

US Hwy 84 project slowed by permit delays

The U.S. 84 project, scheduled to begin this month, is on hold because of permit delays, according to sources at the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

The decision to delay the project was made in the interest of the traveling public, TxDOT officials said. TxDOT and Granite Construction Co. have agreed to delay the start of the project to give the contractor time to put material resources in place before actually tearing up the roadway.

"The reason for the delay is to minimize the impact to the traveling public," said Lubbock Area Engineer Rob Comey. "Granite and TxDOT both want to make sure that we have all our resources available before we start closing down lanes and causing traffic delays."

Granite is waiting on required permits needed before the company can open and operate a concrete plant that will supply material for the project.

"We are looking at a number of possibilities to get the project moving, including changing the phasing of the work," Comey said, "but the best alternative is to just not start until we are sure that resources are in place, and we are completely ready.'

The needed permits should be available next month, he said. "Just as soon as Granite is ready, we'll break ground," Comey said. The \$8.2 million project includes the rehabilitation of 1.6 miles of existing highway through Post, from the BNSF Railroad south of

the community to a four-lane divided highway north of town. The project is scheduled for completion at the end of 2004.

Annual PC&TB banquet features humorist

The annual Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau banquet is scheduled for Saturday, March 1, beginning at 7 p.m. in the community

center.



Awards for Citizen of the Year, will include: Business of the Year and Conservationist of the Year will be given, and outgoing directors and incoming directors for both the Commerce & Tourism Bureau and the Women's Division will be recognized.

Speaker for the banquet will be Jim Bob Solsbery, a Department said in his memo. of Agriculture employee and noted comedian from Big Lake. As a child, Solsbery had a severe stuttering problem, but dreamed of being a humorist and speaker who could make people laugh and

Banquet tickets are available from any bureau director or at the office at a cost of \$15 per person.

Post ISD extends principals' contracts

The contracts of all Post Independent School District principals

were approved by district trustees last week, while the contracts for instructional staff members and coaches will be considered at the school board's March 11 meet-

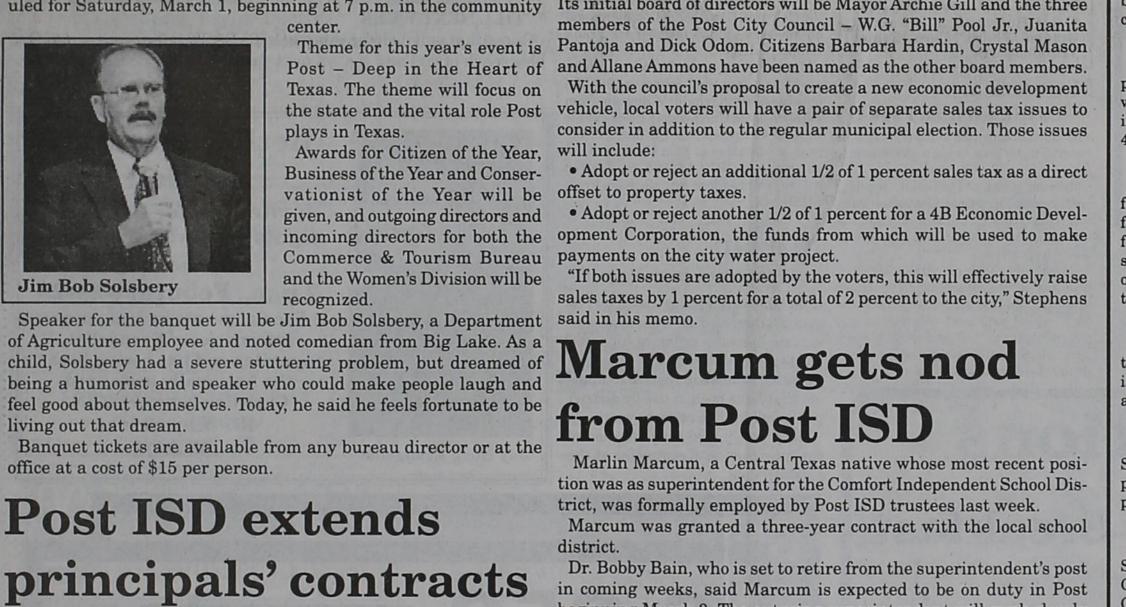
Jim Bob Solsbery

The contract agreements were made following an executive session that included a discussion of personnel.

In other business, board members approved the designation of a "hazardous bus route." Superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain said the in-town route will include district residences east of Hwy. 84 or north of 380, enabling buses to pick up students who otherwise would be forced to cross these high-traffic roadways in order to attend school. With the board's designation, the Texas Education Agency will pick up a portion of the cost to run the added bus

Trustees also approved the purchase of computer hardware for use in the district's business office. The Post ISD is moving toward the use of a Windows-based

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'Desperate Ambrose' continues at Garza Theatre

The Garza Theatre's current production of "Desperate Ambrose," a romantic western comedy, continues on weekends through March 9. Cast members are (back row, left to right) Charles Grair, Roy Willis, Mickie Klafka, Kim Klafka, Brenda Olive, David Johnson, director Beth McBrayer, (front row) Joe Bass, Marissa Olive, Pat Price, Chris Davis and Kathy Kidder. Call the box office at 495-4005 for tickets.

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Sales tax increase to reduce city property taxes

by Sheri Lewis

City Manager Fred Stephens delivered a detailed report to city "... Sales tax revenue and property tax revenue vary from year to

"In the city's quest to lower property taxes, you have decided to rate of .5225 percent." recommend raising the city's share of sales tax and lower property to the mayor and council. "... Your proposal is to raise the local sales adjust correspondingly." tax rate from 1 percent to 2 percent. The extra 1 percent will be used to help make payments on the new (Slaton) water project and partially reduce the city's dependency on property taxes for payments on the new water project."

The existing sales tax rate in Post is 7.25 percent, or 7.25 cents per dollar spent. That rate reflects the state tax rate of 6.25 percent and a local rate of 1 percent. The 1 percent, figured at a 10-year average, generates an annual sales tax revenue of about \$208,000, Stephens wrote.

Because the maximum sales tax rate in the state is 8.25 percent, a 1 percent margin remains available. A 1 percent hike in the local sales tax, figured at the 10-year average, would generate an additional \$208,000 per year for the city's coffers; however, the maximum additional rate allowed by state law to specifically offset property tax is .50 percent.

"If Post adopts the .50 percent to specifically offset property taxes, another .50 percent would remain available," Stephens wrote. "There are possibly other ways to reduce the property tax rate, in addition to adopting the .50 percent."

One of those options includes the addition of a new sales tax to generate money for the creation of a 4B economic development corporation. Through such a corporation, which would be guided by the council, infrastructure improvement payments may be made.

At last week's meeting, the council voted in favor of pursuing the creation of the Caprock Economic Development Corporation. Articles of incorporation were signed, and the documentation has been forwarded to state officials for approval.

According to a copy of the Articles of Incorporation, the non-profit corporation is being organized "to fund, create and manage the cost of any project for the acquisition, transport and furnishing of water to the general public

The corporation has no members and is a non-stock corporation. Its initial board of directors will be Mayor Archie Gill and the three

beginning March 3. The outgoing superintendent will work closely

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council members last week, providing insight into the proposal to year... but, for comparative purposes, if we had an additional increase the local sales tax rate to directly offset a decrease in prop- \$200,000 from additional sales tax revenue at the present, we could lower .25 off the .7708 percent of the property tax rate, leaving a

Stephens noted that if one or both of the sales tax issues fail in the taxes by a corresponding amount," Stephens said in a Feb. 11 memo May balloting, "the need for additional property tax revenue will

If approved by voters, the new sales tax rates would be effective

Worth repeating ...

When the people find that they can vote themselves money, that will herald the end of the republic.

- Benjamin Franklin

Post Notes

Free basic computer training

The Post-Garza Community Network will be providing free computer training to residents of Garza County. A beginner computer basics, fourday course, will be offered February 26 and 27 and March 5 and 6. Introduction to Microsoft Word will be offered as a four-day course February 24 and 25 and March 3 and 4. Both courses are from 5 til 7 p.m. Interested persons should contact Shellee at 495-3343 to enroll. Classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

4-H Archery meeting Saturday

The 4-H Archery meeting has been set for Saturday, February 22 at the Garza County Show Barn from 9 to 11 a.m. 4-H members should

bring a parent to the meeting. Evangelist at Bethel Assembly of God

Internnational Evangelist Jay Hurt will lead special services at the Bethel Assembly of God February 24-28. The five nights of "power, anointing and healing" begin at 7 p.m. Hurt is a songwriter and has been a host on the nationally acclaimed Christian Network TBN. The church is located at 407 May Street, call 495-0375.

Relay for Life Captains' meeting

A Relay for Life team captains' meeting will be held February 25 at 5 p.m. at Wells Fargo bankroom. Those interested in starting a team, as well as those already signed up, need to attend the meeting. For more information call Jana at 495-2804 or 495-2037 or Amy at 495-3600 or 495-4316.

Energy assistance funds available

The South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. has received funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) for January through December 2003. The program is designed to assist "low-income households" with priority given to people aged 60 or older, handicapped individuals and families with oung children under the ag eof six. Call SPCAA at 495-2329 for more information.

Girls' fast pitch softball registration

All girls, ages nine to 18, interested in playing fast pitch softball in the Lubbock league should contact Jaquita Blevins at 495-2517 for registration forms. All registrations must be submitted by Friday, February 21, along with a copy of birth certificate and registration fees.

Section 8 housing assistance

South Plains Regional Housing Authority will accept applications for Section 8 housing rental assistance on Friday, February 28 from 9 to 4 p.m. Interested persons should call (806) 894-4560 to schedule an appointment and obtain information for the application process.

PC&TB banquet March 1

The annual Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau banquet will be held Saturday, March 1 in the Post Community Center, beginning at 7 p.m. Citizen and Business of the Year awards will be presented, along with Conservationist of the Year. Humorist Jim Bob Solsby of Big Lake will be featured speaker. Tickets are \$15 each and may be purchased at the Bureau's office or from any director.

Methodist Church helping VA patients

The First United Methodist Church is taking donations, wich will be given to the Post VFW, to deliver to the V.A. Hospital in Big Spring. Items needed are men's toiletry items, along with puzzles, tablets and envelopes. For more information call Pixie at the church office, or call 495-2942. All items will be delivered to Big Spring on February 27.

Hallelujah Chorus in Post March 2

The famed Lubbock Christian University's Hallelujah Chorus will present a concert at the Post Church of Christ at 6 p.m., Sunday, March 2. The concert is free and open to the public.

Cancer survivors needed

If you or someone you know is a concer survivor, please contact Nancy at 495-3315 to participate in the "Survivor Walk" in the 2003 Relay for

"Desperate Ambrose" at Garza Theatre

"Desperate Ambrose" will open at the Garza Theatre February 14 and continue Feb. 15, 21, 22, 28 and March 1, 7, 8 and 9. The play, written by Dnald Payton, is directed by Beth McBrayer. Tickets may be obtained by calling the box office, 495-4005.

Relay for Life teams sought

It's time again to get teams together for the Third Annual Garza County Relay for Life. This year's Relay for Live will be held June 13-14. The Relay for Life is a fun way to join others in the fight against cancer and to raise funds for activities of the American Cancer Society. For more information about forming a team or participating as a survivor, call Amy Pennell at 495-3600 or 495-4316 or Jana Bullard at 495-2804 or 495-2037.

Retirement Reception for Dr Bain

A retirement reception will be held Sunday, February 23 at 2:30 p.m. for Post ISD superintendent Dr Bobby Bain at the Hotel Garza.

Lucille Bush celebrates 80th

Lucille Bush was honored on her 80th birthday Saturday, Feb. 8. Guests called between 2-4 p.m. at the Graham Community Cen-

Amanda Quisenberry, Trevah Yarbro and Salli Bush, granddaughters of the honoree, served birthday cake and punch.

About 130 guests were registered by Raegan Belongia, great-granddaughter, and Reece Belongia, great-grandson. Guests traveled from Lubbock, Rising Star, Big Spring, Brownwood, Bowie, Odessa and Post to attend the event.



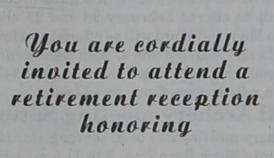




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Martin Nichols' 90th birthday

Lucille Bush

Friends and family are invited to visit or send cards to Martin Nichols as he celebrates his 90th birthday Friday. He and his wife Dale are residents at Golden Plains Care Center.

Golden Plains Care Center News

by Christy Rutherford Well, love was in the air here

last week.

On Monday we celebrated Valentine's Day with a party cake, cookies and the works.

On Tuesday we celebrated Dale and Martin Nichols' birthday with cake.

On Thursday we crowned our king and queen. Our king was Mose McCook, and our queen was Cleo Sappington. We also recognized Mary Jo McGuire as Most Huggable and Cleo Sappington as Most Loveable.

That night we honored our couples with candlelight dinner in their room, and Donny Cunningham serenaded them on guitar playing "The Garden and Wild Horses."

Stay tuned next week to find out what else we're doing.

health, world geography, comparative

Eastern religions, Texas and American

government and Middle Eastern studies.

He and his wife Sterline have three chil-

dren - Benjamin, 21; Stephen, 18; and

Marcum has served as a Sunday school

teacher and on various committees at the

First Baptist Church in Comfort and has

been active on boards of several organi-

zations, including the Panhandle Regions

Tech-Prep Consortium, the Northeast

Panhandle Teachers Credit Union and the

Hill Country Insurance Cooperative. Also,

he was a board member and president of

the Canadian Rotary Club, a member of the Hemphill Chamber of Commerce and

an advisory council member for Frank

Marcum grew up in Cisco and gradu-

ated from Cisco High School in 1965. He

obtained his bachelor's degree from

Tarleton State University in Stephenville

gree in education at Sam Houston State

University in 1979. In 1990, he received

Cleao Sappington (left) was nmaed Valentine Queen and Mose McCook was

Emily, 14.

Phillips College.

with the incoming one, and will "turn over in 1969 and completed his master's de-

Marcum comes to Post after spending his superintendent certification from

tabbed as Valentine King at the recent Golden Plains party.

"Most Huggable" at the recent

Golden Plains Care Center

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everything to him as soon as (Marcum)

fort school district. Prior to that, he

served as the Canadian ISD superinten-

During his teaching career, Marcum

also has served as a teacher, assistant

courses in Texas, U.S. and world history,

psychology, sociology, advanced social

problems, economics, free enterprise,

eight years as superintendent of the Com- SHSU.

feels comfortable," Bain said.

Valentine party.

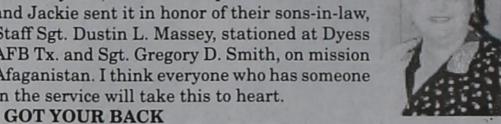
Marcum ...

dent for four years.



by Judy (Ballentine) Bush

Hey everyone, I received a fax from Thressa Harp last week with a most moving poem about our enlisted guys. With things looking the way that they are, I wanted to print this. Thressa and Jackie sent it in honor of their sons-in-law, Staff Sgt. Dustin L. Massey, stationed at Dyess AFB Tx. and Sgt. Gregory D. Smith, on mission Afaganistan. I think everyone who has someone in the service will take this to heart.



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I am a small and precious child, my dads been sent to fight The

only place I'll see his face, is in my dreams at night He will be gone

for too many days for my young mind to keep track I may be sad,

I am a strong and loving wife, with a husband soon to go. There are times I'm terrified in a way most will never know. I bite my lip, and force a smile as I watch my husband pack My heart my break, but I am proud. My husbands got your back.

I am a Soldier..serving proudly, standing tall. I fight for freedom, yours and mine by answering this call. I do my job while knowing, the thanks it sometimes lacks, Say a prayer that I'll come home. It's me who's got your back.

That's enough said folks.

I have had tons of calls about Ryan. He got a good report from the Dr. last week, and is making good progress, but he still faces about 2 1/2 weeks or three on his tummy. So pleaseeeeee, keep him in your thoughts and prayers. He is such a good kid, and I know he will appreciate it!!

NANNIE'S BIRTHDAY

I just wanted to take this time to thank everyone who came out to celebrate Lucille's birhtday with us. There was a most wonderful crowd, and Rick and I and Jerry and Judy are thankful to each of you for making it such a wonderful day for Lucille. I know she will never forget that day and all of the wonderful visits, calls, and cards that she received at the party and at home. God bless each of you for making her birthday such a blessed event.

CARD PARTY

We received a fax from Mollie Perkins last week. All of you remember Mollie. She is the daughter of Beatrice Dodson. Mollie was letting us know that Bea will celebrate her 89th birthday on March 8th at MacKenzie House assisted living in Lubbock. You can call Mollie at 747-3776 for details or just send a card to say hello and happy birthday to: Bea Dodson, Mac Kenzie House, 8609 Boston, Lubbock 79423. Bea and Mollie visited my store not long ago and it seemed like old times to have Mrs. Dodson in this building. I hope you have a wonderful birthday!!!!

TOO CUTE NOT TO INCLUDE

WHY MEN ARE NOT SECRETARIES Husband's note on the fridge to his wife: Honey, Someone from the Gyna Colleges called. They said the Pabst beer is normal. I didn't know you liked beer.

TILL NEXT WEEK

Guess that will do it for this week. PLEASE call in your news. God bless each of you and see ya next week. Pray for peace. Judy



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principal, middle school principal and RS3C software package used by Rehigh school principal. He has taught gion 17, Bain said. In order to accommodate the new software, updated hardware is necessary. The new computer hardware will replace computers that have been in use by district

personnel for five or more years. The board tabled consideration of the construction of restrooms at the baseball field.



Jay Hurt, Evangelist

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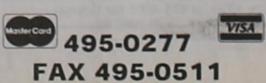


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have on today's third grade students.

A third grade student must pass the TAKS reading test this spring in order to be promoted. Because of the difficulty of this test, the Texas Education Agency projects hat approximately 44,000 third grade students will fail the initial TAKS reading test.

Students who fail the first test, which will be administered March 4, will be given remediation and another opportunity to pass the test a second time.

The second test will be given April 30. If a student fails the second test, he or she will be required to attend the summer school program where further remediation will be given.

The final test will be given at the end of the summer school program. Students and teachers have worked diligently over the past few months to prepare for the initial testing. Parents and community members are asked to encourage all students and teachers as test time approaches.

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El 2002-2003 año de la escuela marca un cambio grande para todos los estudiantes, padres, miembro de la comunidad, maestros y administradores escolares. La Valoración de Texas de Conocimiento y Habilidades (TAKS) la prueba, una prueba muy más defícil, reemplaza la Valoración de Texas de habilidades Académicas (TAAS) la prueba.

El cambio más significante de otra manera que una prueba más difícil es el efecto que esta prueba llevará puesto nuestra corriente estudiantes de calidad

Un tercer estudiante de calidad debe pasar la lectura (TAKS) la prueba esta primavera para ser promovido. Debido a la dificultad de esta prueba, los Texas Educación Agencia proyectos que a approximadamente 44,000 terceros estudiantes de calidad les faltará el TAKS inicial que lee la prueba.

Se darán estudiantes que faltan la preimera prueba que se administrará el de marzo de 2003 el remediation y otra oportunidad de pasar un segundo tiempo a la prueba. La segunda prueba se tardará el 30 de abril de 2003. Si un estudiante falla que los segundos él o élla de la prueba se exigirán asistir al verano el programa escolar y se darán el remediation más allá.

La prueba final se dará al final del téermino de escuela de verano. Los estudiantes y maestroa han trabajado diligentemente durante los últimos mesas para preparar para esta primera comprobación el 4 de marzo. Se piden a los padres y a miembros de la comunidad que animen a todos los estudiantes y maestros como los acercamientos de tiempo de prueba.

Judge Carter Schildknecht completes judicial training

More than 550 Texas judges, including the Hon. Carter T. Schildknecht, judge The most significant change other than a more difficult test is the effect this test will of the 106th Judicial District Court in Lamesa, attended regional judicial training programs held recently.

> The Texas Center for the Judiciary, an Austin-based non-profit judicial education group, developed the education program for the regional conferences held in San Antonio Jan. 26-28 and El Paso Feb. 10-12. All Texas appellate, district and county court-at-law judges were invited to attend the conference that included their administrative judicial region.

> Both conferences offered a day and a half of educational programs. General sessions featured "When is Evidence Considered Manipulated?", "Judicial Ethics," "Disqualification and Recusal Proceedings" and "Updates: Criminal, Civil & Family Law." Specialty track topics included "Children in the Courtroom," "Mortgage Foreclosures" and "Evidentiary Issues in Mold Cases."

> "We put together a curriculum that allows judges to select the courses that best meet their needs," said Mari Kay Bickett, executive director of the Texas Center for the Judiciary. "The conference design allows judges to focus on one or two topics with intensive study and guidance from faculty specializing on that topic."

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Here to stay...

After researching the idea suggested o me by one of our local journalists, hat if I am "unhappy here in Post, aybe I should leave", I have decided hat a geographical change ain't gonna e the answer.

Back in the mid to late 60's I decided o leave Oklahoma and move to New rleans in an attempt to get away rom my ol pals and alcohol. Boy did

that ever turn into a major chaos.

To start with, I an not unhappy with my own will.

little spot on the map.

Besides, just any lil ol hick town we come accross, ain't gonna have no mullty-million dollar back up water system connected to a critically low lake that is just about to become to salty to use. And just think, we got us a new steel wheel packer, and a flatbed trailer to

haul junk to a Lubbick recycle firm. I guess if one of them iceooxes fall off on the way to Lubbick and a car hits it, then what? Lawsuit city on the way. Actually, what I may decide is to Post, if I was unhappy with the damn "Surrender". I was thumbing through

place, I wouldn't need no suggestions, my Webster's guide manual and run I'd pack my own crap and pie-yie on across the word. It seems appropreaite for my situation.

I an not happy with the way the In my Webster's, Surrender means: politicians are running the town, but to yield to the power, control, or as far as being unhappy with Post, no possession of another upon compulsion way, I am absolutely gung-ho with our or demand... to give up completely or agree to forgo especially in favor of

another... to join the other side... to give oneself up into the power of

I guess I'd have trouble yeilding to all them definitions except maybe for one... "to join the other side", I may just try to do that, comes May 3rd.

But then I just don't know if I would ever make it. I can't be a ves man, and I damn sure don't believe in a multimillion dollar water line headed to nowhere.

I am for a sales tax increase, let some of our visitors help pay for our runaway liberal spending. I haven't seen or heard anything on the big ol' property tax cut. I wonder how much that will be? A 100th or a 10th of a

percent? We can bet our sweet butt that it won't be anything drastic or significant Huh?

In my view, a hospital, emergency room, and a Doc or two is a very much necessity here. I have been in Post going on 8 years. I wonder how many lives could have been saved in that period if we would have had some usuable facilities worth a damn.

I don't think we need to plan on heart transplants or a major cancer cure facility, but I do believe a nice little hospital would be a nice asset to community.

I guess I'd vote for a reasonable tax increase for a hospital, and I will vote for a sales tax increase. I guess the city

liberal spenders did not put the property tax increase up for vote because they knew most voters not only have voted "no", but "Hell No"...

I just wonder how much the city will be able to recover money wise, when they figger out that the big water line is gonna be useless, and they decide to scrap the damn thing. It will be like the present hospital tax, paying a tax on something we don't have, so for the big property tax, we'll soon be paying for something that don't work.

Our only hope... 77 more days til May 3rd... election time rolls around one more time.

Surrender... maybe... give up... no. As I See It & My Opinion Only, O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

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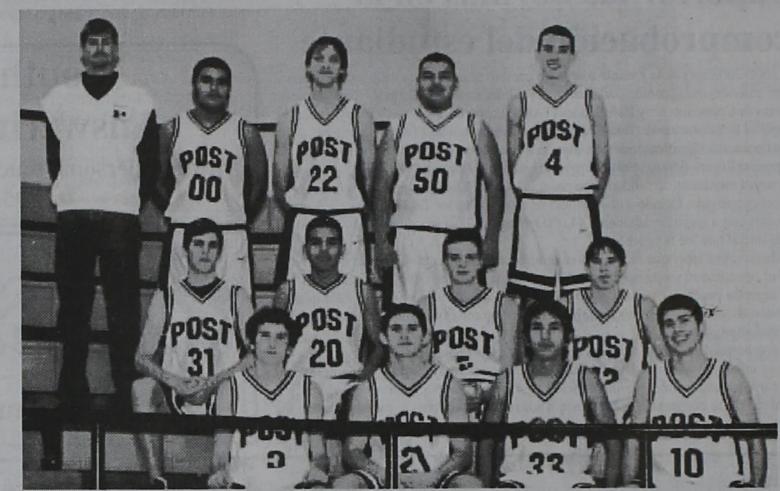
Sunnie Barbosa. (Photo by Pam Gorman).

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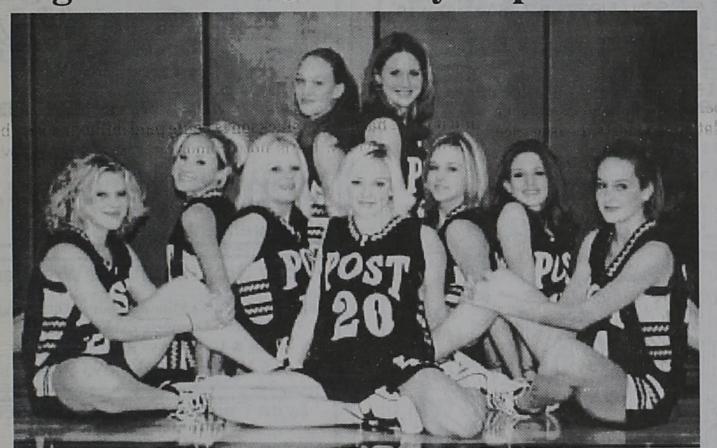


Junior Varsity Boys - (back row, left to right) Coach Jason Powell, Theo Paiz, Jordon Tatum, Adrian Zubia, Cole Easterling, (middle row) Sterling Smith, Tony Garay, Casey Williams, Kyle Gunn, (front row) CoCo Valdez, Randon Blacklock, Kenneth Garay and Quinton Odom. (Photo by Pam Gorman)

Deanna & Brandi Gunn

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Post Lady Lope Junior Varsity "Black" Team - (back row, left to right) Laurel Tatum, Courtney Copeland, (front row) Traci Nelson, Jeneé Lott, Lyndee Strawn, Lesley Rutherford, Courtney Short, Kayla Dunn and Ashley Wilson. (Photo by Pam Gorman).

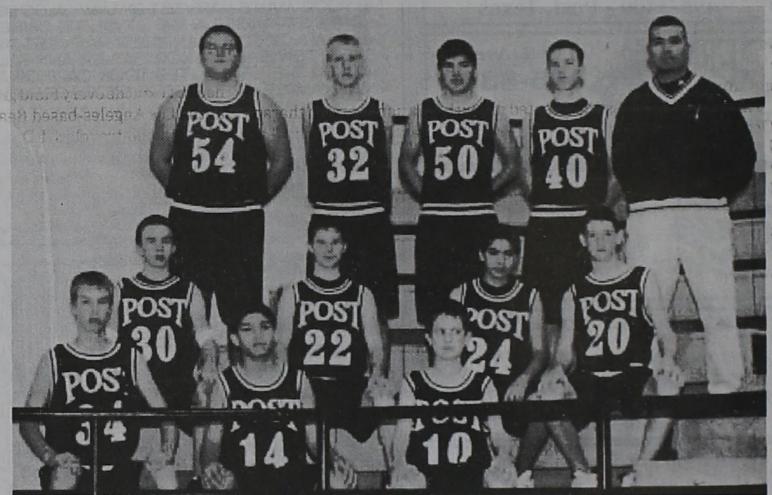
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Post Antelope Varsity - (back row, left to right) Brice Easterling, Jarrett Vickers, coach Dane Vickers, Jerrison Moore, Jerrad Grisham, (front row) Jett Lott, Mitchell Mills, Sterling Smith and Kenny Ratke. (Photo by Pam Gorman)

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FAA aviation aversion therapy

by Walter E. Williams

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Aversion therapy is sometimes used when there are associated behavior patterns that are pleasant but might be regarded by a third party as undesirable. For example, alcoholics love consuming large amounts of alcohol.

Aversion therapy involves associating alcohol consumption with a very unpleasant stimulus. One method is to The FAA's aversion therapy has worked well with me. My rule is if require the alcoholic to take a sip of whiskey having first taken a the travel distance is 300 miles or less, I drive instead of fly. Flying nausea-inducing drug.

Sipping the whiskey is followed immediately by violent vomiting. flight arrival time, driving might get me to my destination just as In future, just the smell of alcohol produces the unpleasant memory of vomiting — and hopefully the patient will stop drinking. Aversion therapy is used in the treatment of compulsive gambling, sexual If there are other Americans like me, FAA's aviation aversion perversions and various phobias.

form of aversion therapy. Flying to one destination or another to examine every straw. deliver lectures on a range of economic topics used to be pleasant, but

Occasionally, I must fly somewhere. I don't vomit in anticipation, but of a "trusted traveler" I.D. I succumb to an almost uncontrollable rage on route to the airport To get one, you'd fill out an application — much like an application that's intensified by the question, "May I see your ticket and photo for a concealed weapon carry permit. Upon completion of an I.D.?"

precursor of what follows. My carry-on luggage is tossed on the conveyor belt for x-ray. I walk through the metal detector. Suspenders, watches, wallet, cigarettes, tiepin, belt and ring can set off the alarm.

I've learned that, so those items are removed and placed in my brief month old baby, led by an instantly recognizable famous former U.S. case, and so are my eyeglasses. Despite de-metalizing myself, it's no congressman such as Newt Gingrich, have hijacked an airliner and guarantee that the alarm won't go off. When it does, a guard escorts flown it to Cuba.

me to a chair to wand my legs and crotch.

wanding. Guards sometimes attempt to exchange pleasantries. I just look at them saying not one word, for fear of saying what I felt would lead to arrest.

Instead of pleasantries, they might apologize for the delay, inconvenience and sheer stupidity of a procedure that imposes high costs on millions upon millions of Americans who are no air safety threat whatsoever.

is safer than driving 300 miles, but considering the two hour prequickly as flying, not to mention having been spared the psychological costs of airport hassle.

therapy has been costly to the airlines. There must be a better way. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has come up with its After all, if one's looking for a needle in a haystack, he need not

Or, if one is trying to find out which hand grenades are duds, he needn't explode every hand grenade. Robert Poole, a senior researcher The FAA has successfully treated me with aviation aversion therapy. at the Los Angeles-based Reason Foundation, suggests the issuance

investigation, you'd be issued a tamper-proof "trusted traveler" I.D. Being asked for a ticket and photo I.D. is reasonable, but it's a that'd permit you to move through a line where there's less intense

passenger screening. The FAA will receive an apology the very day I hear a news story that an 80-year-old woman, a wheelchair bound amputee and a 6-

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Cash for what?

by Bill O'Reilly



Here's a moral dilemma that just about everyone will understand, with the possible exception of Michael Jackson. The Fox Television Network is paying the troubled singer millions to give his side of the story, after a firestorm of outrage over his videotaped admission that he sleeps with young boys.

Actually, there are not two sides to that situation, even though Jackson is so confused he doesn't know it. If you are an adult, you do not sleep with children who are not part

of your family. Get it, moonwalker?

Jackson puts forth that he was conned by British interviewer Martin Bashir, and will provide outtakes backing up his opinion from the damning, original interview that ran on ABC. One of the outtakes shows Bashir telling Jackson, "your relationship with children is spectacular."

Well, that's swell, but who cares what Martin Bashir thinks? What's important here is that Jackson stated on camera: "I have slept in a bed with many children."

Not swell, especially because Jackson, according to The New York Times, paid one of those children an astounding \$25 million to shut up about bedding down with him. Apparently, Jackson learned nothing from that sordid scandal 10 years ago. A reading of the 12year-old boy's charges released last week would make any responsible person's stomach turn.

So there is a moral dilemma in any business dealing with Jackson, and it is not hard to see. Jackson is being paid millions solely because of this controversy. He is not promoting a record or a movie or a concert tour. The allegations that he is a child molester are enriching him. Obviously, there is something very disturbing about that.

But a case can be made, and perhaps Fox will make it, that Jackson deserves a chance to defend himself with counter-evidence. The original interview was edited in England, and maybe Jackson has some points that were lost in the mix.

However, there is no question that Jackson wants money to tell his tale. A CBS news crew headed by "60 Minutes" correspondent Ed Bradley was all set to interview Jackson a few days ago. But he bagged it because one of his advisors told him he could get big money from a network. If Jackson really felt aggrieved, the "60 Minutes" venue would have provided him with much more credibility than the

Your humble correspondent decided a long time ago that Michael Jackson is a disturbed man who should be kept away from all children, including his own. Anybody who would mutilate his face the way this guy has, is self-loathing in my opinion. Jackson's modus operandi has been to lavish gifts on young kids and their unbelievably irresponsible parents. In return, he gets private "visits" with those children.

This is wrong and dangerous, and the California authorities should be ashamed for not taking a more aggressive approach to monitoring Jackson's behavior with minors. The quote from the Santa Barbara County DA that "sleeping with children is not a crime," is simply outrageous.

If it were up to me, I would not pay Jackson a dime. Any business deal with this guy is creepy and perhaps immoral. We are living in a time and a country where boundaries of decent behavior are collapsing all around us. Michael Jackson is the poster boy for that. He should be shunned.

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Taxing dividends: once is not enough?

by Sheldon Richman

Why is it controversial to propose an end to double taxation?

The centerpiece of President Bush's economic package is elimination of the tax on dividends. No one disputes that this is a double tax. A corporation pays taxes on its profits. Then if it distributes the after- cut? tax profits to its shareholders, they pay taxes on that income. Corporate profits are taxed twice merely because they change locations.

mind that many low-income people already pay no income tax; in fact, they get cash handouts through the dishonestly named earned not the welfare programs they really are. income tax credit. (How does one get a credit on taxes not paid?)

So, somehow, it's unfair to eliminate a tax if less-productive people don't directly benefit, but it's not unfair to tax something twice. A strange notion of fairness, indeed.

to the government, whose job it is to distribute it "equitably." Maybe that's why Sen. Lincoln Chafee (R-R.I.), objecting to Bush's plan, said, "I can't see us giving away any more of our revenues." They certainly aren't Senator Chafee's revenues. So what's he talking low-income people's payroll taxes, but continue to provide Social about?

That's the typical attitude in Washington. To enact a spending wealthier people would be forced to subsidize them to an even measure, you need merely claim that someone is in need. No proof is required; certainly it does not have to be shown that need justifies confiscation. But to enact a tax cut to let productive people keep their calling for a cut in the payroll tax. own money, politically you shoulder an impossible burden of proof.

saying it would help the "wrong people." No doubt he'd be appalled if it were pointed out that his statement reflects a thuggish difficult? collectivism unworthy of an earlier America. A tax cut lets people keep their own money. How can they be the wrong people?

If Daschle wants to say that the tax cuts should be deeper and include other taxes, then bravo! But that's not what he wants. He wants tax cuts for people who don't pay taxes and tax hikes for people who do. That's the logic of one who believes that all belongs to the state. Daschle should move to Europe where his ideas are more appropriate.

Some of the class warriors claim that low-income people do indeed pay taxes - not the income tax, but the payroll tax for Social Security and Medicare. Don't those people, they ask, deserve a tax

Now this is progress. There was a time not long ago when the socialist-minded among us denied that Social Security and Medicare were supported by taxes. Those payments were called "contributions." The outcry against repeal of this outrage is deafening. Why? The "C" in FICA is for "contribution." The defenders of Social Because low-income people won't pay less tax as a result. Never Security and Medicare had a reason for this artful use of language: they wanted us to believe that those programs were insurance plans,

But of course if you don't remit those "contributions" to the IRS you go to jail. If it waddles like a tax and quacks like a tax, it's a tax. These days it serves the tax-the-productive crowd's interests to call those contributions taxes. It's the best shot those folks have at Such a notion can be based only on the view that all wealth belongs parrying the sensible argument that tax cuts should be restricted to taxpayers. I'm all for cutting - make that "repealing" - the payroll

> tax and the programs they finance. But that's not what the class warriors have in mind. They would cut Security and Medicare benefits at the old level - which means greater extent than today. That would make the welfare nature of those programs even clearer. And that's why few people in power are

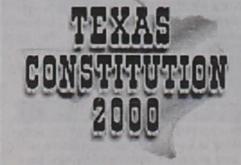
There has also been the usual handwringing about the "cost" of Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle reacted to the tax cut by cutting taxes. So let's say this one more time: cutting taxes doesn't cost people money. Government programs do. Is that really so

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Effective windbreaks can lower utility

costs in homes, increase crop production and provide wildlife habitats. They also inhibit dust by reducing and redirecting The height, density, number of planted

continuity are factors that determine the effectiveness of a windbreak. After five to seven years, windbreaks require little maintenance.

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The district has several tree sizes gallon potted trees approximately three tree; hardwood seedlings are \$1 per tree. Two-gallon potted trees are \$9 apiece, while five-gallon potted trees are \$15 each. Varieties and quantities may be limited,

so interested individuals should contact the SWCD as soon as possible. Deadline for tree orders is March 5. Contact the Garza SWCD at 495-2056,

ext. 3, or go by the office at 210 W. Main, The first tree pick up is scheduled for early March.

EQIP released for comment

The proposed rule for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) has been released for public comment. The 2002 Farm Bill reauthorized and amended the program, which is administered by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Services.

"The Farm Bill represents an unprecedented investment in conservation on America's working lands, providing a \$17.1 billion increase in conservation over 10 years, which is an 80 percent increase," said Dr. Larry D. Butler, NRCS Texas state conservationist. "In addition, the Farm Bill offers voluntary solutions for complying with the Endangered Species Act, Clean Air Act and other regulations. EQIP - one of the largest programs in the Farm Bill - is designed to help producers meet the significant environmental regulation they face."

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental quality and assists producers in meeting local, state and federal regulations. Funds are designed to help farmers and ranchers install conservation practices that protect natural resources by reducing soil and erosion, improving water use efficiencies and protecting grazing land.

Through the rulemaking process, NRCS has streamlined program administration and addressed several primary statutory changes in the proposed rule, including:

*Up to 90 percent cost share for limited resources and beginning farmers and * A total payment limitation of

\$450,000 per qualified individual o entity for all fiscal year 2002-2007 EQIP * Providing livestock producers with

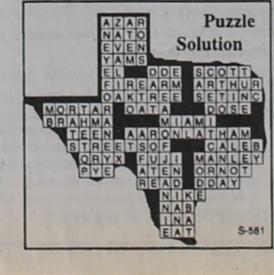
cost-share assistance for waste storage facilities regardless of size, but must develop and implement a comprehensive nutrient management plan.

* Allocating 60 percent of QIP funds toward livestock-related practices.

The proposed fiscal year 2004 agriculture budget includes \$850 million for EQIP to install conservation measures such as erosion control and water quality enhancement; \$51 million for ground and surface water conservation; and \$8 million for water conservation and water quality enhancements in the Klamath Basin of California and Oregon.

"In Texas, farmers and ranchers are proud of their environmental stewardship and conservation on working lands, Butler said. "Since 1997 more than 6.5 million acres have been enrolled in the EQIP program in Texas. There is a strong commitment for conservation among private landowners to improve the environment and protect natural resources."

Additional information on EQIP and other conservation programs is available on the Web at http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/ programs/farmbill/2002/products.html.



Homes for Sale

303 Mohawk-2/2/1, CH/A, stove, dishwasher, w/d. Nice neighborhood. Call 495-3381

Large brick 3 bedroom, 2 bath, seller will pay \$5,000 for closing costs. 495-3310.

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Miscellaneous for Sale

Zenith 21" color t.v. in good shape-

17' Kelvinator refrigerator-runs good. 495-3483.

For Sale by Owner 1995 MB Sport Ski Boat, 351ci, Boss 200hp inboard (new Holly carb), Blue-Black-Gold-White, Tall Tow Pole, Single Axle Traler (new tires), \$14,000 or best offer. 915-263-0686 home, 915-425-4940 mobile.

Garage Sales

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Pets and Supplies

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Lost dog: at Grub's store at Lake Alan Henry on 2/15/03. Short hair light red with white tip on tail. Answers to the name Hank. \$100.00 reward. Call 781-6792, 746-6792 or

who the dogs belong to.

Legal Notices

Notice of Publication The City Council of the City of Post, Texas will consider adoption of the following ordinance at its next regular meeting which will be held in Council Chambers at 105 East Main

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S/ Wyvonne Kennedy, City Secretary, City of Post

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Hockley County Senior Citizens Association, Inc., will be accepting sealed bids for the construction/renovation of an Adult Day Care Center. Bid packets and specifications can be obtained from the central office of Hockley County Senior Citizens Association, Inc., located at 1202
Houston Street, Levelland, Texas
79336, Monday through Friday 9 a.m.
to 4:30 p.m. Closing date for
acceptance of bids will be two weeks
following the final publication of this
and Rids will be expended on March 14 ad. Bids will be opened on March 14, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. at the above address. The winning bid will be contacted via certified mail. For additional information or to obtain a bid packet please visit the central office at the above address. Linda Mayo, Executice Director

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Relay for Life seeks volunteers

Register Your American Cancer Society Relay For Life Team Now The American Cancer Society Relay For Life - Post - is just around the corner. Register your team today by calling Amy Pennell at 495-3600 or 495-4316 or Jana Bullard at 495-2804 or 495-2037. This "celebration of life" brings the Garza County community together in unified effort to fight cancer.

Former and current cancer patients, their families, businesses, civic organizations, and the public are invited to take part in this exciting team event. Relay For Life takes place from 9:00a.m. on June 13, 2003 until 9:00 a.m. on June 14, 2003 at the track in Post. Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's version of an athletic relay, but with a new twist. Relay For Life is a familyoriented event where participants enjoy the camaraderie of a team and also raise funds to support the activities of the American Cancer Society. Participants camp out at the Relay site and when they are not taking their turn walking or running, they take part in fun activities and enjoy local entertainment.

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Teams from companies, churches, organizations, hospitals, and schools collect donations and can win individual and team prizes for their

The purpose of Relay For Life is to bring the progress against cancer to the forefront. Many participants are family, friends, and neighbors who have been cured of cancer themselves. Their involvement is proof of the progress that has been made not in cancer cure rates, but in the quality of life following cancer treatment.

The funds raised enable The American Cancer Society to continue our investment in the fight against cancer through research, education, advocacy, and services to patients. Due to the generosity of corporate sponsors, the money raised by American Cancer Society's lifesaving

Information about how to form a team or become involved in Relay For Life contact one of the numbers below: Event Co-Chairmen Michelle Rasbeary 495-0039; Joel Terry, Team Recruitment; Amy Pennell, 495-3600 or 495-4316; Jana Bullard, 495-2804 or 495-2037.

For more information on cancer, call the American Cancer Society's 24-hour hot line at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit the web site www.cancer.org.

Births

Phergson Baby Girl

Anthony and Tasha Phergson of Post have announced the birth of their daughter at 8:21 a.m. Feb. 14, 2003, in Lubbock's Highland

The infant weighed six pounds and two ounces at birth.

Kiana Nicole Salone

Marrella Vega and Tyrone Salone of Post have announced the birth of a daughter, Kiana Nicole Salone, born Feb. 14, 2003, at Highland Hospital

The infant was born at 6:51 a.m. and weighed six pounds, three and one-fourth ounces. Grandparents are Raul and Cecilia

Vega and Sylvia Nino.

Menus

Post ISD

February 24- Breakfast-Churros, sausage link, fruit, milk Lunch-Popcorn chicken, french fries,

salad, pears, milk February 25- Breakfast-Waffles, butter & syrup, sausage, fruit, milk

Lunch-Chicken fried steak, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, pudding, milk

February 26- Breakfast-Malt-o-meal, toast, sausage, fruit, milk

Lunch-Smoked sausage, salad, porkn-beans, reece's cup, milk

February 27- Breakfast-Cinnamon toast, sausage link, fruit, milk

Lunch-Stew, cheese sandwich, fried okra, peaches, milk

February 28- Breakfast-Cereal, toast, fruit, orange juice, milk Lunch-Corn dog, french fries, grapes,

Garza Trailblazers

February 24- Pepper steak, noodles, peas, squash cassarole, wheat roll, oranges

February 25-Green chili chicken, pinto beans, tossed salad, cornbread, salsa & chips, fruit salad

mixed vegtables, pea salad, hot roll, pineapple cobbler

February 27-Baked ham, beans & rice, spinach cassarole, cornbread, banana ounces, on Feb. 4.

February 28-Brisket, new potatoes, arrested for a DWI/Class B. fried okra, sliced tomatoes, hot roll, strawberry shortcake

bread, fruit, milk

Lunch-chicken tacos, rice, salad, fruit cup, milk

pineapples, juice, milk Lunch-Doritos cassarole, pinto beans,

tossed salad, cookies, milk February 26- Breakfast-French toast,

fruit, juice, milk Lunch-Spaghetti, garlic toast, green salad, pudding w/topping, milk February 27- Breakfast-Cereal,

graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch-Pizza, salad, corn, fruit cup, milk February 28- Breakfast-Biscuit &

gravy, sausage, juice, milk Lunch-Cheeseburgers, luttuce, tomatoes, pickles, french fries, chocolate cake, milk

Choir members compete in Lubbock



MEMBERS OF the Post High School Choir competed in the Solo and Ensemble contest Feb. 6 in Lubbock. Shelly Haney, Amber Little and Radley Nichols advanced to the State Solo competition in Austin in June. They received a division I rating on Class I solo. Sara Hodges and Lorena Voss both finished with a division II rating on a Class I solo. Ami Raben finished with a division I rating on a Class III solo and Marci Hill finished division II with a Class III solo.

Pictured left to right; Ami Raben, Marci Hill, Radley Nichols, Lorena Voss, Shelly Haney, Amber Little and Sara Hodges. (Photo by John Cordsen)

Garza County Sheriff Kenny Ratke (left) assists Mrs Irene Guajardo with the new "In Safe Hands" identification bracelet. The program, whichi is funded by a grant initiated by her son Danny Guajardo, is designed for senior citizens.. "We couldn't have done this project without Danny's help," Sheriff Ratke emphasized.

'Desperate Ambrose' is a hoot 'n holler fun

by Ruth Ann Young
"Desperate Ambrose," written by Donald Payton and directed by Beth
McBrayer, is now playing at the Garza Theatre. This romantic western comedy is set in a hotel in Dead Man's Gulch in 1899.

Director Beth McBrayer and her crew have done an outstanding job on the set, turning it into an elegant hotel, circa the late 1800s. David Johnson returns to the Garza as Panhandle Jack, a cantankerous but loveable old prospector; the crooked Sheriff Crandel is played by Joe Bass, and his two villainous deputies are played by Charles Grair and our

own local postmaster, Roy Willis.

Kathy Kidder and Marissa Olive play the two young beauties who come to Dead Man's Gulch to inherit the hotel. Brenda Olive portrays their matronly traveling companion, who has an eye for Panhandle Jack.

Pat Price does an excellent portrayal of a down-on-his-luck vaudeville actor by the name of Ambrose Gross, who stumbles into Dead Man's Gulch along with his acting partner, played by the very talented Chris Davis. Chris plays three different characters in this play.

The devious sheriff and his outlaw deputies had planned to take over the hotel illegally, but they became enamored by the young beauties and by Beth Malone, the gun-toting lady who was to have married the murdered hotel owner. Mickie Klafka, who also has done some acting at the Garza before this play, plays the part of Beth Malone.

The plot thickens hilariously as Ambrose (Pat Price) is mistaken for the touch "Homer the Kid" and has to be urged on by his partner, Bert (Chris Davis) to put up a brave front to try to save the hotel from the crooked sheriff and his boys, save himself from a hanging, and also rescue the ladies from an undesirable matrimony to the "guys in the black hats."

There's lot of rough and tumble action and Pat Price as Ambrose is very

believable and funny as a wanna-be hero. This play is well worth seeing and will be portrayed again Feb. 21 and 22, Feb. 28 and March 1, 7 and 8, with a March 9 matinee. Come enjoy good entertainment and support your local Garza Theatre!

Yesteryears

February 17, 1993 10 Years Ago

Construction on the Lake Allen Henry dam east of Justiceburg will enter the final stages sometime in late February as crews begin hauling over one million cubic yards of dirt into the

last section of the earthen structure. The 1993 FHA Sweetheart was selected Saturday night with Tony Harp taking the crown. The Post High School's attendants were Jamie Feagin, second runner-up and Labeth Jones, first runner-up.

Saler cows from the herd of Stelzer Land and Cattle have received one Golden Dam award from the American Salers Association. Only 66 breeders across the nation have cows listed on the Golden Dam list.

Kerry Anne Hart and Brandon Kurt Miller exchanged wedding vows January 23, in the Post Church of Christ. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hart of Post.

> February 13, 1983 20 Years Ago

The Antelope Booster Club presented special recognition to coach David Thompson and the entire coaching staff during Thursday evening's Football Banquet. Coach Thompson and assistant coaches were given shotguns as a show of appreciation from the booster club.

Cindee Jackson was crowned FHA Sweetheart last week with Penny Davidson as first runner-up and Mendy Tatum as second runner-up.

Congressman Charles Stenholm will be guest speaker at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet Monday at the community center. Stenholm, of the 17th congressional district will speak on "Washington Update."

Two students from Post were among 121 students named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian College for the Fall semester. Melinda and Melisa Tatum are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Tatum of Post. Melinda is a Senior Secondary Education major and Melisa Tatum is presently a Junior accounting major.

February 15, 1973 30 Years Ago

Bringing down the house with her twirling routine, Jana McKamie a sophomore, won the Valentine Sweetheart title in the Future Homemakers of America's annual contest. Runners-up to the winner Crystal Nichols, who read a poem, "Believe in Yourself" and Willie Harper who sang, "The First Time I Saw Your Face."

Noah W. Stone, who has operated the Post Auto Supply here for the last 34 years, last Thursday sold his auto parts business to Jimmy Sharp and his body shop to David Cheshire.

Jockey Kenneth Hart, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hart of Post, rode Andy Go to victory Saturday night in the 440-yard \$50,000 championship race at the Los Alamatis Race track in New

The Rev. Philip Daniels and wife Alma, have moved from Wellington, Tx., to Post where he is the new pastor of the Church of the Nazarene.

Bobby Dean 25, suffered a slight skull fracture and a brain concussion in a motorcycle accident yesterday.

Dean was "dirt biking" when his bike slipped and flipped three times. He is in intensive care at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

> February 14, 1963 40 Years Ago

The Garza Memorial Hospital has been "operating in the black" for the last five years and all of the hospital bonds probably will be paid off next year leaving the county free of hospi-

James Dalton Polk, who is 80, and Mrs. Rosa Lee Jolly, who is 66, were married here Friday at the Calvary Baptist Church.

The Post School board Monday night re-elected Harold Teal as athletic director and head football coach with a two-year contract.

Postings: Congratulations to the Post girls' basketball team the Post Does, and to their coach, Van Kountz, for winning the district cage title Tuesday night where it is always nice to win

such honors - on Slaton's home floor. Some of the Jr. High teachers were asked why they didn't think the kids should chew gum in class. Here are their opinions: Mr. Davis: Hate to see a big wad of gum at the drinking fountain. Mrs. Wristen: Students concentrate much better in class without chewing gum. Coach Kountz: Gets too noisy. Mrs. Walker: Smacks too much and too loud. Mr. Stone: When the kids finish with their gum they put it under their chairs and sometimes they lay it on the chair and other people sit down on the gum.

> February 12, 1953 50 Years Ago

Post residents are now assured an amply supply of water to meet all needs during the coming summer months by the recent purchase of water rights from the L. W. Dalby farm, eight miles west of Post, it was announced the first of the week by Mayor T. L. Jones.

Deputy Sheriff J. W. (Red) Floyd found out the hard way last Friday morning that his 1951 Plymouth was not match for the late model Oldsmobile - especially when there was a speed demon at the wheel of the lead vehicle. The race lasted about eight miles. The officer lost control of his machine and according to his version of the accident "it must have rolled over a dozen times." Deputy Sheriff Fay Claborn, who was following closely behind the two racer on the clouded, dusty road picked up the deputy and brought him back to town. Needless to say the bootlegger got Movies of the Week: "The Bad and

The Beautiful" with Lana Turner and Kirk Douglas; "Dreamboat" with Clifton Webb and Ginger Roger; "Hellgate" with Sterling Hayden and Joan Leslie.

Approximately 500 persons participated in a dedication and homecoming service Sunday at Justiceburg Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Happy Bevers are parents of a new baby girl, they have named her Peggy Sue. The Bevers have another daughter, Sherry. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Hagood and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bevers,

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Sheriff reports number of arrests here

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Almost two dozen individuals were booked into the Garza County Jail during the past two weeks, according to records provided by the sheriff's

On Jan. 21, a 29-year-old was jailed for possession of marijuana. Two individuals were jailed Jan. 23, including a 19-year-old female and a 54-year-old male, both for possession of marijuana. The man also was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

A 36-year-old was booked on a DWI felony charge Jan. 26.

On Jan. 27, a 40-year-old male was picked up for assault, evading arrest and criminal mischief. On the following day, a 41-year-old male was arrested for theft by check, \$20-\$500.

A 27-year-old male was arrested for driving while license suspended on Two arrests were logged on Feb. 1, including that of a 59-year-old for DWI/
February 26-Chicken fry, cream gravy, ixed vegtables, pea salad, hot roll,

A 29-year-old was jailed for public intoxication on Feb. 2. Also arrested on

a Garza County warrant on that date was a 27-year-old male.
A 19-year-old male was arrested for possession of marijuana, under two Two men were arrested on Feb. 5. A 50-year-old male was picked up on

revocation of probation out of Hockley County, while another 50-year-old was

On Feb. 8, a 41-year-old male was jailed on DWI/third. Four arrests were made on Feb. 12, including that of a 39-year-old male, SOUTHLAND ISD

February 24- Breakfast-cinnamon

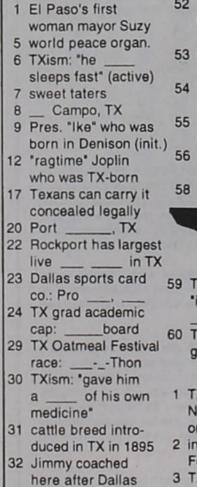
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DWL/Class A; a 48-year-old, grand jury indictment; a 48-year-old, Hale
County warrant; and a 27-year-old, Department of Public Safety warrant.
On Feb. 13, a 26-year-old male was picked up on a grand jury indictment while another 26-year-old man was arrested in connection with a DPS

A 29-year-old man was jailed Feb. 14 following a grand jury indictment, February 25- Breakfast-Churros, while a 42-year-old man was arrested Feb. 16 for DWI/third.

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Sports



The Post Antelope varsity baseball team opened its season last week hosting a scrimmage with Slaton. The team lost a close game Monday night at Cooper and will travel to Colorado City Friday for a 4:30 non-district game.



Randon Blacklock opened up the 2003 Post Antelope baseball season with solid pitching at the scrimmage with Slaton here last week.

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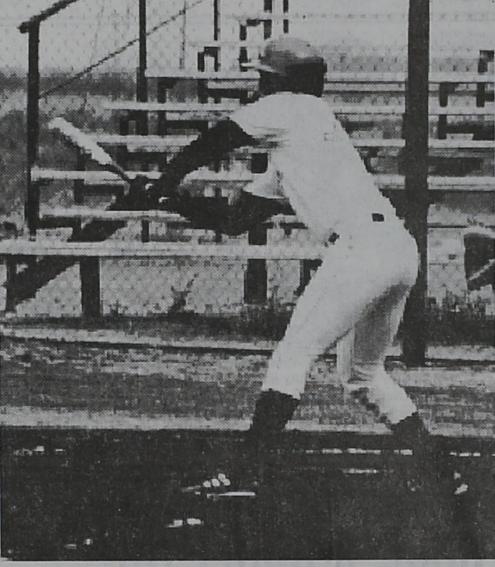
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Feb. 21	@ Colorado City	4:30
Feb. 22	Sweetwater DH here	1 p.m.
Feb. 25	Muleshoe here	5 p.m.
Feb. 27-Mar.	1@ Sweetwater Tourney	
Mar. 4	@ Slaton	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 6-8	@ Snyder Tourney	
Mar. 11	@ Lockney	5:30 p.m.
Mar. 21	* Idalou here	5 p.m.
Mar. 25	@ * Tahoka	6:30 p.m.
Mar. 28	* Roosevelt here	6:30 p.m.
Apr. 1	* New Deal here	6:30 p.m.
Apr. 4	* Shallowater here	6:30 p.m.
Apr. 8	@ * Idalou	5 p.m.
Apr. 11	* Tahoka here	6:30 p.m.
Apr. 15	@ * Roosevelt	6:30 p.m.
Apr. 18	@ * New Deal	6:30 p.m.
Apr. 22	@ * Shallowater	5 p.m.

* District Games Coaches: Max Kattwinkel, Xavier Rangel, Brian Davenport



Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic

Senior 4-H Fashion

Senior 4-H Fashion

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All youth 14 and over interested in February 21st.

participating in the Senior 4-H Clothing Project and Fashion Show, need to call 495-4400 to sign up by February 21st.

4-H Photography Project

Anyone interested in signing up for this project need to call 495-4400 by

Friday, February 28th. Livestock Judging

If you are interested in signing up for Livestock Judging, call Greg at 495-4400 by Friday, February 28th.

CEU Opportunities Saturday, February 22

There will be 5.75 CEU's available to producers from 8:00 a.m. til 2:30 p.m. at the Women's Building at the Hockley County Fairgrounds. Registration at the door will be \$18. For more information call (806) 894-2406.

Wednesday, February 26
Three CEU's will be available at a
Rangeland and Wildlife Habitat
Restoration Field Day to be held at
the Tongue River Ranch at Dumont.
Registration will be \$15. Program
starts at 8:30 a.m. and runs until
3:00 p.m. For more information come
by the Extension office.

Janice and Jerrel Brashear of Russellville, Arkansas will lead worship on Sunday, March 2 at the Grassland Church of the Nazarene beginning at 10:30 a.m. The gospel music service will include an offering to support The Brashears ministry.

LEGAL NOTICE

On February 6, 2003, VALOR Telecommunications of Texas, LP (VALOR) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and increased costs associated with seven hundred thirteen (713) Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented in and between VALOR's Texas telephone exchanges and in many instances, exchanges of other local telephone companies. The application is filed based on the Commission's Substantive Rule 26.221 titled, "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges".

ELCS expands a local calling scope to include one or more additional telephone exchanges, if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot, the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. The costs and lost revenues associated with VALOR's surcharge application are those not recoverable through the ELCS fee.

In the application, VALOR proposes to implement on an interim basis a monthly per line surcharge of \$.99 for residential customers and \$1.98 for business customers beginning with the April, 2003 bill cycle. This proposed surcharge will apply in addition to any monthly ELCS fees. If rates at or above the level of the interim surcharges are not ultimately approved by the Commission, VALOR will refund all or part of the interim surcharges, as directed by the Commission. Ultimately, VALOR seeks approval of monthly surcharges of \$3.38 for business lines and \$1.69 for residential lines to replace the interim surcharges. Additionally, the application proposes that customers currently billed ELCS fees lower than \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line, will have those fees raised to \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line.

The net annual effect on the revenues of VALOR will be zero since the requested surcharge replaces lost revenues and reimburses VALOR for the increased cost of service associated with ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs VALOR seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$7,601,145 annually.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call VALOR at 1-877-520-5220. The Public Utility Commission has assigned Project No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible and no later than April 14, 2003, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

AVISO

El 6 de febrero de 2003, VALOR Telecom de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a La Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados con sietecientos trece (713) rutas implementadas del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras companías locales de teléfono. La solicitud se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de La Comisión titulada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales".

ELCS extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho hacen una petición de cambio que es aprobada por voto para pagar un cargo de ELCS en lugar de sobrecargos de larga distancia. Los costos y ganancias perdidas relacionadas con los sobrecargos de la solicitud de VALOR no son recuperables a través de la cuota del ELCS.

En la solicitud, VALOR propone implementar temporalmente un cargo mensual por línea de \$0.99 por cliente residencial y \$1.98 para clientes comerciales empezando con la facturación del ciclo de Abril, 2003. Este cargo propuesto se aplicará en adición a cualquier cargo mensual ELCS. Si las tarifas al o sobre el nivel de los sobrecargos temporarios no son ultimadamente aprobados por la Comisión, VALOR reembolsará todo o parte de los sobrecargos temporales, indicados por La Comisión. Ultimadamente, VALOR busca aprobación de sobrecargos mensuales de \$3.38 por líneas comerciales y \$1.69 por líneas residenciales para reemplazar los sobrecargos temporarios. Adicionalmente, la solicitud propone que los clientes que actualmente son facturados con tarifas ELCS más bajas de \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial, tendrán un incremento de tarifas a \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial.

El efecto anual en las ganancias de VALOR serán cero siendo que los sobrecargos solicitados reemplazan las ganancias perdidas y reembolsa a VALOR por incremento en el costo del servicio relacionado con ELCS. El costo estimado total de las ganancias perdidas y el incremento de costos que VALOR tiene como fin recuperar a través de este procedimiento es \$7,601,145 anualmente.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de los sobrecargos propuestos o si necesita más información, por favor llame a VALOR al 1-877-520-5220.

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o sobre estos procedimientos deben notificar La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del dia 14 de Abril 2003, fecha límite de la intervención. Para intervenir o para más información, escriba a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas), 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. También puede solicitar más información llamando a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oir con teléfonos de textos (TTY) pueden comunicarse con La Comisión al (512) 936-7136.

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