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Food Drive Helps feed needy

A food drive to help the needy in Garza County will continue through Saturday, December 7 at United Supermarket in Post. The "U Can Share" drive is designed to assist Post Cares, the local organization which provides food and essentials for the needy. The drive encourages the purchasing of a donation card for \$1, which will be displayed at United Supermarket, or donate canned goods for Post Cares. All proceeds will benefit Post Cares, which currently is in short supply of food items.



Milton Williams (right) was honored by the Post Volunteer Fire Department at its annual Christmas party Monday evening. Chief Darrell Reece (left) presented Williams a plaque recognizing his 20 years of service with the department. Williams retired from the fire department this year. Rookie firemen attending and recognized with a visit with Santa were Steven Henry, Roger Daugherty, Johnny Torres and Ken Finch.



Enjoying a visit to Old Mill Trade Days during the Thanksgiving weekend were (left to right) Al Moncrief, James Burnett, Meahgann Moncrief, Pat Burnett, Alyssa Dolberry, Thomas Moncrief, Kimberly Dolberry and Paula Moncrief. They came from Mesa, Arizona; Crowley, Denton and Pflugerville, Texas to take in the weekend fun. (Photo by Timothy W. Burnett)

Commissioners study land proposal near Lake Alan Henry

by Wes Burnett

The Garza County Commissioners' Court, at its regular meeting November 25, postponed a decision about purchasing land near Lake Alan Henry for the proposed emergency services building.

Commissioner Mike Sanchez recommended buying property owned by Clyde Cash near the entrance to the lake's public access road, with commissioners John Valdez and Mason McClellan suggesting that the offer for donated land in the North Ridge development nearby be accepted.

Lee Norman supported Sanchez' proposal. The court agreed to consider the matter at its next meeting December 9.

In other matters, the court approved an interlocal agreement with the City of Post to provide on-site sewage facility inspection services for septic tanks within the city limits.

A public assistance in the amount of \$92.07 was approved by the court for a citizen qualified under emergency assistance guidelines for help with utility services.

Commissioners also approved participation in the "Heritage Oak" tree project for planting an oak tree on the courthouse lawn. The project was presented to the court by Wanda Mitchell, who explained that the state-wide plan is to have a seedling from the Stephen F. Austin oak tree in Austin planted on every county courthouse lawn.

The donated tree will be planted in February, with a dedication ceremony tentatively set for March 3.

Dispatch to debut 'American Profile'

'American Profile,' a four-color national magazine with regionalized editorial content celebrating the interests, values and events of life in America's hometowns, will debut as a regular insert in The Post Dispatch Dec. 19.

Each edition of "American Profile" will include a broad range of regular features, including selections of Hometown Heroes, regional calendars of events, as well as stories on celebrations with hometown ties, health trends, entertainment, current issues and recipes. A special editorial feature of each issue is a profile of one of America's great hometowns.

"American Profile is one of the most exciting ideas for smaller newspapers that the industry has ever seen," said Dispatch publisher Wesley W. Burnett. "This full-color magazine will complement our local news coverage by providing editorial content that celebrates the people and places that make up our hometown. American Profile embraces the values and spirit of our readers, and we are pleased to bring it to them on a regular basis."

Until now, hometown and community newspapers have not had access to a magazine with quality content and production that meets or exceeds that of the Sunday magazines, said Dan Hammond, publisher and CEO of American Profile.

"Large market daily newspapers are well-served with the existing Sunday magazines, but weekly and small market dailies require fundamentally different approaches for editorial content, production and distribution," Hammond said. "We are focusing our efforts solely on these markets."

Big jury pool called by judge

Four hundred potential jurors have been summoned to appear for service in the 106th Judicial District Court of Garza County at 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 16.

"The court expects all potential jurors to appear in the Garza County courtroom on time," reads a release from District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht.

The only potential jurors excused from appearing are those who have notified the court of a legal disqualification or exemption, or those who have been excused from service on that particular day for a specific reason, the release states.

Any unexcused juror who fails to appear is subject to a contempt action punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000. Any individual who fails to comply with the summons may be brought to the courtroom by the sheriff or a constable.

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Post Notes

"North Pole Exposure" December 10

The Post Elementary School fourth and fifth grade Christmas play "North Pole Exposure" will be presented Tuesday, December 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the school's auditorium. The science fair is from 6 to 7 p.m. also on December 10.

VFW Ladies' Auxiliary Christmas Party

The Post VFW Ladies' Auxiliary will hold its regular meeting and Christmas party December 9 at 6 p.m. in the VFW Hall on the Clairmont Hwy. The event will feature a salad supper and exchanging of gifts.

Lions Club accepts applications for toys

The annual Post Lions Club "Toys for Tots" program is accepting applications from those who need help with toys for children at Christmas time. Applications are available at Fashion Cleaners or Post City Communications CellularOne. Deadline for applications for assistance is December 10.

Lighted Christmas Parade Dec. 7

Santa Claus is coming to Post for the annual Lighted Christmas Parade on historic Main Street, December 7 at 6 p.m. The Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau will award \$1,000 in prizes for float entries: first place, \$500; second place, \$300 and third place, \$100. The remainder will be donated to a local charity. Send entries to the bureau at P.O. Box 610, Post, Texas 79356 or call 495-3461. All entries must be lighted.

Antelope Booster Club Cookbook

The Antelope Booster Club is preparing a cookbook and seeks help gathering recipes. Information forms for the cookbook are available at the high school. The forms should be returned to Amy Easterling or any Antelope Booster Club member no later than December 6. Cookbooks will be available to purchase in time for Mother's Day.

Methodist youth taking orders for donuts

The First United Methodist youth are taking orders for Krispy Kreme donuts, with a December 10 deadline for orders. The donuts are \$6 per dozen and may be picked up Saturday, December 14 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the church's fellowship hall. Orders may be placed by calling 495-3739 or 495-2371. Proceeds will be used to fund the youth ski trip during spring break.

Community Christmas Sing Dec. 11

The annual Community Christmas Sing will be held Wednesday, December 11 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 216 W. 10th St. Any group, choir or individual interested in participating should contact Patty Kirkpatrick at 495-2868 or the Methodist Church office at 495-2942. The event is sponsored by the Post Ministerial Alliance.

Santa Letter deadline Dec. 13

December 13 is the deadline for "Letters to Santa," a popular feature in The Post Dispatch's annual Merry Christmas edition. Letters may be mailed to The Post Dispatch at P.O. Box 490, Post, Texas 79356 or dropped off at the office, 123 E. Main. There is a convenient letter slot in the front door when the office is closed.

Free computer training offered here

The Post-Garza Community Network is sponsoring free computer training to Post and Garza County citizens. Input from local citizens is needed to create fun and interesting classes. Classes can accommodate up to 20 students. Contact Shellee Odom at 495-3343 or send e-mail to sdodom@post.k12.tx.us to suggest what kind of classes are most useful and interesting.

Church youth offer deer sausage supper

The Family Harvest Church youth are offering a "bean, deer sausage and cornbread" supper as a fund raiser for their upcoming ski trip. The dinner will be at the Post Community Center December 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. Call 495-5052 for take-out orders.

Gail Toys for Tots

The drop-off point for Toys for Tots in the Gail area (Buckner's Children's Home) will again be in the Borden County courthouse. Toys and gifts for youths ages toddler through 18 must be deposited by Dec. 17.

VFW sets VA Hospital visit Dec. 19

Members of the Post VFW and Ladies' Auxiliary will host a Christmas party at the VA Hospital in Big Spring December 19. The caravan will leave Post at 5 p.m. Cookies or cake donations would be appreciated. Call Janet Ratliff at 495-2026 or any other member.

Post Dispatch "Merry Christmas" edition

The Post Dispatch will publish its annual "Merry Christmas" edition on Monday, December 23. Deadline for the special edition is Friday, December 20 at noon. The edition will feature the popular "Letters to Santa" from area children. Special advertising rates for Christmas greeting advertisements are also available, call Kerri Dean at 495-2816 to reserve space.

VFW hosts children's Christmas party

The Post VFW is hosting a children's Christmas party and visit with Santa December 21 at the VFW Hall from 2 to 4 p.m. Punch and cookies will be served and bags of fruit and candy will be given away.

A Cowboy Christmas at Garza Theatre

"A Cowboy Christmas" written and directed by Tim McIntire, will be presented at the Garza Theatre December 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 20 and 21. Cast members are Joe Bass, Mark Martin, David Johnson, Clent Hill, Eric Reyna, Jay Young, Inez Seaborn, Stacy Bocko, Travis Garland, Charles Grair, Tuti Wales, Tianna Reyna and Zachery Kocurek. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

Holiday Bells at OS Museum

"Holiday Bells are Ringing" at the OS Museum during its special Christmas exhibit. On display are nativities, creches, Old World Santas and other unique Christmas season collections. The exhibit continues through January 30. There is no admission fee. The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

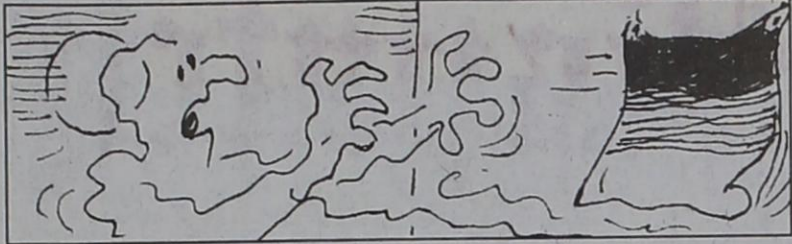
CCA Awards Banquet Dec. 10

The Caprock Cultural Associations' annual awards banquet will be held Tuesday, December 10 at 7 p.m. at the Algerita Arts Center. The event will feature "Post Tasters," samples of specialties from Post eateries. Call 495-4148 for reservations. The cost is \$8 per plate.

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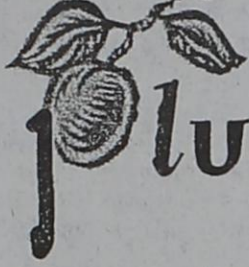
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Friday, Dec. 6

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Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I don't know if you are stuffed from the turkey and dressing or if you decided to join the swarms and go shopping, whichever I hope you had fun.



BUSH GATHERING

Rick and I had a houseful Thursday, and enjoyed every minute of it. Visiting in our home: Fannie Ballentine, Kevin, Devron and Lexi Crispin of Strawn, RayDon, Jana and Raylea Underwood, of Gail, "Jibber" and Cindy Herridge of Gail, Steven, Amanda, Alison and Ethan Quisenberry of Lubbock, Lucille Bush, Mack and Jane Terry, Robby, Kerri, Kaylyn, Kylee and Kenley Dean, Krisha and Zachary Bush and Kelly, Corina, Colby, Paige, Eric and Monique of Lubbock. I will let everyone know that Jane is still in her cast following her surgery on the nerve in her arm, so she got a well deserved break from the kitchen this Thanksgiving. Rick enjoyed having their family combined with ours.

BURNETT HOME

Wes and Pat Burnett also had a big gathering this year. Visiting in their home were sons, James of Pflugerville, Timothy of Denton, Pat's sister Fay Mann and Fay's daughter Paula Kay Moncrief, her husband Al Moncrief and their children Meahgann and Thomas all of Crowley. About 3:30 p.m., Pat and Wes received a nice surprise when daughter Kimberly and her two daughters Alyssa and Lindsey, all of Mesa, Arizona, rang the doorbell. They were quite unexpected but a delightful addition to the bunch. On Wednesday, Pat, Fay, Paula, Meagann and Thomas made a quick trip to Silverton, Texas to visit Pat's maternal Aunt LaVerne Mercer and Uncle Aubrey Rowell.

LIGHTS OF 84

I don't know how many of you were in town Wednesday and Sunday night, but the traffic was unreal. The headlights were a constant stream. Kinda makes you shudder when you start thinking about the construction soon to start! I also know that had to be a boom for our "highway" business folks.

SPEAKING OF BUSINESS

Richard Cisneros has a new business in Post. As a matter of fact, he is in the same building with Jimmy and Delores Redman. "The Dent Company" is a welcome addition to Post, congratulations Richard.

NEIL DIAMOND

There are a number of Post folks that attended the Neil Diamond concert in Lubbock last night. If I were a betting person, I would bet that Pat Burnett and Kay Hays were on the front row cheering him on. They both are DIED in the wool fans and have both been known to travel a few miles to see him.

TO ME FROM FERG

A blond was sitting in her history class when the professor asked her if she knew what the Roe v. Wade decision was. She sat there for quite awhile pondering this profound question and finally sighed and said, "I think that is the decision George Washington made prior to crossing the Delaware."

If you don't learn from your mistakes, there's no use making them. Open House I would like to use this means to invite you to the Christmas Open house that Jane and I have planned for Friday, December 6, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. for Cellular One and CoCaRa's Downtown. We would be delighted to see you!

Also, The Frame Shop will have their Christmas open house Saturday, 9am through parade time. Citizens Bank will celebrate open house, Wednesday, December 18, 9am until 3 p.m. with refreshments and Wells Fargo will also have their open house on the 18, 9am until 3 p.m. with refreshments and door prizes. If all of these wonderful open house events don't get you in the holiday mood, well I just don't know!!!

From Chunky I know that you all remember "Chunky" Johnson. Chunky graduated with me in 65, and he is very dear to me. He sent the following to me and I just had to share it. I have been guilty of looking at others my own age and thinking... surely I cannot look that old...

I'm sure you have done the same... You may enjoy this short story. While waiting for my first appointment in the reception room of a new dentist, I noticed his certificate, which bore his full name. Suddenly, I remembered that a tall, handsome boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 40 years ago.

Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was too old to have been my classmate. After he

Lance Cpl Solis reports for duty

Marine Corps Reserve Lance Cpl. Gene G. Solis of Post recently reported for duty with the 6th Motor Transportation Battalion, 4th Force Service Support Group, in Lubbock.

We are all of us guinea pigs in the laboratory of God. Humanity is just a work in progress.
—Tennessee Williams

had examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended the local high school. "yes", he replied. "When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "In 1965." "Why you were in my class!" I exclaimed. He looked at my closely and then asked, "What did you teach?" Thank you Chunky. Happy Birthday I want to wish a very happy birthday to Donna Jones, Thursday, December 5th.

Donna puts together the "Yesteryears" each week for you.

Also, Cynthia Colvin celebrated her birthday the day before, so happy birthday to both of these good friends.

Till Next Week Well, guess I will close it down for another week. Don't forget to plan for the Lighted Christmas Parade at 6 p.m. on December 7. May God bless you and happy holidays. Judy

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My father taught me to work; he did not teach me to love it. —Abraham Lincoln



Traven Laurence was one of the recent United Way Pretty Baby Contest Winners.



Happy 1st Birthday Angelique Love from Mom, Dad & Grandmother



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

Extension Extras

EPC - FCS Committee Meeting

The Extension Program Council Family and Consumer Science Committee will meet Thursday, December 5, at Noon at the Extension office. Please bring a sack lunch.

EPC Annual Meeting/Commissioners' Luncheon

The Extension Program Council (EPC) annual meeting will be held December 9, 2002, at the Extension office at 215 West Main in Post. All Program Area Committee members and the Executive Board are invited to attend beginning at 12:00 Noon. The County Commissioners' Court will be recognized for their support of the Extension program in Garza County. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by Noon Friday, December 6, 2002, at 495-4400.

Ag Irrigation Conference

An Ag Irrigation conference will be held in Tahoka December 17, 2002, at "The Center". All interested producers make plans to attend. More on this conference later.

Showmanship Clinic/Livestock Quiz Bowl

A Showmanship Clinic and Livestock Quiz Bowl will be held Saturday, December 14, 2002, at the show barn. All 4-H and FFA exhibitors are invited to attend. Schedule: 10:00 a.m.-Goats; 11:00 a.m.-Lambs; 1:00 p.m.-Quiz Bowl; 2:00 p.m.-Hogs; 3:00 p.m.-Steers. Bring your livestock. Post Senior 4-H Club will have a concession stand throughout the day.

GCJLA Work Day Saturday

The Garza County Junior Livestock Association will have a workday at the show barn to fix up and cleanup in preparation for the stock show to be held January 15-18, 2003. All members, youth and adults involved in showing livestock please try to come and help. Bring your brooms, rakes, shovels, hammers, etc.

Menus

Post ISD

December 9: Breakfast - Muffin, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch - nachos supreme, salad, fruit cocktail, cookie, milk
December 10: Breakfast - Cinnamon toast, sausage, fruit, milk
Lunch - Burrito, salad, pears, snicker bar, milk
December 11: Breakfast - Oatmeal, toast, fruit, bacon, milk
Lunch - Pizza, salad, corn, peaches, milk
December 12: Breakfast - Cowboy bread, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch - Fried chicken, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello, milk
December 13: Breakfast - Cereal, toast, fruit, apple juice, milk
Lunch - Chili dog, french fries, mixed greens, cake, milk

Garza Trailblazers

December 9 - Chicken pot pie, italian vegetables, tossed salad, hot roll, banana pudding
December 10 - Spaghetti, zucchini, cuc/on, salad, garlic bread, apple dessert
December 11 - Brisket, scalloped potatoes, fried okra, sliced tomatoes, wheat roll, apricot cobbler
December 12 - Cubed steak, w/gravy, pasta, broccoli, wheat roll, peach shortcake
December 13 - Turkey dressing, green beans, mashed potatoes, wheat roll, pumpkin dessert

WTC spring registration information

Western Texas College in Snyder will conduct spring registration in the WTC gymnasium Jan. 13.

The following schedule will be observed:

- Sophomores (30+ hours) - 8:30 a.m., last names A-F; 9:30 a.m., last names G-I; 10:30 a.m., last names P-Z
- Freshmen (0-29 hours) - 1:30 p.m., last names A-F; 2:30 p.m., last names G-O; and 3:30 p.m., last names P-Z
- Evening (any students) - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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For more information or a complete class schedule, call 673-8511 or toll-free, 1-888-GO-TO-WTC.

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Rain, rain, more rain...

Since giving up farming and selling my cows over 40 years ago, and advancing into the oil field and dirt construction, rain is normally not in heavy demand. Although it is intirely understandable that rain is necessary in ever part of the world just to keep Mother Nature ticking, at this point in time, I personally have had enough for now.

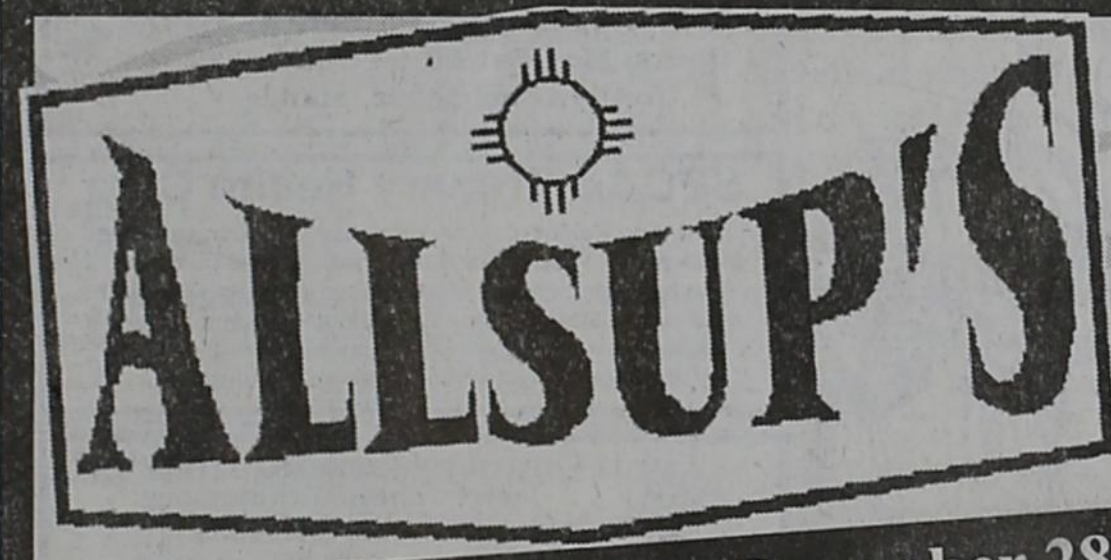
God I hope understands, that if I am gonna give 10 percent, along about right now, his weekly income is fixin ta drop dramatically. Now God knows I ain't putting a threat on him, but he has gotta understand... no work... no 10 percent.

But then I must always remember... on days like this, only a few years ago, I could always find some money, and give 100 percent to the beer joints and liquor stores. Believe me, today would be a perfect day to do just that, but one day at a time.

I believe I may look around and see if there is somewhere I can just give 10 percent of my time to something worthwhile. After 28 months of surviving a few bad days, there is no need in blowin it now.

Now, God, please understand, I've about had all your rainin I need.... But then, you go ahead and do whatever you gotta do. I'll take whatever you send down here and at least act like I like it.

As I see it and my opinion only,
O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson



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Obituaries

Annie Caffey Hodges

Annie Caffey Hodges was born October 22, 1913 to Thomas and Mary Caffey in Anson, Texas. She left this life Monday, December 2, 2002.

The family moved to Post, Texas January 1, 1926 when she was 13 years of age. She attended Post High School, as well as the First Baptist Church.

She and Ray Hodges eloped November 15, 1935 and were married at Tahoka, Texas by the Reverend George Dale. The marriage was announced at Christmas that year. Annie and Ray were farmers and ranchers five miles north of Post for over 50 years. They moved to Midland on November 22, 1992.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, a daughter, Doris Ann, four brothers and two sisters.

Annie is survived by her daughters, Gwen West and husband Bill of Midland, TX; Lois Morris and husband Jerry of Clarendon, TX; six grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren; sister, Mary Brandon of Tahoka, TX; brother, Gene Caffey of Lubbock, TX.

Graveside services have been scheduled for 3:00 P.M. Wednesday December 4, 2002 at Terrace Cemetery, Post, Texas with Annie's great-grandson Nathan Pinkerton officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Hwy. Midland, Texas.



Joy Brock Parker

Services for Joy Brock Parker, 98, of Lubbock, formerly of Post, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, 2002, at the First United Methodist Church in Post with the Rev. Elizabeth Abraham and the Rev. Lloyd Stice officiating. Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, Nov. 26, at University Medical Center.

Born June 29, 1904, in Lingleville, Texas, to John and Roxi Brock, she grew up in Siloam Springs, Ark., and attended John Brown College. She moved to Fort Worth to work at The Fair and to Post where she was employed by the Bryant-Link Company. She married J.E. Parker July 11, 1926, at the First Methodist Church in Lubbock. He preceded her in death June 21, 1976. She lived in Post from 1925 until 1985 when she moved to the Carillon in Lubbock.

A lifelong member of the Methodist Church, she was a member of the Berean Sunday School Class in Post, as well as a board member and choir member. She joined the First United Methodist Church in Lubbock in 1985 where she was a member of the 50/50 Sunday School Class. She was honored as Woman of the Year in Post in 1962 after she was instrumental in organizing the Garza Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She also was active in many civic organizations in Post.

Survivors include one daughter, Iris Parker of Lubbock; 11 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews, including Holmes Parker McLish of Denver, whom she raised.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Dorothy Thomas, in March 1992.



The family has suggested memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church of either Post or Lubbock.

Pallbearers were Clark Wood, Jim Thomas, Judson Clark, Trey Wood, Brad Hanes and Austin Wimberley. Honorary pallbearers were Bob Collier, Preston Poole and Percy Parsons.

Mary Elizabeth Forrester

A memorial service for Mary Elizabeth Forrester of Florence, Oregon, formerly of Post, will be held at a later date.

She died Nov. 6, 2002, in Seattle.

Born March 12, 1915, to William Bennett Markley and Narnie Bardwell in Post, her father helped C.W. Post establish the Post community in the early 1900s. The family then moved to Arkansas to take up farming, followed by another move to Marionville, Missouri. She married Efton Maxwell Forrester Dec. 24, 1938.

The couple moved to Eugene, Oregon, where both were employed in the printing business. They retired to Florence, Oregon. After her husband preceded her in death, she built a home overlooking the Florence community and the historic Siu Slaw Bridge.

A member of the printers and typesetters union, the Rolling Elks, the Ladies of the Elks and the Sierra Club, she was an avid seamstress, gardener and photographer.

Survivors include two sons, William D. Forrester and Michael L. Forrester, both of Seattle; two grandsons, William Bennett Forrester of Seattle and Jay Donald Forrester of Sacramento, Calif.; two great-grandchildren, Samantha and Alexander Forrester of Sacramento; and a nephew, Gary Markley of Corvallis, Oregon.

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Abolish the welfare state

by Wes Burnett
 In his new book, "Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State," Sheldon Richman sheds profound insight into how America devolved from a land of freedom and liberty to a land of welfare and theft of property.

He has acutely and bravely called for the complete abolition of the welfare state and the use of force to strip people of their property and earnings. Here's an example of how Richman brilliantly exposes the evil and immoral depravity that suffocates Americans today:

"Morally speaking, there is no justification for continuing the institutionalized theft that constitutes the welfare state's forced transfer.

"Most important, abolition of the welfare state will remove the tethers that prevent individuals from living completely human lives, for human beings survive and prosper essentially through reason, and for reason to function in its fullness, human beings must be free from aggressive force (and fraud). This in the end is a matter of morality. Morality is about value and virtue." (Page 133).

"We can take care of ourselves, untethered, through voluntary association for mutual benefit. Anything less only diminishes us as human beings."

Here's what others are saying about Richman's contribution to enlightenment for our time:

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IF THE PILGRIMS LANDED TODAY



Non-politically correct thinking

by Walter E. Williams



There're lots of terms used in ways that have great emotional worth but little analytical value. Take the term discrimination. When selecting a wife, some 43 years ago, not every woman was given an equal opportunity.

I discriminated against white, Chinese and Japanese women, not to mention criminal women. You say, "Williams, that kind of discrimination is OK because it's harmless!" That's untrue.

When I married, other women were harmed. The only way that I couldn't have harmed other women was to be a man that only one woman would want. Sometimes, I'm tempted by the ideals of equal opportunity and non-discrimination, but Mrs. Williams insists otherwise.

Discrimination simply means the act of choice. Speaking of Mrs. Williams, early in our marriage she used to angrily charge, "You're using me Walter!" I'd tell her that of course I was using her. After all, who in their right mind would marry a person for whom they had no use?

In fact, another way of looking at the problem of people who can't find marriage partners is that they can't find somebody to use them. One never wants to be useless. How about the expression, "It's not right to profit from the misfortune of others."

That's utter nonsense that's easily revealed if we ask: Should there be a law against profiting from the misfortune of others? I'm guessing that auto collision shop owners are not saddened by predictions of ice storms. Neither are orthopedic physicians when people break a limb in a skiing accident.

I profit from the fact that students are ignorant of economics. So should we have a law banning profiting from the misfortune of others? What about prejudice and stereotyping? Going to the word's Latin root, to pre-judge simply means: making decisions on the basis of incomplete information.

Here's an example: Suppose leaving your workplace you see a full-grown tiger standing outside the door. Most people would

endeavor to leave the area in great dispatch. That prediction isn't all that interesting, but the question why is. Is your decision to run based on any detailed information about that particular tiger, or is it based on tiger folklore and how you've seen other tigers behaving?

It's probably the latter. You simply pre-judge that tiger; you stereotype him. If you didn't pre-judge and stereotype that tiger, you'd endeavor to obtain more information, like petting him on the head and doing other friendly things to determine whether he's dangerous.

Most people would quickly calculate that the likely cost of an additional unit of information about the tiger exceeds any benefit and wouldn't bother to seek additional information. In other words, all they need to know is he's a tiger. Similarly, sometimes it makes sense to use sex and race stereotypes.

If I'm faced with choosing among people who could become soldiers and succeed in a 20-mile forced march carrying 60 pounds of equipment, I'd assign a higher likelihood that men would succeed more so than women.

Or, choosing among the general population who is more likely to be able to slam-dunk a basketball, I'd choose a black over a white and surely men over women. If I were guessing the race of an American most likely to win a Nobel Prize in science, I'd select a Jew over any other ethnic group.

In none of these cases is there necessarily a causal relationship, but there's surely an associative one. Moreover, pre-judging and stereotyping doesn't necessarily make one a sexist or racist.

You say, "Williams, how can you get away with such political incorrectness?" It's easy. I'm a tenured professor, and I have diversified sources of income — plus, I don't have much longer in this world.

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The lessons of our first Thanksgiving

by Sartell Prentice Jr.

Our American Thanksgiving Day is a unique holiday, a day set aside by presidential proclamation so that we may thank our Heavenly Father for the bountiful gifts He has bestowed on us during the year. It is also a day dedicated to the family, the basic unit of our American society, the core and center around which all else in America revolves.

This, too, is in accord with our basic religious faith, for the Commandment has come down to us to "honor thy father and thy mother." And so, from wherever we may be, North, South, East, or West, we Americans travel, sometimes great distances, back to the family hearth, to be present at the traditional family reunion and feast on Thanksgiving Day.

But Thanksgiving Day has still another meaning; on this day we are asked to remember what Edmund Burke, in one of the most eloquent phrases to be found in all literature, described as "that little speck, scarce visible in the mass of national interest, a small seminal principle, rather than a formed body" — the tiny vessel, more accurately to be described as a "cockleshell," the Mayflower, and its hundred passengers, men, women, and children, who sailed on her.

Twelve years earlier, in 1608, they had fled from religious persecution in England and established a new home in Holland. Despite the warm welcome extended by the Dutch, as contrasted with the persecutions they had endured in England, their love for their homeland impelled them to seek English soil on which to raise their children, English soil on which they would be free to worship God in their own way.

Finally, the Pilgrims landed, as we all know, on Plymouth Rock in the middle of December 1620, and on Christmas Day, in the words of Governor William Bradford, they "began to erect ye first house for commune use to receive them and their goods." So was established the first English colony in New England.

Three years later, when the plentiful harvest of 1623 had been gathered in, the Pilgrims "sett aparte a day of thanksgiving." But what of the intervening years? After all, there were harvests gathered in 1621 and 1622.

I know of one family, descended from the Pilgrims, who place beside each plate at their bounteous table on Thanksgiving Day a little paper cup containing just three kernels of corn, as a constant reminder of the all too frequent days during these first three years when three kernels of corn represented the daily food ration of their Pilgrim forebears.... Three years of near starvation — and then

decades of abundance.

Was this a miracle? Or is there a rational explanation for this sudden change in the fortunes of our Pilgrim forefathers?... The new policy of allowing each to "plant for his own partiucler" produced such a harvest that fall that Governor Bradford was able to write: "By this time harvest was come, and in stead of famine, now God gave them plentie, and ye face of things was changed, to ye rejoycing of ye harts of many, for which they blessed God.

And ye effect of their particular planting was well seene, for all had, one way or other, pretty well to bring ye year aboute, and some of ye abler sorte and more industrious had to spare, and sell to others, so as any generall wante or famine hath not been amongst them since to this day."

Our first Thanksgiving, therefore, should be interpreted as an expression of gratitude to God, not so much for the great harvest itself, as for granting the grateful Pilgrims the perception to grasp and apply the great universal principle that produced that great harvest: Each individual is entitled to the fruits of his own labor.

Property rights are, therefore, inseparable from human rights. If man abides by this law, he will reap abundance; if he violates this law, suffering, starvation, and death will follow, as night the day. This is the essential meaning of the two great Commandments, "Thou shalt not covet" and "Thou shalt not steal."

The discovery and application of this concept of individual property rights, derived from the Creator, was the real "seminal principle" so eloquently phrased by the great English statesman and orator, Edmund Burke. As it developed from this tiny seed into a "formed body," it became the cornerstone of our Declaration of Independence and of our Constitution, and produced the extraordinary explosion of individual human energy that took place in nineteenth century America.

In England, meanwhile, farming "in common" continued to be the general practice for another hundred years. Not until the second decade of the seventeenth hundreds did "setting crops for their partiucler" begin slowly to be accepted in England — and decades were to pass before the new practice became sufficiently widespread to provide an adequate food supply for the population.

As recently as 1844, an English writer thus describes the conditions which then existed: "Full one third of our population [in the United Kingdom] subsist entirely, or rather starve, upon potatoes alone, another third have, in addition to this edible, oaten or inferior wheaten bread, with one or two meals of fat pork, or the refuse of

the shambles [slaughterhouses], per week; while a considerable majority of the remaining third seldom are able to procure an ample daily supply of good butcher's meat or obtain the luxury of poultry from year to year."

"On the continent of Europe, population is still in worse condition...." No country was ever more "underdeveloped" than the wilderness of New England on which our Pilgrim forebears set foot. The majority of those who landed from the Mayflower in December 1620 perished prior to that first great harvest of 1623. For two years they followed the age-old custom prevalent in England of "farming in common" — and they starved.

Through suffering, starvation, and hardship, they learned and applied the fundamental of freedom — and, instead of starvation, they grew crops sufficient not only for their own needs, but to spare, enabling them to exchange their surplus with the Indians for beaver and other "furs"... Is America, today, still abiding by these principles?

Not only is the answer "No!" but there is evidence on every hand that we are re-enacting the very mistakes our Pilgrim Fathers made during their first years of "farming in common," mistakes which produced nought but disaster, re-enacting in the New World the age-old miseries of constant hunger and starvation that continued to plague the Old World for some two centuries....

Our present tax structure is a case in point. Its aim is not to finance the costs of strictly limited government, but rather to reform society, to remold our lives, and to redistribute our wealth according to the ideas of economic and social planners dedicated to the socialization, the communization, of our once free America.

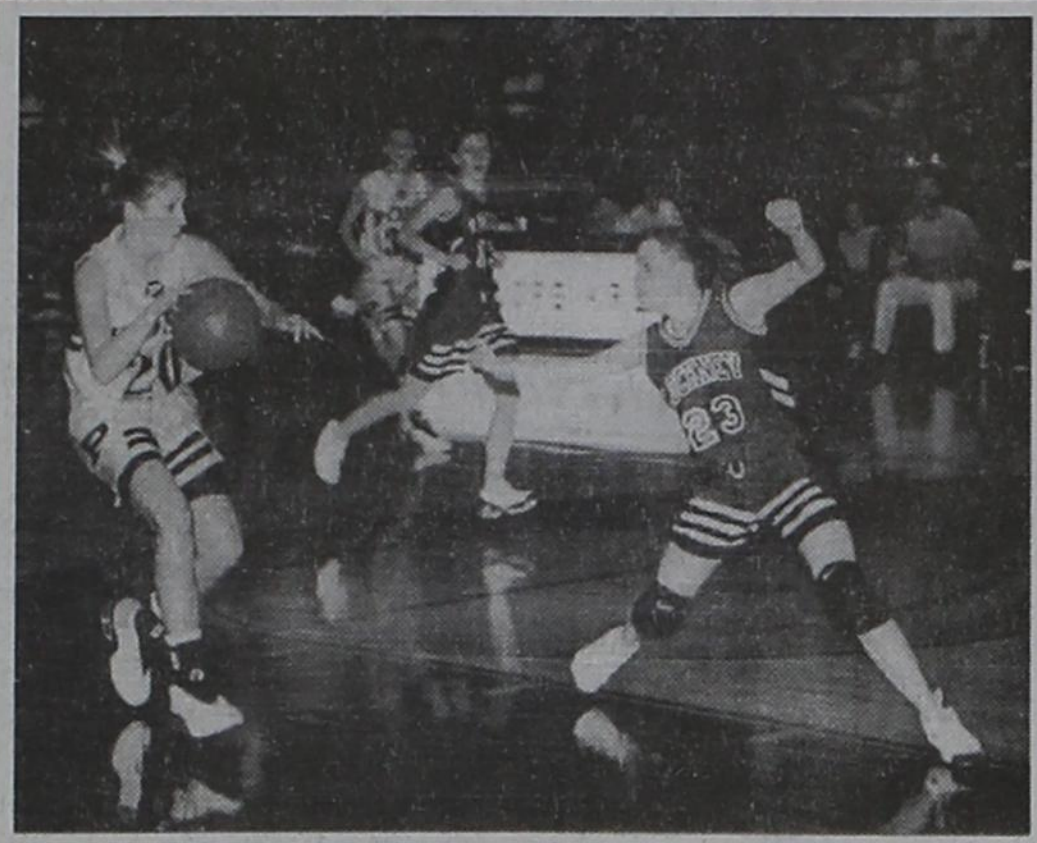
As a consequence, we are now supporting vast armies of government bureaucrats who swarm over the land — and over much of the world — devouring our substance like a plague of locusts.... As a consequence, we are compelled to contribute from the fruits of our labor billions of dollars of subsidies and handouts granted by politicians in their endless search for votes and personal power....

Then, this Thanksgiving Day, let us highly resolve to dedicate our lives, as individuals, to "planting for our particular" ... to a renewed application of the ideal of individual freedom and individual responsibility, which our Pilgrim forebears learned at such sacrifice, and which they passed down to us as our most precious heritage.

Sartell Prentice Jr. was an economist and writer. This is an excerpt from a piece that originally appeared in Volume VII of *Essays on Liberty*, published by The Foundation for Economic Education in 1960.

Sports

Lady Lopes outgun Lockney 55-49



Kaycee Gorman (20) brings the ball up court for the Post Lady Lopes during their win here last week over Lockney. The Lady Lopes will compete at this weekend's Coyote Christmas Tournament at Borden County. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

The Post High School Lady Lopes rolled past Lockney last week in a 55-49 game.

Post jumped out to an early lead, outscoring Lockney 14-9 in the first period. The team carried a 27-24 lead into the half and bested Lockney in an 18-10 shootout in the third period. The final quarter saw Post score 10 to Lockney's 15, but the Lady Lopes were able to hang on for the win. "The girls played extremely well," the coach said. "Anytime you can beat a top 20 team you have to play well."

The game was won, the coach said, at the free throw line, with Post hitting 25-33 for 76 percent.

Nikki Norman led scoring for Post with 15 points (5-6 in free throws), followed by Tayler Starkey with 14 (6-8) and Brittney Courtney with 12 (4-4). Jessica Mason had six points in the game (4-7), Kaycee Gorman had four points (2-2), Donae Dalby had three points (3-4) and Patricia Hester scored a single point (1-2).

The win puts the team's overall season standings at 2-3.

J.V. Ladies edged by Lockney

The Post junior varsity girls dropped a close game to Lockney's JV last week 29-22.

The game remained close throughout the first three periods, with Lockney leading 4-2 at the close of the first period and Post carrying a one-point lead into the half. Lockney outscored Post by two in the third, but reved up to outshoot the Lady Lopes by six points in the final period.

"We played good enough defensively to win, but we struggled with our shooting and did not put enough points on the board," said Coach Jerry White.

Courtney Short led scoring for Post with five points, while Laurel Tatum had four points. Kayla Dunn and Lyndee Strawn each scored three points, and Jenee Lott and Kayla Morris had two points apiece. Traci Nelson scored a single point.

The loss dropped the team's overall season record to 4-3.

8th grade girls win 28-22

The middle school eighth grade girls grabbed a 28-22 win over Idalou last week.

Scoring was knotted 6-6 at the close of the first period and Idalou led 20-18 at the half, but the Lady Lopes turned up the offense to earn the win in the final two quarters.

Sarah Kirkpatrick led scoring for Post with 10 points, followed by Larissa Halford with nine. Jackie Hays had four points, Rachel Gray, three points, and Gabby Paiz, two points.

"We were hit with foul trouble early on in the game," the coach said. "The girls came back the second half and played like the team that they are. They had a 10-point fourth quarter vs. Idalou's four-point fourth quarter."

"The girls just did a great job adjusting to different situations throughout the game. Our free throw percentage improved from last game to 67 percent. Larissa Halford and Sarah Kirkpatrick were 100 percent from the line."

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Dec. 5-7	Sands Tourney	JVB, JVG
Dec. 10	Coahoma @ Coahoma	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Dec. 12-14	I-27 Tourney @ Abernathy	VG, VB
Dec. 16	Plains @ Post	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Dec. 20	Roscoe @ Post	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Dec. 26-28	Bold Gold Holiday Classic	VB, VG
Dec. 31	Abernathy @ Post	JVB, VB
Jan. 3	* New Deal @ New Deal	JVG, VG
Jan. 3	Anton @ Post	JVB, VB
Jan. 7	* Shallowater @ Shallowater	JVG, VG
Jan. 10	* Idalou @ Post	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 14	* Tahoka @ Tahoka	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 17	* Roosevelt @ Post	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 21	* New Deal @ Post	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 24	* Shallowater @ Post	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 28	* Idalou @ Idalou	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Feb. 4	* Roosevelt @ Roosevelt	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Feb. 7	* New Deal @ New Deal	JVB, VB
Feb. 11	* Shallowater @ Shallowater	JVB, VB



Nikki Norman (33) shows her style with another two points for the Post Lady Lopes in their win last week against Lockney. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Jett Lott fights for a rebound in the Post Antelope varsity's first basketball game this season. The Lopes took a 45-37 loss to Lockney here. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Varsity 'Lopes open basketball season against Lockney

The Post Antelope varsity basketball team opened its 2002 season last week with a 47-35 loss to Lockney here. "The boys played a good game," coach Dane Vickers said, "and they played hard. We're working on getting the ball up the floor quicker, and cutting down on turnovers."

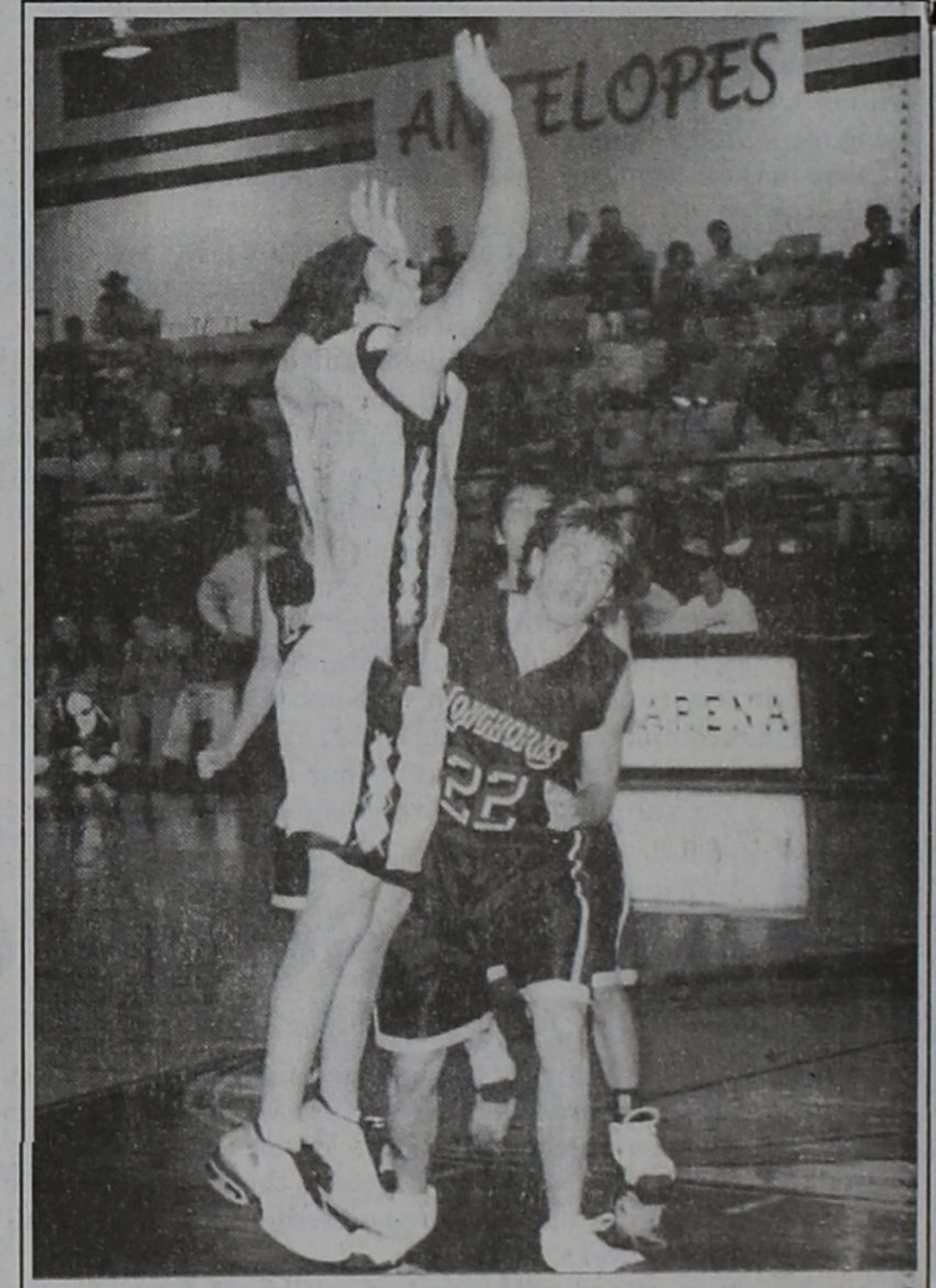
The 'Lopes has only practiced one week prior to the opening basketball game, with most players exchanging football uniforms from a play-off season.

Jarrett Vickers led the team in scoring with 14 points, followed by Mitchell Mills with nine. Jett Lott collected six points, with three each by Jerrison Moore and Jerrad Grisham, rounded off with two points by Brice Easterling.

"The players are learning their roles on the team," coach Vickers added, "and we're going to see improvements each week."

The team travels to Borden County this weekend to participate in the Coyote Christmas Tournament. The 'Lopes open up competition Thursday morning at 11 a.m. against the Borden County J.V.

A win Thursday morning would put the 'Lopes in a Thursday afternoon matchup with the winner of the Meadow-Lubbock Christian game. The tournament continues Friday and Saturday.



Jarrett Vickers goes over the top of Lackney defenders for the Post Antelopes in last week's opener here. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

7th grade girls lose 22-17

Post Middle School's seventh grade girls lost a 22-17 game to Idalou last week.

Idalou jumped out to an 8-4 lead in the first quarter and extended that lead to 22-11 at the half. Idalou dominated offensively throughout the game to ensure the win.

Lead scorer for Post was Tamara Raymundo with six points. Samantha Hoover had five points, while Lauren Gonzales, Brenna Postell and Madison Mason each scored two points.

"I saw an improvement overall from last week's game" the coach said. "The defense and offense looked better, but we are not scoring off of our offense and defense."

"Madison Mason and Samantha Hoover played a great defensive game. Tamara Raymundo also provided a great offensive performance. Things are coming together more, and I look for better things against Tahoka."

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A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
by Tumbleweed Smith

Under the Chinaberry tree



When I was growing up in Fort Worth, my parents visited their brothers and sisters in Athens and Canton. My mother's sister, Hattie, lived in the country just outside Canton.

On summer afternoons, my mother, her sisters Ethel and Effie would gather under a big chinaberry tree in Hattie's yard and shell peas. Mostly the shelling was an excuse to visit. The conversation was about family and neighbors, mostly. There was plenty of laughter.

The vision of my mother and her three sisters sitting in cane bottom chairs in the shade of that big dark green tree is extremely strong in my memory. The picture of Aunt Hattie's house is as clear in my mind as if they were still there today and I was a small boy watching them from a feather bed on the screen porch.

The ground around the house was hard packed earth. They swept it with tree branches that were loaded with leaves. Aunt Hattie's husband Henry

grew his own tobacco and smoked it in the evenings while sitting in their front porch swing.

Uncle Henry, my dad and I went squirrel hunting in the woods nearby. My cousin Sherman had a beautiful silver BB gun that was the envy of all his friends. Their water came from a well. A shelf was attached to the side of the house where we dipped water from a bucket with a gourd and washed our hands with a bar of soap next to a bowl we filled with water to rinse.

The outhouse was in the middle of a field behind the house. The path leading to the outhouse then down to the spring passed by a huge fig tree that always had the best tasting fruit.

They kept their milk in a jar with a small rope on the top of it that allowed them to raise the jar from its cool spot in the spring. I've never seen water so clear. You could look into the water and see white sand that looked like whipped cream.

Aunt Hattie washed her clothes outside in a black pot over a fire. The barn was small and made of old weathered boards. It seems like there were always some fresh peanuts in the barn, still clinging to their vines. We feasted on those frequently.

All these East Texas memories prompted me to write a book about East Texas folkways. It's titled "UNDER THE CHINABERRY TREE" and is published by Eakin Press in Austin (eakinpress.com). Actually, the book had its origin eight years ago in Salt Lake City where I conducted a seminar during a meeting of the National Oral History Association.

During one of the meals I sat next to a man from the University of

Mississippi press who told me they were doing a series of books on folklore of the South and were wanting someone to do a book about East Texas. He asked me to do it. I wrote on the book for a few years, putting it up at times to do different things.

The people in Mississippi were looking for a scholarly work and kept asking me to do more research. I tired of that and decided to forego doing a scholarly work and decided to write something that was fun. Eakin Press showed interest in my book and it's out now. I'm very pleased. It covers things like overalls, pigs feet, scarecrows, sunbonnets, cotton fields, the smoke house, East Texas stories, characters and places.

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Christmas Cactus

Christmas Cactus (*Schlumbergera bridgesii*) is a favorite holiday season house plant, but one which needs careful attention to details if it is to live and flower again the next year.

It is closely related to Easter Cactus (*Schlumbergera gaertneri*) and Thanksgiving Cactus (*Schlumbergera truncatus*), all with fleshy, flattened, segmented joints and showy flowers ranging in color from white through pink, red and purple. These are cacti which in nature live in the crotches of jungle trees, and benefit from light, porous soil mixed with leafmold and sand.

When the flowering period is finished, an active growth period will commence. Keep the plant in a sheltered place until danger of freezing is over.

Water carefully, keeping in mind that over-watering is the major cause of failure with Christmas cactus. Soak the potting medium when watering, then allow the plant to become almost dry before watering again. (When the plant is put outside during warmer weather, it will be easier to keep if placed on the porch, or in a situation where it will not be soaked with rainwater over a period of several days).

Fertilize with a water-soluble 20-20-20 fertilizer with trace elements while in an active growth stage. Occasionally, leach out excess fertilizer salts with plain water.

Christmas Cactus will thrive in a well-drained, sterile potting medium high in organic material. A little sand may be mixed with the medium to provide weight, important as the cactus increases in size. A pH of 5.5 to 6.2 is considered optimum for growth.

Although a temperature of 70 - 80 degrees F during the growing season is considered ideal, plants will tolerate Texas-type temperatures in the 90 to 100 degrees F range, although growth may be slower.

Reduce water and fertilizer in August in preparation for the beginning of bud development, which is regulated by the shortening of fall days, along with cooler night temperatures. By late October and early November buds should be in evidence. Help to maintain bud set by adequate watering, taking care not to expose the plant to cold drafts, unvented heaters, or rough handling. Night temperatures above 70 degrees F may inhibit bud development.

As the cactus becomes larger, shorter tip portions may be broken off and rooted in loose, sandy medium with very little trouble. Mealy bugs, scale and aphids may be rubbed away with a cotton swab dipped in alcohol. Use stronger controls such as houseplant insecticides only if the infestation appears to be gaining the upper hand.

With good tending, Christmas Cactus may live for many years.

The Dos and Don'ts of Poinsettia Care

1. DO place your plant in indirect sunlight for at least six hours per day. If direct sun can't be avoided, diffuse the light with a shade or sheer curtain.
2. DO provide room temperatures between 68 - 70 F. Generally speaking, if you are comfortable, so is your poinsettia.
3. DO water your plant when the soil feels dry to the touch.
4. DO use a large, roomy shopping bag to protect your plant when transporting it.
5. DO fertilize your plant AFTER THE BLOOMING SEASON with a balanced, all-purpose fertilizer.
6. DON'T place plants near cold drafts or excessive heat. Avoid placing plants near appliances, fireplaces or ventilating ducts.
7. DON'T expose plants to temperatures below 50 F. Poinsettias are sensitive to cold, so avoid placing them outside during the winter months.
8. DON'T overwater your plant, or allow it to sit in standing water. Always remove a plant from any decorative container before watering, and allow the water to drain completely.
9. DON'T expose your plant to chilling winds when transporting it. 10. DON'T fertilize your plant when it is in bloom.

Cities, like cats, will reveal themselves at night.

—Rupert Brooke



ONE FAMILY'S CONTRIBUTION

Three generations of Girl Scouting are represented in this picture. Mrs. Katharine Trammell is neighborhood chairman of Post's Girl Scouting program; her daughter, Mrs. Darrell Eckols, is adult leader of Brownie Troop 84, of which Mrs. Eckols' daughter, Philly, is a member. Such contributions to the program are made possible through Community Chest dollars, which support the Girl Scouting movement in Post and Garza County. — From The Post Dispatch, December 6, 1962



The Texas A&M University System

Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Neitsch,

Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science

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

Give to Charities... But Wisely

With the coming holidays, many people channel their cheer and generosity into charities. In fact, charitable organizations receive 40 percent of their contributions during this time of the year. But before you give, beware of individuals who do not share in the holiday spirit.

* Make sure you get the full name, address, telephone number, and other identifying information of the organization. * Find out if your donation will be tax deductible.

* Find out how your money will be used and what percentage of funds will go to the actual cause instead of non-charitable funding.

* Never give out your credit card or bank account numbers to telephone solicitors.

* Do not send cash. Write checks to the actual charity, not an individual.

Donating time and money are wonderful gifts, and it is because of these generous acts that many people have a better quality of life. Just be careful that you have all the information about the charity and know where your donations are actually going. For more information on this topic, contact the Better Business Bureau's Philanthropic Advisory Service at (703) 276-0100 or visit the website at www.bbb.com.

Sheriff reports six arrests

Six individuals were booked into the Garza County Jail during the past week, according to sheriff's department records.

On Nov. 25, a 19-year-old male was picked up on commitment/driving while license suspended.

Two arrests were made Nov. 27, both involving charges of possession of marijuana/under two ounces. The individuals charged, both males, were ages 18 and 19.

A 28-year-old male was arrested on Lubbock warrants Nov. 29.

On Nov. 30, a 22-year-old female was jailed for possession of marijuana, while a 21-year-old male was arrested for driving while license suspended.

Yesteryears

December 2, 1992
10 Years Ago

Lorrye Ledbetter and Labeth Jones, Garza County 4-H Gold Star winners were honored at the 35th annual South Plains District 2 Gold Star Banquet, November 23, in Lubbock.

B. A. and Thelma Mitchell will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on December 12, 1992.

Kristi Monette Gainer and Charles Wayne Morris, Jr. exchanged wedding vows November at 7:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church.

Devonna Ballard and Clay Cowdrey were honored with a miscellaneous wedding shower Saturday, November 21 at the home of Jane Mason.

The Post Chamber of Commerce welcomed three new businesses to Garza County. All three are located in the Manna Mall on Post's Main Street. They are the Briar Patch, Lasting Impressions and And, Etc.

December 1, 1982
20 Years Ago

Eric Reece, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Reece, was selected to the Region 16 Junior High Choir. This honor entitles him to take part in the honor choir clinic and concert to be held at Lubbock Monterey High School.

Monty Humble was honored with a Smurf birthday party Sunday afternoon, Nov. 28 at his home celebrating his second birthday.

Stamford took the regional trophy and the Post Antelopes, along with the coaches and fans, left Snyder stunned, dazed and bitter about the officiating which cut the winning season short. It wasn't just the pass interference call at the end of the game which kept the Post Antelopes from continuing in the playoffs, a review of the game film also shows that Bill Black recovered David Gardner's fumble at the one yard line, and that Gardner went into the end zone without the football.

Miss Amy Leonora Cowdrey became the bride of James Lloyd Easterling in a double ring ceremony.

November 30, 1972
30 Years Ago

Fans who thought the football season was over here need to take another look. The second annual Booster Bowl game will be played between Post and Slaton exes, Saturday at Antelope Stadium.

Rancher Jim Prather just received a large bronze plaque which will be mounted by the historical marker on the O. S. Ranch south of Post to commemorate the 1906 picnic at which C. W. Post proposed the organization of Garza County.

The Graham Methodist Church recently honored the Rev. Joseph E. Yates with a surprise birthday party on his 90th birthday.

Miss Debbie Elisabeth Cross became the bride of Spec. 4 Lee Wayne Maddox, Saturday, November 25th in

the Trinity Baptist Church of Post. Bobby Beard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Beard, has gone to sea as a gunner on the USS Essex, an aircraft carrier. Bobby who has been in the Navy since July, 1961 was home for a visit two weeks ago.

Dee Ann Walker, Post High School sophomore, was one of 15 vocalists named to the all-state choir. Miss Walker was the only student named to the choir from an AA school. Teddy Scott, and Johnny Wells were named as alternate to the all-state choir.

Garza County's 1962 Gold Star Boy, Ronald Thuett and Gold Star Girl, Shirley Bostick were honored at the 5th Annual 4-H Gold Star Banquet.

Three more arrests have been made by Deputy Sheriff Lloyd Merritt to clean up a recent series of four weekend burglaries of a tool house, VFW Club, La Fiesta Restaurant, and the Long Branch Tavern.

December 4, 1952
50 Years Ago

The tragic accident, which has saddened the hearts of the County's populace, occurred when Judge and Mrs. Snowdon were enroute from here to San Antonio where he was to attend a county judges and commissioners convention. The accident happened eight miles south of Abilene on U. S. Highway 83-84.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Propst announce the arrival of a son, Ronald Lee. He weighed seven pounds and 11 ounces. The Propst have another son, Rodney Lynn.

A special assembly was held at Post High School last Wednesday in honor of Miss Janyce Lobban. The program was a complete surprise to Miss Lobban, winner of Sante Fe railways trip to National 4-H Club convention in Chicago.

First of the General Motors units to announce new models, the Pontiac Motor Division through their local dealership, Dow H. Mayfield Co., Inc., Saturday will unveil a 1953 Linden green 4-door Chieftain de luxe Pontiac.

A layette shower was given for Mrs. Jimmy Smith Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. Bud Odom. Mrs. Buster Shumard was co-hostess.

Donnie Joe McKinnon, a six year old little Post man, was the first to have his letter to Santa Claus reach the Post Dispatch early Friday. His letter follows:

"Dear Santa:
I'm six years old and I've been a pretty good boy. I've been punished a few times this year, but I know I could be a lot nicer if you would bring me two guns and a scabbard and a tractor and please remember all the little boys and girls this Christmas.

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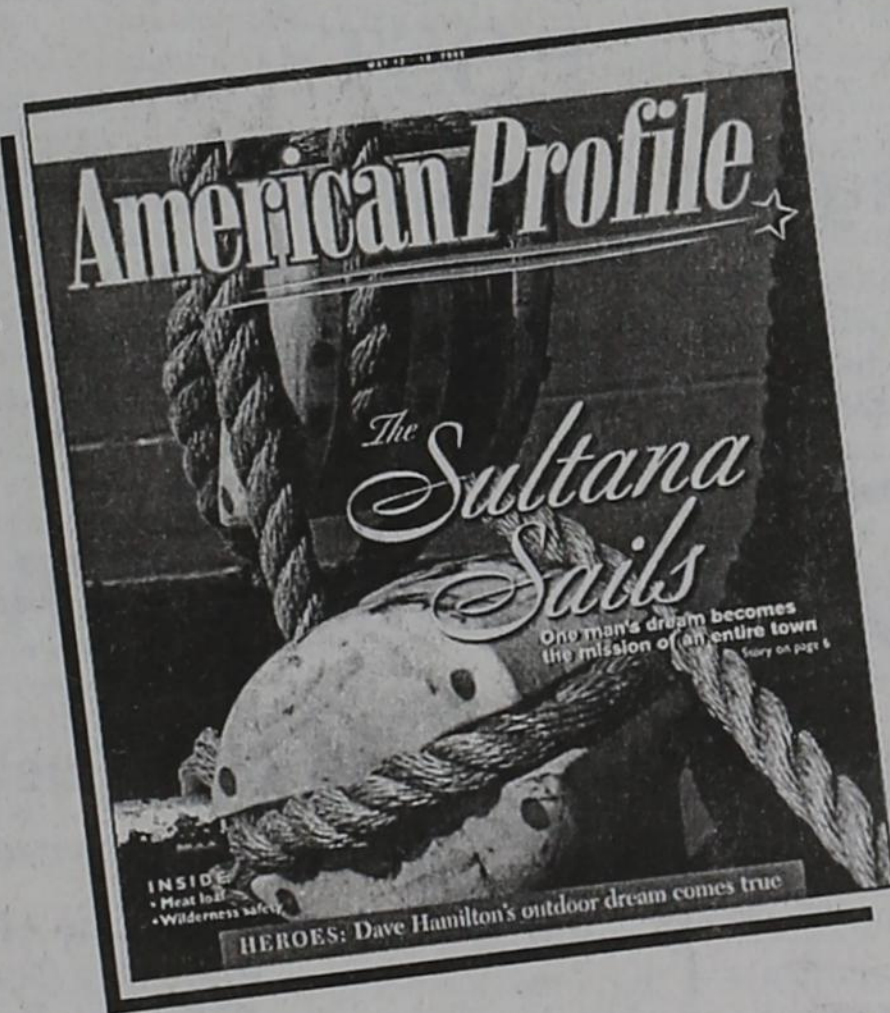
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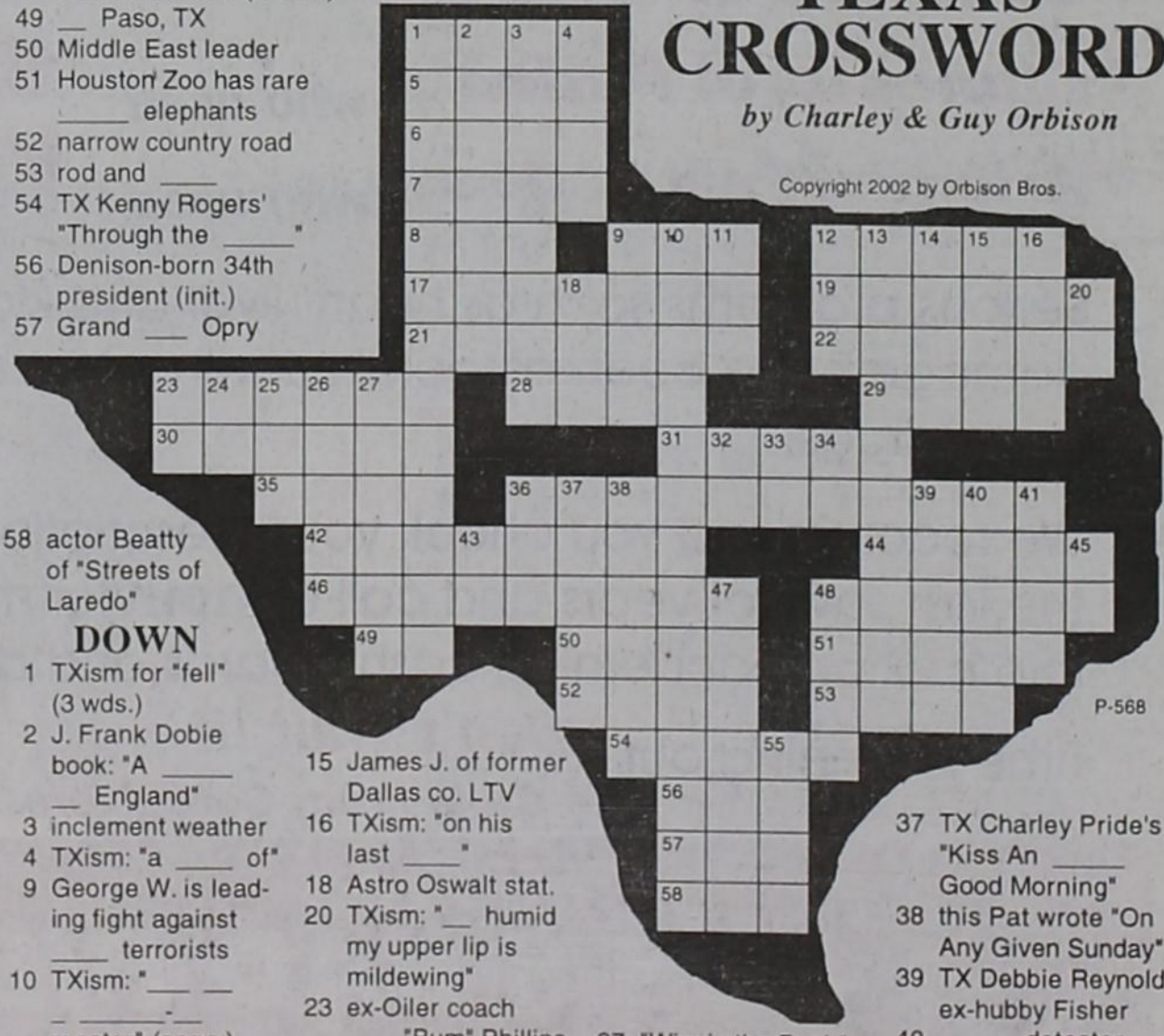
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Garza County, state collect \$32,602 from area travelers

by Wes Burnett

Garza County and the State of Texas collected \$32,602.52 for traffic fines in October, according to reports of the two Justices of the Peace courts. The fund raising program, operated by county and state agents, takes advantage of travel victims who violate state commercial transportation codes.

JP Court 1 reported \$16,336 in October with JP Court 2 showing \$16,266.52 for the same month.

State and county code enforcement officers are "just doing their jobs" by enforcing the traffic code, although that code is limited to regulating commercial transportation. What was sold to the public in the 1920s for "safe" roads, is now a huge money-making machine for corporate governments.

But the question about the lawful nature of the transportation code needs a bit of exploring. The following research is offered for the reader's consideration:

What Does the Law Say?

by Timothy W. Burnett

The laws of the land were established in the United States of America and in Texas for the foundational purpose of protecting the life, liberty, and property of the people within. One example of this is traveling. Traveling is a very personal element of life, liberty, and property. Some modes of travel include walking, bicycle, tricycle, motorbike, automobile, horse and carriage, etc.

In other situations people prefer paying someone to carry them from one point to another. Or they may pay for their goods to be carried.

These entities paid to carry for another are known as carriers. Carriers use the public highways and roads to transport people and goods in various types of motor vehicles. The question of whether a Driver's License is required in Texas applies both to the traveling public and transportation. And can be answered by a precise study of the Texas Transportation Code.

Before addressing this question, it should be noted that the only right way to interpret the law is to allow it to interpret itself within the letter of the law. Allowing the letter of the law to interpret itself makes it possible for the researcher, juror, and judge to clearly see the correct meaning and scope.

Similar to God's word of grace and salvation, the laws of the land are of no private interpretation. The big difference between God's word and man's word is the author. Unlike God, man is unable to back his word consistently. So the people of this country developed a protective checks and balances system that included justice. They agreed to elect or have appointed certain people who would serve as official interpreters of the laws and related rules.

During the 1950's the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas ruled in various cases that there was no such license known to Texas law as a "driver's license." These official interpreters of the law were in agreement on how the law interpreted itself. In 1953, the

Appeals Court gave the opinion that "an information charging the driving of a motor vehicle upon a public highway without a driver's license charges no offense, as there is no such license as a driver's license known to the law." [Brooks v. State 158 Tex. Crim. 546; May 27, 1953].

A 1951 case appealed the charge of driving a motor vehicle while license was suspended. Judge Woodley gave the following opinion:

"The prosecution appears to have been brought under the provisions of Art. 6687b, Vernon's Ann. Civil Statutes, commonly referred to as the Texas Drivers License Law, Sec. 27 thereof in part providing that no person whose operator's, commercial operator's or chauffeur's license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this state has been suspended shall operate a motor vehicle during such suspension.

"The information against appellant fails to allege that appellant had been issued either an operator's commercial operator's, or chauffeur's license, or that he drove a motor vehicle while such a license was suspended." [Holloway v. State 155 Tex. Crim. 484; March 7, 1951].

This case indicated that the driver's license was not known to the law and furthermore that the operator's, commercial operator's or chauffeur's license was known to the law. Here Judge Woodley keenly distinguished between what the law did not say, and what it did say.

Mr. Holloway was charged with driving a motor vehicle while "driver's license" was suspended. According to the appeals court, no crime was committed because 1) there was no such license as the "driver's license" known to the law, and 2) the prosecution did not show that he was issued an operator's license.

Later, Judge Mary Lou Robinson presided over a criminal appeals case in which Judge Woodley insisted, "This court has held that there is no such license known to Texas law as a 'driver's license.'" [Callas v. State 167 Tex. Crim. 375 1959].

Today the Transportation Code still requires a license to operate a motor vehicle on the highways of Texas. In Subchapter B. General License Requirements, Section 521.021 it reads, "A person, other than a person expressly exempted under this chapter, may not operate a motor vehicle on a highway in this state unless the person holds a driver's license issued under this chapter."

Please note how the statement "may not operate," is conditional upon holding a license. Through word crafting, the insertion of the term "driver's license" creates the illusion that a license is required to drive. Section 521 also includes various examples such as operators of "Certain School Buses," "Junior College Buses," and "Restrictions on Certain Common Carriers."

Notice there is nothing included which remotely includes the traveling public. Yet the Transportation Code does use the term "traveling public." Maybe the "traveling public" is not known by the law to be operators of motor vehicles.

To this day, the Code does not require any person to hold a license to "drive." No person traveling on the

public highways is required to have an operator's license unless he is using the roads for the privileged purpose of "transportation." The letter of the law agrees.

In law enforcement, the enforcing agent must have a clear understanding of the scope of the law. Without a clear and precise understanding of the law's scope, the agent faces the risk of time consuming lawsuits and life threatening confrontations with law-abiding people.

Inherent in a sworn oath of office is the authority of law enforcement officers to refuse the filing an affidavit of information on any person found driving without a "driver's license."

Why? Because this type of license is unknown to the law.

Freedom of travel has a whole different meaning when it comes to the pocket book. It's a wonder travelers bother to use the highways here, considering the high cost of travel in Garza County.

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, in violation of the guarantee of a republic form of government.

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

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 are paying as "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.

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- 1 3/4 cups bran flakes
- 1/4 cup finely chopped pecans
- 3 Tbsp. firmly packed light brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 1 1/2 cups Mott's Apple Sauce, any variety

In medium bowl, mix bran flakes and pecans; set aside. In saucepan, over medium heat, heat brown sugar and butter until melted and blended. Remove from heat; add bran

mixture, tossing to coat well. Cool. Spoon apple sauce into six 6-oz. dessert dishes; top with bran mixture. Serve immediately.

Makes 6 servings.

Festive Holiday Punch

- 8 cups Mott's Apple Juice
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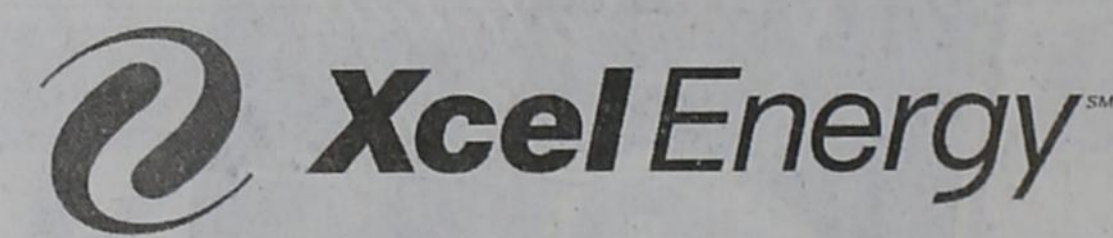
PHS freshmen football team members enjoying a "post season" celebration party recently with friends are (back row, left to right) Colt Mason, Steffi Norman, Shawn Merritt, Israel Barbosa, Kenneth Garay, Jace Pollard, Sterling Smith, Claire Kirkpatrick, Jackie Hays, (middle row) Jacob Egbert, Israel Beggs, Jake Fluit, Eric Reyna, Jarod Smith, Stace Norman, Keith Meredith and (front) Josh Lee.

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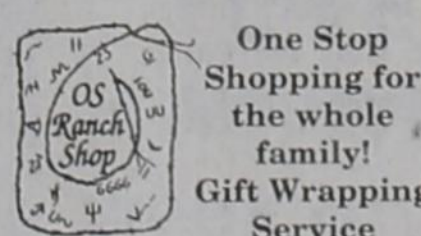
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