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Downtown lights up Saturday nite

The annual Lighted Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau and several local businesses, is set to begin at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Garza County courthouse.

The event will roll down Main Street through the downtown area and back up to the courthouse. Twelve entries have signed up to participate, including Texas Tech University's Masked Rider and the Post High

School band.

As is customary, Santa, too, will be a part of the celebration.

Co-sponsors for the parade include Southwestern Public Service, Brady's Package Store, CitizensBank, Hotel Garza, The Frame Shoppe, OS Museum, Sonic, The Bee Hive Flower Shop, Old Mill Trade Days, McDonald's, Soda Pop's and the OS Ranch Shop.

Sidelining the parade will be open house observances at several downtown businesses, including The Frame Shoppe, the OS Ranch Shop and The Bee Hive.

Volunteer Firemen give time, energy

by Wes Burnett

This week we are saluting the Post Volunteer Fire Department (see Page 10), which has consistently served this community "above and beyond" through ice, snow, rain, wind, cold and heat, at all hours of the day or night.

These men are outstanding examples of how volunteers can get the job done. They are unpaid public servants of the highest order. We are most fortunate to live where volunteers carry the load, a burden that otherwise would be carried by taxpayers.

Let's remember to thank them when we see them around town:

Chief Ivan Line, assistant chief Milton Williams, president Rodney Tidwell, vice president Leslie Looney, secretary/treasurer Mark Short, chaplain Darrell Reece and public information office Lannie Lee;

Dan Hodges, Delbert Rudd, Bradley Cimental, Keith Bullard, Mario Luna, Barry Morris, Kelly Baker, Wayne Line, Chuck Morris, Daniel Yarbrow, Bobby Terry, Jason Powell and John Gearhart.

Museum offers Cowboy Christmas December 7

The Garza County Historical Museum will play host to a Cowboy Christmas Open House from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7.

The event will include the ribbon cuttings for several special exhibits, including three new rooms created to depict the ranching history of the area, which dates back to the late 1800s.

Another addition to be featured will be "the Little House," which was recently donated by the family of the late Mrs. Ruth Little as an extension to the museum. A collection of Mrs. Little's works as a pastelist, china painter and noted author also will be exhibited.

The open house will be open to the public.

Post Notes

Museum exhibit Saturday

A special museum exhibit will be highlighted at the Algerita Arts Center downtown Saturday, December 2 from 10 a.m., continuing during and after the parade. "Honoring our Organizations and Agencies in Post, Texas" is the theme. There are more than 56 organizations and agencies serving Post and Garza County.

SantaFest Saturday, Dec. 9

SantaFest 2000, a project to support Garza County United Way, will offer a wide variety of events and fun on Saturday, December 9 at the Post Rodeo Arena. The event will open at 9 a.m. and continue until dark. Events include story reading by "Mrs. Clause," Santa letter writing, Santa's Post Office with his elves, photos with Santa, food booths, face painting, cupcake walk, tortilla toss and pie throw. Tickets are \$1 for four activities or \$5 for 25 activities.

Science Fair at elementary school

Post Elementary School will display student science fair projects on Thursday, December 7 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The displays are open for anyone to view.

'December In our Town'

"December In Our Town" will be staged by Post Elementary School fourth and fifth grade music students at the elementary school auditorium December 7 at 7 pm. An invitation to everyone has been extended for the program.

Community Christmas Sing Dec. 13

The annual Community Christmas Sing will be held Wednesday, December 13 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Groups, choirs or individuals interested in participating in this Christmas event should call Patty Kirkpatrick at 495-2868 or the church office at 495-2942. Please call before Friday, Dec. 8 with your Christmas song selections.

Trailblazer bake sale Dec. 16

The Garza County Trailblazers will hold a bake sale Saturday, December 16 at United Supermarkets in Post to assist with funding for the inside of the new building.

Merry Christmas Greetings

The Post Dispatch annual "Merry Christmas" edition is now being prepared. Area businesses are encouraged to call Judy Bush to reserve an attractive "Merry Christmas" greeting for the special edition. Advertising rates are being discounted 20 percent for the special event. All advertising will also be aired on Post City Radio.

'Toys for Tots' applications

The Post Lions Club is accepting applications for this year's "Toys for Tots" program. Applications to receive the gifts may be obtained at Cellular Etc., Sheriff's Department or Fashion Cleaners. The deadline for completed applications is Dec. 15. There will be no exceptions to the deadline.

Donations needed for 'Toys for Tots'

The Post Lions Club needs donations for this year's "Toys for Tots" campaign. Send contributions to Post Lions Club, Box 694, Post, Texas. There are many young children who will not have Christmas gifts without our help.

Santa Letters deadline Dec. 15

The annual "Merry Christmas" edition of The Post Dispatch will be published Thursday, December 21, with a deadline for "Santa Letters" on Friday, December 15.



A Santa Fit for a President

Teresa Doggett (left) and Jackie Cruse put the finishing touches on a Texas Santa Claus destined for the Texas Governor's mansion in Austin. The J&T Designs special project will be displayed in the foyer at the governor's mansion.

Code enforcers collect big bucks from county travelers

by Wes Burnett

The two Justice of the Peace courts in Garza County reported collections of \$28,867.43 during October from cases related to traffic code violations.

The year-to-date total collections from corporate code violators on Garza County highways is \$320,561.64.

Acting as agents for the state, local code enforcers filed 184 cases in JP 1, where 103 of those cases resulted in payments for

code violations for a total of \$16,177.50.

JP 2 reported 67 cases with 51 of those paying \$12,689.93 in October.

Most, if not all of these victims of highway theft, have no idea

that they are part of a gigantic legislative scheme, which considers all who travel to be doing so within certain boundaries of an incorporated area, therefore the "subjects" are required to follow the corporation's rules.

The traffic code is one example of the corporate form of government imposed on Texans.

The "Transportation Code" is not even a law, it does not have the constitutionally required

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Sheriff waiting for toxicology test results

Local authorities are still awaiting the toxicology reports requested as part of the investigation into the Nov. 6 automobile collision that claimed the life of 20-year-old Justin Rudd.

As of mid-day Tuesday, the reports had not been received, according to an official with the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

According to reports, Rudd died as a result of injuries sustained in a collision between a 1988 Ford pickup in which he was a passenger and a 2000 Mitsubishi Eclipse driven by Cassandra Miller of Post. The accident occurred at approximately 2:50 p.m. at the intersection of 8th Street and Avenue Q.



Post school students can always count on special treats at the cafeteria during holidays. Last week the ladies at the school cafeteria were in the Thanksgiving holiday spirit. Dressing up for the occasion were (back row, left to right) Carmen Walls, Alma Espinoza, Debbie Line, Claudette Gill, Betsy Mathis, (front row) Necie Moreno, Marie Odom and Joyce Sewiert.

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Walls, Taguba exchange vows

Vicki Walls and Arthur Taguba were united in marriage Saturday, Nov. 18, 2000, in a 5 p.m. ceremony in Lubbock. Judge Jim Dulin officiated the ceremony. Parents of the bride are Bobby and Linda Green of Post. Parents of the groom are Tomas and Maria Taguba of Wahiawa, Hawaii. The bride is employed at Texas Tech University, and the bridegroom is co-owner of Aalon Salon. Following a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple will reside in Lubbock.



Mr and Mrs Arthur Taguba

Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

Well folks the shopping rush is on. I can not believe that Christmas is nearly here!! Speaking of Christmas, I'm going to take time to brag on my mom. She once again has outdone herself on her yard for Christmas this year. Now she tells us that she does all the decorating for her grandkids and great-grand kids but I know of course that she is just a big kid where Christmas is concerned. Thank goodness!



Mom will celebrate her 87th birthday December 11. She still works in her yard, decorates for every holiday and remains the solid foundation of our family.

So give your kids and yourself a treat. Go by and see Mom's yard. She lives at 810 Carprock and she will enjoy you going by to see it.

Get Well Betty

I just found out yesterday that Betty Posey has been in Covenant recently recovering from major surgery. I did not even know she was ill.

She is home now, not to perky yet, but I wanted her to know that she is in my prayers. Betty has always been there for so many people, serving with the EMS crew, so lets all let her know she is missed. Get well soon Betty, love ya!

Christmas Parade

Don't forget the Christmas parade this Saturday. I hear its gonna be a good one. There are lots of specials going on downtown along with Christmas Open House in several of the downtown merchants. So go enjoy!!

Get Well Update

Joe Williams is still in Lubbock at Covenant. He and Alma need everyone's prayers and send him a card. It will cheer them both up.

Backwoods Birth

Deep in the backwoods, the hillbilly's wife went into labor in the middle of the night, and the doctor was called to assist in the delivery. Since there was no electricity, the doctor handed the father-to-be a lantern and said, "Here, you hold this high so I can see what I'm doing."

Soon, a baby boy was brought into the world. "Whoa there," the doctor said, "Don't be in a rush to put the lantern down....I think there's another one coming." Sure enough, within minutes he had delivered a baby girl. "No, no, don't be in a great hurry to be putting down that lantern...it seems there's yet another one coming," cried the doctor.

The hillbilly scratched his head in bewilderment, and asked the doctor, "Do you think it's the light that's attractin' them?"

Birthdays

Friday, December 1: Zachery Rosales, Brant Guthrie and Kelli Martin. Saturday, December 2: Craig Lambert, Christin Collier, Minnie Lynch and Jerry Epley. Sunday, December 3: Donna Harden, Dustin Massey and Todd Terry. Monday, December 4: Ryan Babb, Barry Morris, Cynthia Colvin and Troy Nelson. Tuesday, December 5: Sara Alexander Parrott, Hubano Lopez, Ericka Solis, Amy Haynes, Donna Jones, Lanny Poe and Kysandre Harper; anniversary, Jr. and Sue Foster. Wednesday, December 6: Pat Cruse, Shawn Weathermon, T.J. Gaydos and Ivan Line. Thursday, December 7: Trent Nettles, Rita Mason and Don Davies.

Till Next Week

Guess that is all. Once again, remember the parade and the "goings on" downtown. May God bless each of you. See you next week.

*Happy Birthday Pa-Pa
Just wanted you to know
that even tho you're 60
You still "get up & go"
No more motorcycle,
it's a pick-up now
But you're just as "cool" as then
Cause you're my Pa Pa now!*

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Macee Mills elected president

Macee Mills, a Texas Tech University communication disorders major, was recently elected president of the Texas Gamma Chapter of Pi Beta Phi. She has been a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority since her first semester at Texas Tech, holding several offices.

She will serve as president during the 2001 school year.

Macee, a 1998 Post High School graduate, is the daughter of Larry and Kim Mills.

Macee Mills

Births

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Gossett

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Gossett opened her eyes on October 17, 2000 at 4:14 p.m. to see her mother and father, Jill and Edwin Gossett of Slaton. She weighed four pounds, 14 ounces and was 17 and 1/2 inches long. Her proud grandparents are Barbara Gossett and the late Sonny Gossett, Kaye Welborn of Bedford and Andy Welborn of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Great grandparents are Virginia Gentry of Slaton, the late Robert Mock, the late Vera Gossett, Kenneth and Helen Bellamy of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Welborn of Fort Worth.

Miranda Lapahie Fry

Jayson and Geri Fry of Post would like to announce the arrival of their daughter Miranda Lapahie Fry. She was born November 16, 2000 at 8:32 pm in Baptist Sr. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, Tx. She weighed 8 pounds, 16 ounces and was 20 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Arnold and Irene Fry of Post. Maternal grandparents are Nelson and Genevieve Lapahie of Sanostee, New Mexico. Great grandparents are Flora Fry and Herbert and Lois Walls, all of Post. Also in Post is Miranda's great-great grandfather, Pete Walls.

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Bridal Selection for Krista Kemp Warren

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119 North Avenue N ~ Post, Texas
cordially invites you to attend

A Cowboy Christmas Open House

December 7th ~6:00 PM-9:00PM
Special Exhibits ~Ribbon Cutting

Three new rooms created to depict the ranching history of the area, which began in the late 1800's.

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"The Little House", was recently donated by the family of the late Mrs. Ruth Little, as an extension of the museum. A collection of Mrs. Little's works as a pastelist, china painter, and noted author will be exhibited.

Announcing the first annual **Santa's Wish List** at **Main Street Mercantile**

Give Santa some ideas! Fill out your wish list and our elves will do the rest. Don't forget! We have just what you need to decorate your home for a festive holiday season.

Bridal Selections for Krista Kemp Warren

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Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

Advice About CEUs

We have had several calls and questions concerning pesticide license and CEU requirements. Maybe the following information will help clear up some of the confusion.

To help you meet the continuing education requirements of your pesticide applicator license or certificate, we make the following recommendations. Start early! Continuing education activities occur year-round across the state. You may not find affordable, convenient or sufficient numbers of opportunities if you wait until your license or certificate renewal deadline is near. Monitor the TDA list of approved recertification courses and training contacts.

It's available from the Certification and Training Division by calling 800-835-5832 (800-TELL-TDA) or 512-463-7622. The list, along with links to Internet-accessible CEUs, is also posted on the TDA website at: www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/ceuhome.htm Notify training contacts of your interest. They may be able to inform you when they have upcoming activities. Several commercial trainers offer courses exclusively for pesticide applicators.

In addition, CEUs are issued at many county programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Retain your Certificates of Completion. Although some commercial trainers may provide duplicate certificates, there is no recourse for lost certificates from the Extension Service. No single source provides cumulative tracking of all the CEUs that you acquire.

More about License Renewal Shortly before your license or certificate expires, you will receive an application for renewal from the Texas Department of Agriculture. (Be sure to notify TDA if your address has changed.) On the application, you must fill in information about the CEUs you've acquired. That's when you'll need to refer to your file for Certificates of Completion.

After you submit the application for renewal, your new license or certificate should arrive within three weeks. Keep your Certificates of Completion for one year following renewal. If you have questions, contact the TDA Certification and Training Division.

NOTE: If you exceed the total number of CEUs required, you may not apply surplus CEUs toward your next license or certificate. How many CEUs are required? Read on:

For Private Applicators: 15 CEUs every five years, including a minimum of 2 in Laws and Regulations, and 2 in Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Up to 10 CEUs may be obtained through TDA-approved home study programs.

For Commercial and Noncommercial Applicators: 5 CEUs annually, including at least 1 CEU each in two of three special topics: Laws and Regulations, IPM, and Drift Minimization. CEUs from TDA-approved home study may be used to recertify only every other year.

The next program offering CEUs sponsored by the Garza and Lynn County Extension offices will be a Water Conference December 12, 2000, at the Housing and Community Development Building at 1400 Avenue K in Tahoka. Registration is 8-8:20 a.m. and three (3) CEUs are being offered.

A Private Water Well Screening will be held in conjunction with the Water Conference December 12. The screening is designed to inform private water well owners and users on the condition of the well water of possible contamination from two common contaminants, fecal coliform and nitrate. The cost of the screening is \$4.00 per sample and the proper sample bags may be picked up at the Lynn or Garza County Extension offices. The samples need to be turned in to the respective Extension office by 12:00 Noon on Monday, December 11.

Programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.



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Extension Extras

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Hog Validation.....

...has been set for November 30 for any 4-H or FFA exhibitor planning to show swine at a major stock show. Southland FFA will validate at 2:00 p.m. at the Southland Vo-Ag department. Post FFA and Garza County 4-Hers will validate at 4:00 p.m. at the showbarn. If you cannot validate on this final date, you need to call your advisor and make arrangements for a prior date.

4-H Hog Project Selection

If you need assistance in purchasing a hog please call Greg Jones at 495-4400.

Turkey Shoot Slated

Come out win a Holiday Turkey at the Terry County 4-H Club Turkey Shoot, to be held Saturday December 2 beginning at 10:00 A.M. The location will be at Tokio about 16 miles west of Brownfield, south on CR125. Events will include something for all age groups including (1) Annie Oakley, (2) Doubles, (3) Jackpot, (4) Straight Trap and other contests such as, ALL LADIES ROUNDS and all YOUTH ONLY rounds if there is enough interest. Shooters need to bring their own gun and shells. A limited supply of shells will be

available for purchase on site. Concession stand will be sponsored by Terry County 4-H Clubs. For more information contact Terry County Office at 806-637-4060.

Showmanship Clinic/Livestock Quiz Bowl

All Garza County youth are encouraged to attend a Showmanship Clinic and Quiz Bowl December 9 at the GCJLA show barn. Demonstrations of proper showmanship techniques will be given prior to each of the following specie sessions: Goat exhibitors-9:00-10:30; Lambs-10:30-12:00; Hamburger Meal-12:00-1:00; Quiz Bowl-1:00-1:30; Steers-1:30-3:00; and Hogs-3:00-4:00. Each specie session will be divided into Junior and Senior age competition with awards going to the best showman in each division.

All youth need to make arrangements to bring an animal for the showmanship competition. Adult volunteers are needed for the hamburger meal donations will be taken at the meal. Each participant needs to bring \$2.00 per person per event to help cover the cost of the awards. For more information contact the Extension Office at 495-4400.



LaRinda Ledbetter

South Plains 4-Hers Receive Gold Star

LaRinda Ledbetter, along with approximately 36 outstanding 4-Hers from across the South Plains, was honored November 20 at the annual South Plains District Gold Star Banquet. LaRinda is the daughter of Bruce and Debbie Ledbetter of Post.

The Gold Star award is the highest honor 4-Hers can earn at the county level. It is a true mark of their 4-H achievements. 4-H is the youth development program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, part of the Texas A&M University System. A complete overview of Texas 4-H is available on the Internet at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>.

This year's banquet at the KoKo Palace in Lubbock was sponsored by Bailey County, Cap Rock, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Lamb County, Lea County, Lighthouse, Lyntegar, Big Country, South Plains and Swisher Electric Cooperatives.

Michael Powell, South Plains 4-H Council public relations chairman, was master of ceremonies. T'Leah Eicke, Scurry County 4-H council delegate, gave the invocation and Amber Keefer, South Plains 4-H Council first vice president, voiced the response.

Cienna Carthel, South Plains 4-H Council secretary-treasurer,



Raisins were once very expensive and were eaten only by the rich.

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Neighbor to Neighbor

by Sara Wagner, CEA-FCS

Turn Turkey Leftovers Into Turkey "Planned-overs"

Part of every Thanksgiving is leftover turkey. Everyone is prepared for the several days after Thanksgiving when turkey sandwiches or the original turkey meal is served. Why not change things up a bit and use your left over in a unique way?



Before planning to use your turkey leftovers, you must save them in a safe way. The following are a few tips for saving your holiday foods: - Chill leftover turkey right away. Place in small containers or packages for quick cooling. - Leftover turkey can be refrigerated for 3 - 4 days. Leftover stuffing and gravy should be used within 2 days. - You can freeze the leftover meat, wrapped tightly for one month. Gravy and stuffing can also be frozen for one month. - To freeze for longer periods, use the turkey in casseroles, soups or other prepared dishes that freeze well. Then you will have prepared meals freezer for those busy days.

The following are a few left over turkey recipes. I hope you try and enjoy them.

Turkey and Vegetable Potpie

1/2 15-ounce package ready-to-bake refrigerated pie crusts (1 crust) 1 1/2 teaspoons olive oil 1 medium-size onion, cut into large chunks 1 1/4 1/2-ounce can reduced-sodium chicken broth 3 medium-size (1/2 pound) carrots, peeled and cut crosswise into 1-inch pieces 2 large (1 pound) red potatoes, cut into 1/2-inch cubes 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper 1/2 teaspoon rubbed sage 1 cup frozen green peas 1 tablespoon cornstarch dissolved in 1 tablespoon water 2 cups shredded cooked turkey

1. Heat oven to 425 degrees F. Unfold crust and place on ungreased rimless baking sheet; with rolling pin, roll briefly to flatten any creases. With fork, generously pierce crust. Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until crust is golden brown. Set aside on baking sheet to cool.

2. Meanwhile, prepare filling: In 12-inch skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add onion and sauté 5 minutes. Add broth, carrots, potatoes, pepper, and sage; heat to boiling over medium-high heat. Cover and cook 15 minutes. Uncover and cook 5 minutes. Stir in peas and cornstarch mixture and cook, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens. Reduce heat to low and stir in turkey; cook just until mixture is heated through.

3. Carefully slide crust into skillet to cover filling. Let stand 5 minutes; serve.

South of the Border Casserole

2 cups cooked rice 4 oz can diced green chiles 16 oz jar medium picante sauce 2 - 3 cups cooked chicken or turkey, pulled into bite-sized pieces (use your fingers) 8 oz canned mushrooms (stems and pieces) 6 Tbsp sour cream

Place chicken or turkey in the bottom of a greased 1 1/2 quart casserole dish. Mix together picante sauce, chiles, and mushrooms. Spread all but 3/4 cup of mixture over chicken. Add sour cream and rice to remaining picante sauce mixture. Spread over mixture in casserole dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes, until hot and bubbly.

For other turkey leftover recipes you can go to <http://busycooks.about.com> and go to Holiday Leftovers? under Thanksgiving Dinner Shortcuts. From turkey quesadillas to turkey lasagna they have got it all. Enjoy your Thanksgiving and the leftovers!

County offers water well testing

Residents of Garza County will have an opportunity to have the water in their wells screened for bacteria, nitrates and salt on Dec. 11.

This is a voluntary, confidential, self-assessment program to help rural residents check the quality of their well water and learn how to reduce the pollution risks associated with water wells.

In addition to the screening, an informative program will be provided to help rural residents assess the risk of ground water pollution and describe best management practices that can help protect ground water. The program will be presented at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 12 at the Tahoka Housing Authority Center, 1400 Ave. K in Tahoka. The information to be presented was developed by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service as part of the Tex*A*Syst campaign.

The program will be presented by Dr. Monty Dozier of Texas A&M University. A meal will be provided with the program.

The screening is being conducted as a partnership effort between the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the WES-TEX Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area, the Big Country Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area, and the Texas Agriculture Extension Service.

Cost of the screening is \$4 per sample, which will cover the testing expense.

Samples to be screened need to be collected in a sterile container. Containers will be made available and may be picked up during office hours (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) either at the NRCS office, 210 W. Main, or the County Extension Office, 102 S. Ave. L. Samples must be turned in to either the NRCS staff or county agent no later than 4:30 p.m. Dec. 8.

For additional information, contact the NRCS office at Post at 495-2056, ext. 3 or the county agent's office at 495-4400.



POST

Lighted Christmas Parade

Saturday, Dec. 2, 2000

6 p.m. - Main Street

Sponsored by Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau and these businesses:

SouthwesternSM Public Service



Brady's Package Store

Coldest Beverages in Town!

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OS Museum

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Open House All Day Sat., Dec. 2
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TRADE DAYS



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TRUNK SHOW

Thursday November 30th
4:00 to 7:00

Main Street Mercantile is featuring the latest line of jewelry by Emily Ray. Please join us for our Christmas Open House also on Thursday November 30th 4:00 to 8:00.



231 East Main Street
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Obituaries

R.A. 'Shorty' Duncan

Services for R.A. 'Shorty' Duncan, 83 of Post were Sunday, November 26, 2000 at 3:00 P.M. in the Post Church of Christ. Paul D. Jones, minister, officiated and burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery in Post. Arrangements were under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.



Mr. Duncan died Friday, November 24, 2000 at the Golden Plains Care Center in Post.

Mr. Duncan was born May 4, 1917 to Frank and Ada (Sherman) Duncan at Trent. He attended school at Eskota and Trent. He married the former Vivian Gordon September 1, 1939 at Merkel. They made their first home in Trent and came to Post in August, 1958 and purchased the Dairy Hart. They later owned and operated Duncan's for 25 years. He worked for the Postex Cotton Mill for 17 years and also drove a school bus for Post ISD for several years. He was a member of the Post Church of Christ, having served as both a Deacon and Elder.

Survivors include his wife, one daughter: Bonnie McKay and son in law Rick McKay of Clayton, New Mexico. One brother: Earl Duncan of Plano and one sister: Clarice Blankenship of Hamlin. Two grandchildren: Todd McKay and Paige Lambeth and four great grandchildren: Hunter and Hannah McKay, Chad and Colton Lambeth.

Pallbearers were Jim Straun, Ted Tatum, Don Tatum, Charles McCook, John Gist and Del Wilson.

Glen Bratcher

Services for Glen Bratcher, 77, of Post were held Tuesday, November 28, 2000 at First Baptist Church in Post. Rev. Monroe Teeters officiated the service with Rev. Dennis Teeters assisting.



Burial was at Terrace Cemetery in Post under the direction of Justice-Mason Funeral Home. He died Saturday, Nov. 25, 2000 at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born June 6, 1923 in Nashville, Arkansas to Aaron Walter and Addie Lee (Powell) Bratcher. He came to Lynn County with his family to farm and attended school at Draw. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII in the American Theater and Asiatic Pacific Theater. After service he returned to Post. He married Anna Wessels on July 2, 1952 in Clovis, New Mexico, they made their home in Post. He worked many years in the oil industry and later owned and operated Post Pipe and Supply until his retirement. He was a Baptist and a lifetime member of the John Miller VFW Post 6297.

Survivors: Wife: Anna of Post, Two sons: Jerry of Post, Ronald and wife Deann of Loop, One daughter: Glenda Kenney of Missoula, MT; One Brother: A.W. and wife Joy Bratcher of Sterling City; Two sisters: Snowie Mae and husband Monroe Teeters of Big Spring, Ila Fae Mathis of San Angelo; One brother-in-law: Earl Luce Anderson of Iola, Tx;

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Pallbearers were Alvin Dean Murray, Kenneth Cook, Lance Mathis, Monk Palmer, Jimmy Jones and Cecil Martinez.

The family suggests memorials to the American Lung Association of Texas, P.O. Box 26460, Austin, Texas 78755-0460. Please call if you have any question, picture attached.

Dewey Chapman

Graveside services for Dewey Chapman, 94, of Post were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, 2000, in the Terrace Cemetery with the Rev. Billie Smith officiating, assisted by the Rev. Ken Horne. The Hudman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He died Friday, Nov. 24, in the Golden Plains Care Center.

Born June 14, 1906, in Abilene, he worked as a cowboy until his retirement. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include one nephew, Autry Chapman of Denver.

Febe Diaz

A prayer service for Febe Garza Diaz, 59, of Post was held Wednesday, November 29, 2000 at Hudman Funeral Home.

Services were at 3 p.m. Thursday, November 30 at Assembly De Dios Church with Rev. Leo Saenz officiating and Rev. Jose Payano assisting.

Burial was at Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home. She died Tuesday, November 28, 2000 at Covenant Medical Center. She was born Aug. 29, 1941 in Seguin. She married Jose Diaz on Nov. 10, 1973 in San Antonio.

She was a housewife and a member of Assembly De Dios Church.

Survivors include her husband, a daughter Orfa Diaz of Post; sons Jose Jr of Pensacola, Fla. and Obed of Fort Worth and brother Tito Garza of Greeley, Colo.

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The pitiful state of our elections

by Harry Browne

The Florida ballot fiasco has produced at least one valuable benefit: It has shown us exactly how government actually operates.

Almost everyone watching this news story can see that anyone with the power to affect the Florida outcome — the Secretary of State, the various judges, the many local election-board officials — is a Democrat or Republican who is acting according to his own partisan interest.

So the final outcome won't depend on "truth" or "justice" or "fairness" — but on the party affiliation of whoever turns out to be the person making the final decision. In other words, what should be a non-partisan, objective ruling will instead be a partisan, politically motivated decision.

Is that the way government should operate?

Perhaps not, but that's the way government does operate.

And that's the way government always operates.

In fact, if politicians will act in such a blatantly self-interested way as they have in Florida with the whole country watching them, imagine what they do when there's no press coverage of their decisions.

For example, we like to think Food and Drug Administration (FDA) officials have only your health and safety in mind when they decide what food or medicines they'll let you buy. But they are as politically motivated as any Florida election official.

The FDA has routinely kept life-saving medicines off the market for years until the bureaucrats were positive they could never be held responsible for a single death. While waiting for the FDA, tens of thousands of people have died for lack of the medicines — far more lives than the FDA could possibly claim to have saved.

People have suffered unnecessarily — or even died — with such problems as heart disease, depression, schizophrenia, kidney cancer, and epilepsy, just because FDA officials were afraid of the political consequences they would face if they made even a minor mistake.

Robert Goldberg of Brandeis University has estimated that FDA delays in approving drugs that were already used safely elsewhere in the world have caused at least 200,000 Americans to die over the past 30 years. These delays affected Alzheimer patients who weren't allowed to take THA, people with high blood pressure who couldn't take beta-blockers, those with kidney cancer who couldn't take Interleukin-2, and AIDS patients who died while the FDA pondered whether drugs like AZT were cost-effective.

Almost any medical doctor will tell you that taking a baby aspirin or drinking a glass of red wine every day helps reduce the threat of a heart attack. But the FDA has threatened aspirin makers and wineries with fines or imprisonment if they try to tell you that. Why? Because aspirin and wine could provide competition for industries that have better political connections.

The people who run the FDA — or any other government program — are politicians, appointed by other politicians for political purposes, just like the Florida election officials.

The nature of government is politics — the politics of winning and holding office, the politics of rewarding one's friends, the politics of punishing one's enemies, the politics of looking out for #1.

When George Bush and Al Gore propose a new prescription-drug program for senior citizens, they are actually proposing a new political boondoggle by which a new group of politically connected people can get rich, by which politically appointed bureaucrats will have more life-or-death authority over your health, by which a larger area of your life will be ruled by politics.

How can we remove politics from government?

We can't. And we should quit pretending we can. Instead, we should remove government itself from our lives wherever possible.

The way to make health care more efficient and more affordable is to take the government and politics out of it — not intrude politics further into it with Medicare reform, or with prescription-drug programs or a "Patient's Bill of Rights."

The way to make education more efficient is to take the government and politics out of it — not intrude politics further into it with more federal spending, or by giving the government control over private schools through vouchers, or with federal testing programs.

As Michael Cloud has pointed out, the problem isn't the abuse of power; it is the power to abuse. And the only relief is to remove from politicians the power to abuse us.

This is why Libertarians oppose every new government program — because we know each such program will be used to help those who are politically connected at the expense of those who have no political influence.

This is why Libertarians favor every reduction in government — because we know that the way to expand the power of each of us to control his own life is to take away from politicians the power to run our lives for their benefit.

If the Florida fiasco has helped people understand that what we think of as "government" is really politicians making political decisions for political purposes, we should all be grateful.

Harry Browne was the 2000 Libertarian presidential candidate. For more information about the party visit www.lp.org or call 800-682-1776.

And thereafter, Losing the Race

by Walter E. Williams

Here are just a few of the facts: One study asked middle-class black, white and Asian high school students what was the lowest grade their parents would tolerate their bringing home?

Asian students replied A-minus. Blacks said their parents would accept grades lower than both white and Asian students. Nationally, 74 percent of black students fail to graduate five years after entering college.

Black students have the lowest grade point averages both entering and leaving college. John H. McWhorter, a linguistics professor at UC-Berkeley, offers an explanation in his new book, "Losing the Race: Self-Sabotage in Black America." It's a culture of anti-intellectualism among blacks.

That's not a very flattering explanation, but to the extent that it has any truth it demands confrontation. McWhorter argues that black anti-intellectualism is a result of victimhood and separatism.

Black politicians, civil-rights leaders and white liberals have peddled victimhood to black youngsters, teaching them that racism is pervasive and no amount of individual effort can overcome racist barriers.

Peddling victimhood is not new. Booker T. Washington said: "There is a class of colored people who make a business of keeping the troubles, the wrongs and the hardships of the Negro race before the public. Some of these people do not want the Negro to lose his grievances, because they do not want to lose their jobs."

McWhorter says victimhood leads to separatism and anti-intellectualism follows from separatism out of a sense that educational excellence is a "white" endeavor. Thus, the "black Cult of Anti-intellectualism casts top scholarly achievement as treachery."

Black anti-intellectualism is not a poverty phenomenon. It is observed in sons and daughters of middle- and high-income blacks living in well-to-do neighborhoods attending good suburban schools.

McWhorter tells of typical experiences with his black Berkeley students: many do not attend classes, don't or poorly perform classroom assignments



and fail to show up for examinations. McWhorter is black, and even though he makes a special effort to help black students they don't use his generous office hours.

During my 33 years teaching, I've encountered similar experiences. I've aired my criticisms to black students, often getting the response, "Some white students do the same thing." I've typically responded by saying: "A white student goofing off might have a father who's a doctor, lawyer or CEO who can make a phone call to get him a job. Who does your father know?"

McWhorter doesn't argue there is no longer any racial discrimination in the United States, but racial discrimination is not the major problem for blacks today. Instead, it's self-sabotage — and he's right. Let's look at it. A black illegitimacy rate hovering around 70 percent is devastating but it's not caused by whites.

Black people have the nation's highest victimization rates for murder, assault, rape and other violent crimes, but it's not whites who are culpable. Black students have the nation's lowest academic achievement.

That can't be blamed on racism because academic achievement is the lowest in cities where the mayor, superintendent of schools, and most principals and teachers are black, such as Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and Detroit. Academic achievement is also the lowest where the most money is spent on education. Washington, D.C., ranks second in spending and ranks 49th in achievement.

John H. McWhorter's "Losing the Race" draws attention to serious problems that black Americans must confront. I, for one, have confidence that if black youngsters spent as much time and effort studying math and English as some of them spend playing basketball, they'd produce the same excellence in math and English.

The fact racism kept blacks out of college and professional basketball and football years ago doesn't stop us from today's domination. And the reason isn't affirmative action, it's excellence.

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GOP congressman upset over early call

by Vin Suprynowicz

Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La. and chairman of the House Commerce subcommittee on telecommunications, is hopping mad about those early network "calls" that had Al Gore winning the state of Florida as of 8 p.m. on election night, Nov. 7.

(The networks soon withdrew those projections, as the Bush ballot plurality mounted throughout the night.)

Such erroneous predictions of the outcome in the Sunshine state — which turns out after a week of re-counting to have favored George W. Bush by only a few hundred votes, thus making the Republican candidate our presumptive president-elect by the slimmest margin in living memory — may have discouraged Bush supporters in the Florida panhandle (which lies in the Central time zone, and where polls therefore closed an hour later) from bothering to go vote at all, the Republicans complain.

The Republican Leadership Council said Thursday it had commissioned a phone survey of more than 35,000 Panhandle voters, in which 2,380 Bush supporters said they decided not to vote after hearing that Gore had won the state.

This presents a "very disturbing picture, I think, of probable bias," the congressman says. And Rep. Tauzin isn't going to take this sitting down, either. He's going to hold hearings!

CNN Chairman Tom Johnson, in two letters to Tauzin Thursday, replied that he would name an independent advisory committee to look into what went wrong in the news network's election night coverage. But he added that "As chairman of CNN, I state categorically there was no intentional bias in the election night reporting."

"Intentional" is an interesting word. There's little doubt most of the East Coast press corps tend to vote Democratic, and would thus be less likely to exhibit a proper skepticism (subconsciously, at least) if the wavering election night totals showed a brief preference for Mr. Gore.

Rep. Tauzin sees further evidence for this theory in the fact that there were delays in calling nine states that Bush won by at least 6 percentage points, while there were no delays in calling any state that Gore carried by 6 percentage points.

But all this misses the real point.

To the extent that the networks refrain from projecting election results until most polling places have closed, they have done so (since about 1985) on the basis of voluntary restraint. No law requires this, nor should it, not could it ... so long as America enjoys its precious freedom of the press.

Television networks are not even required to pretend to be objective. If he so desired, Mr. Johnson could have gone on the tube at suppertime Nov. 7 with as histrionic a live editorial as he pleased, warning viewers that Satan himself would visit their homes and

steal away their children if they voted for George W. Bush. No law could prevent it, nor would Mr. Tauzin have had the slightest business huffing and puffing and threatening "hearings."

The reason the news media generally seek to maintain an appearance — and sometimes even the substance — of evenhandedness is because in a free market, viewers or readers are free to turn away and seek other sources if they believe they're not getting the straight dope.

Hundreds of thousands of American viewers are indeed showing increasing skepticism about the objectivity of the old "Big Four" networks — explaining precisely why so much of their viewer base is eroding to talk radio, the Internet, and even (gasp) the print media, which can offer so much more diverse a range of detailed background, analysis and commentary.

If 2,380 Bush supporters in the Florida panhandle really decided not to vote after hearing some guy on TV say he was "projecting" Mr. Gore had won their state, they're a bunch of dolts. Generations of our forefathers fought and died to preserve Americans' right to cast a vote as they see fit, and these folks stayed home and watched "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" ... or the Ellie Mae Clampett Bib Overall Beauty Pageant and Gator Rassing Finals, or whatever it is they watch out west of Panama City ... because some guy on TV told them not to bother?

The iron fist behind Rep. Tauzin's thinly-veiled threat to "hold hearings" is the regulatory power of the Federal Communications Commission, of course. The potential for such political blackmail making this just one more reason to banish the FCC entirely, restoring a truly free market to America's airwaves.

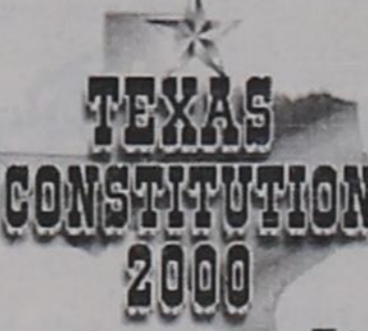
Let the networks alone. The sooner viewers realize they're on their own out there in the wide world of news consumption, the sooner they'll re-establish a healthy dose of skepticism about what they "heard on TV."

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"When great changes occur in history, when great principles are involved, as a rule the majority are wrong. The minority are right." — Eugene V. Debs (1855-1926)

"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



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Lady Lopes continue undefeated streak

The Post Lady Lope varsity basketball team is tearing up the courts early in the season, averaging 65 points per game and holding opponents to an average of 26 points.

"I know that sounds like we're doing okay," coach Ron Taylor said, "but I think we can make big improvements in our offensive game." Taylor said the Lady Lope defense is really outstanding.

"We still need to work on free throws," he added, "some games we can't miss, then other games we seem to be unable to hit them." The team is averaging about 35 percent from the free throw line.

Last week the Lady Lopes whacked Plains 69-12 and came back the next night at Sands with a 61-24 win.

David Gregory led the team with 16 points, followed by Manuela Hernandez with 12 and Kelly Moore with 10. Others scoring were Emily Smith (7), Yvonne Lopez (5), Vondi Gradine (4), Kenda Looney (4) and Meagan Mills (3).

The team opens up the Floydada Tournament with a Thursday, 10 a.m. tipoff with Crosbyton. A win would put them in action Friday at 4 p.m. against either Lockney or Clarendon. Other teams in the Floydada tourney are Smyer, Childress, Ralls and Floydada.



Brandon Bell (3) grabs a loose basketball for the Post Antelope varsity during the Plains game here last week. Justin Norman (44) is in on the play to help. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Lopes•Lopes•Lopes



Kelly Moore (21) takes the ball to the basket for the Post Lady Lopes during the 69-12 win over Plains here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Varsity boys pick up pace

Although they lost the game, coach Dane Vickers is pleased with the Post Antelope varsity basketball team in its performance against Plains. "You know, they're state ranked and one of the best teams around," Vickers said, "and we came from 17 points down at halftime to only two points toward the end of the game."

The 'Lopes weren't able to keep up at the end, losing 57-48 in the Monday, November 20 contest here. Tyrone Jefferson led the team with 12 points, followed by Michael Huff and Justin Norman at 10 each. Other scoring came from Jarrett Vickers (5), Clinton Curtis (4), Mitchell Mills (4), Raul Ortiz (2) and Brandon Bell (1).

At Sands on Tuesday, November 21 the 'Lopes ripped off a 59-33 win. "We were really pleased with this game," Vickers added. "Every player gave great effort, we're getting a better feel for basketball and improving. The coach was particularly pleased with the team's free throw, shooting 59 percent (13 of 22).

Scoring in the game were Jefferson (15), Huff (13), Ortiz (8), Vickers (7), Norman (5), Hector Reyna (4), Bell (4) and Brody Robertson (3).

The team was to take on Abernathy Tuesday (11/28/00) and travels to Floydada Thursday for the weekend tournament there. The 'Lopes open up with Crosbyton, tip-off at 11:30 a.m. Other teams in the tourney are Lockney, Clarendon, Childress, Ralls and Floydada.

The championship game will begin Saturday at 8:30 p.m.



Clinton Curtis (33) leaps over the heads of Plains defenders during action here last week. Raul Ortiz (55) gets ready for the rebound for the Post Antelope varsity basketball team. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

J.V. girls whip Sands

The Post Junior Varsity girls' basketball team overwhelmed Sands on November 21 with a 52-28 win. Regina Collazo ripped off 21 points to lead the team in scoring.

All players scored: LaRinda Ledbetter (9), Jessica Mason (7), Amanda Workman (4), Terri Curtis (3) and two each by Tana Starkey, Angela Hester, Jennifer Reiter and Taylor Starkey.

Worry often gives a small thing a big shadow.

—Peb Jackson

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J.V. boys win one

The Post junior varsity boys' basketball team pulled out a 44-37 win at Sands on Tuesday, November 21. "These guys came together and played well," coach Shawn Hasselhoff commented. "They continue to get better every week and they play tough defense."

John Eilenberger led the team with 15 points, followed by Ty Mason (11), Noah Gutierrez (8), Kenny Ratke (6) and Mitch Holly (4). They moved the ball well, which gave us a chance to look for the open shot and we took advantage of it," the coach added.

In the Monday, November 21 game here against Plains, the J.V. boys lost 31-22. Eilenberger led with nine points, followed by Ratke (6), Anthony Merrell (4), Brice Easterling (2) and Gutierrez (1).

The team lost a close game to the Anton JV squad November 17 by a score of 25-23.

Eilenberger led scoring with nine points, followed by Gutierrez with five and Ratke and Easterling with four points each. Mason scored one point.

"The guys played a great game on defense," said the coach. "They looked really good for a bunch of guys who had been playing football for the last 10 weeks."

The team enters the Ira tournament Thursday with a 3 p.m. tip-off against Borden County. Other teams include Sands, Coahoma, Andrews, San Angelo Central, San Angelo Lakeview, Grady and Ira.



LaRinda Ledbetter puts two points on the board for the Post Junior Varsity Lady Lopes during action here last week. (Photo by Bruce Ledbetter)



Davida Gregory takes the ball downcourt for the Post Lady Lopes in their win over Plains here last week. Making the fast break work are Kinda Looney (31) and Kelly Moore (21). (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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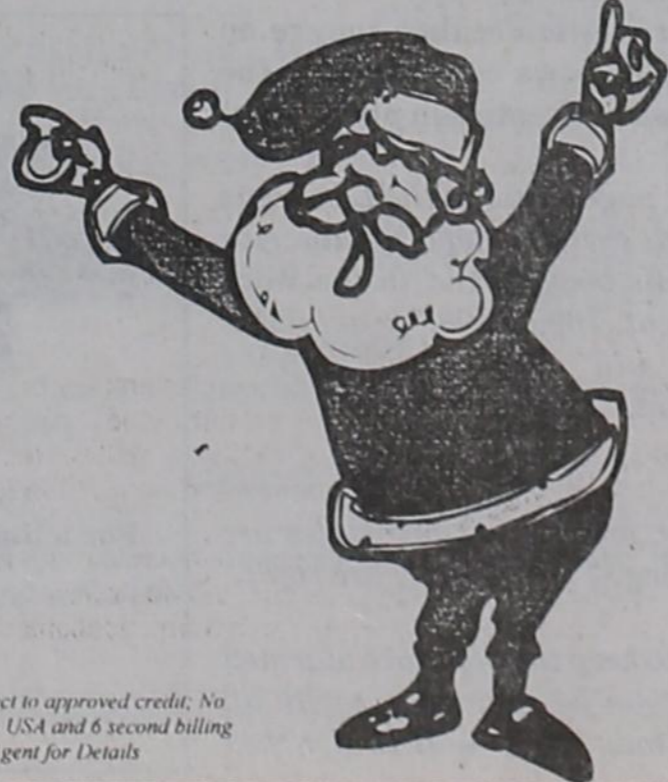
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Post firemen give up vacation for training

Three members of the Post Volunteer Fire Department gave a week of their vacation time this past summer in an effort to become better firemen and neighbors.

Municipal Fire Training was conducted at College Station and Brayton Fire Field just outside the city limits. Two of the volunteers attending were Mark Short and Kelly Line, who braved 100+ degree temperatures and high humidity to learn the safe and correct way to battle fires of all kinds.

Ivan Line, fire chief/marshal, attended classes in public speaking, citizen awareness and verbal communication in an effort to prevent rather than suppress fires.

The three were among thousands from across the state of Texas, several others states and even foreign firefighters who desire the best training available.

This was an additional sacrifice by local firefighters who already attend classes in Lubbock each year, as well as classes at College Station.

SPC offers internet classes

South Plains College will offer more than 20 courses via the Internet in addition to hundreds of traditionally-offered on-site classes for the spring 2001 semester.

"We offer courses through the Internet for persons who have access to a personal computer and who want to take college courses at their own pace," said Andrea Rangel, dean of admissions. Registration for Internet courses will be concurrent with regular spring registration.

The SPC Reese Center campus, 9730 Reese Blvd. in Lubbock, has scheduled spring registration 5:30-7:30 p.m. Jan. 8-9.

SPC Lubbock, 1302 Main in Lubbock, will hold spring registration 9-11 a.m. and 1:30-5:30 p.m. Jan. 10 for returning students enrolled in fall 2000 and 9 a.m.-noon and 3-6 p.m. Jan. 11 for students not enrolled in fall 2000. Registration is according to last name. Open registration is 6-7 p.m. Jan. 11.

SPC Levelland, 1401 S. College Avenue in Levelland, will have Financial Aid Award Day for pre-registered students receiving any type of financial aid 9-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-6:30 p.m. Jan. 10. SPC Levelland's spring registration will

be 9-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-6:30 p.m. A registration permit is required prior to evening registration beginning at 4 p.m.

Courses offered through the Internet on the SPC Levelland campus are Agricultural Finance, Cultural Anthropology, General Biology, Introduction to Computer Science, Developmental English, Composition I, Composition II, Technical Writing, World Literature I, World Literature II, American Literature, American Government, Fundamentals, History of U.S. Since 1876, Introduction to Criminal Justice, General Psychology, Human Growth and Development, Introduction to Sociology, Current Social Problems and Marriage and Family.

Internet courses offered at SPC Lubbock are Introduction to Keyboarding, Introduction to Visual Basic, Advanced Database and Introduction to Computer Science.

SPC's website at www.southplainscollege.com or by contacting SPC at 806-894-9611, ext. 2570 or 2375, SPC Lubbock at 747-0576, ext. 4606 or 4601, or the SPC Reese Center campus at 885-3048, ext. 2902. -000-

Traffic code violators...

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Secretary of State certification of publication as part of the statute. Perhaps that omission is based on the fact that there is no constitutional authority for corporate government to enforce corporate rules in violation of basic constitutional guarantees, such as liberty, the right of travel from one place to another.

Although most Texans think of themselves as free to move about as they wish, they discover their true status as corporate "citizens" once they become victimized by the corporation's policy enforcers.

The Texas transportation code is nothing more than a corporate policy, and since the State of Texas is a corporate subdivision of the incorporated U.S., then all who live or travel inside those boundaries are considered corporate subjects, bound to obey corporate policies.

One of those policies is the registration of privately owned modes of travel, such as cars and trucks. Once an individual voluntarily signs over ownership to the corporation (state), the driver or owner automatically agrees to abide by the rules of the real owner of the car or truck.

Notice that when you register your car or truck, you get a "certificate of title," not an actual title or manufacturer's certificate of origin. The real title is held by the real owner, in a vault somewhere in Austin.

Because of the extortionate expense of defending the right of travel in the corporation's court system, most Texans meekly submit to the extortion and voluntarily give up their right of travel by declaring themselves "motor vehicle" operators, through applications for certificates of title as well as "motor vehicle" licenses.

Although the Texas transportation code applies only to those people involved in commercial use of the highways, it is obvious that the vast majority of "criminals" tagged in highway traffic fines were paid by "volunteers." Very few, if any, of those victims realize that the cars and trucks they drive are not included in the regulations related to the transportation code, unless the original owner voluntarily submitted to the corporation policy.

The Texas Transportation Code defines commercial use of the highways as those carrying passengers or property for hire. Cars and trucks, which are not used for hire in carrying property or passengers, are not "motor vehicles" as defined by the code.

Carrying around a state driver's license is also a severe limit on freedom and liberty... that little piece of paper wrapped in plastic declares the holder to be an "operator of a motor vehicle."

So, when citizens voluntarily apply for a certificate of title to their "motor vehicle," they have placed themselves under the jurisdiction of the corporate (state) traffic laws, which can constitutionally only apply to those who voluntarily declare themselves owners of "motor vehicles."

The system is perpetuated by ignorance and the expensive fees required to defend against the highway theft program. Those who enforce the corporate rules have the full backing of legislative thieves and a judicial system that puts corporate rules above constitutional guarantees of individual rights.

Benefit helps Ronald McDonald house

Dillard's has announced its seventh annual fundraiser, "Make Christmas Magic and Help a Child," will benefit Ronald McDonald Houses in communities it serves.

Focus of this year's charitable project is an all-new CD and cassette featuring holiday music now on sale in all 345 Dillard's stores nationwide. And again this year, the company will be donating all profits from the sale of the music to Ronald McDonald Houses serving local communities in Texas, including Lubbock, Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Temple, Austin, Corpus Christi, Amarillo, Houston, El Paso, Galveston and Harlingen.

Dillard's already has donated more than \$2.2 million to Ronald McDonald Houses during past campaigns, according to Denise Mahaffy, vice president of advertising and product development for the company.

"While we're very pleased with this past support from our employees and


customers, we're really enthusiastic about assisting Ronald McDonald House Charities again this year."

Mahaffy said the general public can assist by stopping by a Dillard's store and purchasing several of the CDs and cassettes to complete their shopping lists.

"They make a great addition to the holiday spirit in two ways," she said. "While the music includes a great selection of Christmas songs by some of the country's top artists, everyone purchasing the CDs and cassettes also should have a good feeling that they are helping benefit local families in their time of need."

This year, Dillard's "Christmas Collection 2000" features 10 selections by all-time great artists, including Melissa Manchester, Ella Fitzgerald, Johnny Mathis and Mel Torme. The CDs and cassettes will be sold through Dec. 24 at Dillard's locations in the 29 states the company services. CDs cost \$7 and cassettes, \$5.

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How it get the name 'International!'

It was about 22 degrees at 5:00 in the morning and I was in short sleeves as I walked uphill to the terminal at the Lubbock International Airport. While I should have been thinking about how absolutely stupid I looked wearing that cotton-thin summer shirt, I was instead wondering how in the world this airport became designated "International." About 90% of the flights had either Dallas or Houston as their destination. Only the "company plane" listed nonstop flights to anywhere out of Texas! Besides, there isn't even a "Duty Free Shop" at LIA.

Interregional Airport would seem a more appropriate name. I suppose that name does not look as marketable to the folks trying to entice companies to relocate here, too parochial. Heaven forbid we reveal the wonderful truth about this part of the world. Namely, life is a little less frantic here. Our airport could survive everyone knowing right up front that it is but a gateway to our little corner of Earth. You can't accidentally get here on the plane. You have to be coming here on purpose.

Anyway that's what I was thinking about instead of worrying about looking stupid in the cold with short sleeves. I would worry all the time if I worried about looking stupid.

By golly, though, I wasn't going to look so stupid when we got off the plane in Mexico (after a layover at the real international airport in Dallas, complete with Duty Free Shops) where the temperature was 94 degrees. While these other leather-coated gringos were stewing in their perspiration waiting in the slow immigration lines, I would be as cool as a fresh pina colada. They would no doubt be wondering what I had done with my heavy coat as they lugged theirs around the airport. I might even get a few goosebumps under the air conditioner, just to rub it in.

Mexico in the winter makes sense. I had traveled there in the summer once, and that was practically suicidal. The need for water at some point exceeded the risk of drinking it. After that first drink the damage had already been done, or so I had rationalized, and subsequent ingestion's became easier. Before I knew it I was not thirsty any more. From then on I was not constantly on the lookout for bottled water at inflated prices.

Unfortunately I soon was on the lookout for restrooms. Not to "move my kidneys" as is heard in these parts, but to rid myself of the dreaded amoebae, more popularly known by tourists as the Revenge of Montazuma. Boy has he ever gotten even!

While some parts of Mexico have purified their water for the benefit of tourists and the much needed infusion of dollars that they bring, most of the country has water that will "get you" if you drink it. Even eating vegetables washed with it can be all it takes to introduce the little fellow to your GI tract. It is not harmful to the locals as they have adapted to it over time. Therefore, there is no real motivation for the country as a whole to worry about it.

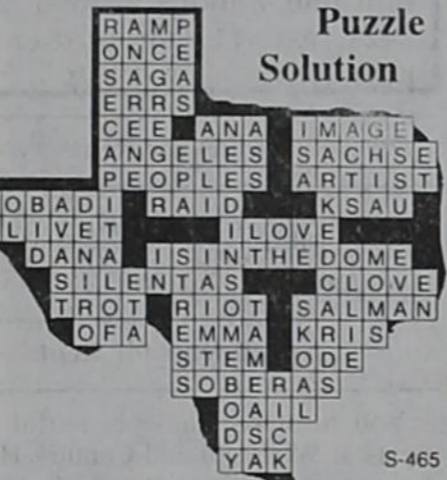
Fortunately it is relatively easy to treat. A one time dose of ciprofloxacin will do it in most cases. If you do get stuck down there in a remote setting without medication, you can get into real trouble due to the loss of body fluids. Drinking contaminated water to replenish losses only makes matters worse, but is often unavoidable until medication can be obtained. It's like being stranded at sea, surrounded by water but with nothing to drink.

Don't be afraid to go there. My family plans to make Puerto Vallarta a winter tradition. As vulnerable as I have felt visiting border towns, waiting to be pounced upon from some dark alley, I felt equally as safe in that area of Mexico. I'll tell you more about the trip later on.

Just be sure to as your doctor for some medicine to take along to treat the "amoebae" and the symptoms it produces. Remember, it's that first drink that will get you. Drink of water, that is. Thank you for spending this time with me.

Winston Whitt, MD

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Lunch Menus

- Trailblazers**
- Monday, December 4**
Pepper steak, rice, squash, salad, white roll and pumpkin cake.
- Tuesday, December 5**
Chicken livers, chicken strips, gravy, new potatoes, broccoli, tossed salad, hot roll and brownies.
- Wednesday, December 6**
Baked ham, navy beans, carrots and zucchini, salad, cornbread and cake.
- Thursday, December 7**
Catfish, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, cornbread and cherry cobbler.
- Friday, December 8**
Taco salad, pinto beans, tossed salad, tortilla chips and apricots..

- Post ISD**
- Monday, December 4**
Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, sausage link, fruit and choice of milk.
Lunch: Frito pie, Ranch Style beans, broccoli, cornbread, cobbler and choice of milk.
- Tuesday, December 5**
Breakfast: Biscuit and gravy, Canadian bacon, fruit and choice of milk.
Lunch: Chili Dog, French fries, mixed greens, ice cream and choice of milk.
- Wednesday, December 6**
Breakfast: Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit and choice of milk.
Lunch: Manwich, salad, peaches, cookie and choice of milk.
- Thursday, December 7**
Breakfast: Muffin, sausage, fruit and choice of milk.
Lunch: Fried chicken, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, pudding and choice of milk.
- Friday, December 8**
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, apple juice and white milk.
Lunch: Fish, macaroni and cheese, carrot sticks, peas, hushpuppies, strawberry short cake and choice of milk.

- Southland ISD**
- Monday, December 4**
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Hamburger steak, cream potatoes, green beans, rolls, gravy, jello and milk.
- Tuesday, December 5**
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, juice and milk.
Lunch: Polish sausage and sauerkraut, beans, cream potatoes and milk.
- Wednesday, December 6**
Breakfast: French toast, sausage, juice and milk.
Lunch: Lasagna, garlic toast, corn, salad, apple crisp and milk.
- Thursday, December 7**
Breakfast: Cereal, Graham crackers, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Nachos, salad, beans, jello and milk.
- Friday, December 8**
Breakfast: Bacon and egg burrito, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Cheeseburgers, hamburger salad, fries, ice cream and milk.

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.

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An invitation to enhance your Christmas Season by attending "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" at the Garza Theater in historic downtown Post, Texas. The play continues December 8, 9, 10, 15 and 16 for reservations phone 806-495-4005 (local call from Lubbock, Tahoka, Ralls, Crosbyton).
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God's blessings and my thanks to so many wonderful friends and neighbors who were here for me during my stay at Covenant. I thank you for the many prayers, the calls of encouragement and the love and support shown to me. The power of prayer is what got me

through this surgery as it was so much more than I thought it would be. My thanks for the cards, flowers and food since I have been home. Post may be a small rural town but Post people have hearts as big as Texas. I'm glad to be a part of the family of God that lives in Post, Texas USA. Betty and Gene Posey, David and Patricia

Thanks again to you for being there for me again while in the hospital and at home. For your prayers, flowers, visits, calls and cards. Special thanks to Don, Joyce, Ted and Barbara, my grandchildren and great grands for being there for me and staying with me in the hospital and at home. To our pastors, Buddy Payne and Paul Jones, you are always there too. To all my good neighbors and friends for all your encouraging words. For all the good food since I have been home, how could we make it without friends? May God bless you, as you have blessed me in so many ways.

Love, Modena Farmer
 The family of Justin Rudd wishes to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our friends and relatives for the many flowers, cards, food and prayers during the loss of our beloved son and brother. It is so hard to imagine that the life of one so young could touch the lives of so many.

It is your friendship and love that have made this loss bearable. Thank you for being there in our time of need. Elbert and Judy Rudd, Jan and Brent Hewitt, Jay and Tracy Rudd, Johanna Rudd, James Rudd, Opal Rudd, Billy Joe and Peggy Lofton

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Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

November 28 1990
10 Years Ago

"My Fair Lady" will be presented by Post High School students, under the direction of Candace McConnell, in two performances Thursday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Elementary School Auditorium. Tickets, which are \$3 per person, may be purchased at the high school or at the door.

Cast members in the PHS production are Mary Ann Cooper, Amber Little, Darren Wood, Stephanie Palmer, Dawna Poe, Jr. Ray Gonzales, Amanda Richardson, Tyra Hart, Jason Adams, Randy Britton, Cole LeBlanc, Sara Hodges, Sara Hudman, Katie Kemp, Krista Kemp, Michael Voss, Radley Nichols, Cody Collier, Mandi Sims, Lynette Graham, Wesley Anderson, Sara Alexander, Brandon Wilson, Shelley Haney, Danielle Cade, B.J. Hart and Scott Haynes.

Crew members are Barry Owen, Mario Tobias, Louis Almaguer, Elaine Valdez, Rene Martinez, Daniel Morales, Shawna Poe, Kim Cole, Sara Hudman, Lyssa Davenport, Misty Bartlett and Marilyn Bell.

Services for Charley Edward Williams, Sr., 86, were held Friday, November 23, 1990 at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Post. Officiating at the services were Mike Anthony of Fort Worth, Joel Horne, pastor of the First Baptist Church and Arthur Kelly, pastor of the Pleasant Home Baptist Church.

Williams died Tuesday, November 20, 1990 at Garza Memorial Hospital after an illness.

He was born February 1, 1904 in Rockwall County and was the son of O.A. Williams and Ellen Miller. He came to Post in 1919.

He married Henrietta Kennedy on November 11, 1924 in Post. She preceded him in death on June 30, 1975. He had been a member of the First Baptist Church for over 50 years.

November 24, 1980
20 Years Ago

Drew Kirkpatrick, quarterback for the Post Antelopes, underwent surgery Wednesday morning on his left arm.

EMT trainees had their extrication at the Post Middle School. They practiced carrying patients up and down stairs and removing victims from wrecked cars outside the school.

The all school play "Your a Good Man Charlie Brown" by all rights should be called a production instead of a play. It was a great success.

Mrs Eugenia Cross celebrates her 86th birthday in the Post Community Center.

The 1980 Post Lady Lopes team members are Tina Greene, Marinette Hays, Dee Dee Redman, Amy Thuet, Norma Samora, Lana Dunn, Darla Jackson, LuAnn Kennedy, Jerri Baumann, Doris Pringler and Holly Giddens.

November 26, 1970
30 Years Ago

Larry Bilberry, a Post High School senior, has been elected as one of the ten outstanding FFA members in Texas.

Mr and Mrs Glenn Wortham of Sweetwater were visitors in Post Sunday. She is the past state president of the Texas Jayceettes.

Darrell Wilke of Southland initiated in to the Texas Iota Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at Texas Tech.

Sue Cowdrey and Rusty Conner of Post were honored Monday night at the annual District Gold Star Award Banquet in Lubbock.

Duke Altman, a junior agricultural engineer of Post, has been awarded a Gifford-Hill-Western scholarship in Agricultural Engineering at Texas Tech University.

Nancy Hart was part of the South Plains College Livestock judging team that won championship honors.

November 24, 1960
40 Years Ago

Approximately 250 parents turned out last Thursday night for the Post PTA November meeting.

Mr and Mrs H.M. Ford celebrates 50th wedding anniversary Sunday. They were married November 24, 1910.

Dustin Sweeten, former Post resident, now of Billings, Montana is vacationing here. He is the son of Andrew "Buster" Sweeten, a native son of Post.

This weeks sports spotlight is Benny Schlehuber. He is guard for the Post Antelopes.

Fernie Reed returned home Saturday from a deer hunting trip to Ozona.

George Knox McLaurin of Amarillo visited his grandparents, Mr and Mrs George Duckworth, over the weekend.

Junior Becker, who has been in the service for the past two years, is home from Germany where he spent 18 months.

November 30, 1950
50 Years Ago

Mrs Willie Richardson and Mrs Preston Mathis spent the weekend in Leroy McCrary's home in Amarillo.

A singing was held in the Will Teaff home Tuesday night.

The D.C. Williams home was the scene of a deck supper. The game was the results of a hunting trip by Tom Power and Warren Yancey. Guests included the Powers, Yanceys, Williamses, and Mr and Mrs J.E. Parker.

Anne Mathis and Jeannette Storie had a great time in Amarillo visiting Anne's cousin, Bill McCrary.

Donnetta Ellis was crowned queen of the Southland's Harvest Festival. Her escort was Cecil Stolce.

Mr and Mrs L.P. Kennedy, Sr., celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary last Friday.

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Building Words—Take turns saying letters and building words. Someone starts with any letter, say the letter "R." The next person thinks of a word, such as rake, and says "A." The next person thinks of a word, such as rabbit, and says "B." Each player must have a real word in his or her head before speaking. If you challenge someone and they don't have a word, they're out.

Scavenger Hunts—Test your skills of observation. Look for one or two items at a time: (a green pickup truck, a farm animal) and work your way down the list. Each time your team finds something, everyone gets a treat, such as a snack, coin or their pick for the next meal stop.

The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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ACROSS

- wheelchair access
- TXism: "went to the well ___ too often"
- Michener's story of "Texas"
- shows humanity
- an average grade
- in Hidalgo Co:
- Santa ___ National Wildlife Refuge
- TXism: "spittin' of"
- TX Dickerson was a Los ___ Ram
- in NE Dallas Co.
- on MLK Day, a ___ March
- is held in Dallas
- painter Grandee was 1st official state
- TXism: "want it ___ could spit"
- the "Brownsville" happened in
- '06 near Ft. Brown
- Nacogdoches FM
- Fort Worth holds Memorial Day services annually at ___ Cemetery
- TX Willie's ___ the Life I Live"
- famed A&M coach ___ X Bible
- Gov. Ann T-shirt: "A woman's place ___"
- TXism: "___ a mummy's tomb"
- garlic bulb
- Dallas Thanksgiving run: "Turkey ___"

DOWN

- Tyler, TX: "___ the World"
- fictional town of "Texasville"
- in McLennan Co. on hwy. 84
- TXism: "two ___ in a pod"
- TX Pride's "___ Have to Offer You"
- Conway Twitty's "Somebody's ___"
- donkey
- TX Sly's "Everybody ___ Star"
- TXism: "branded acres"
- what TX Tommy Lee does
- VW: Karmann ___
- TXism: "me casa ___ casa"
- fed. smog monitor
- "Giant" actress (init.)
- TXism: "___ broke I can't change my mind"
- "good ___ boy"
- cattle auction action
- desist on a ship
- this Robert starred with TX Katherine Helmond in "Brazil"
- Rick Perry is ___ Gov. of TX
- TX Orbison's "___ Pretty Woman"
- ___ Day: WWII success in Europe
- TXism: "big biscuit ___ the pan" (boss)
- extreme pressure
- TXism for "intend"
- Hall-of-Fame TX halfback Matson
- May honorees
- ___ dale, TX
- DFW abbr.
- Rangers play-by-play man Eric (init.)
- TXism: "___ lap dog"
- smokeless tobacco popular in TX
- this Moranis starred with TX Martin in "My Blue Heaven"

The Post Dispatch Post City Radio



MR. AND MRS. J. A. STALLINGS
—(Photo courtesy Castel Studio)

Golden Wedding anniversary celebrated by Post couple

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stallings, 207 West 11th, observed their Golden Wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon when a large number of their friends and relatives called at the Community Room of the First National Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Stallings were married in Amarillo on Sunday, Nov. 6, 1910. They moved to Garza County in March 1916, but were

transferred to Lamesa in 1917 by the Santa Fe Railway, by which Mr. Stallings is still employed. From Lamesa they were transferred to Snyder, and in 1924 they again moved to Post and have lived here ever since. They have one son, James Stallings of Dallas, and one daughter, Mrs. Kathryn Durham of Lubbock.

From The Post Dispatch Nov. 10, 1960



ENJOYING THE CHRISTMAS lights downtown last week during Santa's arrival were (left to right) Kelcee Bratcher, Mike Reiter and Lori Jones. (Photo by Becky Warren)

From The Post Dispatch, Nov. 28, 1990



LAST WEEK OF "NUMBER PLEASE?"

Post's switchboard operators, shown above, begin their final week of handling local phone calls Thursday as the conversion dial is scheduled for late next Wednesday night. At that time, Post's phone patrons will begin dialing seven digit numbers automatically to place their calls and the girls above will receive termination pay and start looking for new jobs.

From The Post Dispatch Nov. 24, 1960

We salute our volunteer firemen!



Post Volunteer Firemen: (back row, left to right) Dan Hodges, Delbert Rudd, Bradley Cimental, (second row from back) Keith Bullard, Darrell Reece, Leslie Looney, Milton Williams, Mark Short, (third row from back) Mario Luna, Rodney Tidwell, Barry Morris, Lanny Lee, Kelly Baker, (front row) Ivan Line with his grandson Zachary Line, Wayne Line, Kelly Line and Chuck Morris. Not available for photo were Daniel Yarbrow, Bobby Terry and new firemen Jason Powell and John Gearhart.

Serving our community with sacrifice and dedication, we proudly salute our volunteer firemen!

Firefighter's Prayer

Help me, Lord, to be a good and dedicated firefighter.

Give me the STRENGTH to face the boredom as well as the fear.

Give me the WISDOM to make quick decisions and compassionate choices.

Give me the COURAGE to bear the responsibilities and duties of doing my job well.



The Firefighter's Maltese Cross

The eight-point Maltese Cross is the international symbol of the fire service's willingness to make great sacrifices in order to protect others from the ravages of fire. It is a badge of courage and honor and its story is hundreds of years old.

This honored symbol originated with a group of eleventh century knights who were serving in a Jerusalem hospital. They became known as the Order of Knights Hospitaller and later became the Knights of St. John. This charitable organization cared for the ill with great compassion.

Later, they assisted the Knights of the Crusades in their effort to win back the Holy Land. As the Knights of St. John and Knights of the Crusades attacked the city walls, the Saracens first threw glass bombs containing highly flammable liquids and then flaming torches. Many knights were severely burned, some suffering agonizing deaths. Risking horrible death, those knights who were able struggled desperately to help their burning comrades, beating out the flames and dragging them to safety. In acknowledgment of their heroic deeds of rescuing fellow knights and fighting fires, the cross which they wore was decorated and inscribed.

In 1530, the Island of Malta was given to the courageous knights. The symbol on their flag, the eight-point cross, became known as the "Maltese Cross". The cross, which had originally helped the knights distinguish between friend and foe, became the ultimate symbol of heroism and service. The cross, which is considered sacred, represents the principles of charity, loyalty, chivalry, gallantry, generosity to friend and foe, protection of the weak and dexterity in service.

Today, firefighters wear the Maltese Cross to symbolize their willingness to risk their lives to save others from the ravages of fire.

Maltese Cross research was compiled by Shirley Sheridan with the assistance of the following fire service chaplains:

Denny Burns, Dallas Fire Department
Wayne Collins, Houston Fire Department
Ed Stauffer, Retired, Fort Worth Fire Department

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Fire Facts: The United States has one of the worst fire death rates per capita in the industrialized world. Fire kills nearly 4,500 Americans every year -- more than all natural disasters combined. Another 30,000 people are injured. During an average year, more than 100 firefighters die protecting lives, property and wilderness areas, making firefighting one of the nation's most dangerous occupations.

Last year, the Post Volunteer Fire Department responded to 98 calls, including those outside of the city limits. Those calls included fires, jaws of life, lake rescue and flight for life assistance.

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