038
Justiceburg Baptist Church	Justiceburg, Don Blackcock, pastor
Pleasant Valley	Hwy 84 & North 399 - (806) 828-4174
Catholic	
Holy Cross Catholic Church	Ave. K and Main St., 495-2791
Disciples of Christ	
First Christian Church	812 W. 13th, 495-3716
Church of Christ	
Church of Christ	108 N. Ave. M, 495-2326
Graham Chapel Church of Christ	5 miles W. Hwy 380, 2 miles south
Church of God	
Church of God of Prophecy	602 W. 14th, 495-3644
Power House Church of God and Christ	Pine Ave.
Lighthouse Christian Center Church of God	314 N. Ave I, 495-2237
Church of the Nazarene	
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Grassland Nazarene Church	327-5656
Non-Denominational	
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Although the reason diabetic neuropathy happens is not known, the cause is clearly poor control or undiagnosed diabetes. The longer nerves are affected first, this is why the feet are usually first to be involved. Loss of normal pain feeling and temperature sensation is first. This increases the risk of injury, ulceration and infection. If poor control is continued neuropathic pain may result. Burning, deep aches or sharp shooting pains are common. If continued, numbness, tingling and even loss of sensation and reflexes may result.
The extremities are not the only part of the body that may be affected. The stomach, bladder and even the heart have nerves that can be injured by diabetic neuropathy. Stomach pain, diarrhea, loss of bladder control and blood pressure problems can also be a result of poor diabetic control.
The first line of defense against diabetic neuropathy is good sugar control. This is almost always simple to do by following your health provider's individual plan for your diabetes. Good and frequent inspection of the hands, nails, feet and toes with particular attention to the soles can prevent a small blister or corn from turning into a major diabetic emergency.
There are medications that may provide some relief, but like all complications of diabetes, control of your blood sugar is the key.
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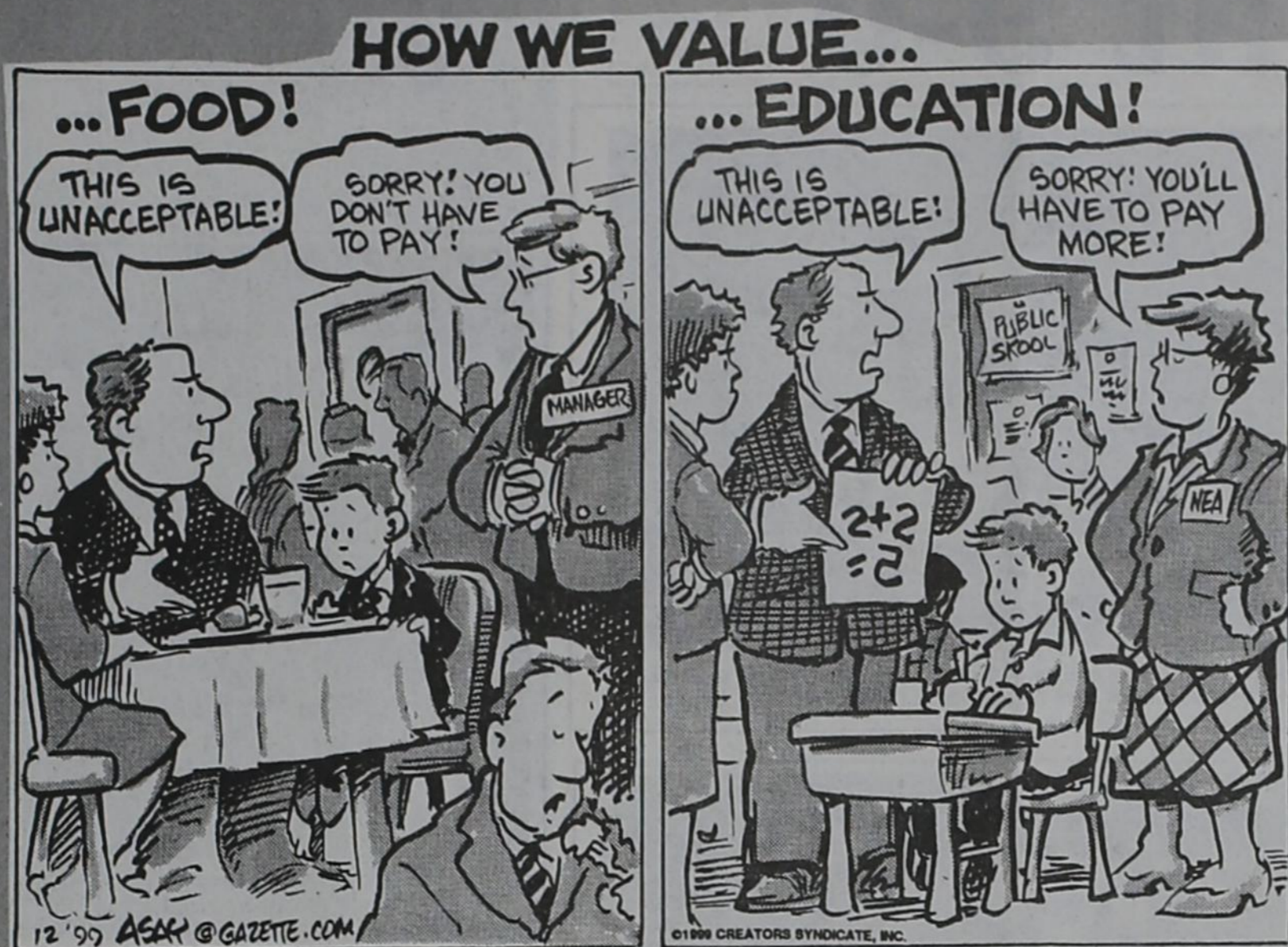
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And thereafter, understanding the WTO Buckus

by Walter E. Williams

Last week's World Trade Organization's meetings in Seattle drew howls of protest and riots against free trade. To figure out what some of the ruckus is about, let's consider a few economic principles.

Imagine 10 sweaters a day could be produced using one machine and one high-skilled worker who's paid \$40. Or, 10 sweaters a day might be produced, maybe in another country, using one machine and four low-skilled workers who're each paid \$11 a day.

It follows, then, that an employer would use the high-skilled worker production technique. Doing so would mean labor costs of \$40 rather than \$44 if he used the four low-skilled workers — and would mean higher profits. If you were the employer, and the high-skilled worker demanded \$50 a day, what would you do?

You'd probably tell him to go play in the traffic and use the low-skilled worker production technique. After all, paying a labor cost of \$44 would leave you with more profit. But the high-skilled worker is not stupid. So before demanding higher wages, he'd attempt to eliminate his cheaper-competitor, but he'll conceal his agenda.

He'd make a pretense of humanitarian concerns such as the need to end "sweat shops," stamp out slave labor, pay "living wages" and above all save the world's children by ending child labor. If he's successful, say forcing U.S. companies to pay poor workers in poor country \$15 a day, it makes it more likely he can get away with his \$50 wage demand. Why?

The labor costs of using the low-skilled production technique is now \$60. Have I correctly identified the intentions of labor unions, who are the major proponents of higher wages for foreign workers?

In terms of effects, it makes no difference whether the intention is a sincere concern for foreign workers or a cynical monopolistic ploy to benefit union workers. In either case, low-skilled foreign workers have reduced opportunities.



After all, the reason a person works for a wage that we might consider substandard is because he doesn't have a higher wage alternative. In other words, it's the best he can do. How compassionate is it for us to destroy that poor person's best alternative?

Labor unions aren't by themselves seeking collusive measures against poor countries and their people. U.S. corporations that face a bevy of costly environmental and workplace regulations emanating from the Environmental Protection Agency, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and other agencies want these costs exported to other countries.

EPA and OSHA have no jurisdiction in Africa, Asia and Latin America. As such, companies that locate in those countries don't bear all production costs borne by American firms. That gives them a competitive edge.

Whether our business and labor regulations are good or bad for us is one question, and their cost is another. One benefit of free trade is that regulatory costs are revealed. Trade restrictions kill the messenger.

If the production cost of a pair of sneakers is \$15 in one country and \$30 in another, we could chalk the difference up to "slave" labor if we want but surely some of the cost differential has to do with regulations.

By the way, neither the agreements associated with the World Trade Organization nor those associated with the North America Free Trade Agreement is truly free trade. These agreements contain thousands of pages of specifications. You don't need thousands of pages to tell people they can trade freely. Here's a free trade agreement I like.

It's from Article I, Section 9 of our Constitution: "No Tax or Duty shall be laid on Articles exported from any State." That's an agreement that helped make us a rich nation and, if applied to the world, we and everybody else would be richer.

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Golf course nabbed in the nick of time

by Vin Suprynowicz

Most Americans would agree it's unfair, that it should even be illegal, to seize the assets of an accused person before the courts have made any determination of his guilt or innocence — before he's even had a chance to present a defense in court.

Imagine the way "justice" would work, if such practices were widespread. Maybe you've made powerful enemies, with influence over local police or prosecutors. Perhaps such people want you to sell them a piece of real estate, and you've balked. Maybe you offended them with letters to the editor, or maybe they've just got it in for you because you've successfully competed against them in the business world.

Whatever the reason, suddenly you find yourself accused of a crime — perhaps something really embarrassing but hard to disprove, like groping the neighbors' kids when they came over for that Halloween party, or loaning your financial backing to bookies or drug dealers.

It could even be something as paltry as moving funds between your own bank accounts — violating some technical "financial reporting" requirement designed to catch tax cheats.

Incensed over being identified in the newspapers as an "accused criminal," you go to hire a good lawyer — insisting you not only plan to launch an aggressive defense, but that you also intend to sue.

Guess what? Your ATM card doesn't work. Your bank accounts are frozen. You can't even sell your boat or house or car to fund a defense — they've all been seized, as well. Before you've had any chance to answer the charges in court.

We'd all like to think that can't happen in America. But it does. Police and prosecutors generally contend they need the peremptory power of "civil asset seizure" to grab the yachts and jewels and cash of highly-mobile drug czars, who might otherwise spirit all the proceeds of their nefarious enterprises off to Brazil or Barbados before more traditional criminal charges can wend their way through the courts.

But no one contends Las Vegas golf course developer Billy Walters is any kind of drug kingpin. And the "highly mobile" asset which police now say they need to seize from him before he has a chance to spirit it away offshore turns out to be ... the Desert Pines Golf Course.

Just in time! Why, Mr. Walters and his seedy associates could have been rolling up the turf and loading potted pine trees into their trucks this very morning, if special prosecutor Ulrich Smith hadn't stepped in in time!

Some sarcasm is intended, of course. What's really going on here is that local police and prosecutors keep trying to prove Mr. Walters and his associates have done something wrong by winning sports bets back east, and then "transporting" the proceeds back to Mr. Walters' Nevada bank accounts.

Since money from those same bank accounts reportedly helped finance the developer's successful east Las Vegas golf course ... presto! Mr. Smith and the prosecutors contend they can seize the property as though it had been built with ill-gotten felony proceeds.

Unfortunately, the prosecutors' track record on this one isn't exactly stellar: District Judge Donald Mosley already dismissed two related, earlier indictments. And the remaining counts of "conspiracy" and "unlawful transportation of a monetary instrument," against Mr. Walters and his computer operator appear to be pretty thin stuff.

But on top of that, Mr. Walters and several business associates had the nerve to file suit in May of 1997 for return of more than \$600,000 in cash and property which authorities had seized during their criminal investigation. Can you imagine?

"That's what this thing has been about from day one. It's been about them wanting my money," Mr. Walters said Dec. 7, on hearing of the seizure attempt.

The chances of finding a Las Vegas jury to convict apparently upstanding and successful members of this community for "bookmaking," in a day and age when the local casino sports books are piling on the Christmas lights and advertising special late-night holiday hours at their drive-through betting windows, are not the kind on which I'd risk the Christmas money.

But if the prosecutors really believe they have a case, let them proceed to let justice take its course — seeking fines or other penalties only after they've obtained a conviction ... against someone ... for something.

Instead, this attempted "asset seizure" merely serves as a textbook example of how such government intimidation and impoverishment tactics can be abused, and why they should be banned completely.

I hope the courts will quickly agree that there is no need for the authorities to seize the Desert Pines Golf Course. Because it ain't goin' nowhere.

Vin Suprynowicz is assistant editorial page editor of the Las Vegas Review-Journal. His new book, "Send in the Waco Killers: Essays on the Freedom Movement, 1993-1998," is available at \$24.95 postpaid from Mountain Media, P.O. Box 271122, Las Vegas, Nev. 89127; by dialing 1-800-244-2224; or via web site <http://www.thespiritof76.com/wacokillers.html>.

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"The evils of tyranny are rarely seen but by him who resists it." — John Hay, 1872

"The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed — and thus clamorous to be led to safety — by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary." — H.L. Mencken

God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it."

Daniel Webster

Corporate government controls people

by Wes Burnett

In last week's edition we published a letter complaining about harassment from the truant officer, and this week there's a letter from a grandparent praising truant officers.

Obviously, there are strong differences of opinion on this matter. Let's take a look at what a truant officer is, and then dig a little bit into the purpose of such an officer.

First, the idea of employing a truant officer is based on the concept that are truants who need to be arrested. So what is a truant?

Webster's Dictionary defines truant as "being absent without permission, such as from school." So who gives permission? Is it the school, or is the parents? And orders the enforcement of a child to be at a particular place at a particular time? Is it the school or is it the parents?

Most people would say that it is the parents' responsibility to see that the child is where he or she should be... whether at school or at home. They would be correct, except that they overlook the power of the corporation which rules their lives.

That corporation is the State of Texas, which implements the corporate rules of its parent corporation, the U.S. federal government. Those corporations have certain codes which specify how its subjects (those who live within the boundaries of the corporation) are to behave. One set of those codes, written by the Texas legislature and enforced by the judicial and executive branches of the corporation, is the Texas Education Code.

That code specifies the what is and what is not acceptable behavior by both parents and children of the corporation's subjects (those who live within the boundaries of the corporation). The education code defines truancy and the duties of the truant officer, who is an agent of the school superintendent.

Corporations have the power to enforce their codes on those subjected to the corporation's by-laws. In the case of truancy, it is quite clear that parents who fail to enforce the truancy code, will be responsible for violations by their children, and they abdicate their constitutional rights in the process.

When parents voluntarily take or send their children to one of the state corporation schools, parental rights cease to exist. All the griping and complaining in the world will not shake the administration of the corporate codes.

Incorporation of government in Texas and the U.S. has eliminated the republican form of government that our ancestors originally intended, and that we are guaranteed by our constitutions. The fact that several generations of Texans have accepted this corporate form of government does not make it right, but does make it a matter of fact.

So, we have enforcers of the corporate code all around us ... the sheriff, his deputies, truant officers, government school administrators, judges, state police... the whole system is designed to enforce, not the constitution, but the corporation's codes. Individual rights always take a back seat to corporation codes, because the corporation has a contract it can enforce.

The fact that you did not agree to the corporation's contract is of no consequence. As the judge said to William Wallace ("Braveheart") when Wallace denied allegiance to the king of England, "Nevertheless, he is your king."

As long as we allow incorporated government, as we have in Texas throughout this century, there will be no real freedom or liberty for anyone of us. And the idea that parents are responsible for their children's welfare and education will continue to be a myth, for the corporate state has already decreed those rights to be subservient to the corporation's codes.

Corporations operate on behalf of the majority of its stockholders, where democracy rules. And the corporation's stockholders, through their representative in Austin and Washington, D.C., have by majority vote implemented corporate codes to strip you of your parental rights, especially when you voluntarily turn your child over to the corporation's school.

The truant officer is only performing his duties to satisfy his contractual obligation to the corporation, known here as the Post Independent School District, which is a corporate subdivision of the incorporated State of Texas. "But I didn't agree to be a corporate citizen!" one parent exclaimed to me in a recent conversation. "I never gave my permission, this is supposed to be a free country! How do we get rid of this corporation stuff?"

Since we are now at the mercy of a democracy, it is extremely difficult to elect people who will demand a return to a republican form of government. For more than five generations our people have been indoctrinated to the "benefits" of corporate government, especially the socialist concept of taking from those who have and giving it to those who have not.

As long as the corporation sets the rules, those who oppose corporate government will have to affect change outside of the corporation's control.

One such attempt is the ratification of a new constitution, which when ratified by 176 Texas counties will replace the corporate form of government with a republican form. Implementing a new constitution in a lawful and peaceful manner is a very effective method to reclaim our individual rights, including the inherent right of parenthood. Only in a socialist or communist state is the government in charge of children.

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Lady Lopes remain undefeated at 9-0

by Wes Burnett

"Well, we just didn't play very well at all in the first half," Post varsity girls' basketball coach Ron Taylor comments about the 54-22 win over Crosbyton on December 7. "However," he adds, "we played magnificent in the second half."

The Lady Lopes shut out Crosbyton 21-0 in the third quarter, and scored 38-11 during the second half. Defensively, the Lady Lopes shined throughout the contest. "We just couldn't get the shots to go in during that first half," Taylor says.

"I am very pleased with the way this team is coming together," Taylor continues. "They've got the makings for a stellar season."

On defense the coach pointed out that Erin Gregory was credited with six steals and Meagan Mills took the ball away five times. Other outstanding defensive effort was demonstrated by Davida Gregory, Kelly Moore, Kenda Looney, Yvonne Lopez and Emily Smith.

On offense, Mills led the scoring with 10 points, followed by Davida Gregory (8), Smith (8), Erin Gregory (7), Looney (6), Manuela Hernandez (6), Moore (5), Lopez (2) and Vondi Gradine (2).

J.V. girls win Caprock Tourney

The Post Junior Varsity Lady Lopes won last Saturday's Caprock J.V. Tournament here with a decisive 39-32 win over Borden County in the championship game.

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In the consolation game Lubbock High sophomores fell to Smyer J.V. 36-28.

Mason scored 12 points in the championship game and Ledbetter put nine on the board.

8th grade girls split two

The Post eighth grade basketball team ran over Plains 33-5 in the December 6 contest, then fell 54-21 against Tahoka on December 13.

"The girls played with an all-out effort," coach Madawn Sherrin reports, "they gave it everything they had every minute of the game."

Paula Voyles led with eight points, followed by Terri Curtis (4), Jerica Tyler (3) and two each by Erica Moore, Starlett Greathouse and Crystal Crawford.

7th grade girls win again

The Post 7th grade girls' basketball teams continue winning, as they dominated Plains 44-26 on December 6, lost to Tahoka 35-25 on December 13, with the "B" team shutting out Tahoka's 8th grade "B" team 15-0.

In the December 6 contest, Donae Dalby led the team with 12 points. Others scoring included Logan Gregory (10), Kaycee Gorman (7), Christy Shifflett (5), Patricia Hester (4) and two each by Meagan Hoover, Mendy Morgan and Nikki Norman.

The loss to Tahoka included scoring by Hester (8), Gorman (8), Dalby (4), Hoover (2), Norman (2) and Shifflett (1).

"B" team scoring was evenly shared by Lacey White (4), Dalle May Foy (4), Christin Collier (2), Cherrell Reed (2), Dianna Ratke (2) and Lesley Rutherford (1).



Kelly Moore (21) takes the ball away from a Crosbyton player as the Lady Lopes dominated the visitors here December 7. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Raul Ortiz (55) puts pressure on a Crosbyton player as Billy Crawford (50) joins in the defensive play for the Post Antelopes. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



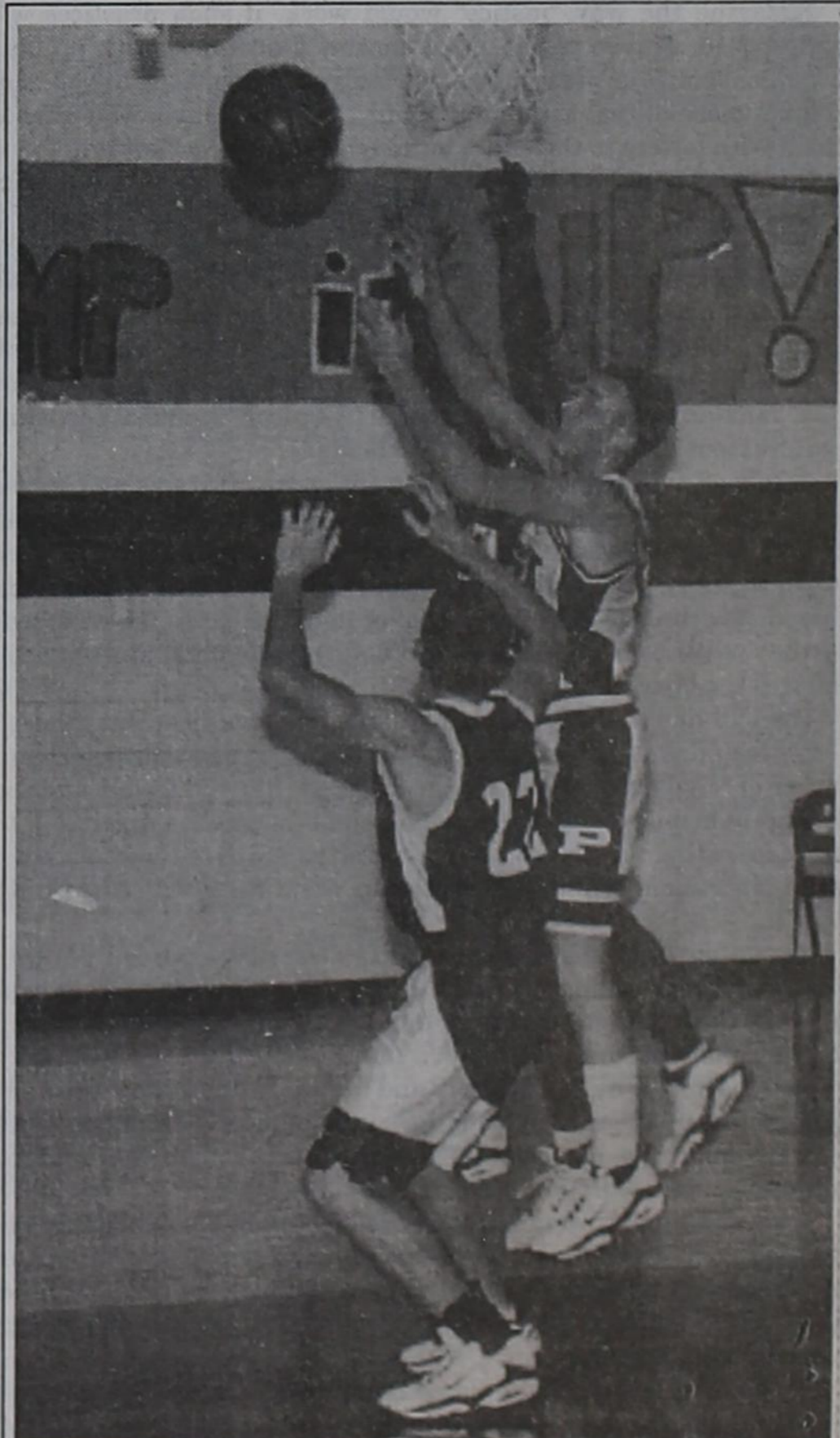
Jamie Collazo (12) takes a shot for the Post Antelopes as Michael Huff (10) moves in to help during the game here December 7. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Meagan Mills (10) moves in to stop a Crosbyton player while Vondi Gradine (30) joins in the action in the December 7 contest here. Mills was credited with five steals in the game. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Manuela Hernandez (33) goes for the basket with Camie Payne helping out on the play here December 7. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Justin Gorman (22) gets set to help teammate Michael Huff during Post Antelope varsity action here December 7 against Crosbyton. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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Little Dribblers showed off their stuff during a break in basketball action here on December 7. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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Dec. 16,17,18	Ira Tournament (Varsity)	Ira
Dec. 20	Sudan (J.V. & Varsity Boys)	Post
Dec. 28-30	Crosbyton Tournament (Varsity)	Crosbyton
J.V. Lopes "B" & Jr. High		
Jan. 6	Coahoma	Coahoma
Jan. 7,8	Christ The King Tournament	Lubbock

Lopes drop one to Crosbyton

The Post Antelope varsity basketball team fell behind Crosbyton 55-35 in the December 7 contest here. "We're having trouble dribbling and passing the ball," coach Dane Vickers reported. "It just takes time to get those fundamentals down."

The coach said that the team has had some quality practice time, and won't be playing another game until Thursday due to Aspermont's continued football playoff schedule. "We're getting back into action Thursday with Ira's junior varsity, which is taking Aspermont's place in the Ira Tournament. "We're playing better defense," Vickers added, "our rebounding is better and the players are beginning to understand our defensive strategy."

In the Crosbyton game, Billy Crawford led the team with 20 points, followed by Michael Huff and Clinton Curtis with five, Jamie Collazo with three and Justin Gorman with two.

J.V. boys win three in a row

The Post Antelope junior varsity boys' basketball team won three games in a row last week, starting with a 67-52 win over Crosbyton on December 7 and capped with two wins at the Caprock J.V. Tournament here last Saturday.

A great defensive effort helped the team pull out a 47-44 win over Abernathy, followed by a 63-52 win over Lockney.

In the Crosbyton game, Lance Curtis was credited with 28 points, followed by 10 each by Brandon Bell and Seth Redman. Other scoring came from Hector Reyna (9), Brody Robertson (4), Luis Zubia (3), Tye Mason (2) and John Eilenberger (1).

In the Abernathy contest, Curtis led again with 18 points, backed up by Robertson and Redman with nine, Noah Gutierrez (7) and Bell (4). "Our defense made the difference in the second half," coach Chris Morrow commented, "allowing us to come from behind to win."

Curtis again led the team with 20 points in the Lockney game, followed closely by Bell with 19. Eilenberger got 11, Gutierrez put in seven, Mason hit for four and one each was credited to Robertson and Brice Easterling. Junior Varsity "B"

"We had way too many turnovers," coach Morrow said about the J.V. "B" team effort December 13 against Tahoka. The Bulldogs won 68-33.

Scoring for Post were Tye Mason (9), Kenny Ratke Jr (7), Mikey Gonzalez (5), Zubia (4), Easterling (4), Byron Mason (3) and Miguel Torres (1).

8th grade boys whip Tahoka

The Post eighth grade boys' basketball team cut Tahoka off with a 46-38 win in the December 13 contest. Mitchell Mills led the team with 29 points, followed by Jerry Curtis with 16 and Francisco Duran with one.

7th grade boys edge Tahoka

"This game had a wild fourth quarter," Post seventh grade boys' basketball coach Darrell Radle said about the December 13, 37-33 win over Tahoka. "We were facing a tough press, this was their first defeat this year," the coach added.

Jett Lott led the team scoring with 13 points. Others getting points were Jordan Tatum (8), Jerrad Grisham (6), Tony Garay (5), Colton Valdez (3) and Eric Pedersen (2).

The team hosts Coahoma after the Christmas break.

Emergency Response Team activated

The Garza County Emergency Response Team was activated Thursday DEC.9. Team members Dwayne Morris and John Gearhart were activated for assistance with stranded motorist.

The snow storm dumped several inches of snow north of Post causing some traveling problems. G.C.E.R.T. members Arnold Fry and Bradley Cimental were activated Sunday DEC.12 for traffic control on FM2106 south of Southland.

Amoco Pipeline had a storage tank leaking and requested the G.C.E.R.T. to provide traffic control. The

G.C.E.R.T. would like to remind everyone to be very cautious while driving in severe weather.

Extension Extras

EPC Meeting

Members of the Garza County Extension Program Council are reminded that the annual appreciation luncheon is scheduled for today (December 16) at noon in the Extension Office Conference Room.

Lunch Menus

Trail Blazer

Friday, December 17, 1999
Catfish, navy beans, coleslaw, cornbread, fruit salad.

Monday, December 20, 1999
Hamburger, cheese slices, tator tots, salad, apricots and ice cream.

Tuesday, December 21, 1999
Roast beef, creamed potatoes, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, biscuit and brownies.

Wednesday, December 22, 1999
Pork chop, butter beans, sweet beets, salad, cornbread and apple cobbler.

Thursday, December 23, 1999
Closed for Christmas holiday.

Post ISD

Friday, December 17, 1999
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Fish, macaroni and cheese, carrot sticks, peas, hushpuppies, sliced apples and choice of milk.

Monday, December 20, 1999
Breakfast: Waffles, butter and syrup, sausage link, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Chili dog, French fries, vegetable sticks, cake and choice of milk.

Tuesday, December 21, 1999
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, bacon, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Tacos, lettuce/tomato, pinto beans, corn bread, applesauce and choice of milk.

Wednesday, December 22, 1999
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Pizza, salad, corn, pears and choice of milk.

Thursday, December 23, 1999
Breakfast: A
Lunch: Christmas holiday

Southland ISD

Friday, December 17, 1999
Breakfast: Cereal, Graham crackers, fruit and milk
Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, lettuce/tomato, chips, roll-up and milk.

Monday, December 13, 1999
Breakfast:
Lunch: Christmas holiday

Tuesday, December 14, 1999
Breakfast:
Lunch: Christmas holiday

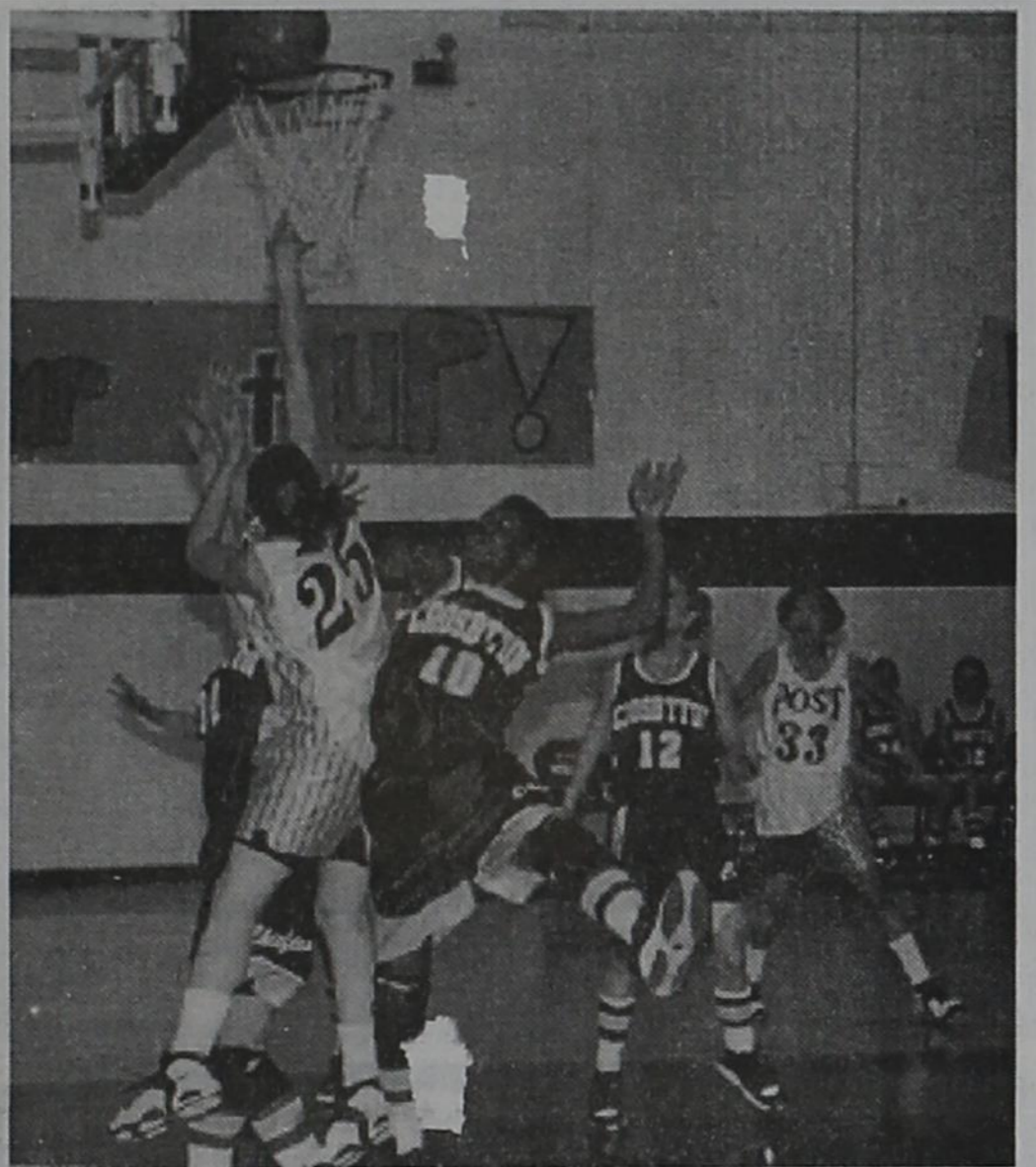
Wednesday, December 15, 1999
Breakfast:
Lunch: Christmas holiday

Thursday, December 16, 1999
Breakfast:
Lunch: Christmas holiday

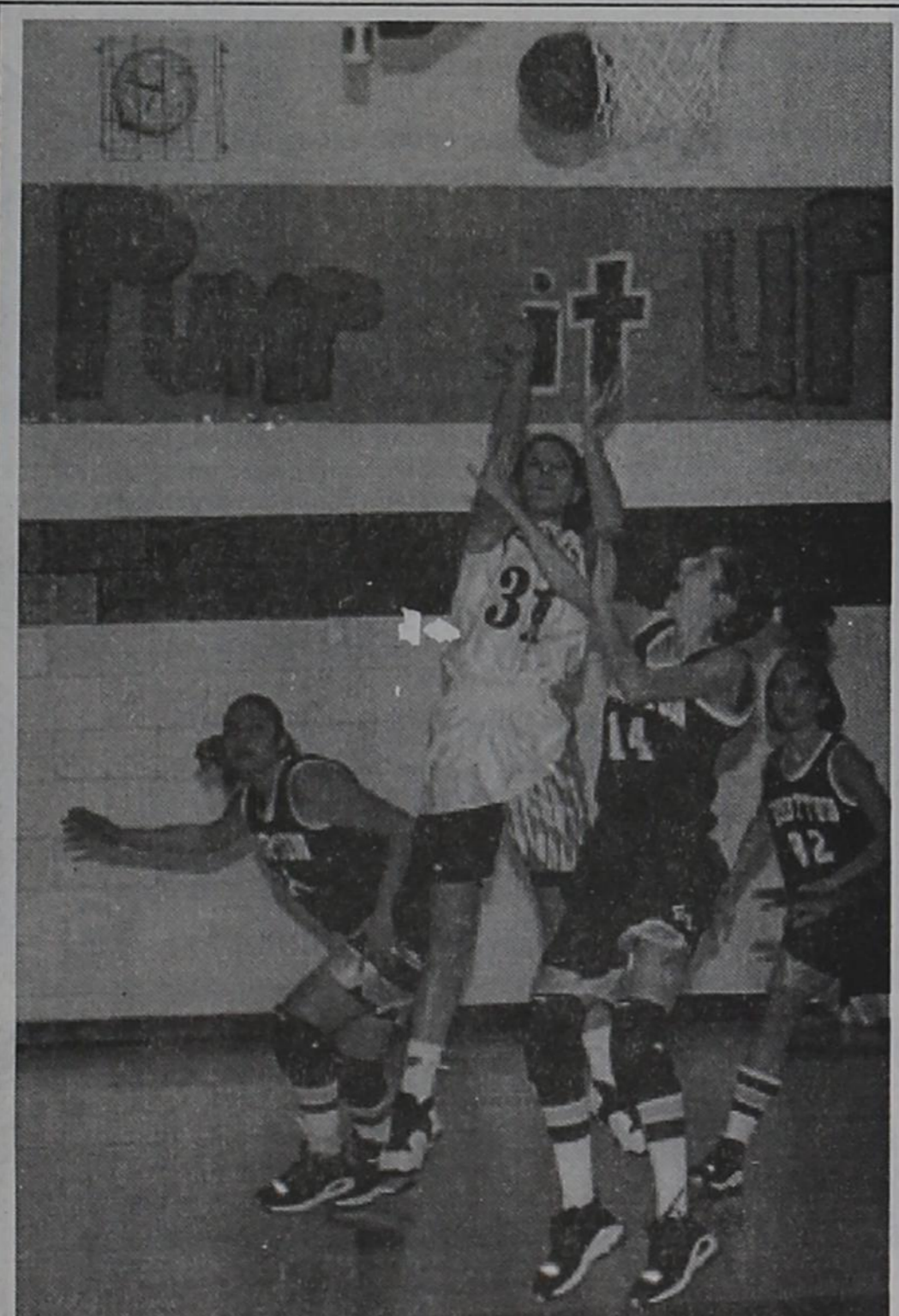
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Billy Crawford (50) puts another two points for the Post Antelopes as teammate Michael Huff (right) helps out. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Emily Smith (25) takes a shot to the basket for the Lady Lopes, while Manuela Hernandez (33) gets in the action. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

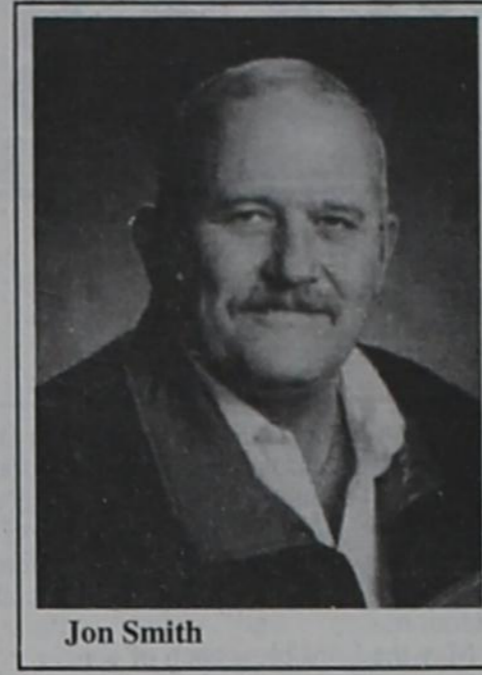
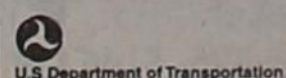


Kenda Looney (31) takes the ball to the basket for the Lady Lopes in the 55-22 win over Crosbyton here December 7. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Ben Detwiler hoped to make the world a better place. That hope died when he was killed by a drunk driver.

What should you do to stop a friend from driving drunk? Whatever you have to. Friends don't let friends drive drunk.



Jon Smith

Jon Smith candidate for Sheriff

Jon Smith is announcing his candidacy for the Republican Party for the office of Garza County Sheriff. Jon was born in Littlefield and is the son of Juanita Macmillan of Houston and the late Rev. Leon Smith.

Jon married Sandy (Odom) in 1975 in Post and is the proud father of four children and 3 grandchildren. He served in the U.S. Army for 3 years as Sergeant. To become a Texas certified peace officer he attended South Plains Association of Government (S.P.A.G.) in 1975 sponsored by Garza County while working as a reserved deputy in Post.

He served as deputy sheriff in several surrounding counties for the next several years. Attended Central Texas College, (CTC) Obtaining Associates Degree in law enforcement. He is currently employed at The Giles Dalby Correctional Facility.

Smith's mission is to see that people of Garza county, recognize a sheriff's department that is dedicated to safety, service, and protection of all, with professionalism and courtesy.

Yet capable to face new challenges of our everyday society, and staying focused on issues that are troubling to him and the Community. If you should have any questions or care to discuss any issues related to this announcement please call 495-9900, Or fax 495-3001.

Green Thumb Club holiday party

Members of the Green Thumb Garden Club met Thursday night at Citizens Bank for their annual Christmas party. Members' husbands also attended.

Food was served from a festive table, and gifts were opened.

All attending enjoyed games of Skip-Bo, Forty-two and Chicken Scratch.

Those attending were Jan and Leslie Acker, Margaret Barley, Gladys Blair, Sybil and Dan Cockrum, Iva Hudman, Maurine and Hans Hudman, Ida Jones, Carlene and Glen Markham, Edna and Ben Owen, Jewel White, Naomi Matsler and Betty and Ples Hill.

Hostesses were Naomi Matsler, Sybil Cockrum and Gladys Blair.

Winter Solstice Mood

December 22

1999 Winter Solstice Moon -This year will be the first full moon to occur on the winter solstice (Dec. 22, commonly called the first day of winter) in 133 years.

Since a full moon on the winter solstice occurred in conjunction with a lunar perigee (point in the moon's orbit that is closest to Earth) the moon will appear about 14% larger than it does at apogee (the point in it's elliptical orbit that is farthest from the Earth).

Since the Earth is also several million miles closer to the sun at this time of the year than in the summer, sunlight striking the moon is about 7% stronger making it brighter.

Also, this will be the closest perigee of the moon of the year since the moon's orbit is constantly deforming.

Given these conditions, and if the weather is clear and there is a snow cover where you live, it is believed that even car headlights will be superfluous at this time.

In laymen's terms, this will be a super-bright full moon, much more than usual and that hasn't happened this way for 133 years. Our ancestors 133 years ago saw this. Our descendants 100 or so years from now will see this again.

Tax 'n Facts

by Terri Cash

New IRA Ruling Lengthens Benefits

A new Internal Revenue Service ruling offers a significant tax break for those who want to leave their IRAs to their children and grandchildren. It enables each heir to use his or her own life expectancy to choose the rate of withdrawal - and taxes due. (Up to now, multiple-beneficiary IRAs were thought to be limited to the life expectancy of the oldest heir.) This ruling applies only to IRAs whose owners die before they must take their first payouts.

In addition, certain IRA providers - top brokerage houses among them - now permit someone who inherits an IRA to name his or her own beneficiary, lengthening the permissible payout automatically. Again, this is most effective where the original IRA owner died before initiating a distribution schedule.

An important caveat: smart IRA owners keep their own records of their IRA beneficiary designations - just in case the trustee cannot locate the paperwork when you die.

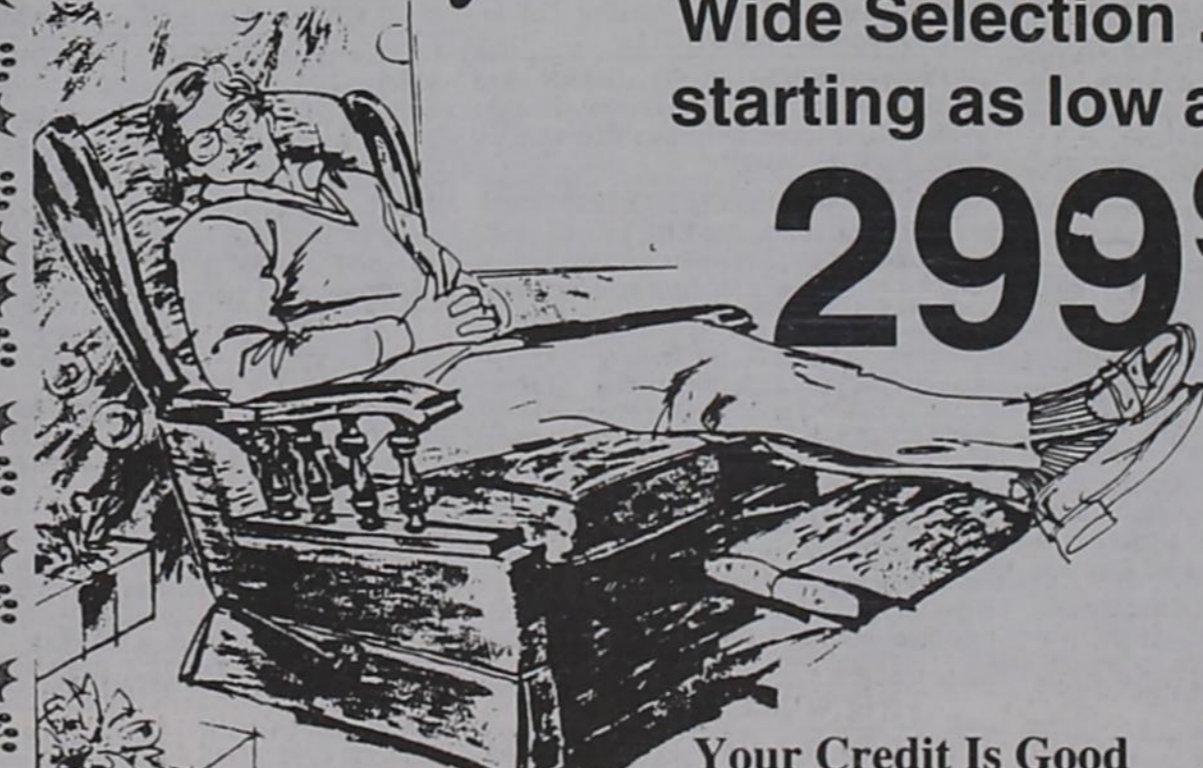
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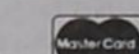
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Brothers and sisters of Johnie

Dorothy Mason
Billie Meeks
Mary Lee
Fritz Hester
Shorty Hester

We would like to thank everyone for all of the lovely cards, calls, flowers, food and most of all prayers during my surgery and hospital stay and since being home.

Thanks so much to Fannie Ballentine and Alma Loreda for all of the special attention.
May the Lord bless each of you.
Socorro Storie
Cruse Palomanes and family
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Sonny Storie and family

Personals

Work in Lubbock Monday-Friday, 8:00/8:30 am - 5:00 pm? Want to SAVE MONEY? Let's CARPOOL! Call 495-2312 after 6 pm.

Post Independent School District invites the Senior Citizens of the district to come by the Superintendent's office and receive a gift of a complimentary general admissions pass that will admit you to all school functions. (You will be asked to present identification so that a pass can be issued in your name).

Post Group of Alcoholics Anonymous Meets every Thursday night at the First Presbyterian Church, 901 West 10th at 8 p.m. Closed meetings are held except on the last Thursday of the month, which is an open meeting. Door opens at 7 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m., cake and coffee following the meeting. Anyone who wishes to talk or ask about an alcohol problem, call 495-4152, 495-4185 or 629-4393.

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Legal Notices

Notice To All Persons Having Claims Against The Estate of D.J. Atkinson, Cause # 1706, Garza County, Texas

Notice to all persons is hereby given that the original letters of administration upon the estate of D.J. Atkinson, deceased, was issued to the undersigned on the 1st day of December, 1999, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letter. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, the county below named, are hereby required to present the same to me respectively, at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time required by law. Betty Hagood Moseley, may be notified at 9600 Quaker Ave. #12, Lubbock, Texas 79424. Imogene Hagood Bevers, may be notified at 2117-53rd St., Lubbock, Texas 79412 or in care of their Attorney; Preston Poole, 311 W. Main, P.O. Box 296, Post, Texas 79356. Dated 12-11-99

Betty Hagood Moseley
Imogene Hagood Bevers
Cause# 1706 D.J. Atkinson, Deceased

Legal Notice

South Plains Community Action Association (SPCAA), as the contractor for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) for the 15 county South Plains area is releasing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Summer Program 2000. SPCAA is seeking proposals for educational, vocational, and work programs for economically disadvantaged youth. Release of the RFP makes no commitment nor does it obligate SPCAA to fund any proposal.

Proposal packets will be available beginning Monday, December 13, 1999, weekdays from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., from Texas Workforce Centers at 1218 14th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79401, 806-765-5038/411 Austin Street, Levelland, Texas 79336, 894-5005; 1030 Broadway, Plainview, Texas 79072, 293-8566; 224 S. Berkshire, Crosbyton, Texas 79322, 675-7307; Relay Texas 1-800-735-2988 for the hearing impaired.

To request a proposal packet be mailed to you, please call one of the phone numbers listed above.

Deadline for proposals is Friday, January 14, 2000, at 5:00 p.m. A pre-proposal conference will be held at the Texas Workforce Center (1218 14th St. Lubbock) Monday, December 20, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. to answer potential proposers' questions. Equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. The Summer Youth program is funded by the South Plains Regional Workforce Development Board.

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Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

December 20, 1989
10 Years Ago

Ken Forest McMeans will be among the 162 students in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's school of theology, religious education and church music to be awarded degrees by President Russell H. Dilday in commencement ceremonies in Fort Worth on December 15.

High school sophomores interested in serving as Congressional Pages for the 1990-91 school year can now apply to Congressman Charles Stenholm's office.

Eligible students are those who reside in the 17th Congressional District, will be juniors in September 1990, and have a "B" average in four major courses, including electives.

December 20, 1979
20 Years Ago

Principal Joe Giddens surprised Post High School students Friday when he sent them out in the snow for a snowman building contest, thanks to the estimated five to six inches of wet snow that fell during the early evening hours.

Post's "Sisters of Song" - Kay Lamb, Marita Jackson, Lee Ann Hodges and Sharla Wells have made their first professional record, a selection of gospel music entitled "What You Say Is What You Get."

Four high school band members, Kevin Craig, Rhonda Rogers, Rosemary Bill Short and Rachele Smith were honored by being named to the All-American Hall of Fame band.

Dee Justice has been named president-elect of the Post Rotary Club, and will succeed Henry Wheatley as president.

December 18, 1969
30 Years Ago

It's going to be a white Christmas in Post - cotton that is. The cotton rush is on in Garza County and the question facing most ginners this week is whether to keep ginning until Christmas Day.

Santa Claus flew into Post in a helicopter Saturday, in balmy 77 degree weather.

The ninth annual live nativity scene will be staged this Christmas Eve in the carport of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cornish.

Neal Clary was elected fire chief of the Post Volunteer Fire Department. He replaces Loyd Mock.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel White and Steve welcome a new daughter and sister, Keiitha Beth, and Mr. and Mrs. Quanah Maxey have their first granddaughter after six grandsons.

The Post Rotary Club gave up its annual Christmas dinner party this year to play Santa Claus to the 20 pre-school age youngsters at the Post Child Day Care Center.

December 17, 1959
40 Years Ago

Rooftop burglars, operating for the first time here in several months, broke into Hamilton's Drug Store and Dunlap's Monday night, but loot was small.

Mrs. Malcolm T. Bull was appointed to the Garza Memorial Hospital board by the Garza County Commissioners to replace Mrs. John Lott, who resigned.

The Post Antelope basketball team, under new coach Pete Murray, is rated a top contender for this year's District 3AA championship.

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. McCampbell left this week on an automobile trip to LaMesa, California, where they will attend the wedding of their son, Jerry Don, to Barba Gaines.

The Tower Theatre will give away a new 1960 Valiant in a drawing to be held Friday night.

A high school gymnasium and a new business building which will house the TV Appliance Center, are included in six permits issued at city hall for construction costing approximately \$133,479.

December 22, 1949
50 Years Ago

Post merchants are giving free tickets to the two Christmas movies at the Garza Theatre - "Hell's Fire" starring William Elliot and "It Happens Every Spring" starring Ray Milland.

Homer Gordon has sold Roy Pennington a partnership in the Gordon Construction Company.

Mason and Company's new funeral home is now complete and ready for business.

Robert Cox of R.E. Cox Lumber Company has announced that his firm has bought from the Double U Company a block of property in southwest Post on which 10 houses can be built. The block is west of the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Benson and is divided by the new street which was recently cut through, east to west.

In his letter to Santa Claus, Eddie the Editor asked for "just one week in 1950 when everything is perfect: The paper comes out on time and everything is all right. And, Santa, for this week, please don't let a single person ask us, after the paper is out, why 'such and such' wasn't in the paper. If this isn't possible, please make us clairvoyant for this one week only so we can put in the paper the news items that our friends fail to tip us off about."

Hamilton Drug has some last minute gift ideas for Christmas, including a Red Ryder air rifle for \$4.95.

ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "I need that like an armadillo"
- 5 TXism: "pop" (soft drink)
- 6 acquisition by TX Bonnie & Clyde
- 7 TX fried veggie
- 8 Ranger pitcher Robb before '93
- 9 TXism: "happy Santa's lap"
- 17 TXism: "get a (calm down)
- 19 Cowboys travel jet
- 21 league of Astros (abbr.)
- 22 "Bum" Phillips
- 23 mama sheep
- 24 TXism: "it poke in the eye with a sharp stick"
- 30 TXism: "he couldn't get elected fiddler Texas"
- 34 historical hate grp: Klux Klan
- 35 co. below Wichita
- 36 mama's sister
- 37 hamburger drive-in chain found in TX
- 39 Ft. Worth's Kimbell: small museum
- 43 move of Ranger Juan to Detroit
- 44 capital of Cuba
- 45 daughter of Gov. Jim Hogg (init.)
- 46 TX Vikki Carr '89 release: "Hombres"
- 47 Astrodome had its Grand on Apr. 9, 1965

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "as ducks go bare-footed" (forever)
- 2 in Lipscomb Co. on hwy. 15
- 3 decorating
- 4 the "D" of TX Parot's EDS co.
- 9 car cooler (abbr.)
- 10 TXism: "don't get your a knot"
- 11 Weatherford high school classification
- 12 Odessa AM radio
- 13 "something in the translation"
- 14 Leon, TX
- 15 City, TX

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Which Key Unlocks Your Child's Mind?

(NAPS)—We've all heard that people with dominant "left brains" are analytical, while those with dominant "right brains" are creative. But did you know that children also have preferred "styles" of learning?

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- If your child enjoys taking things apart, he or she is probably a tactile learner. Activities like Learning Horizons' "Math Bingo" or "Prehistoric Dig" science kit offer hands-on ways to encourage involvement.

For more parental tips and free workbook sheets, visit the Learning Horizons web site at www.learninghorizons.com.

Delinquency

Jewell Long sent us a poem she wrote that has a lot to say about juvenile delinquency. We thought you might be interested - and so we pass it along to you.

"Kids don't make the movies,
Kids don't write the books
That paint gay pictures of gangsters and crooks.
They don't make the liquor,
They don't run the bars,
They don't buy the cars,
They don't peddle the drugs
That addle the brain.
That is done by older folks
For greed and gain.
Delinquent teenagers, oh, how we condemn the sins of the nation on them.
It is sad but true -
What fits the little delinquents fits the older folks too."

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Keeping an eye on Texas

Fires claim lives and property
In 1998 there were 80,248 fires in Texas, causing 1,531 deaths and more than \$352 million in property damage and loss. Most house fires that occur during the winter months are caused by faulty heating equipment.

- Tips to protect your family and home**
- Keep all heaters at least three feet away from flammable materials such as walls, curtains, furniture, and especially beds.
 - Be sure your heating equipment is in good operating condition. Check for worn electrical cords, gas leaks or faulty switches.
 - Follow all instructions for your heating equipment exactly.
 - Have your heating equipment checked out by a qualified expert at least once a year.
 - Be sure all heaters, stoves, fireplaces and chimneys are properly installed and insulated. Touch nearby floors and walls. If they are warm or hot, the stove or chimney could be too close and may cause a fire.
 - Be sure there is adequate ventilation in any area where there is a heat source. Do not use a generator inside the house to power appliances, including your heater. Do not use charcoal barbecue grills indoors. Generators and charcoal emit carbon monoxide which is odorless and can kill you and your family.

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), and Texas State Fire Marshal.

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Guy Floyds honored on their 50th anniversary



RECEPTION HONOREES — Mr. and Mrs. Guy Floyd are pictured above at the recent reception honoring them on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary in the home of Judge and Mrs. Giles Dalby east of the city. They were married May 29, 1929 in Snyder.

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SHERRY AND BENNY OWEN of the Buffalo Gourd Factory are entering a busy time of the year for their family-operated company, as they turn gourds into works of art for the Christmas season.

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OBSERVE BOY SCOUT WEEK—These 26 members of Boy Scout Troop 16 are shown during their observance of Boy Scout Week, one day of which they served in city and county offices. In the picture are Bryan Williams III, David McCampbell, Wayne Runkles, Jimmy Minor, Gary Welch, Gary Simpson, Wendell Landtroop, Melvin Britton, Ruben Jimenez, Joe Bob Trammell, Harold Arnold, Dan Cockrum, Charles Cheshire, Richard Simpson, Butch Wilson, Larry Welch, Johnny Kemp, Victor Hudman, Marshall Ticer, Ray Garner, Jerry Windham, Jimmy Short, Charles Tubbs, Joel Morris, Curtis Steel and Royce Hart

From The Post Dispatch February 17, 1954. (Courtesy of Juanita Pantoja)

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor Policy: We require all letters to be signed, however, names may be withheld from publication by request. Letters may be edited for brevity, grammar and punctuation.

2nd Amendment attacked in Fort Worth

The Second Amendment is under attack in Fort Worth. The attack is coming from Handgun Control Inc. or Sen. Charles Schumer. Amazingly, it is coming from Chief Paul Rider, the Assistant Fire Marshal.

He is trying to shut down one of the country's biggest discount ammo and firearms accessories dealers, Cheaper Than Dirt, by abusing the fire safety code. He is claiming that the fire code prohibits the storage of more than 100,000 rounds of ammunition under one roof.

Cheaper Than Dirt ships 250,000 rounds — per day! Chief Rider has chosen to ignore his own code in this outrageous harassment of the company. The code contains a number of exceptions to the section on explosives that Chief Rider is claiming as his authority.

Exception 4 reads: "The possession, transportation, storage and use of small arms ammunition when packaged in accordance with DOT packaging requirements." Chief Rider has apparently decided that Cheaper Than Dirt represents a fire hazard, but not, for example, the gun show housed in a city-owned facility Dec. 4-5 that had about 500,000 rounds of ammunition under one roof.

Please help a true pro-gun business fight this unfounded attack on their lawful enterprise. Please get others to add their voices, too.

Larry Pratt, Executive Director Gun Owners of America

Praises truant officers

We had a great-grandson at the Ft Gibson, Okla. school when the shooting of five students occurred. If there has not been someone trained to know what to do in situations like that, there probably would have been more students injured.

Therefore, I think the parents or grandparents should be thankful that the truant officers care enough about our kids to know where they are at all times. Instead of bad mouthing them, we should praise them.

Name withheld by request

Thanks for help with lighted parade

It was another inspirational experience last Saturday witnessing the final Post Lighted Christmas Parade of this century. A very special thank you to

Sponsors for the donations to achieve a goal of \$1,000 prize money for the top three floats and a charity.

Rodney and the kids at Mad Dads for pitching in to help with decorating downtown.

Patty for getting the Main Street sound system up and running.

The Sheriff and Fire Departments helping and participating in the event.

Judy, JoAnn and Wanda for all your work in organizing and executing the event.

The Post Dispatch for the great publicity.

I can't say enough about the commitment by the parade participants who made their entries the best possible.

And most importantly, thank you God for the birth of your son Jesus ... The Reason For The Season!

Jim Plummer Parade Chairman, Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau

Museum hosts special December 7 ceremony

by Wes Burnett

Last Tuesday evening (12/7/99) a very inspirational event at the Garza County Historical Museum flag pole brought attention to the historic significance of December 7, and recalled the names of those men who served the nation in its defense.

A special ceremony conducted by VFW Post 6797 honored the memory "of these brave men who made the Supreme sacrifice for their country..."

John Miller, Walter Thomas, John L. Jenkins, Sammy Hawthorne, Eugene Herring, Billy Joe Childers, Jim Krause, Clyde Peddy, Doil Jones, Delmer Meeks, Clifton Puckett, Bryan Mathis, Milton Hester Jr., James C. Henderson, Billy James Odom, J.E. Robinson, Wright Hinson, Douglas Carradine, Orus Chesley Self, "Skeet" Edwards, Simon O'Keefe, Gale Charles Clem, Ray Smith Jr., Jack Edwards, Paul Cook, Clifford Puckett, Tom Cook, Otis Haire, Freeman Holly and Shirley Elliott.

During the reading of the names, the muffled sound of a chime pierced the cool night air, as Patty Kirkpatrick slowly and quietly kept the cadence. Following the roll of honor, Kenny Ratke Jr broke the silence on his trumpet with taps.

Later, around a "campfire" and chuckwagon, Jane Mason and Noel White offered special musical entertainment as visitors to the museum enjoyed treats and tours of the building.

Museum directors and volunteers assisted with the tours, pointing out new additions and plans for future "rooms" highlighting important Garza County history.

Linda Puckett, museum curator, has done a marvelous job with the museum, and anyone who hasn't seen it lately is missing a great opportunity to see what can be done when people care enough to get it done.

We can all be very proud of our Garza County Historical Museum.



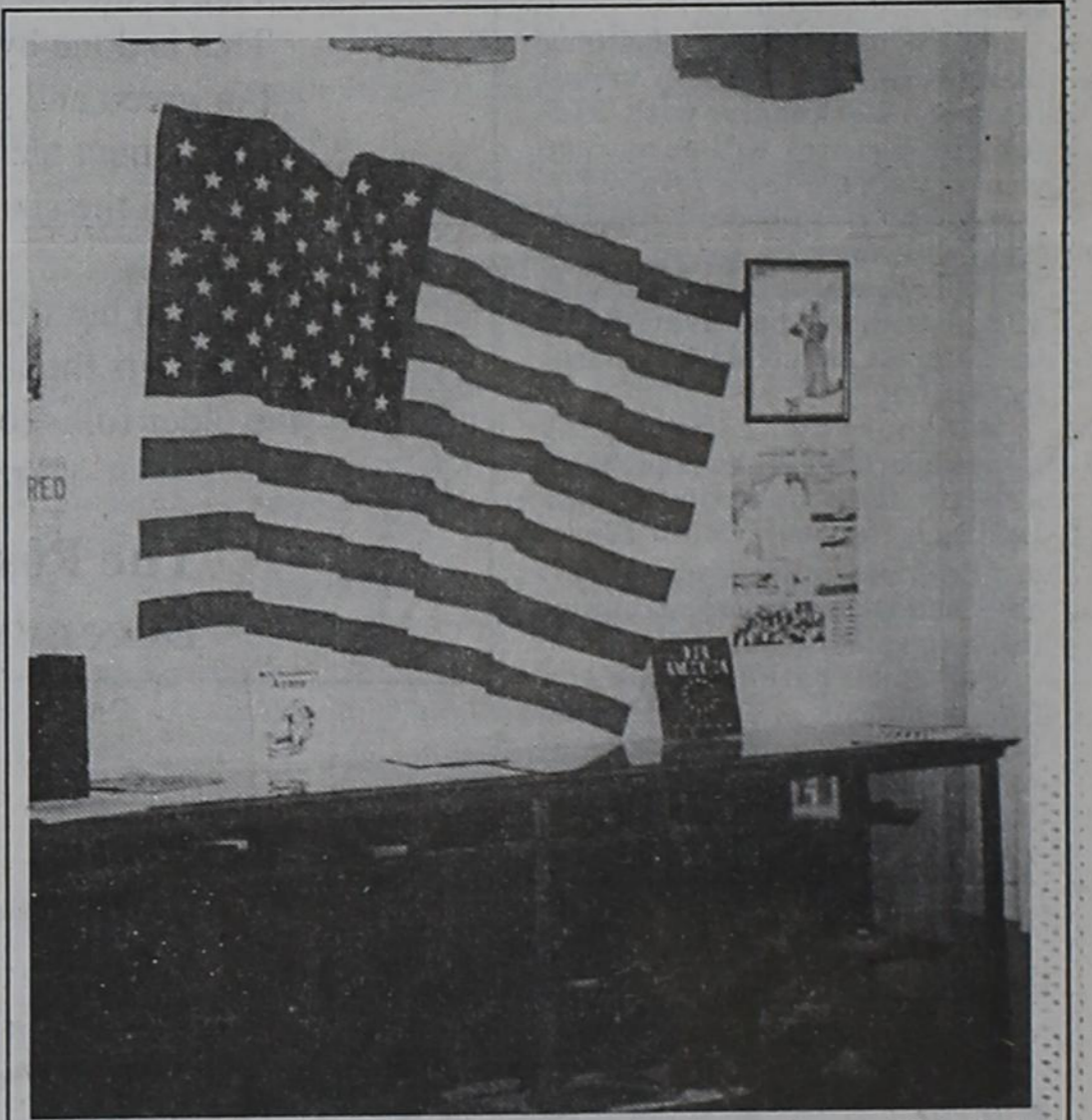
Garza County Historical Museum curator Linda Puckett (right) is joined by her granddaughter Amanda Puckett in the "rodeo room" at the museum. Rodeo has been an important part of life for many in Garza County over the years, and the room features highlights of Garza County rodeo folks. (Photo by JoAnn Mock)



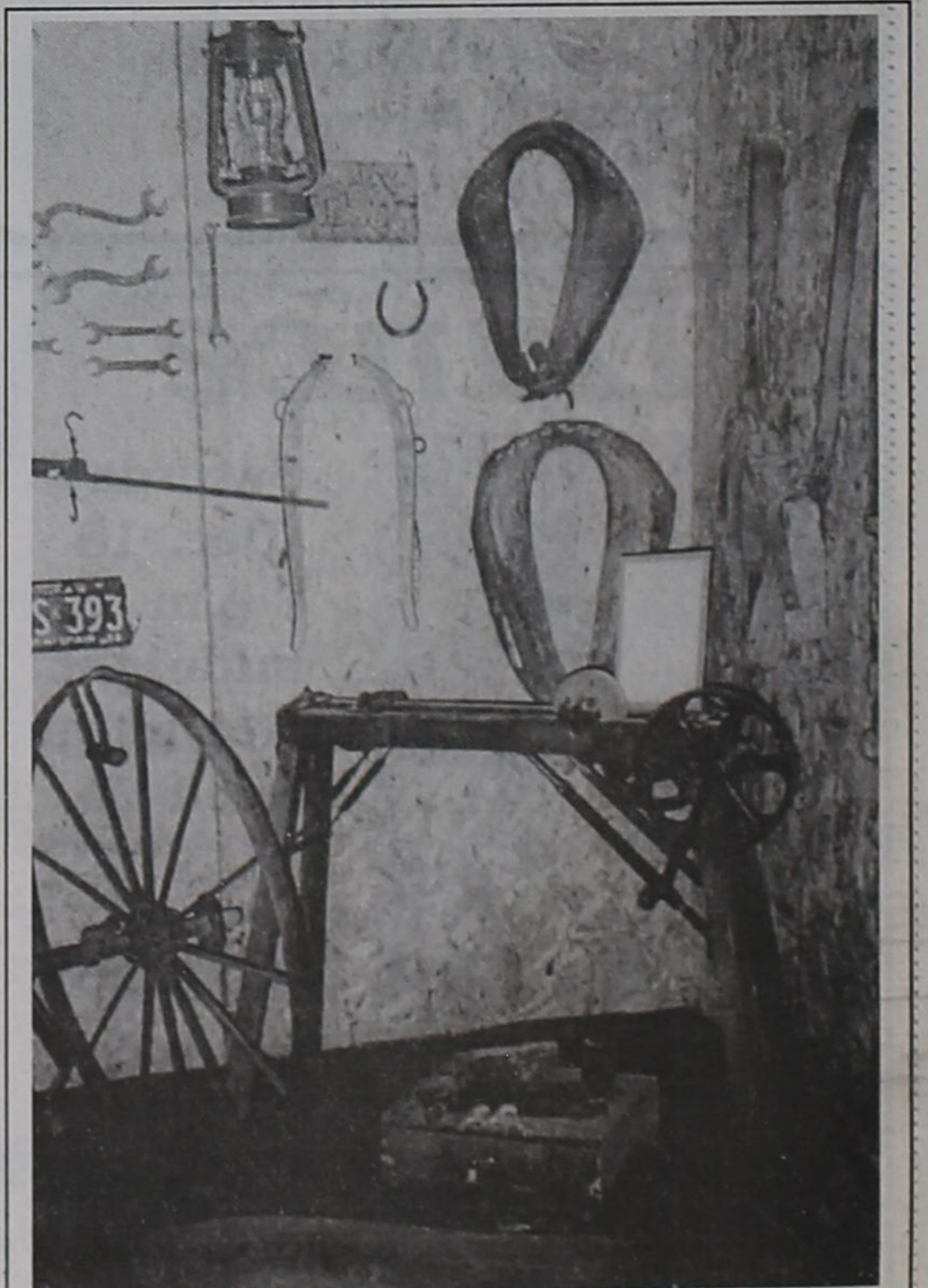
The Garza County Historical Museum features American Indian artifacts in a special room. (Photo by JoAnn Mock)



Jane Mason (left) and Noel White filled the air with special music during the December 7 ceremony and open house at the Garza County Historical Museum. (Photo by JoAnn Mock)



A special room has been established at the Garza County Historical Museum dedicated to the memory of those who served the nation in time of war. (Photo by JoAnn Mock)



A new feature at the Garza County Historical Museum is a room dedicated to area ranches. Several pioneer ranch families are included, and plans call for extensive history of these ranches to be added. (Photo by JoAnn Mock)

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INTERNET NEWS AND NOTES

The Santa Search Site

(NAPS)—If your children want to know not only when Santa is coming to town but at what hour he's due to arrive, one seasonal Internet site may offer a merry solution.



Wondering where Santa is wandering in the winter wonderland? A web site can help.

A "Santa Spotter" is one of the many festive features found at WWW.CLAUS.COM, a site that's perhaps "The Merriest Place in Cyberspace™". While visiting this site, children can:

- Check their status on the Top Secret "Naughty or Nice List"
- Exchange E-mail with Santa
- Pick and name their personalized Elf Buddy
- Sing along to holiday karaoke
- Earn an honorary elf diploma
- Access daily updates on North Pole activities
- Learn the origins of holiday traditions

• See what Santa does in his spare time on the web premiere of the internet's first interactive, original Christmas cartoons.

If children still wonder when Santa will arrive, they soon discover that Santa only shows up when children are soundly asleep.

A visit to CLAUS.COM is a great tradition to add to the holidays.

The 1999 site launched November 15th and was created by Pollak Levitt Nel Interactive.

Celebrating its fifth anniversary this year, CLAUS.COM has become one of the most visited sites on the Web in the holiday season. In just 6 weeks last Christmas, CLAUS.COM received over 25-million page views, double the number from the year before.

To love oneself is the beginning of a life-long romance.
—Oscar Wilde

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