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SPS declares all clear for Y2K and January 1

After several years of preparation and taking a detailed inventory of all its computer systems, SPS does not expect any power outages because of the Y2k bug when the clocks tick into the new millennium.

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

Individuals debating on whether or not to stock up on emergency supplies for New Year's should take SPS's advice — go right ahead, within reason.

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

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



First Christmas

Jantzen (left to right), Briley, Zachary, Landen and Jaden Wells celebrated their first Christmas Day with their parents, Jamie and Mike Wells of Lubbock, in the Covenant Lakeside Hospital. They are the grandsons of Sharla and Jim Wells of Post. The children are doing well and expected to go home in mid-January.

Commissioners accept easement for county road

by Wes Burnett

A light agenda signaled the end of the century for the Garza County Commissioners Court at its regular meeting Tuesday, December 28.

The court took action to remove \$73.79 from the tax roll as a result of a 1997 exemption that had not been noted. Tax assessor Jeanette Hodges explained that the property owners, who had been delinquent and in bankruptcy, are now able to pay the delinquent taxes, but requested that the exemption be removed. Hodges said that the tax attorney in Austin had recommended the action.

The court also accepted a deed of property transferred to the county by Bonnie Sanders of Midland and Mr and Mrs Billy J. Carlisle. The property transfer is easement for a county road in Precinct 3. The road has been used by the public for many years, but had no easement had been recorded.

Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility warden Terry Bartlett reported to the court that a total of 475 inmates are at the facility, including six county prisoners. "We're expecting new arrivals starting next week," Bartlett said.

He also informed the court that 43 more employees go on duty this week following completion of their training, and another 24 are to begin training next week. "We had more than 800

applicants for 283 openings," Bartlett said, "and a lot of those folks are from Post or have families in Post."

Judge Giles W. Dalby called for adjournment until the next century, in a final farewell to the 20th. The next court meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 10, 2000.



Lester Josey (right) was honored for this 50 years of service to the Post Volunteer Fire Department at the recent Christmas party, Fire Chief Ivan Line (left) made the presentation. Firemen elected new officers at the meeting: Ivan Line, fire chief and training officer; Milton Williams, assistant chief; Darrel Reece, assistant chief and vice president; Mark Short, president; Dan Hodges secretary/treasurer; Kelly Baker, public information officer and Rodney Tidwell, chaplain. The men also welcomed new members Lanny Lee, Mario Luna, Wayne Line and Bradley Cimental.

Highway revenue collections continue to plague travelers

by Wes Burnett

Garza County and state corporate government revenue officers were responsible for the collection of \$24,546.25 from travellers on roadways here in the month of November. The total highway revenue for 1999 stands at \$248,110.84.

Reports from the two Justice of the Peace courts here showed JP One with \$17,217 from 77 corporate subjects. JP Two collected \$7,329.75 on 34 corporate code violators.

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.

Although most Texans think of themselves as free to move about as they wish, they discover their true status as a corporate "citizen" 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 technically applies only to those people involved in commercial use of the highways, it is obvious that the vast majority of June's "criminals" tagged in high-

way 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.

Under the current Texas legal system, it's a "no-win" situation for most people, except those who wear a corporate badge and those who live off the regular highway revenue producing program.

Post Dispatch offers news by e-mail

The Post Dispatch will launch a new service to subscribers on January 6 with the introduction of e-mail news on a selected basis.

Selected news items will be sent by e-mail to interested subscribers on Thursdays.

The new service is a bonus for subscribers at no extra cost. To receive the service, subscribers must send an e-mail message simply requesting the new service to: tpostdispa@aol.com

United Way Donation



Linda Waldrip (left), Garza County United Way president, accepts a \$1,000 donation to United Way from Citizens Bank president Jeff Wilson. Mr Wilson also presented a check in the amount of \$1,050 from E.W. Williams Jr., chairman of the board of Citizens Bank, to be allocated to the local cub scout and boy scout troops.

Post Notes

Special fund for Wells Quints

A special fund to assist Mike and Jamie Wells with the expenses related to the recent birth of their quintuplet sons has been established at Bacon Heights Baptist Church at 795-5261.

Prison Fellowship Ministry training

Prison Fellowship Ministries, a national and international prison outreach program started 23 years ago by Chuck Colson, will offer a volunteer training session in Lubbock. The program will be held Friday, Jan. 7, 2000 from 7-9:45 p.m. at Wayland Baptist University's Lubbock campus, Loop 289 and 19th. The session will continue on Saturday, Jan. 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information call 792-9442.

Voter registration cards mailed

The Garza County Tax Assessor's office has mailed voter registration cards to Garza County registered voters. Those who feel they should have gotten one and didn't, should contact the registrar's office at 495-4448.

Mad Dads hosts New Year's dance

Mad Dads Inc will host a New Year's Eve dance with guest DJ Ron Grant of Z102. The dance will be held at the Post Youth Room at the Community Center, with \$3 per person, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The dance is limited to Post Jr High and High School students.

Memorial fund for Basquez

A memorial fund has been established at Citizens Bank to assist the family of the late Prudencio (Pru) Basques in offsetting medical expenses. Contact Christie Curb at 495-3545 or Cindy Aguilar at 495-3539 or 495-2274.

Cousins Reunion Jan. 8

The Lucias, McQuien, Marljar, Gilmore and Matsler cousins invite their former classmates and friends to join them to visit Saturday, Jan. 8 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Norwest Bank community room.

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Golden Plains Care Center News

by Sandy Smith
 I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas, I know everyone at Golden Plains did. Wilma Williams surprised everyone with a Christmas Party that was full of excitement and fun. The presents she brought for each and everyone were very nice. You are a very special lady Wilma, and thank you for bringing Melissa with you. Melissa is a very talented young lady and her love for the Lord shows as she shares her ministries in her music. We can't wait for you to come back again soon.

Bennie Wilkes I know had a wonderful Christmas, he got to go home to New Mexico and spend Christmas with his wife Jerry for the holidays and returned back Monday, he reported lots of good food. There were several residents that got to go home for the holidays and spend time with their families, that is what Christmas is all about!

Everyone at Golden Plains is going to take a (pretend) vacation trip to Mexico in January, and we are in need of some items if any one has Somberos or Panchos that we can borrow for the residents to wear during our trip. We are also looking for volunteer dancers with the beautiful costumes. Anything that you may have or can do to help make this vacation exciting for our residents we welcome your help. Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho, it's off to Mexico we go!!

We also have a new resident that I would like to give a big hearty welcome to, Wilma Johnson has joined our family and is such a delight to see her smiling face.

We are having our New Year Eve's Party Friday at 2:00, so if you would like to come by and help us welcome the year 2000, come on by. This is a really big event for these folks.

Happy New Year everyone, and as we welcome in our new Millinium remember.....Keep Smiling

Millennium Celebrations Across The Globe Will Be At Home, Says International Survey

Renowned Party Planner Offers Tips For Celebrating At Home

(NAPS)—Shocking, but true: people from all over the world are planning to usher in the New Millennium at home, so says an international survey conducted by Jameson Irish Whiskey.

On American soil, the survey found that more than 80 percent of those polled intend to celebrate the Millennium in the United States. In other international cities, including Sydney, London, Dublin and Cape Town, an average 85 percent of respondents plan to welcome the year 2000 on home soil.

To be sure that people from all over the world have the best possible Millennium celebration, Jameson commissioned renowned celebrity/charity event planner Michaela Kennedy, to offer tips for creating the ultimate at-home Millennium celebration.

- Invite the people that really matter to you, not people you feel you need to impress.
- Keep the party fairly small, under 20 people. More than twenty usually makes it difficult for the host/hostess to spend quality time with each guest.
- Hire someone to either help

in the kitchen or staff your bar. It will take a lot of pressure off you as the host/hostess.

- Simplify the menu. Choose foods that can be prepared ahead of time, heated and served once the evening begins. Add a tossed salad and bread and voila! Less time in the kitchen and more time to celebrate with your family and friends.
- For ambience, light lots of pretty candles and keep a fire burning (if you have one); select your favorite CDs ahead of time and keep the music playing.
- Be sure to have a fully stocked bar on hand. After all, people are just as likely to toast the new millennium with whiskey as they are with champagne or sparkling wine. However, make sure everyone has a designated driver beforehand and keep your local taxi company's phone number handy.
- Most importantly, remember to relax and ask yourself, "What's the Rush?" Since you are only going to celebrate the turn of the century once in a lifetime, Jameson reminds you to take the time to enjoy yourself and your guests.

Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush



Well, did everyone make it over the holidays? I hope everyone had as nice a Christmas as I did. The best part is getting to spend time with "all" of your family, some that you don't spend enough time with during the year. Hope everyone had a great time. Get ready for New Year's!!

Cousins Reunion

I visited with Ruth Reno today and she was telling me of the "Cousins Reunion" they are planning.

The Lucas, McQueen, Marlar, Gilmore and Matsler cousins are planning a reunion the 8th of January, 2000, 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm, at the Norwest Bank Party room.

They want to invite all of their friends and former classmates to come by and visit with them. Ruth said they are really looking forward to seeing everyone they grew up with in the Verbena and Grassland communities as well as Post.

Birthdays this Week

I missed birthdays last week, so you get two weeks below!

Thursday, December 23; Katina Davis, Candy Ortiz, Sr., Randy Buchanan, Gloria Garcia, Ashlee Massey, Angie Quinonez and Shelly Gutierrez; Anniversary; Billy and Weaver McKamie; Friday, December 24; Jenee Payne, Randy Melton, Braden Conner, Mary Edwards and Renae Storie; Anniversary; Delores and Jimmy Redman; Saturday, December 25; Shirley Cranford, Jeremy Payne and Kandy Kane; Sunday, December 26; Jeff Williams; Anniversary; Troy and Joyce Nelson.

Monday, December 27; Ed McBride, and Amber Conoly; Anniversaries; Danny and Kathy Nelson and Sue and Quannah Maxey. Tuesday, December 28; Tony Conner, Michael Mendoza and Sandra Moreno; Wednesday, December 29; Waylon Strawn, Randy Jenkins, Kelcee Bratcher and Amy Mason; anniversaries; Bill and Donna Aten, Max and Rebecca Haney and Lew and D'Roy Bishop.

Thursday, December 30; Lindsey Dolberry, Marilyn Crenshaw, Debbie Ledbetter, Lynette Campbell, Raegan Belongia and Wes Mason; Friday, December 31; Jewel Walls, Misty Welcher and Kensley Hair; Saturday, January 1; Ed Sims and Don Adkinson; anniversary, Jerry and Marilyn Crenshaw; Sunday, January 2, Kenny Reiter; Monday, January 3; Tristen Benavidez, Robby Dean, Zachary Bush, Michelle, Jerry Tyler, Ethan Bilbo, Marta Williams, Karla Schooler and Davidia Gregory; Loyd and Ethel Edwards; Tuesday, January 4, None!; Wednesday, January 5, Gene Posey, Vernicoa Williams and Dustin Robinson; Thursday, January 6, Theo Piaz, Jerry Graham, Ray Gonzales and Dorothy Morgan.

Christmas at the Rays

Johnny and Opal Ray and Melody had a full house for the holidays. Guests included: Rick, Donna, Laci and J.C. Reavis from Henryetta, Ok., Jerry, Mary, Barry and Andy Ray from Slaton, Amber and Courtney Ray from Cheyenne, Wyo., Glenn and Traci Culver from New Orleans, La and Michael and Tammy Self with Ethan and Justin from New Home.

Those from Post: Janet and Bobby Dean, Russel and Sandra Benham with sons Bradley, Wyatt, Quentin and Hayden, R.C. Ray and Clifford Laws.

It's that time of year

Ready to make your New Year's Resolutions? Received the from Corkey and Allane Ammons. Just had to share this.

My New Year's Resolution is to get in shape, so my wife purchased me a week of private lessons at the local health club. Though still in great shape from when I was on the varsity chess team in high school, I decided it was a good idea to go ahead and try it. I called and made reservations with someone named Tanya, who said she is a 26 year old aerobics instructor and athletic clothing mode.

My wife seemed very pleased with how enthusiastic I was to get started. They suggested I keep an "exercise diary" to chart my progress.

Day 1
 Started the morning at 6:00 am. Tough to get up, but worth it when I arrived at the health club and Tanya was waiting for me. She's something of a goddess, with blond hair and a dazzling white smile. She showed me the machines and took my pulse after five minutes on the treadmill. She seemed a little alarmed that it was so high, but I think just standing next to her in that outfit of hers added about ten points. Enjoyed watching the aerobics class. Tanya was very encouraging as I did my sit ups, though my gut was already aching a little from holding it in the whole time I was talking to her. This is going to be GREAT!

Day 2
 Took a whole pot of coffee to get me out the door, but I made it. Tanya had me lie on my back and push this heavy iron bar up into the air. Then she put weights on it, for heaven's sake! Legs were a little wobbly on the treadmill, but I made it the full mile. Her smile made it all worth while. Muscles ALL feel GREAT!

Day 3
 The only way I can brush my teeth is by laying the tooth brush on the counter and moving my mouth back and forth over it. I am certain that I have developed a hernia in both pectorals. Driving was ok as long as I didn't try to steer. I parked on top of a Volkswagen. Tanya was a little impatient with me and said my screaming was bothering the other club members. The treadmill hurt my chest so I did the stair monster. Why would anyone invent a machine to simulate and activity rendered obsolete by the invention of elevators? Tanya told me regular exercise would make me live longer. I can't imagine anything worse.

Day 4
 Tanya was waiting for me with her vampire teeth in a full snarl. I can't help it if I was half an hour late, it took me that long just to tie my shoes. She wanted me to lift dumbbells. Not a chance, Tanya. The word "dumb" must be in there for a reason. I hid in the men's room until she sent Lars looking for me. As punishment she made me try the rowing machine.

It sank.
 Day 5
 I hate Tanya more than any human being has ever hated any other human being in the history of the world. If there was any part of my body not in extreme pain I would hit her with it. She thought it would be a good idea to work on my triceps. And if you don't want dents in the floor don't hand my any barbells. I refuse to accept responsibility for the damage, YOU went to sadist school, YOU are to blame. The treadmill flung me back into a science teacher, which hurt like crazy. Why couldn't it have been someone softer, like a music teacher or social studies?

Day 6
 Got Tanya's message on my answering machine, wondering where I am. I lacked the strength to use the TV remote so I watched eleven straight hours of the weather channel.

Day 7
 Well, that's the week. Thank goodness that's over. Maybe next time my wife will give me something a little more fun, like a gift certificate for a root canal.

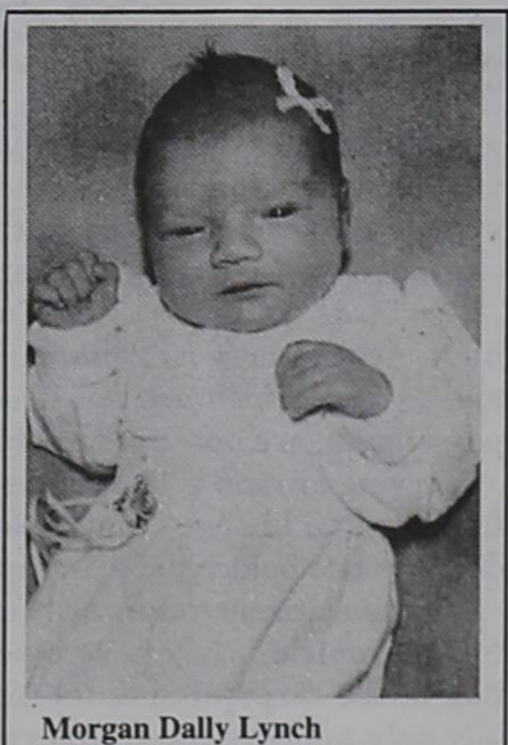
(By: Dr. James C. Lyles, DDS)
Till Next Week
 As we close out this year, I want to thank all of you for the news you call in, letters and special messages that you send. Thanks for letting me know that you enjoy the "Jabberin'" column, I have lots of fun with it and I know you do to. I wish each and everyone of you a very Happy New Year. May God bless each of you. See you in 2000!

Birth Morgan Dally Lynch

Lauren Lynch along with her mom and dad, Scooter and Bunny, would like to announce the birth of Morgan Dally Lynch, little sister and baby daughter.

Morgan was born November 19, 1999 at 8:43 am. She weighed six pounds, eight ounces and was 18 inches long.

Grandparents are Bob and Debbie Palmer of Lubbock and Rodger and Doris Lynch of Arlington.



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Golden Clover 4-H.....
.....Club will meet Monday, January 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the show barn.

Private Applicator Certification Meeting
A Private Applicator Certification Meeting will be held at Western Texas College on January 11, 2000, starting at 8:30 A.M. in the Ag classroom. Please park in the main parking lot and come down the main steps. There will be signs posted giving you directions to the classroom. We will watch the video and the TDA representative will be present to give the test. It will take approximately half a day to complete the course. Please RSVP to Greg Gruben, Scurry CEA-AG, at (915)573-5423 by January 7, 2000, so we will have plenty of materials.

Holiday Closing
The Garza County Extension Office will be closed Friday, December 31st, for New Years. We wish everyone a safe and Happy 2000!

Stock Show Entries
All youth with animal projects to be entered in the Garza County Jr. Livestock Show, must come by the Extension Office to pick up an entry card to be filled out and turned in by 5:00 p.m., Monday, January 10.

Educational programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

Pointers For Parents

Food Supplement May Help In School

(NAPS)—It's not easy for kids to remain focused on their school work. But for children with Attention Deficit Disorder or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADD/ADHD), it's far more difficult.



As many as five percent of U.S. schoolchildren have this condition, which is the most common behavioral disorder of childhood. Statistically, that can translate to an average of one child in every class of 20 students. These children are often very bright but have great difficulty concentrating, remaining focused on the task at hand, and are easily distracted. They also may act on inappropriate impulses, and are more likely to have sleep problems, poor motor coordination and suffer from dyslexia. ADD affects a sizeable portion of the adult population as well.

But a rapidly growing body of clinical evidence, including findings recently presented at a meeting of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), suggests that some children with ADD/ADHD may derive nutritional benefits from an all-natural dietary supplement—Efalex. Efalex is for the dietary management of fatty acid deficiency.

Researchers believe that some children with ADD/ADHD are unable to process adequate Essential Fatty Acids (EFA) from their diet, and may develop a chronic deficiency of nutrients necessary for normal brain and eye function. Approximately 20-30 percent of children and adults with ADD also suffer from dyslexia.

To learn more about how Efalex may benefit someone with ADD/ADHD, call toll free 1-888-332-6651. Or visit the Efalex Internet site: <http://www.efamol.com>. Efalex, which is produced by Efaol Inc., is available at most pharmacies, including Wal-Mart, Rite-Aid, Revco, Eckerd, Walgreens, CVS Pharmacy, Kerr Drug, Hammaford, and many others.

The Battle of the Boll Weevil

by David Segrest
The summer sun awakes, casting golden rays upon the weathered ground. Soldiers by the hundreds slowly move forward in hopes of capturing victory. On the other side of the field another army awaits to spring a surprise attack. The hundreds of soldiers about to be ambushed belong to the boll weevil army, and the awaiting army consists of the West Texas farmers.

For most area farmers, the boll weevil has become a destructive enemy, causing damage to almost 3 million acres of the South Plains cotton. Area farmers have teamed up with the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation to get rid of these dangerous pests through in-season spraying.

In-season spraying takes place in June, July and August to kill the weevils that survived through the winter. The B.W.E. program consists of four spraying zones including Northwest Plains, Western High Plains, Northern Rolling Plains and the Permian Basin.

The Southern High Plains/Caprock zone, which includes 10 counties and 1.2 million acres, voted against the B.W.E. program earlier this year. For these farmers, the cost and the philosophies of the program made their decision for them. Those who oppose the program based their reasons on high cost, individual rights, and state proceedings.

Mack Ledbetter, who farms nine miles south of Post, discussed his feelings towards the B.W.E. program. "It's a rip-off, all they want to do is get a handful of money. I disagree with it in every way, form or fashion. It's a bunch of bologna," states Ledbetter.

Ledbetter said that before the B.W.E. program came about, they used a diapause spraying system every fall. The diapause spraying system is used to kill the adult weevils when the cotton bolls open up. This is done to try to decrease the number of weevils that overwinter in the cotton. He mentioned that he liked using this system better because of the low cost and final results.

"It worked very well to get rid of the boll weevil," said Ledbetter.

He said that he has not had problems with boll weevils this year, but when he has problems, he uses his favorite treatment and "lets them starve to death".

Another reason farmers mentioned why they are against the B.W.E. program was that the massive spraying kills all beneficiary bugs, and brings in the harmful secondary insects. Among these secondary insects, aphids have become a major problem for cotton farmers. Aphids, or "lice", have a honeydew secretion that sticks to the cotton, causing a lower value on the cotton at textile mills.

Daymon Ethridge, who farms dry land cotton in the northwest corner of Garza County, also opposes the B.W.E. program. His main reason for his opposition was based on his individual rights.

"I can't see the B.W.E. program doing anything helpful for me. I'd hate to give up my rights".

Ethridge felt that he would lose control of his land if he went into the program. "If approved, somebody would be over my land and I would lose control of my land. I'm too independent to give up my rights," states Ethridge.

Like many area farmers, Ethridge mentioned high cost for another reason for his opposition. The B.W.E. program costs \$12 per acre for irrigated land and \$6 per acre for dry land.

"I cannot afford the cost of the program. The boll weevil may put me out of business, but their cost would put me out of business," Ethridge said.



Happy 23rd
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Tax 'n Facts

by Terri Cash

Divorce and Your House

A house is not just a house anymore; it also represents a big tax break when it's sold in the future. So when a couple breaks up and divides the jointly held marital property, they'll want to consider the value of that future gain. How?

One option, of course, is to sell the house now and split the proceeds. Any gain under \$500,000 is tax-free; indeed, the sale doesn't even have to be noted on a tax return.

But if the couple doesn't want to sell now—perhaps one spouse will stay there with the kids—the gain is not lost. One partner could transfer the house to the one who's staying; the cost basis of the house doesn't change, because it's not considered a sale. Or the couple could continue to own the house jointly and reap the gain equally when they sell. The spouse in the house can transfer other property to "pay" for the privilege. As long as one partner is living in the house at the time of the sale, they can specify in the divorce agreement how they will share the tax exclusion.

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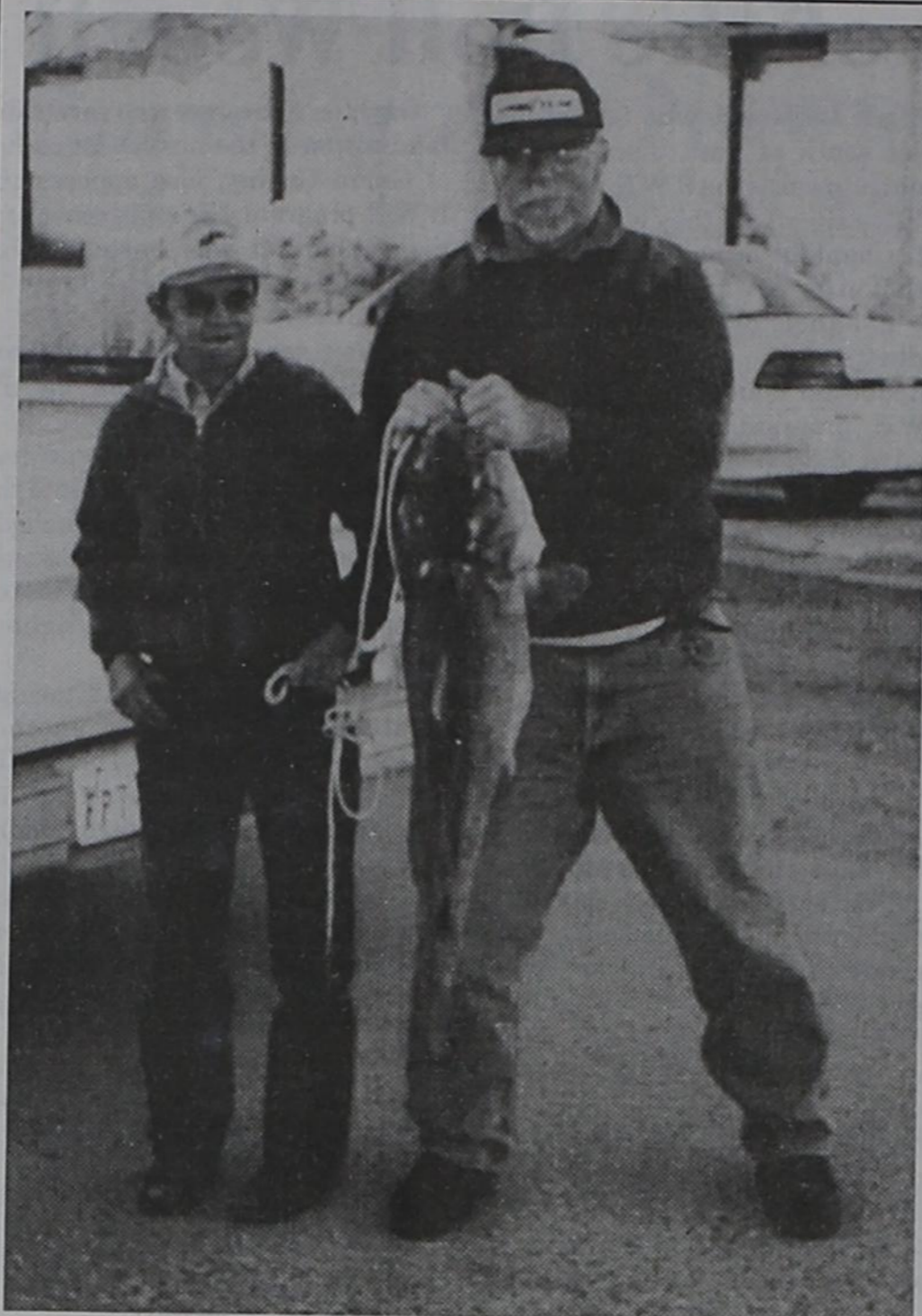


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THINK SMALL, perhaps your resolution is too large, instead of remodeling the whole house maybe a new paint job would do for this year. A little stress makes us accomplish a lot more, we work harder, think better and get more accomplished. However too much stress can be crippling and overwhelming, leading to failure and more stress. Make a small resolution, keep it, then say, "Hey I did that, I can do more!"

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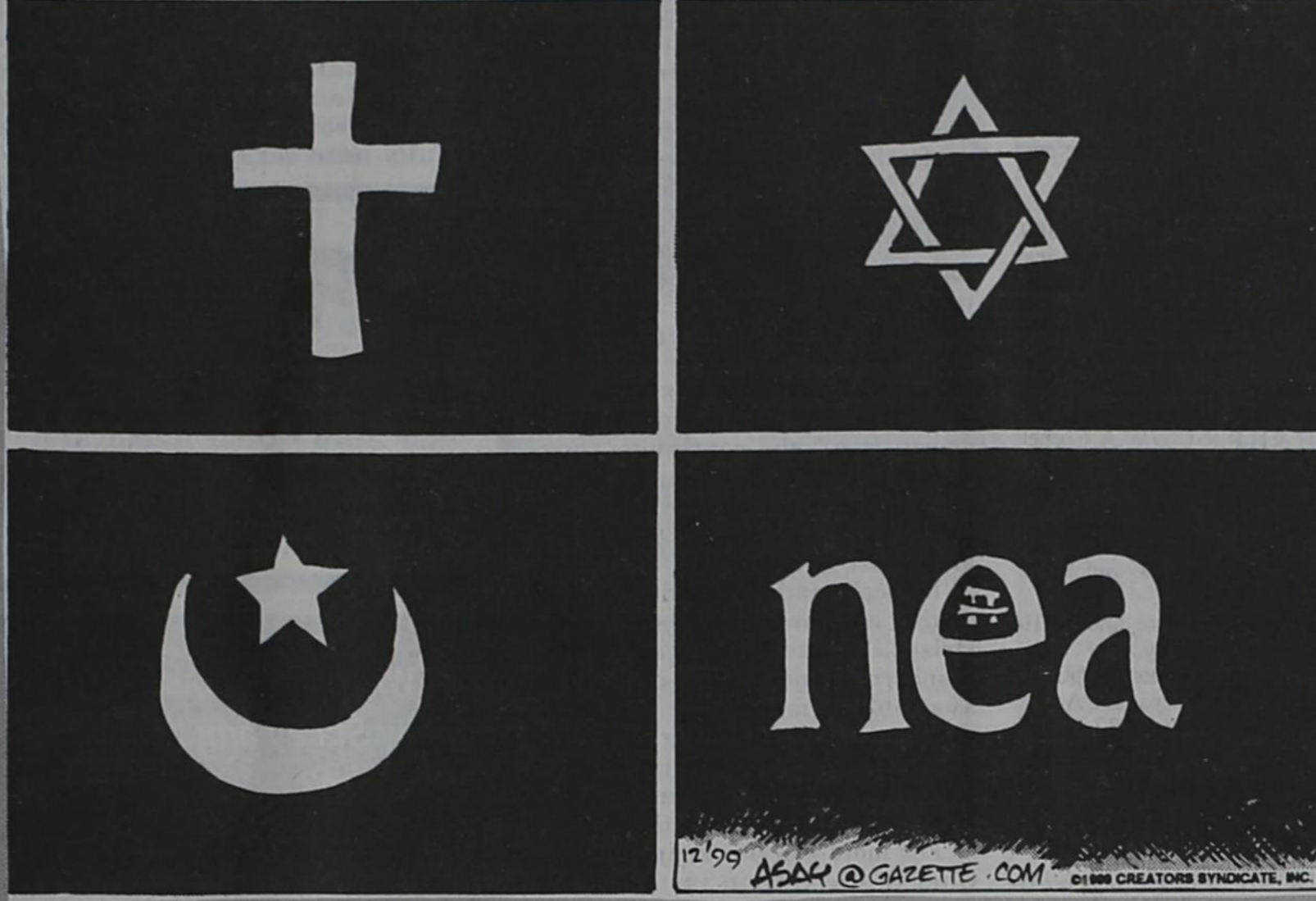
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A dream for the new century...

by Wesley W. Burnett
 I have a dream for the new century ... a dream filled with visions of individual liberty and freedom for all people.
 It's a dream about us, for us.
 I dream that free enterprise will replace the current socialist notion of "government controlled economies."
 I dream that a republic form of government will replace the corporate form that now strangles us with cajillions of corporate rules and regulations.
 I dream that young people will learn about and appreciate the sacrifices of their ancestors in fighting and dying for liberty and freedom.
 I dream that the evils of democracy and majority rule will be replaced with a government designed to secure individual rights.
 I dream that elected officials will understand the importance of upholding our constitutional rights.
 I dream that the principles of individual liberty and personal responsibility will once again be embraced by Americans.
 I dream that justice will be dispensed with fairness and simplicity.
 I dream that peace officers will be relieved of revenue collection duties and devote their efforts to securing our individual rights.
 I dream that all parents will take responsibility for the moral instruction and education of their children.
 I dream that our church leaders will see the evil of government control and discard corporate charters and the intrusive "501c3" instrument.
 I dream that people will reject the evils of taxation through lawful and peaceful means.
 I dream that people will express their disagreements with one another without being disagreeable.
 I dream that people will accept God's love, grace and mercy, and show by our daily lives that we are his people, eager to be his instruments on this earth.

Commentary briefs...

The Coast Guard found a five-year-old Cuban refugee in the ocean clinging to an inner tube. The boy's mother and stepfather and several other Cubans drowned when their boat capsized. Fortunately, the Coast Guard did not attack the boy with water cannons and pepper spray, like it recently did with other Cuban refugees. It also did not repatriate the boy to Cuba, as it does with other Cuban refugees. Cuban-Americans are outraged that the boy might be returned to his father in Cuba. If only they were equally outraged when our government repatriates other Cuban refugees into communist tyranny." — **Jacob G. Hornberger, president, The Future of Freedom Foundation**
The Supreme Court has agreed to rule whether a person who commits a hate crime can be sentenced more severely than a person who commits the same crime but with different motives. While hate crimes are repugnant given the thoughts that fuel them, hate-crime legislation itself is offensive. A person should not be punished for what's in his mind or for how he feels about the skin color or sexual orientation of his victim. His punishment should instead be based on the actual crime he has committed against another person. Moreover, shouldn't everyone receive the same protection of law regardless of his particular race, color, or creed?" — **Andy Falkof, program director, The Future of Freedom Foundation**

Thoughtful thoughts worth repeating

Intellectual integrity simply means to reflect in word and in deed, always and accurately, that which one believes to be right. Integrity cannot be compromised. It is either practiced or not practiced." — **Leonard E. Read**
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The Constitution of most of our states (and of the United States) assert that all power is inherent in the people; that they may exercise it by themselves; that is their right and duty to be at all times armed and that they are entitled to freedom of person, freedom of religion, freedom of property and freedom of press.
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Totalitarian northern neighbor

by Walter E. Williams

Washington Post staff writer Steven Pearlstein reveals some frightening things about our northern neighbor in his Dec. 12 article, "In Canada, Free Speech Has Its Restrictions." Andrea Wylie, a member of the Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC), sums up the Canadian attitude about free speech with the observation, "We don't have the hang-up you Americans have with free speech."



That means politically incorrect speech is banned in Canada. The government's most powerful weapon against politically incorrect speech is its hate speech law. The law prohibits any statement that is "likely to expose a person or group of persons to hatred or contempt" because of "race, color, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation or age."

If you think that's bad, hold on, it gets worse. Pearlstein says, "Prosecutors are not required to show proof of malicious intent or actual harm to win convictions in hate speech cases, and courts in some jurisdictions have ruled that it does not matter whether the statements are truthful." That means you can say, "The average woman cannot fight as well as the average man," and wind up facing fines or imprisonment.

In 1994, Douglas Collins wrote several columns for Vancouver's North Shore News, questioning whether as many as 6 million Jews died in Nazi concentration camps. A commission tribunal ruled his columns showed his "hatred and contempt ... subtly and indirectly" by "reinforcing negative stereotypes" about Jews.

The tribunal fined both Collins and his newspaper \$2,000. The newspaper was ordered to publish a summary of the tribunal's decision. New Yorker Harold Mollin tried to market his new "weather insurance" to Canadians planning weddings or vacations. His 30-second TV spot featured a huckster dressed in Indian headdress leading senior citizens in a rain dance.

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation refused to run it because they deemed the ad insulting to Native Americans and the elderly. Canadian

advertisers have strict politically correct guidelines. Thus, a national restaurant chain was forced to pull a TV ad featuring a helpless dad trying to prepare a dinner for his kids.

He gives up and takes the kids out for hamburgers and fries. A hearing office ruled that the commercial "reinforced negative stereotypes" about men that "cannot be excused by an attempt to engage in humor." Last November, there were violent protests in New Brunswick over Indian fishing rights. On orders from CBC network officials, reporters had to refer to the participants as "native fishers" and "non-native fishers," even though the Mik'maqs call each other Indians.

You say, "Williams, why are you telling us this? Those are Canada's problems." No, they're not. There are speech codes at many American colleges and universities. Students can face up to expulsion for politically incorrect speech. Both professors and students can be required to take sensitivity lectures, a la the Chinese reeducation camps.

Sex harassment regulations similarly restrict free speech in the work place and in the military. Simply telling an off-color joke in the presence of a female employee can bring charges of "creating a hostile workplace environment."

In the military, simply looking at female soldier for longer than the prescribed amount of time can get you into trouble. In the days of the House Un-American Activities Committee and McCarthyism, our socialists used to criticize conservatives for wanting to silence dissent and free speech. But who's stifling free speech now?

It's America's socialist elites, mostly now, on university campuses. The Canadian Supreme Court has ruled that government may limit free speech in the name of other worthwhile goals that include ending discrimination, ensuring social harmony or promoting sex equality.

If we allow America's socialist elite to continue to incrementally eat away at our liberties, we'll find Canada's totalitarian laws here.

To find out more about Walter Williams, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.
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Emperor Bill seizes another million acres

by Vin Suprynowicz

You have to hand one thing to Bill Clinton: He thinks big. Back in 1996, this president staged a televised press conference at the south rim of the Grand Canyon to announce he was waving his "executive order" magic wand and declaring off limits to further commercial development or productive use — without the consultation, consent, or approval of Congress or the Legislature of the state in question — a huge hunk of southern Utah now designated the "Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument."

The Grand Canyon is a different national park entirely, of course. It was apparently just judged a more suitable photogenic backdrop for the network TV crews than the area actually being set aside by the president for eternal preservation, much of that land being, well ... stinking desert.

(Did I mention the Utahans had been planning to mine low-sulfur coal from the land thus ruled off limits for any American hoping to earn a living? Did I mention the world's other largest untapped reserve of such low-sulfur coal belongs to James Riady's Indonesian Lippo Group, which now faces far less competition? Did I mention the Riadays and Lippo have been among the largest contributors — legal or otherwise — to President Clinton's election campaigns?)

Anyway, having seen the president blithely bypass a Congress which has curiously balked at barring American ranchers, miners, lumbermen, and plain old hunters and fishermen from making any productive use of swatches of this nation's countryside larger than many a European principality, the kind of eco-nuts who live in big cities and think they can tell Westerners how to manage their coyotes and ravens apparently got to thinking: Why stop there?

So this March, federal Secretary of Land Seizures Bruce Babbitt traveled to Arizona to attend a public meeting at which the federales discussed a new proposed sweep of Mr. Clinton's magic wand, this time to rule off limits to productive use another 300,000 to 600,000 acres on the north rim of the Grand Canyon — to be referred to as the Shivwits Plateau National Monument, or the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument, or the Grand Canyon-Mount Charleston National Monument ... something like that.

Sure enough, President Clinton announced Dec. 14 he plans to do it again — but not for a mere piker's 600,000 acres. No, no, the new plan is to set aside by executive decree another million acres — the north rim of the Grand Canyon right up to the Nevada border ... plus another 8,000 acres near San Francisco if his mapmakers can find the way to San Jose; 71,000 acres for a new "Agua Fria National Monument" in the black-rock barrens north of Phoenix, Ariz.; and ... what else, Bruce? ... heck, throw in a couple of islands off the California coast. At least, that's it for now. Tomorrow's another day.

Nevada senators Harry Reid and Richard Bryan, contacted for comments, expressed no major concerns. Sen. Reid said "That's Arizona's problem." Sen. Bryan only asked that such bold power grabs be dressed up in future with the proper trappings of "sufficient public input,"

while acknowledging the president is probably asserting himself so recklessly because the Republican-led Congress (now conveniently on holiday recess) has proven hostile to additional "public land protection."

"Protection" from what? Most of the lands in question are already administered by the BLM, which has been progressively closing down access roads and running off the local peasants for some years now. No one was planning to pave this arid real estate and erect a chain of massive new Toys 'R Us franchises.

As for the notion that the president is somehow justified to thus act unilaterally when the Congress drags its feet: This violates nothing less than the two most important underlying precepts of the very Constitution which William Jefferson Clinton twice swore a sacred oath to protect and defend.

The Founding Fathers warned us repeatedly that 1) the way to avoid tyranny is to allow government not to do any thing it believes a "good idea," but rather to allow it to do only those things for which it has been delegated specific powers; and 2) that those powers have been divided among the three branches of government not in hopes they would "work smoothly together," but just the opposite — in the specific hope and expectation that one branch or another could always be relied upon to properly "drag its feet" should another branch (the executive being by far the greatest concern) take it into its head to rule by decree ... you know, like a dictator.

This failure of Nevada's two weak-hearted senators to rise up here and jealously guard their legislative prerogative is very discouraging. One wonders if their keepers still allow them solid food.

At least U.S. Rep. Jim Gibbons, R-Nev., the only member of the Nevada delegation who seems to have re-read the Constitution recently, declared: "These types of decisions should not be made in the secrecy of the White House."

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

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1.510' from the north line and 1,310' from the west line of lease.

1.510' from the north line and 1,310' from the west line of survey.

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permits authority in the Arlene (San Andres) field. No Rule 37 (38) is necessary pursuant to field rules for this field.

Field rules for the Arlene (Glorieta), Arlene (San Andres) fields are 440/1000, 40 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 3,300 feet.

Pursuant to the terms of Rule 37 (h) (2) (A), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator of lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative Tom Obenchain, Production Analyst, at 214-692-7052.

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If you wish to request a hearing on this application, an intent to appear in protest must be received in the railroad commission's Austin office by January 18, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. If no protest is received within such time, the requested permit may be granted administratively.

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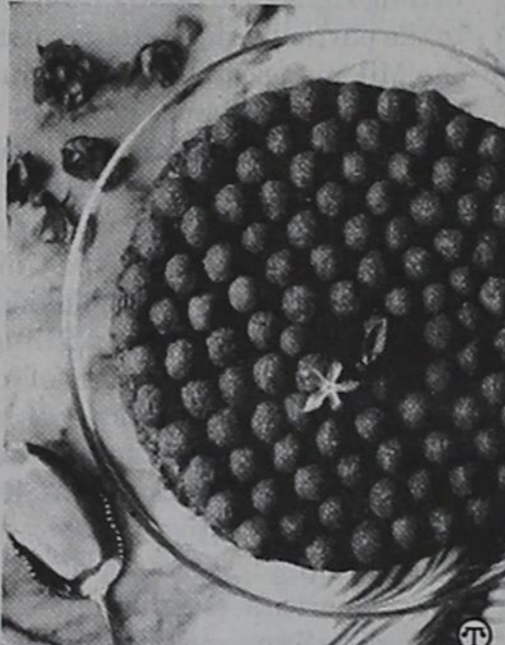
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- 1/2 cup (4 ounces) pecans
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons Dutch cocoa
- Dash salt
- 6 tablespoons butter, softened, added in pieces
- 1 egg yolk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla



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- 3 tablespoons seedless raspberry jam, divided
- 2 (6-ounce) packages Driscoll's raspberries or
- 1 (1-pound) package Driscoll's strawberries, rinsed, hulled and sliced

Preheat oven to 350°F. In food processor bowl with metal blade process pecans until finely ground. Add flour, sugar, cocoa, salt, butter, egg yolk and vanilla and pulse until dough forms. Form dough into a ball (if sticky, chill 10 minutes). On a well greased cookie sheet, spread evenly with fingertips to make an 8-inch circle. Spread with 2 tablespoons jam. Bake until

set, about 15 to 20 minutes. Cool 10 minutes. Carefully run a long metal spatula under cookie to loosen. Cool completely. To serve, slide cookie carefully onto serving platter. Spread with remaining jam. Cover with raspberries. If desired, dust top with powdered sugar and garnish with edible flowers before serving. Cut into pie-shaped pieces.

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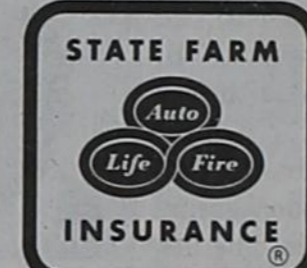
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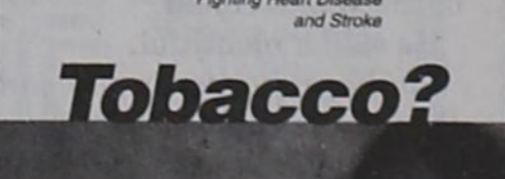
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Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

December 28, 1989
10 Years Ago

For Geraldine Butler of Post and Betty Boren of Justiceburg, the ceramics studio at Western Texas College in Snyder has become a special place.

Three straight months of rising rig counts, oil well completions and applications to drill new wells were a Christmas present for the state's energy industry according to Railroad Commissioner James E. (Jim) Nugent.

Sherri Lynn Powell and Ken Young exchanged wedding vows in an afternoon double-ring ceremony performed by Dr. James Bell in the Post home of Mr. and Mrs. V.O. Rasbury, Friday, December 8, 1989.

December 27, 1979
20 Years Ago

The Garza Memorial Hospital has received a \$2,500 donation from the G. Harold and Leila Y. Mathers Charitable Foundation of New York City. The Post Public Library received the same contribution last week.

Luke Bilberry was honored Thursday by the ASCS office for completing his third consecutive three-year term on the ASC committee.

Seventy-six Garza County senior citizens and guests enjoyed a Christmas dinner when the Trailblazers met for their December meeting.

The Reverend Thomas E. Evans is the new pastor at the Post Church of the Nazarene.

Coach Sonja Curry's Post Does played their finest game of the season when they defeated Seminole 68-35. The Does had three players in double figures - Luann Kennedy, Marinette Hays and Jerri Baumann.

December 25, 1969
30 Years Ago

Randy Hudman, Jimmy McKamie and Neff Walker were named to the All South Plains Class AA football team selected by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Wayne Whitten's name was drawn for the final \$50 cash prize in the third Christmas drawing sponsored by the Post Chamber of Commerce Retail Promotion Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Owen announce the birth of a daughter, Jennifer Lee, December 22.

Jewell Long, Shirley Bland and Velma Long presented the program at the Barnum Springs Home Demonstration Club's Christmas party.

The Post Jaycees will sponsor a New Year's Eve Dance, Wednesday, December 31, in the room between the bank and the post office.

December 24, 1959
40 Years Ago

Linda Payton will represent Garza County in the District 9-A finals of the "Make it Yourself With Wool" contest January 9 on the Texas Tech campus.

King Ardis has purchased the K&K Food Mart from Wallace Simpson.

A Garza County Lyndon B. Johnson for President Club was organized here Saturday morning with J. B. Potts as president and Jim Sexton secretary-treasurer.

Lester Nichols' Gulf Wholesale will move across the street from 103 East Main to 103 West Main.

The quarters on the corner occupied by Nichols for a number of years has been sold to the City of Post. The 103 West Main location was formerly occupied by Ila's Snack Bar, which was closed a week ago.

a cash register at one of Piggly Wiggly's four checkout stands and stole approximately \$400, probably when a checker's back was turned, said manager Paul Jones.

Nancy Norman was the first place winner in The Post Dispatch's Christmas Coloring Contest.

December 29, 1949
50 Years Ago

On January 1, Harry Dietrich will begin his 14th year as owner and operator of Ideal Laundry.

With the end of the ginning season still several weeks away, six local gins had weighed in a total of 19,874 bales.

In a Christmas contest Santa Claus gave away white turkeys to Pete Gerner, J.R. Kiker, L.W. Dalby, Mrs. Keith Kemp, Mrs. Weaver Moreman, Francis Craig, Mrs. Bobby Pierce, Merle Britton, R.E. Shedd and Mike Custer.

Almost everybody at the E.M. Bass home, including a young visitor from Lubbock, has the mumps. Sheriff Bass, who has escaped so far, wasn't feeling well last night and is making hourly attempts to drink buttermilk and eat pickles to make sure he did not have the mumps.

Mrs. D.C. Williams is entertaining at her home from 3 until 5 o'clock on New Year's afternoon.

Machinery has been moved to the caliche pit on the A.R. Robinson farm to provide gravel for the hard surface road which will be built to join the Wilson Highway.

Six body styles of the new 1950 Dodge will be introduced here in January by Storie Motor Company, S.C. Storie, manager, has announced.

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ACROSS

- shark found off the TX coast
- TXism: "quick as ___ York minute"
- Texans Didrikson or Laufenberg
- ___gallon hat
- TXism: "close but ___ cigar"
- TX Foreman lost title to him in '74
- TX Dixie Chicks' ___ Heavens for Dale Evans' (90)
- enemy of TX Gene Roddenberry's Star Fleet
- famous boot town
- Ft. Worth's Colonial club accepted black ___ in '91
- C&W singer Tritt
- Apache chief who aided TX settlers
- hit a hole-in-one
- a record-keeping number for Astros
- TXism: "___ the barrel head"
- 7-11 Slurpee price in '66 (2 wds.)
- "Texas ___ Die"
- original name of Glen Rose (3 wds.)
- TXism: "I'm ___ of my ropel"
- TX Cyd Charisse took up ballet to recover from ___
- Lake Meredith catch
- TX singer Tyler (init.)
- in Collin Co. on 289
- ex-Astro mgr. Howe

DOWN

- newspaper in SE Kaufman Co. town (2 wds.)
- Dallas' Loews ___ Hotel
- Jacksonville AM
- TX ___ Guinn
- Smith won '48 gold medal in pole vault
- ex-Cowboy FB Tommie
- store in Houston's Galleria I (3 wds.)
- border patrol govt. agency (abbr.)
- some TX westerns are seen on this cable TV network
- TXism for western movie (2 wds.)
- TXism: "does ___ have a climbing gear?" (yes)
- dimming star
- close-___
- Gov. James Hogg's daughter
- ex-Mav coach Buckner's network
- TXism: "fat ___ a boardinghouse cat"
- this Couples won '87 Byron Nelson (init.)
- Gov. Elisha Pease became gov. under martial ___
- TX cosmetics queen Mary Kay play dishonestly
- TX Bush denied involvement in Iran-___ affair
- some Mexicans ___ TX illegally
- El Paso has world's leading ___ pond
- Spurs are the ___ of the NBA
- TXism: "old as ___"
- eatery found in TX: Pizza ___
- "Bum" Phillips
- TXism: "___ with kid gloves"
- near Karnack: ___ Lake
- TXism: "run ___ a lawyer" (finalize)



SISTERS IN SONG — The Post vocal trio and their accompanist, Sharla Wells, are shown during a "fun moment" in one of their practice sessions. Standing behind the piano, left to right, Kay Lamb, Marita Jackson, and Lee Ann Hodges. Making a record they discovered was a lot of hard work, but a lot of fun too.

From The Post Dispatch, December 20, 1979



CHRISTMAS COMES FOR MILL CHILDREN

Children of Postex Mills, Inc., employees are moving through the line for Christmas gifts at the annual children's Christmas tree and party given in the high school gym Christmas eve by the mill. At the left, Santa Claus is checking last-minute wishes. Several hundred parents and children attended the party.—(Staff Photo).

From The Post Dispatch December 30, 1959

1960 JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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25	26	27	28	29	30

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WHO'LL BE FIRST BABY IN 1960?

That may be what Karen Gail Ringhoffer, Garza County's first 1959 baby, is wondering as she checks the calendar at her home here. Karen Gail, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ringhoffer, was born last Jan. 7. The first 1960 baby born to Garza County parents in the hospital here will receive valuable prizes in The Dispatch's 1960 First Baby Contest.—(Staff Photo).

From The Post Dispatch December 30, 1959

I believe that each newborn child arrives on earth with a message to deliver to mankind, clenched in his little fist is some particle of yet unrevealed truth, some missing clue which may solve the enigma of man's destiny.

He has a limited amount of time to fulfill his mission and he will NEVER get a second chance, nor will we.

He may be our last hope. He must be treated as Top Sacred.

— Sam LEVENSON



MEALS ON WHEELS clients received a surprise with their meal delivery during the Christmas season when each person was presented with an afghan donated to the program by Mrs. Mary Ruth Pittman of Amarillo. The 35 afghans donated by Mrs. Pittman were distributed by Meals on Wheels staff members (left to right) Jo Ella Sparlin, cook; Twana McCrary, director; Alma Bland, dietitian; and Eddie Moore, driver.

From The Post Dispatch, December 28, 1989

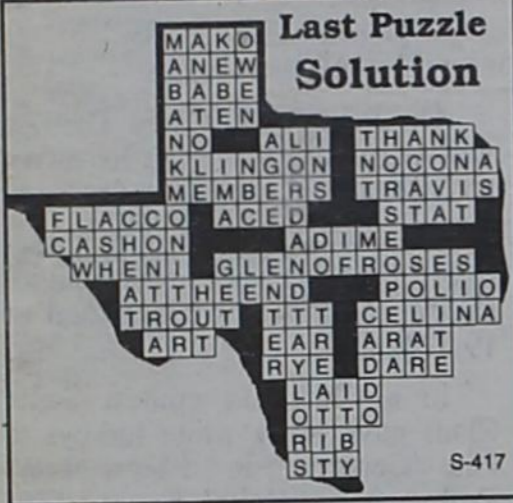
Holiday guests at Graves Home

Guest in the home of Ronnie and Diane Graves Thursday, December 23, included W. C. "Mutt" and Annie Graves; Walter and Willa Didway; Justin Phelps of Avery; Ron, Melinda, Braden and Heston Graves of Crosbyton; Mark, Angela and Kyler West of Lubbock; and Blair and Shelly Didway of Laguna Niguel, California.

The group celebrated Mutt and Annie's 62nd Anniversary in addition to Christmas dinner.

On Friday, December 24, Ronnie and Diane hosted the "Maxey Clan" for their traditional Christmas activities. Dinner and overnight guest included Quanah and Sue Maxey; Lewis and Jane Mason; Brent, Michelle, Tye, Kenzie and Kambry Mason; Ron, Melinda, Braden and Heston Graves of Crosbyton; and Mark, Angela and Kyler West of Lubbock. Other dinner guest included Brad, Penny, Jessica, Xane, Madison and Chloe Mason.

After "Santa" and brunch on Christmas Day, Ronnie and Diane left to spend the weekend with the Russel Graves family in El Paso. The El Paso grandkids had a rare White Christmas after six inches of snow fell there Saturday.



Lunch Menus

Trail Blazer

Friday, December 31, 1999
Closed for Christmas

Monday, January 3, 2000
Meatloaf, corn, green beans, coleslaw, wheat roll and jello salad.

Tuesday, January 4, 2000
Polish sausage, black-eyed-peas, asparagus, hot roll, chocolate cake and fruit.

Wednesday, January 5, 2000
Salmon patty, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, salad, cornbread and pudding.

Thursday, January 6, 2000
BBQ chicken, corn on cob, green beans, cabbage, biscuits and raisin pie.

Friday, January 7, 2000
Chicken fry, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, wheat roll and jello.

Post ISD

Friday, December 31, 1999
Breakfast: Holiday

Lunch:

Monday, January 3, 2000
Breakfast:

Friday, January 7, 2000
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Cheeseburger, h.b. salad, French fries, strawberry shortcake and choice of milk.

Lunch: Holiday
Tuesday, January 4, 2000
Breakfast: Muffin, sausage link, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Corn dog, French fries, mixed vegetables, pear halves and choice of milk.

Wednesday, January 5, 2000
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, orange juice, fruit and milk.

Lunch: B-B-Q on bun, pinto beans, onion rings, rosey applesauce and choice of milk.

Thursday, January 6, 2000
Breakfast: Malt-o-meal, sausage, toast, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Steak fingers, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, pudding and choice of milk.

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Valor does not propose any increase in charges to customers in this application. If, in the future, the Company proposes a rate change, customers will be given notice at that time.

In addition, Valor seeks designation by the Commission as both an eligible telecommunications provider ("ETP") and as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") within the service area acquired from GTE, to permit it to receive state and federal universal service support. The Valor applications have been assigned Docket Nos. 21832 and 21833. GTE also seeks to remove the service area sold to Valor from the area in which it has been designated as an ETP and ETC. The GTE application has been assigned Docket No. 21831.

All of the applications and the proposed tariffs are available for inspection and copying at the Central Records Office of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Austin, Texas. The Valor applications and tariffs are also available at the office of counsel, Brook Bennett Brown, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P., 919 Congress Avenue, 1300 Capitol Center, Austin, Texas 78701. The GTE applications are available for inspection at GTE's offices at 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1500, Austin, Texas 78701.

Persons with questions regarding the Valor proceeding should contact Mike Page with Valor at (202) 466-0940. Persons with questions regarding the GTE proceeding should call Carl Erhart with GTE at (512) 477-8986. Persons who wish to intervene in either proceeding or comment on the action sought should identify the relevant docket number and contact the Public Utility Commission at Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission office of Consumer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or, toll free, at (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas at (800) 735-2989 to reach the Commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477. The deadline for intervention in these proceedings is February 22, 2000, and you must send a letter requesting intervention to the Commission which is received by that date.

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