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MTC pulls plug on JDC

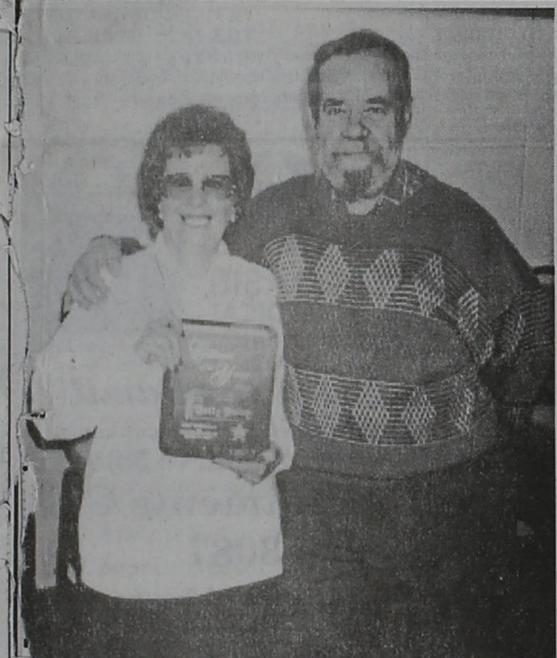
By Sheri Lewis

News that the MTC Corporation will no longer operate the local juvenile detention facility after April 30 has left county officials scrambling to find another company capable of managing and operating the 96-bed center.

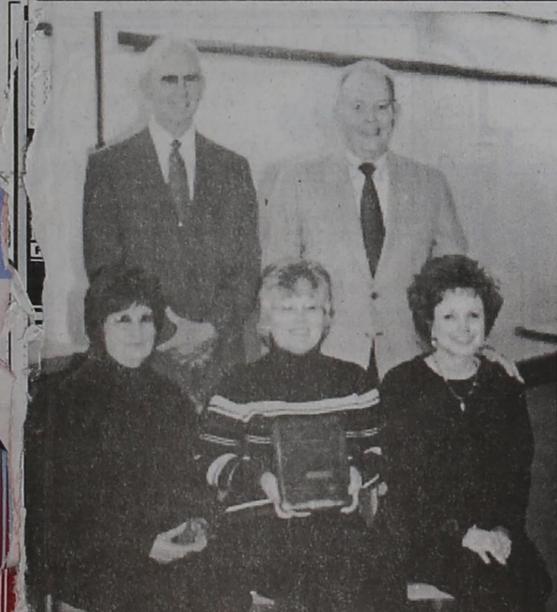
On Feb. 27, County Judge Giles Dalby received formal notice of MTC's intent to pull out of the juvenile center's operations. That information was delivered to the center's 50-plus employees on Friday.



Advancing in powerlifting competition this weekend are (left to right) PHS athletes Jessica Mason, Mark McCallister and Noah Gutierrez. Jessica competes Friday in Plainview, while Mark and Noah compete Saturday at Loydada.



Betty Posey was named "Citizen of the Year" during last Saturday evening's annual Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau awards banquet. She shares the honor with her husband Gene. Betty has been an active EMT for more than 20 years.



"Business of the Year" honors were bestowed on CitizensBank at last Saturday's Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau's annual banquet. Senior Vice President Fred Myers (back, left) accepted the award, along with CitizensBank chairman E.W. Williams (back, right) and staff members (front, left to right) Linda Waldrip, Kay Wallace and Jana McCallister.

Dalby said he was aware of MTC's intentions for the past couple of weeks. In that time, he has made contact with other companies that could step in and take over the facility's operation and management.

"I have one company that's already been in to look at it," Dalby said Monday morning. "I have another one, maybe two, that may be interested in coming in and taking over."

Dalby's goal is to usher in a new company as MTC packs its bags at the end of next month, enabling the facility's employees to "never miss a beat." To attain this goal, the search for a new management firm is on the "fast track," he said.

MTC, which operates another youth correctional facility in Hood County, has been involved with the juvenile center since its opening here several years ago. The firm also is involved in the operation of the local adult correctional facility.

"They say that they can't make any money out of (the juvenile center)," the judge said. "It's been losing money, I think, for four out of the last five years."

When the center opened, it housed 48 beds that were generally filled by area counties that contracted with the facility to hold juveniles. Two years ago, the facility was expanded to hold 96 beds.

"It was expanded because it was staying full," Dalby said, "but that's just not the case anymore."

In recent months, the facility has housed an average of 40 youths on any given day.

Dalby said he believes the need for juvenile housing still exists, despite the drop off in the facility's use.

"I think we're just going to have to get a lot more aggressive sales program in here," he said.

GCHD signs on with PNS for clinic here

The first formal step toward securing a new health care clinic operator for Post was taken last week by members of the Garza County Health Care District board of directors.

During its Feb. 27 meeting, the board voted unanimously in favor of contracting with PNS of Lubbock for the management and operation of a local health care clinic.

PNS was one of two groups that submitted bid proposal packages to the board.

Interim district administrator Tanya White said although the exact terms of the contract with PNS are not settled, the firm is not expected to step in until Covenant completes its affiliation with the district and the local clinic.

In an earlier presentation last month, PNS officials proposed a monthly management fee of \$2,500, with the district paying for doctors, staff and other operational costs of the clinic.

Covenant officials notified the health care district earlier this year they would be pulling out of the Post clinic effective the end of April. White said she hopes the board and PNS officials can orchestrate a "seamless transition" from Covenant to the new clinic management firm.

Also earning the board's unanimous approval was the Brycon Corporation of Austin. Brycon, which is affiliated with the BLGY architectural firm in Austin, was selected as the design/build team with which the district will work should voters choose May 3 to move ahead with the construction of new hospital facility.

Brycon was one of two firms that showed interest in working with the local health care district on the proposed hospital project.

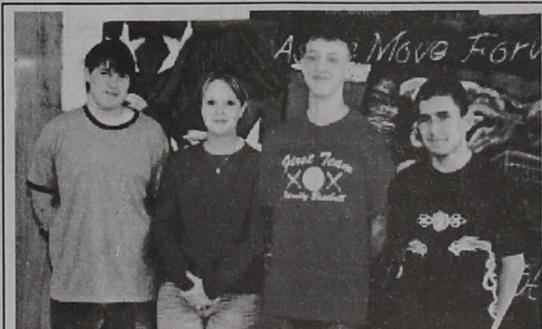
In other business, the board voted to table action on specifying the amount of bond funding needed for the proposed hospital project. White said action on that item is expected to be taken at the board's next regular meeting on March 11.

Also, the board tabled action on formally calling the May 3 election. The item was tabled, the administrator said, because the board wanted to secure the "proper wording" regarding the hospital-related bond issue proposition and the election of board members. District officials hope to place the hospital proposition on the same ballot as the annual board member election.

Board members authorized White to attend the annual Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals (TORCH) Convention in Dallas later this month. White said the almost week-long convention will offer generous insight into rural health care issues, networking, resources, training and other topics of interest. No executive session was conducted as part of the board meeting.

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PHS Cross X debate team members (left to right) Russell Eaton, Kenda Josley, Jordan Tatum and James Soto are advancing to state debate competition following district competition. Eaton and Josley place third, while Tatum and Soto placed first.

Post Notes

VFW Post meetings Monday

The VFW Post 6797 men and women will meet Monday, March 10 at the post, with the Ladies' Auxiliary serving a salad supper at 5:30 p.m. and meetings to follow. All members are urged to attend this important meeting.

Trailblazers' bake sale Saturday

The Garza County Trailblazers will hold a bake sale Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. at United Supermarket. The sale benefits hot meals for senior citizens.

Holy Cross Church offers fish fry Friday

Members of the Holy Cross Catholic Church are offering a fish fry Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. The Lent meal is \$6 per plate with trimmings at the church parish hall.

Town hall meeting March 6

The Garza County Healthcare District is hosting a town hall meeting at the Post Community Center Thursday, March 6 at 7 p.m. The primary discussion will be plans for building a new hospital here. Building design, location, cost, physician recruitment and construction issues will be included. Several health care organizations are expected to be available for the meeting.

Asamblea en el Post Community Center

El Distrito del Condado de Garza tendra una asamblea en el Post Community Center, 113 W. Main el jueves, el 6 de marzo a las 7 p.m. para discutir la posibilidad de construir un nuevo hospital en Post. Se discutiran el costo del proyecto, como encontrar doctores, diseno y localidad del edificio, y horarios de construccion. Asistirán delgados de organizaciones de salud del estado y Texas Tech Medical School. Bastante tiempo estara proviedido para contestar preguntas o escuchar ideas relacionadas.

Reception for new Post ISD supt.

A public reception for Marlin Marcum, the new Post ISD superintendent, and his family will be held 2 p.m., Sunday, March 9 at the Hotel Garza.

Cancer survivors needed

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

"Desperate Ambrose" at Garza Theatre

"Desperate Ambrose" continues at the Garza Theatre Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 7, 8 and 9. The play, written by Donald Payton, is directed by Beth McBrayer. Tickets may be obtained by calling the box office, 495-4005.

Advanced EMT training class

The City-County Ambulance Service of Post is organizing a training class in Post for qualified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) seeking to upgrade their certification by the Texas Department of Health to an Intermediate Level EMT. Interested applicants must already have current certification as an EMT-Basic. Western Texas College in Snyder has agreed to sponsor course instruction in the Post area if at least 12 qualified applicants enroll for the course. The course will be two nights per week beginning in May, completing in August 2003. Call the EMS administrator during regular business hours at 806-269-0075.

Introductory EMT class offered

The City-County Ambulance Service of Post is organizing a training class for those interested in qualifying for certification by the Texas Department of Health as Emergency Medical Technician. This class is open to anyone, even if you have never received any type of emergency medical training. The class is designed to provide necessary instruction for certification as an EMT-Basic. Western Texas College of Snyder has agreed to sponsor the training in Post with at least 12 applicants enrolled. Classes will be two nights per week, beginning in May with completion in August 2003. To sign up for the course, call the EMS administrator at 806-269-0075 during regular business hours.

Warning sirens tested Saturday

Garza County Sheriff Kenny Ratke has announced warning siren testing Saturday at noon. There are two siren signals being tested: a "Alert," three-minute steady signal (tornado warning) or a "Take Cover," three minute wailing signal, which means a tornado is on the ground and threatening the area. Call the Sheriff's office at 495-3595 for more information.

Severe weather seminar March 17

The Post Volunteer Fire Department will host a severe weather seminar March 17 at 7 p.m. at the fire department building. The seminar will be conducted by personnel from the National Weather Service in Lubbock. The seminar is free and open to the public.

Little League registration March 24-28

Registration for the Post Little League and Minor League will be held March 24-28 at the "Little Dribbler" basketball games and at the try-outs on April 5 and 7. Registration is T-ball, \$20; Softball, \$25; Minor League, \$30; Little League, \$35 and Jr/Sr League, \$45. A fundraiser will not be held this year due to the increase in registration fees.

Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony March 22

The annual Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony will be held Saturday, March 22 at the city park beginning at 6:15 a.m. Following ancient Indian customs, the event measures wind direction precisely at sunrise to "predict" the success of the coming year.

New office hours at community center

The Post Community Center has adopted new office hours, now open 1:30 to 5 p.m. weekdays.

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 Life 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.

Military news sought

The Post Dispatch is seeking news about Garza County active duty U.S. military personnel. Call Sandy Smith at 495-9900 to be included in news about our young men and women serving in the U.S. military.

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Let Freedom Ring

by Sandy Smith
Each and every one has their opinion on the situation of the war. I do know we all agree that we want everyone to return home safe to his or her family. These young men and

women are sacrificing so much to ensure our freedom rights remain.

They are in far away lands and then there are those who can not tell where they are. These are the young men we not so long ago supported out on our football fields, and we watched them grow up.

Let's now once again support them out on the fields of terror wherever they may be and as they sacrifice it all, as they protect us while we continue to live free and sleep in peace at night. You may also adopt a military person and family to lift up in prayer daily, just contact Sandy.

Stella and Cecil Martinez are the proud parents of Lance Corp. Steven Martinez, he was last reported in

great spirits and proud to be serving his country. The family last received a phone call from Steve about a month ago from Spain. He was on a ship leaving for somewhere over seas. Steve has requested prayers from every one that he will return home soon and safe.

Yolanda Agnew reports that her son Raymond Silva is with the Army Chemical Btn. and recently called his wife Shawna. Raymond says living conditions are very bad where he is at overseas. The food is very bad, they are taking baths in cold water, the weather is freezing and they have no blankets.

Anyone interested in donating blankets and care packages contact Sandy.

Army CSM Bobby J. Brown has been in Kuwait for over a year now. His Mother Judy McAlister reports CSM Brown is in great spirits but is concerned for those of his men who

are not receiving any mail at all because they have no one. He also reports they are in great need of baby wipes due to the conditions of the sand. They also would like to have of any kind of reading materials. CSM Brown requests prayers for his men and himself.

Ricky Halford is the son of Ronnie and LaDonna Halford. Ricky is on the Nimitz heading for "over there". Some of you may have watched the Nimitz depart Monday morning from San Diego, Ca. to replace the USS Lincoln. The family reports Ricky is excited and proud to be serving his country. Kerri is his wife. Ricky also request prayers from all those at home.

Jonathan Smith, son of Jon and Sandy Smith, is also somewhere overseas. He and his wife, Lindsey, have a new son born Feb. 10 at Ft. Brag, NC. They now have two children, Hayley, two years old and Jaiden, almost three weeks old. He also would like for you to pray for him and his family, that he may soon see his son he has never seen or held in his arms.

Addison Guerrero crowned "king"

Addison Dale Guerrero was crowned king at the 2002-2003 Sunburst Baby Pageant Feb. 18. He also won trophies and a medal for Prettiest Eyes, Best Attire, Photogenic and Prettiest Smile.

As a result of his win, Addison is eligible to attend the state finals competition in Houston in May.

Maternal grandparents are Roger and Kathy Hair, while paternal grandparents are Ramon Guerrero of Post and Rosie Guerrero of Midland. Placida Guerrero is the paternal great-grandmother, and Nicholas Flores is the child's paternal great-grandfather.



Addison Dale Guerrero

Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush

Hey everyone, I've had a lot of calls about the column last week. I wanted everyone to know that "Corkey" Ammons sent that to me. I want to thank Corkey for sending it, everyone loved it!! On a different note, I wanted to ask everyone who reads "jabberin'" to put a special friend of mine on their prayer list. The lady's name is Jean Stobb. Jean lives in Slaton and is fighting a battle with cancer. She is a very special person to me and needs all the prayers she can get. so please take time' to include her in yours. Thanks.

AIRMAN ERIC ALANIZ
Y'all know by my past columns that Eric Alaniz was due to be leaving soon for a new station. Well, Eric, wife Dee Dee and daughter Hailey will leave the 15th of this month for Minot, North Dakota. Family and friends gathered recently to say farewell. Music was provided by D.J. uncle Danny Gonzales and lots of good food and an Air Force cake made by Jimella Simpson was shared by everyone. Best of luck to these kids, and Eric thank you for serving our country.

GET WELL
I wanted to mention that Mendy Dalby has been under the weather of late. Visited with her for only a minute the other day, but wanted her to know she is in my thoughts. Mendy, hope you are feeling much better now. Also, I know Judge Dalby was not feeling well, so I also hope he is back up and at em.

INTERESTING FACT
Did you know that on the back of your drivers licence there is a number (1-800) that you can call for emergency assistance?? This number can be called for emergency assistance on the highway or wherever you might have trouble while in your car. A service truck will be sent to you. This service is state operated, paid for with your tax dollars. If you are ever stranded, just call the number on your drivers licence... help is on the way... a state trooper will be sent to make sure all is well. Thought you might want to know.

TO CHRISTY
I hear through the grapevine that one of my favorite folks had a big scare last week. Christy Morris was

involved in an accident with a vehicle... she was not in one. Anyway, hope I don't make her angry mentioning this, but I wanted her to know she is in my thoughts.

I'M FINE, HOW ARE YOU
(sent to me from Katey Slone)

There's nothing the matter with me, I'm as healthy as can be, I have arthritis in both knees, And when I talk, it's with a wheeze. My pulse weak, my blood is thin, But I'm fully well for the shape I'm in.

All my teeth have had to come And my diet, I hate to think I'm overweight and can't get But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

And arch supports I need for feet. Or I wouldn't be able to in the street. Sleep is denied night after night, But everying I find I'm all right. My memory failing, my head's in a spin, I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Old age is golden I've heard But sometimes I wonder, as I bed. With my ears in a drawer, teeth in a cup, And my glasses on a shelf, until I get up. And when I dim my eyes, I say to myself there anything else I should I the shelf?

The reason I know my Yoes spent, Is my get-up-and-go has up-and-went! But really I don't when I think with a grin, Of all places my get-up has been.

I get up each morning and du my wits, Pick up the paper and the obits, If my name is missing therefore not dead, So I eat a breakfast and jump back in bed.

The moral of this as the tale folds, Is that for you and me, are getting old, It is better to be "fine" with a grin, Than to let know the shape that we're in.

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Obituaries

Joe McCowen

Services for Joe McCowen, 64, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003, in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Steve Rogers officiating. Burial was at 4 p.m. in the Peaceful Gardens Cemetery in Lubbock. Hudman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He died Monday, Feb. 24, at his home.

Born June 18, 1938, in Snyder, he married Margie Summers. He owned and operated service stations in Post for many years and later worked on the Alaskan pipeline. A Methodist, he was past president of the Antelope Booster Club and was a member of the Post Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include his wife, Margie McCowen of Ruidoso, N.M.; three daughters, Nancy McDonald of Post, Patty Pruitt of Lubbock and Miranda McCowen of Ruidoso; a son Johnny McCowen of Lubbock; his father, Allon McCowen of Slaton; one brother, Bobby McCowen of Houston; one sister, Carolyn Countryman of Watauga; and six grandchildren.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the West Texas Parkinson Society, 3506 21st Street, Suite 402, Lubbock, TX 79410.

Jewel Self Hancock

Jewel Self Hancock, 92, passed away Tuesday February 25, 2003 at her home. Funeral services were Friday February 28, 2003 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Terry Hancock of Calvary Baptist Church in Brownwood officiating. Interment was Friday February 28, 2003 at Terrace Cemetery in Post, Texas.

She was born June 24, 1910 in Post, Texas to Robert Lee Self and Allie Ellender Keeney Self. On January 7, 1933 she married Clan W. Hancock in Roswell, NM. The Hancock's moved to Lovington, NM in 1936.

During the war, Jewel worked at the Hobbs Army Air Base, as a parachute-packing instructor. She received an accommodation from the War Department, when a parachute she packed saved the life of a soldier. The actor, Jimmy Stewart became

a good friend of hers during his time at the airbase, and would come by to visit with her while she sewed on his insignias.

In 1948, the Hancock's moved to Midland and became co-owners of Hancock's Second Hand Store. Jewel later went to work at the Midland County Library, retiring in 1980. She was a charter member of the Cuthbert Street Baptist Church. Jewel's love for animals extended to any cat or bird that came within the vicinity of her home. She was the anchor of her family, and even during the end of her life, her keen wit and sense of humor was enjoyed by those around her.

Jewel was preceded in death by her husband, Clan W. Hancock in 1989, her parents, four brothers, Wat, Reg, Roy and Guy Self and one sister, Rosa Lee Yarbrow.

Jewel is survived by her sons Calvin C. Hancock and wife Jane, of Midland, Charles J. Hancock and wife Billye of Hurst. Grandchildren, Judy Mitchell and husband Royce of Midland, Terry Hancock and wife Carren of Bangs, Gregory Hancock of Molalla, Oregon, Elizabeth Ryan, and husband James, Christian Hancock, Cal Neatherlin and wife Kim, Maureen Elliott all of Midland, Jeni Neatherlin of San Angelo, Camille Hancock of Dallas, Roger Hancock and wife Beverly of Hurst. Great grandchildren, Melissa Howard Lofton and husband Brad of Houston, Benjamin Howard of Lubbock, Megan and Jeremiah Mitchell of Midland, Will, Haley, and Chandler Hancock of Bangs, Joshua and Nathan Ryan of Midland, Conner and Kiera Hancock of Hurst, Shelby and Karsen Neatherlin, Shianne and Michael Elliott all of Midland. Her sister-in-law, Leta Davies, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to her special caregivers, Melody Cordova, Rachel Hahn, Karen Bishop and Serina Howell. Also to Gloria Kendrix, Angela Barela and other members of the Home Hospice staff, Dr. Charles Younger, Dr. Don McClary and all who provided loving care to Jewel in her final days.

Pallbearers were Gregory Hancock, Roger Hancock, Ben Howard, Will Hancock, James Ryan, Royce Mitchell and Cal Neatherlin. Honorary pallbearers are David Howard, Ken Arnold, Lorin Rulla, Steven Stuteville, Kevin Stuteville and John Robinson.

The family requests memorials be made to Home Hospice, 901 West Missouri, Midland, Texas 79701, Community and Senior Services; Meals on Wheels, 3301 Sinclair, Midland, Texas 79707 or a charity of one's choice.

Ayra Bullard McDonald

Services for Ayra Bullard McDonald, 92, of Post will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 6, 2003, in the Church of God of Prophecy with the Rev. Oscar Newdiger officiating, assisted by the Rev. Jose Payano. Burial will follow in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Monday, March 3, in the Lynn County Hospital.

Born Aug. 1, 1910, in Plano, she married Wesley Thomas Bullard March 28, 1928, in Graham. He died March 29, 1977. She married Henry David McDonald June 8, 1981, in Sweetwater. He died March 5, 1996. She was a housewife and a member of the Church of the God of Prophecy.

Survivors include one daughter, Alice Mayberry of Mineral Wells; four sons, Wesley Bullard and Kenith Bullard, both of Post, and John Bullard and Cecil Bullard, both of Fort Worth; two sisters, Marie Rich of Graham and Fredia Bealeu of New Castle, Texas; one brother, John Reddell of Graham; 14 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Two sons, William and James Bullard in 1954, and a daughter on March 8, 1936, preceded her in death.



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ASCENDING FROM THE JORDAN VALLEY TO THE HILL COUNTRY IS A STEEP PASS ADJACENT TO JERICO, BECAUSE IT WAS SUCH A MUCH TRAVELED ROUTE FOR CARAVANS IT BECAME, THROUGH THE CENTURIES, A HIGH SPOT FOR ROBBERS AND BRIGANDS TO PLY THEIR NEFARIOUS TRADE! IN FACT, SAINT JEROME ASCRIBED THE ORIGIN OF ITS NAME TO THE BLOOD SO FREQUENTLY SPILLED THERE BY THE HAWKISH THIEVES AS THEY PILFERED THE LOOT FROM THEIR VICTIMS. NO WONDER THAT IT WAS THE SCENE OF JESUS'S PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN.

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2002 Conservation Farmer of Year award went to Lewis Farms, (left to right) Edwin Lewis, B.L. "Shug" Thomas and Randy Lewis.

Lewis Farms earns Conservation Farmer of Year Award

Comments by B.L. "Shug" Thomas

At March 1 Post Commerce & Tourism Banquet

The Garza Soil and Water Conservation District is proud to recognize Lewis Farms as this year's Conservation Farmer of the Year.

This father-and-son team includes Edwin and Randy Lewis.

Edwin and Randy's farming history started in 1914, when Edwin's grandparents, Sam and Edith Lewis, came to Garza County. They bought land and settled in the Pleasant Valley community. Sam donated an acre of land for the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church to be built on. The church is still there today, almost 90 years later.

Sam and Edith had four children - Ruby Wright, Martha Sain, Fannie Wardlow and Richard Lewis. In 1923 while Sam was deputy sheriff, he fell from a wagon and lost a leg.

Richard took over the farming after his marriage to Maxine Tucker of Slaton. They had four children - Clea Thomas, Theresa Woodfin, Edwin and Troy Lewis.

In 1965, Edwin started farming with his dad and married Linda Gist of Post. Richard retired in 1973, and Edwin took over the farming operation.

Edwin and Linda lived in Post for 25 years while raising their two sons, Scott and Randy. Along with farming, they owned and operated the Hallmark store in Post for 20 years. They raised commercial and show pigs and their sons won several championship pig awards at the Garza County Livestock Show.

Edwin is a contract pumper. He and Linda moved to Slaton four years ago, but are still active in the farming operation.

Scott, his wife Tina and their two boys, Laken and Lauden, own a business and reside in San Antonio.

Edwin and Randy began the partnership of Lewis Farms in 1994, when Randy chose to come back and farm after graduation from Texas Tech University. Randy married Cassie Oats of Slaton, and they live in Garza County on one of the farms they operate. Randy and Cassie have three sons - Jayton, Riley and Trent.

The Lewises farm dryland and irrigated cropland. If you go to any of their farms, one of the first things you notice is how water conservation is top priority for them.

Over the years, Lewis Farms has installed over 100,000 feet of terraces on their farms. This converts to over 19 miles of terraces, which are kept maintained in order to remain functional. Contour farming and furrow diking are also part of their normal farming operation. The Lewises have spent a lot of time and money on installing these water-conserving practices because they are firm believers in holding onto all of the previous God-given rainfall they possibly can.

Edwin and Randy are usually at the front of the line when it comes to adopting and installing conservation practices of the latest technology. They are firm believers in groundwater conservation and have converted inefficient row watering systems to LEPA center pivots and drip irrigation. This has increased irrigation efficiency on their farms from 60 percent to 96 percent.

They are currently in the process of converting their last 200 acres of row water irrigation to drip irrigation. Each year they plant half of three center pivots to wheat to relieve the stress on groundwater supplies, during peak water use by summer crops. Additionally, they rotate the wheat each year to improve soil conditions and soil organic matter.

Wind erosion is also a concern to Edwin and Randy. They maintain over 30,000 feet of annual and perennial grass windstrips to control wind erosion. The windstrips provide additional benefits to improve water quality and wildlife habitat enhancement.

Edwin gave Garza County permission to install and use three rural fire hydrants on his irrigation wells. This gave the people in that area of the county more fire protection and lower insurance costs.

It is the Garza County Soil and Water Conservation District's honor to present this year's Conservation Farmer of the Year Award to Edwin and Randy Lewis of Lewis Farms.



Garza County 4-H and FFA youth recognized at last Saturday's Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau's annual banquet were Breann Heckaman (left) and Israel Beggs.



Dee Justice turned 50 last week

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Livestock Judging

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

District Record Book Training Advanced Level - April 7, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at TAMU Extension Center in Lubbock. Beginner/Intermediate Level - April 15, Colorado City. RSVP by April 10 to 495-4400.

EPC-FCS Committee Meeting...

... will meet at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 12, at the Extension office at 215 West Main. Plans will be made for the 2003 Health Fair educational event. Everyone's participation is encouraged.

Senior 4-H Clothing Field Trip...

Participants who have signed up for the Clothing Project will meet at the Extension Office Wednesday, March 18 at 9:30 a.m. for a field trip to Lubbock. Bring money for lunch. RSVP by Friday, March 14 at 495-4400.

Senior Fashion Show Judges Needed...

The District 2 Senior 4-H Fashion Show will be held on April 8th at the District Extension Center in Lubbock. If you are interested in volunteering to judge this event, please call Julie at the Extension Office for more details. 495-4400.

Senior Photography Meeting...

A meeting for Senior 4-H'ers participating in the Photography Project will be held on Saturday March 8th starting at 4:00 p.m. Meeting location will be at Jaquita Blevin's home.

Senior 4-H Fun Night...

Senior 4-H members will meet at Jaquita Blevin's house on Saturday, March 8th at 8:00 p.m. to go bowling in Lubbock. Costs for the trip will be announced at a later date. Contact Jaquita Blevin's for more information.

4-H Leader Volunteer Screening...

Texas 4-H is conducting a volunteer screening/background check for all 4-H volunteers. If you are a 4-H volunteer and have not completed a volunteer screening form, please come by the Extension Office and fill one out. The cost of the screening is \$6 per person. We appreciate your cooperation!

Birth

Bill Cole and Andrea McDowell have announced the birth of a son, Tyler Christopher, on Feb. 21 at 1:15 p.m. at Valley Hospital in Palmer, Alaska.

The infant weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces at birth and was 19 1/2 inches in length.

Grandparents are Tommy and Rosemary Cole of Post. Grandmother is Edith Crispin, also of Post.

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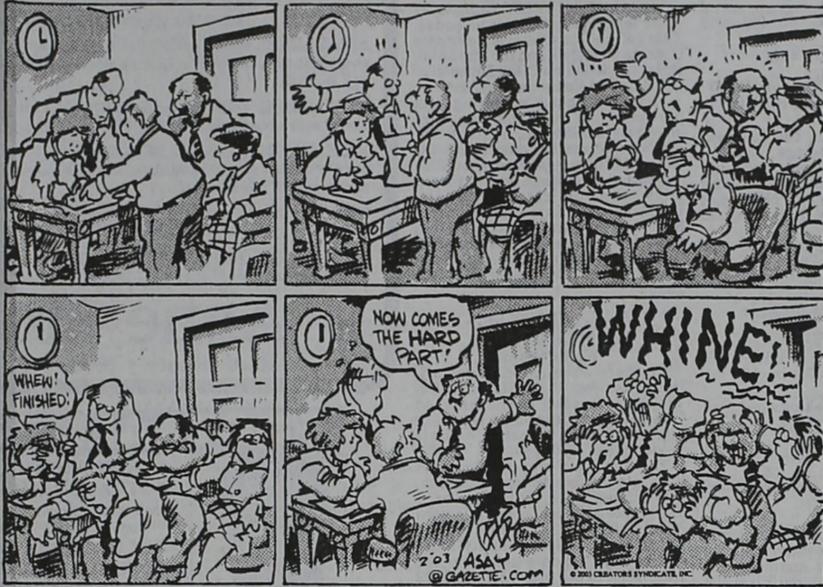
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STATE LAWMAKERS... BALANCING THE BUDGET



Affirmative action bake sale

by Walter E. Williams



Not all college students support racial preferences, and some UCLA students made their feelings known in a highly innovative way. In early February, Bruin Republicans organized a campus cookie sale — but not your ordinary cookie sale. They offered cookies at different prices depending on the customer's race and sex.

Black, Latino and American Indian females were charged 25 cents for a cookie, while their male counterparts were charged 50 cents. White females were charged a dollar. White males were charged two dollars. Asian males and females also were charged two dollars a cookie.

Students selling the cookies assigned themselves nametags. Some of the name tags read "Uncle Tom," "The White Oppressor" and "Self-Hating Hispanic Race Traitor." Chris Riha, third-year business economics student participating in the Affirmative Action Bake Sale, said that the students decided to one-up their detractors by assigning the names themselves.

That's what minorities who disagree with racial preferences are either called, or thought to be: an "Uncle Tom" or self-hating black or Hispanic. Chairman of the California Democratic Party Art Torres voiced his disapproval, saying, "I am deeply saddened and disheartened at the activities of the Bruin Republicans."

He accused them of having been emboldened by Sen. Trent Lott's remarks that led to his ouster as the Senate majority leader. Torres' condemnation was joined by many of UCLA's racial preferences supporters.

Here's my question for those who condemned the event. Why are offended by a money version of racial preferences? After all, it's identical in principle to admission practices sanctioned by university communities across America. In fact, that's what the University of Michigan case before the U.S. Supreme Court is all about — treating people differently by race. Some might ask: "Why are Asians charged two dollars? They're a minority."

You'd be right. According to the 2000 Census, residents who reported as Asian, or in combination with one or more other races, totaled 11.9 million — or 4 percent — of our population. In my book that makes Asians a minority and eligible for the cookie affirmative action discount. Instead of being charged two dollars for a cookie, Asian females and Asian males are rightful claimants to the racially discounted price of 25 cents and 50 cents, respectively.

If you see things that way, and think Asian-Americans are eligible for preferential treatment, it simply means that you haven't kept abreast with modern racial enlightenment. A minority group is not a minority if, as a group, it is successful. Asian median family is \$55,525, the highest of any other racial group in America. More than 44 percent of Asians age 25 and over have bachelor degrees; the rate for all other Americans was 26 percent.

Other indicators of group success would include low crime rate and high family stability. Case closed — Asians are not a minority. Being a UCLA alumnus (doctorate 1972), I can sympathize with critics of the Affirmative Action Bake Sale. Were I still a student, I'd walk up to these people and tell them that selling cookies on campus is OK, but it's a despicable, mean practice to treat people differently just because they're members of one race or sex or another.

I'd take a principled stand — that's where I differ from other critics of the Affirmative Action Bake Sale. They take a situational stand on racial preferences. For them, whether racial preferences are wrong or right depends upon whom it's practiced against.

I'd like to ask my fellow critics just one question: If racial preferences, highlighted by the cookie, are wrong and offensive, why wouldn't it also be wrong and offensive in the university's admissions practices? After all, the Affirmative Action Bake Sale was promoting diversity in cookie ownership.

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Move over Saddam: regulators more of a threat

by M. David Stirling

"I believe there are more instances of the abridgement of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations." — James Madison

Madison's concern is as germane today as it was when America was new: threats to our freedom through "violent and sudden usurpations" elevate our vigilance to the highest level, but abridgements that are "gradual and silent" receive scant attention.

Indeed, well after the purveyors of murder and mass destruction are driven from the world scene, America's seminal principles of freedom, democracy and the rule of law will continue to be assaulted by "those in power" — today, the modern government regulatory bureaucracy.

Although its encroachments abound, nowhere is the intrusiveness more evident than in the assault on Americans' freedom to own and reasonably use private property. Through laws such as the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA), Congress delegated to federal agencies authority to regulate land use on private property under specified and limited circumstances.

Yet, although these agencies' quest for "command and control" of private land use abrogates the rights of thousands of property owners daily, this diminution to our freedom goes largely unnoticed by most Americans. In the CWA, Congress authorized the Army Corps of Engineers to regulate "navigable waters of the United States."

Nevertheless, the Corps continuously asserts its authority to regulate nonnavigable waters, such as isolated wetlands, vernal pools, prairie potholes, and drainage swales — areas wet during the rainy season, but with little or no connection to "navigable waters." For example, the Corps argued for years that isolated ponds and puddles were magically transformed into "navigable waters," and subjected to regulations, merely by the stopover of "migratory" birds.

Finally, in SWANCC v. Army Corps of Engineers, the Supreme Court struck down the Corps' expansive "migratory bird" rule, holding that the Corps' authority does not extend to isolated wetlands that aren't adjacent to a traditional navigable waterway. The Court characterized the Corps' expansive approach as "(pushing) the very limit of the congressional authority."

But instead of reining in its excessive use of authority, the Corps turned right around and criminally prosecuted John Rapanos for filling isolated wetlands on his Michigan property that connected to a navigable waterway — twenty miles away. At the Corps' urging, Rapanos was sentenced to three years' probation and fined \$185,000.

The United States Supreme Court vacated the conviction and remanded the case to the lower court in light of its SWANCC decision. On remand, that court rejected the Corps' argument, ruling that "adjacent" means directly adjacent to navigable waters.

With typical arrogance, the Corps has appealed this ruling. Under the ESA, property owners whose land use might "harm" a listed species can be severely restricted and even prevented from using their

land. In an all-too-frequent practice, the federal regulators utilize "politicized" junk science to support the species' listing.

One example: hatchery-spawned coho and naturally spawned coho have interbred in Oregon's Alsea River for over 50 years. Although the different means of fertilization produce genetically indistinguishable fish, the feds counted only the meager number of naturally spawned fish, while disregarding the thousands of thriving hatchery coho.

Why? Because a smaller coho count implies that the species is imperiled, giving the feds authority over all private property for several miles on either side of the river. Through this and other disingenuous devices, these agencies effectively take control of millions of acres of private property without compensating the owners.

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Duncan has no trust in free enterprise

by Wes Burnett

Last Friday (2/28/03) the Lubbock Avalanche Journal reported: "State Sen. Robert Duncan said Friday that he is preparing legislation to introduce during the current session that would require developers of a proposed heart hospital in Lubbock to prove the need for the facility."

So much for free market principles. Another socialist (often referred to as a "conservative" Republican) shows his true colors.

It is disheartening to realize that so many political leaders have such little faith in the great American spirit of free enterprise. Duncan would fit nicely on the Garza County Hospital District (also known as Health Care District) with such an attitude. In his pronouncement, Duncan shares the same philosophy as those who serve on the county hospital district board of directors.

My goodness, what ever happened to the American spirit of competition and free market? Those brilliant ideas of our past have been smothered and drowned by socialism, which survives only through coercion and fear. The socialist philosophy demands government control all aspects of our lives, and it appears Duncan joins the ranks of those who believe only government knows what is best.

Hogwash. But in the circle of political power, we have to face the reality that so-called "conservatives" such as Duncan usually have their way.

Those of us hanging on to those great American principles which served our ancestors so well, can only pray for deliverance.

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Hey, it's personal

by Bill O'Reilly



In this very turbulent time, Americans are still distrustful of the media that they are dependent upon for vital information. A brand-new Gallup Poll says that 60 percent of Americans believe the media is biased; 45 percent think the media too liberal; 15 percent say it is too conservative.

But take it from someone who has been a "media type" for almost 30 years, ideology is not the main problem, although it is a significant one. The primary problem with the press is a lack of courage.

While some newspapers and TV networks do impose an ideological filter on story selection and placement, most editors are far too busy to consistently push a candidate or even a consistent philosophy outside of the editorial page. But there is constant pressure on editors NOT to cover certain situations and stories, and this is an enormous disservice to the American people.

All over the country pressure groups, armed with political Web sites, have sprung up to challenge and in some cases intimidate the media. If you get on the wrong side of these groups, watch out, they will come after you with a vengeance.

Three specific examples: first, the "hip-hop industry" is angry with your humble correspondent for criticizing rappers like Ludacris and Jay-Z for their pernicious lyrics. It is my contention that glorifying the "gangsta" lifestyle and the anti-social behavior that it incorporates does tremendous damage to unsupervised and impressionable kids. My opinion is based partly on testimony by grammar school teachers in poor neighborhoods who say that many 10-year-old boys are now dressing like rappers and calling little girls bitches and ho's.

Because of my analysis, a hip-hop magazine has labeled me a "racist," even though white rappers like Eminem and "Insane Clown Posse" have come under my fire. Because I believe the rap industry is doing some harm, I have been racially demonized by some in that business who have a lot to lose if it goes south.

Second, my analysis of the chaotic border situation has resulted in my being labeled anti-Mexican, even though I have also focused on the Canadian border and blamed much of the problem on Presidents Clinton and Bush. No one disputes that the porous borders are dangerous in this age of terrorism, and it is undeniable that Mexican nationals themselves are being killed and injured trying to illegally cross over. Yet the fact that I would call for the military to back up the Border Patrol makes me an enemy of an entire ethnic group.

Three, as you may know, my television program was instrumental in breaking the Sami al-Arian story nationally a year and a half ago. During that time, I was routinely described as being anti-Muslim. And even AFTER al-Arian was arrested on terrorism charges, the two television critics working for Tampa Bay newspapers attacked me as being unfair and using McCarthy-like tactics.

Now, I can take the heat. I dish out plenty of commentary and have to expect backlash. But the personal attacks that are launched by special interest groups in this country have reached critical mass — they are intruding on freedom of the press.

Threats of racial demonization have put a tremendous fear into the journalism industry. These kind of tactics have prevented some news organizations from covering news that is vital to the nation. The rap situation has been almost completely ignored by the elite media. The border chaos is underreported almost everywhere. And the al-Arian story was virtually ignored outside of Tampa until the feds popped him.

If you can't win the debate, smear your opponent. That's an old political trick that has been elevated by pressure groups to strategy No. 1. Americans are dependent on a free and courageous press. Honest debate and disagreement have made our country strong. All of us must realize that racial demonization is now organized and well funded, and it will not end until everyday people begin condemning it.

In this time of terror, Americans must come together and face the cold, hard truth about the world. Using the race card to frighten the press hurts us all.

Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the new book "The No Spin Zone," in addition to last year's best-selling book "The O'Reilly Factor: The Good, the Bad, and the Completely Ridiculous." To find out more about Bill O'Reilly, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com. This column originates on the Web site www.billoreilly.com.

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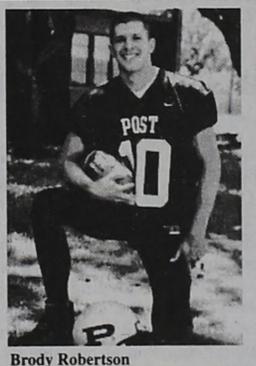
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Robertson, Lott guests at Rotary Club

Post High School seniors visiting with the Rotary Club in February were Paige Lott and Brody Robertson.

Lott is the daughter of Peggy Graves and Jay Lott. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has participated in basketball and track during her high school career. Having been awarded English and home economics honors, Lott plans to attend Texas Tech University where she will seek a degree in education.

Robertson, the son of Danny and Debra Robertson, is president of both the senior class and the student council. He has participated in all sports, earning All-District honors in football, basketball and baseball. Robertson plans to attend South Plains College in Levelland and upon completion, transfer to a four-year university.



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- 51 they're fade at TWU
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Regulators

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The sad truth is that this regulatory bureaucracy has become so large, unaccountable, and powerful that Congress effectively has forfeited meaningful oversight of how these laws are administered and enforced. This leaves victimized private citizens, especially smaller landowners and business persons, with the near-insurmountable burden of challenging the government's intrusive land use control in the courts.

Confronted with the enormous costs, delays, and sleepless nights associated with going up against federal bureaucrats with no personal stake in the dispute, but unlimited tax-generated resources, most property owners simply capitulate rather than fight. Until the President and Congress take back the "people's government" from the out-of-control regulatory bureaucracy, America's core values of freedom, democracy and the rule of law will suffer "gradual and silent encroachments."

What hangs in the balance is the question implicit in Madison's warning: how many years of such encroachments before the "freedom of the people" is a thing of the past?

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
by Tumbleweed Smith

Frank Abagnale, the man behind the movie



"Catch Me If You Can" is one of the big movies right now. It has some of the biggest stars in the entertainment industry and is the story of Frank Abagnale, a legendary con man who wrote millions of dollars' worth of hot checks.

He served time in prison and later established a company to help banks prevent check fraud. In 1978, I took students in my news class to interview Frank Abagnale, who was in the Permian Basin working with banks and stores.

He lived in Houston then. A few weeks ago, just when the publicity about the movie was beginning, I ran into one of my former students in the supermarket. She said, "You remember when we interviewed Frank Abagnale?" I told her yeah, that we were way ahead of everybody in recognizing this guy as being worthy of a story.

I saw the movie the other night and was amazed to see how closely it followed the interview I had with him in 1978, when he was 29 years old. The movie shows him growing up the son of wealthy parents in an upscale New York neighborhood.

It also depicts how devastated he was when his parents divorced. He went out his own at the age of sixteen and started using his imagination as a way to survive. His career as a con man was about to begin. He noticed how airline pilots were treated with dignity and respect, so he got an airline pilot's uniform and credentials and traveled to 82 countries, riding in the cockpit of airliners.

His credentials allowed him to cash (hot) checks freely and get his hotel bills paid by the airline. He posed as a lawyer on the attorney general's staff in Louisiana.

"I passed the bar" he told me. "In Louisiana you can take it three times. I flunked it twice, then because I have a photographic memory and an IQ of 140, I passed it on the third try."

He won all 33 cases he prosecuted. He later posed as a doctor and stockbroker. He is the only man to escape from the Federal Prison in Atlanta. He did it by convincing the guards he was with the Bureau of Prisons and walked out the front door just thirteen days after he arrived there.

"I was clean cut and didn't look like a regular prisoner. One of the guards used to call me inspector all the time because he thought I was a prison inspector. I got my girl friend to get a business card from a person in the justice department. I gave it to a guard and he said 'I knew it' and let me leave for an alleged meeting with someone from the FBI."

Frank said he was ready to get caught and was tired of fooling people and not having any real friends. He said his business gives him a chance to help people.

Coming next week in "American Profile"

The cover story: The 00:14 Second Chance

Dale Jarrett may be a world-class NASCAR driver, but his pit crew keeps him on track.

Our Picks: We review Percy's Chocolate Crunch & Other Thomas Adventures, a home video, as well as 2 books, Grandparents! and Honey, I Love

Hometown Recipes: Angel Cookies are a sweet mix of dates, nuts, and powdered sugar.

Yesteryears

10 Years Ago March 3, 1993

Fire scorched approximately 2,000 acres of CRP grass and pasture along the caprock as Post volunteer fire fighters spent the better part of nine hours fighting a wind driven fire two miles east of Southland.

A trio of lady'lopes received district honors for their play this past basketball season. Named to the All-District team were Cara Cash and LouAnn Ammons and receiving honorable mention was Jamie Hawking.

Former Post High School graduate Nick Pantoja, president of Pantoja and Associate, a land survey firm, has opened a new office in Richardson, Texas.

Brandon Kitchens won top honors, the Cub Scouts Pinewood derby which was held last week. Second place went to Mitchell Mills with Wylon Strawn taking third place in the 4th grade Webelos den individual title.

Jimmy Jones was recently surprised by employees of Handy's Gifts with a "Grandpa" shower. Jones was being honored for his first grandchild, Allisha Ann Jones, the daughter of Trey and Jona Jones. Granpa Jones was seated in his rocking chair where he opened an array of gifts for Allisha.

20 Years Ago February 27, 1983

Theresa Harp's cherry pie was named "most delicious" and Annette Castro's was picked as "best decorated" by judges at the First National Bank in Post during last Friday's George Washington's birthday celebration.

Grassland Community folks are holding a "42" party tomorrow. The party will feature all the beans and hush puppies a person can eat... the admission is \$1.00.

A potential buyer of Burlington Industries' Post plant visited the facility this week and the rumors were flying fast and furious the very next morning. The real truth of the matter is that the prospective buyer has an interest in the plant, but at this stage no firm commitment has been made with both sides. Plant manager, Jim Brown said that Burlington Industries has contacted all sheeting manufacturers and that

three have replied that they are not interested in buying the plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Cowdrey were in Reno, Nevada recently to attend a business meeting. The trip was a Valentine gift to Mrs. Cowdrey and while there attended several shows.

Emmett A. (Andy) Stelzer of Post recently received a special National VFW Citation at the recent Mid-Winter Round Up in Austin. The award was in recognition of Stelzer's service as State Community Activities during 1981-82 and his one-year term as State VFW Junior Vice Commander.

30 Years Ago March 1, 1973

The Post Chamber of Commerce's "Man and Woman of the Year" went to the Rev. George L. Miller and Mrs. Patty Kirkpatrick at the annual banquet Thursday night.

Dave Roberts, formerly of Muleshoe, began his new duties here this morning as a deputy in the county sheriff's office.

A policy advisory committee for Post's proposed "meals on wheels" program was named Tuesday night and an all-out effort will be made to have finalization of the plans ready for decision at the next meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Carlisle announce the engagement of their daughter, Tonya Jo, to John Delbert Rudd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rudd.

Word has been recently received from the Dean of the School of Music at North Texas State University, Denton, that Jack Gordon from Post, a sophomore music major at South Plains College, has been awarded a full scholarship in the field of voice.

Post Antelope Reggie Moore was on of three District 5AA cagers named to the Class AA All-South Plains basketball team.

40 Years Ago February 28, 1963

The largest crowd ever to attend a Chamber of Commerce banquet here gathered in the Junior High School gym last Friday night to see the community's two top industries honored. Postex Mills and Brown Bros., et al, oil operators, were presented plaques for their outstanding contributions to the Post community.

Three Post Masons will be

presented 50-year awards tonight when Post's Masonic Lodge No. 1058 celebrates its 50th lodge anniversary. To be honored with pins and certificates of Masonry will be Walter Duckworth, C. D. Morrel, and Alfred Stallings.

School News, Ideal Junior Girl: Hair: Margie Harrison; Eyes: Nita Wilson; Teeth: Betty Jo Hill; Smile: Linda McMahon; Walk: Nancy Bingham; Talk: Yvonne Corley; Personality: Linda Pennell; Fun: Mary Beth Ford; Quiet: Janice Moreman; Best All-Around: Susie Joe Schmidt; Figure: Diane Massey.

School News, Ideal Junior Boy: Hands: Billy Max Gordon; Eyes: Jacky Fluit; Teeth: Kenneth Barnes; Smile: Tom Clark; Walk: Curtis Hudman; Talk: Ricky Little; Personality: Wendell Johnson; Mouth: Pat Cornell; Nose: Richard Hart; Best All-Around: Danny Odom.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Cross are building up a zoo in front of their service station here at Justiceburg. They want everyone to stop by and visit the animals.

50 Years Ago February 26, 1953

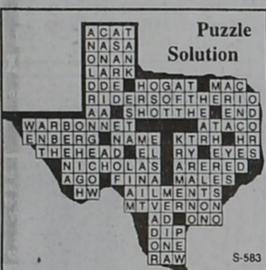
Forty-seven Post business and professional men and a number of women accepted an invitation from O. G. Murphy, superintendent of Postex Cotton Mills, Inc., to tour the Mill after the completion of a \$125,000 expansion program early in January, which included a 70x135 foot extension to the weave shop and the addition of 72 new looms.

Rebuilding of the two west grandstands at the Post stamper rodeo grounds got underway Monday morning and the project is slated to be completed within ten working days, reported Robert Cox of R. E. Cox Lumber Company.

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Pvt. and Mrs. Lowell Scrivner announce the birth of a son, Larry Glen, born in West Texas hospital in Lubbock.

Mrs. Curtis Davies' home was the scene of a coffee yesterday morning when a miscellaneous shower honoring Mrs. Claudine Tipton, bride-elect of Douglas Tipton was held.



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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 siete cientos 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 compañías 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.

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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 día 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 oír con teléfonos de textos (TTY) pueden comunicarse con La Comisión al (512) 936-7136.

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'Lope baseball on a winning streak...

by Ernest Fox

The Post Antelopes went 3-1 in last weekend's Big Country Wooden Bat Classic at Sweetwater, averaging 10 hits per game in the four-game tournament.

They averaged 8.5 runs per game while 10-run ruling two opponents. Sweetwater 5, Post 0

For the majority of the young season, the Post baseball team has leaned on a productive offense and strong pitching. In game one, errors let the Antelopes down, as three errors led to four runs for Sweetwater.

The 'Lopes (2-2) had ample opportunities to win the game, outhitting Sweetwater seven to three, but stranding five runners in scoring position.

Sweetwater jumped to a two-run fourth-inning lead on two walks and a two-run throwing error by Post and increased the lead to the final score of 5-0 in the sixth on a hit batter, error throw on a fielder's choice single, one single and walk, and a run scored on a wild pitch.

Offensively, Post had 12 strikeouts. Cody Fox (0-1) went the six innings with three hits, three walks, one hit batter and 11 strikeouts. Fox's pitching count showed 50 strikes and 40 balls.

Batting for Post were Luis Zubia, one single; Mitchell Mills, one single; Bryan

Looney, one single; Jon Eilenberger, one single; Patrick Gonzales, one single; and Randon Blacklock, two singles and a walk.

Post 12, Winters 1

Fresh off a five-run loss against the Sweetwater Mustangs earlier in the day, the Antelopes thumped the Winters Blizzards 12-1 Friday afternoon.

The 'Lopes cranked up their offense early and often—very often—to dispatch of the overwhelmed Blizzards. Post knocked out 12 hits while plating one, six and five runs in innings one through three, respectively.

While the PHS offense manhandled three Blizzards pitchers, Antelope senior Bryan Looney turned in another solid effort. Looney threw five innings and surrendered just one hit and one run. His pitch count showed 30 strikes and 26 balls with seven strikeouts and two walks.

Hitting for Post were Zubia, one double and a walk; Gonzales, one walk; Kenny Ratke, one single, an E-5 single, two RBIs; Looney, two singles, one walk, one RBI; Eilenberger, three singles, three RBIs; Fox, one double, one single, two RBIs; Blacklock, one on-base by hit batter; Brody Robertson, one single, one on-base by hit batter; Mills, two walks and one single; and Coby Jones, one single and a walk.

Post 13, Breckenridge 3

Kenny Ratke's walk off homerun in the seventh inning highlighted a three-run explosion over the Breckenridge Buckaroos in Saturday's game in Pool A action of the tournament.

Post collected 11 hits, including Ratke's homer off the scoreboard in left centerfield and got a solid pitching effort from Randon Blacklock to roll past Breckenridge 13-3.

Post's win was the second consecutive 10-run rule victory after a bitter opening game loss.

Post put pressure on the Buckaroos right away with five first inning runs. With a 10-3 lead, the Antelopes finished Breckenridge off with a three-run fifth inning. Ratke hit his leadoff homerun, Blacklock doubled, Fox followed with a RBI single and Gonzales later followed with a RBI-producing E-1 single to give the 'Lopes the 10-run rule victory.

Blacklock went five innings with four hits allowed, three walks, no hit batters and eight strikeouts. His pitching count showed 40 strikes and 30 balls.

Hitting for Post were Ratke, one single, E-5 hit, one homerun; Blacklock, two singles, one double, one triple, one RBI; Fox, one single, one RBI; Eilenberger, one walk; Gonzales, one double, one walk, E-1 hit, one RBI;

Mills, two walks; Robertson, one single, one sacrifice fly, one RBI; Jett Lott, one double, one single, E-6 hit, three RBIs; David Rivera, E-3 hit and one RBI.

Post 9, Slaton 2

Playing their fourth game in two days and second in little more than six hours, the Antelopes came out flat against Slaton. Tigers' pitcher Nick Torres dominated the Antelopes for four innings, giving up no runs on only five Post base runners. Torres plunked starting pitcher Mitchell Mills. Mills, seven games into the season, was pitching his first game of the year.

Trailing 2-0, Post used a two-run fifth inning to tie the game and punched across the winning run in the sixth on Lott's RBI single, plating Robertson, who singled earlier.

The Antelopes put the game out of

reach in the seventh, scoring six runs with two outs in the hotly contested game between two rivals played at Merkel in Pool B action.

Pitching for Post was Mills, going 3 2/3 innings with three hits, four walks and one hit batter. His pitching count showed 25 strikes and 30 balls.

Fox (1-1) won in relief, going 1 1/3 innings with no hits, one walk, no hit batters and six strikeouts. His county was 21 strikes and 11 balls.

Hitting for Post were Ratke, two singles with one RBI; Blacklock, two walks, one E-1 hit, two RBIs; Fox, one single; Eilenberger, one single; Zubia, one walk, one single; Mills, three on-bases by hit batter; Robertson, bases-loaded single; Lott, three singles with three RBIs; and Looney, one single and one E-5 single.



Among those participating in the dedication of the Stephen F. Austin Oak Tree at the Garza County Courthouse grounds Monday afternoon were (left to right) commissioner Lee Norman, Linda Puckett, commissioners Mike Sanchez and John Valdez.



PHS graduate Airman Eric Alaniz (third from right) has completed aerospace maintenance training at Sheppard AFB, Texas and will be stationed at Mnot AFB, N.D. He is joined by classmates (left to right) Airmen Gonzales, Purvis, Smith, Alaniz and Sussdorff with instructor Sgt Bautz.

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