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Post ISD reviews options on Justiceburg property

by Sheri Lewis

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The historic Justiceburg school site will be deeded back to that area's community center, but Post Independent School District officials have yet to determine what to do with the related 264 acres of property obtained when the two school districts consolidated in the 1970s.

school site to the Justiceburg Community Center through use of a special warranty deed allowed by law, Superintendent Marlin Marcum said. However, no decision was made on the possible dis- district. position of the remaining Justiceburg-area acreage. The discussion as to what to do with the remaining property is ongoing.

At the time of the consolidation and turnover of the property to the Post ISD, a five-year, \$1-per-year lease agreement was put into place to allow the Justiceburg Community Center to use the land, Marcum said. In recent years, however, Post ISD trustees have not renewed the lease, but the community center group has continued to pay its \$1 per year lease.

School district officials are looking at several possibilities for dis- the Post ISD realizes from its SPAG membership. position of the property, including re-establishment of the lease and the sale of the property in a public sale.

Marcum said trustees are eyeing the possible disposition of the property because ownership of the property is not in the "best in-At their Nov. 11 meeting, Post ISD trustees opted to turn over the terests of the majority" of those served by the Post ISD. It is not tent changes were made to the policy, but the board determined unusual for school districts to hold property, but maintaining the the language of the document needed to be clarified. Justiceburg property is not producing any revenues for the school

> The issue is expected to be on the board's agenda next month. In other business, trustees:

- jointly owned property.
- Added five substitute teachers to the Post ISD sub list.

of Governments. Marcum said a representative of the organization building. will be on hand at next month's meeting to explain what benefits

 Created a board subcommittee to review the possible pursuit of an airport hangar for added school district storage.

Approved the textbook committee.

· Reviewed the local policy dealing with teacher leave. No con-

 Set a Wednesday workshop to work on the superintendent's appraisal document.

 Reviewed the campus improvement plans for each of the four Post ISD campuses. Progress is being made on each of the goals • Named Marcum to serve on a committee overseeing the sale of established at the beginning of the planning cycle in March, Marcum said.

The board's next meeting, which will include a State of the School • Voted to continue participation in the South Plains Association report, is et for Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Post ISD Administration

Highway fines offset local property taxes

Editor's Note: As pointed out in recent Garza County Commis- Transportation Code by allowing it to interpret itself according to its Code. The registration sticker and the license plate are the identifiers by

code enforcers has important impact on county property taxes. mandated by law, to obey the same Code. The scope of the Transporta- their jurisdictional limits. by Tim Burnett

Garza County and the State of Texas traffic code enforcers collected travel fines issued here, according to reports of the two Justices of the Law Dictionary. These sources reveal that the term "Transportation" ter their automobiles with the State. Peace courts. The fund raising program, operated by county and state means transportation by a carrier for hire. agents, takes advantage of travelers who violate State Transportation Codes.

meanor cases. JP Court 2 reported \$21,154.08, which included 146 traf- purpose of "Transportation." fic misdemeanor cases.

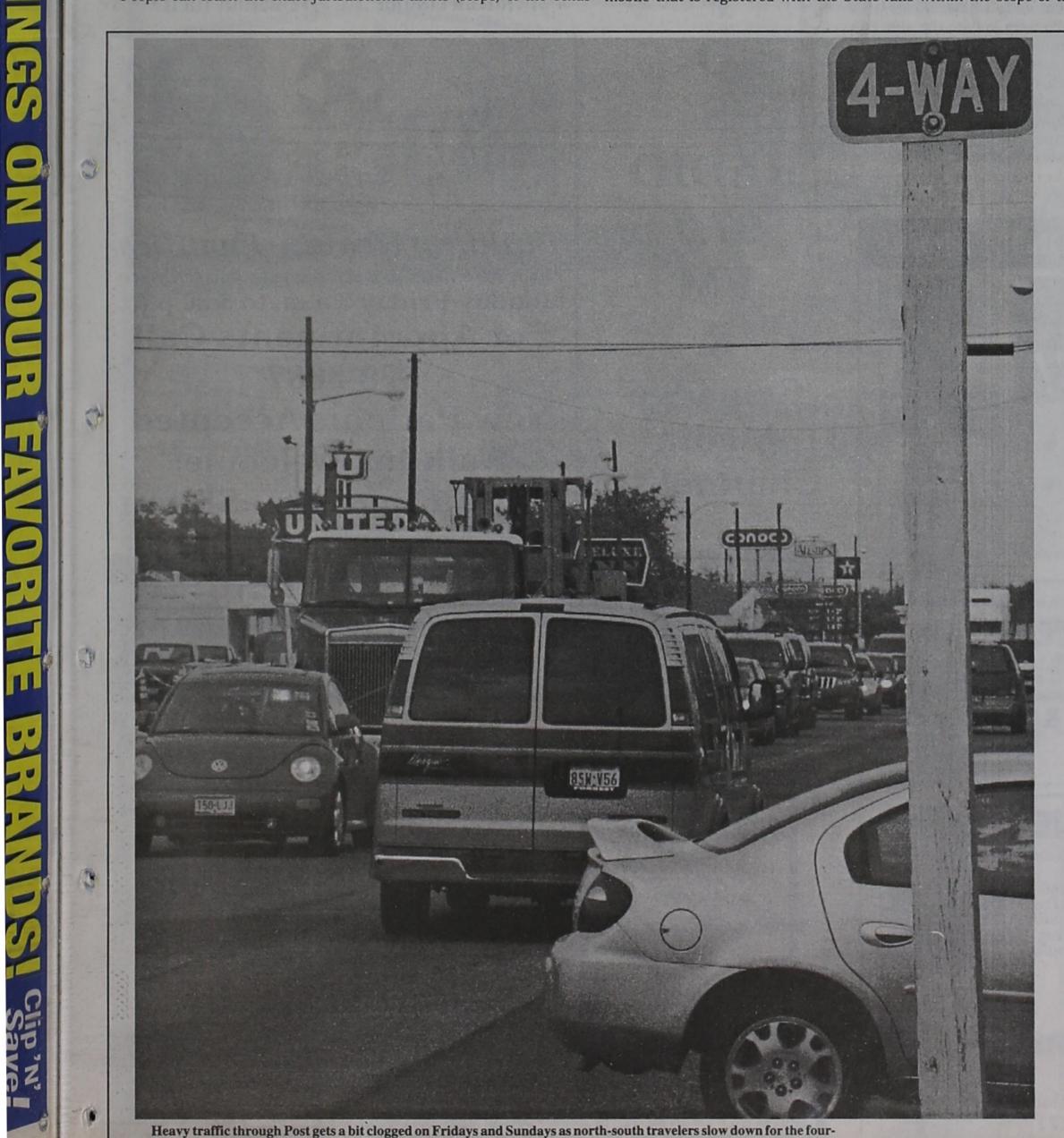
by enforcing the traffic code, but what was sold to the public in the with the State of Texas. 1920s for "safe" roads, is now a huge money-making machine for corporate governments.

tion Code is "Transportation."

Use of the roads and highways for purposes of "transportation for hire Code upon those who do not fall within the scope of the code? by carriers" is what falls under the scope of the Code. The Code protects JP Court 1 reported \$26,062.50, which included 130 traffic misde- the traveling public by regulating the vehicles using the roads for the

So why do we see State and County Officers enforcing the Code upon State and county code enforcement officers are "just doing their jobs" the traveling public? The answer rests upon the registration of vehicles

All motor vehicles using the roads for purposes of "transportation," are required to be registered with the State. But guess what? Any auto-People can learn the exact jurisdictional limits (scope) of the Texas mobile that is registered with the State falls within the scope of the



sioners' Court meetings, traffic fines collected by county and state strict construction. Entities, which fall within the scope of the Code are which the Officers can determine whether or not a vehicle falls within

Question for thought: Does the State and County have the lawful au-Since "Transportation" is not defined in the Code, then it must be de- thority to enforce the Transportation Code upon travelers who are not \$47,216.58 during the months of September and October, for highway fined according to the United States Transportation Code and Black's involved with "transportation"? And who voluntarily choose not to regis-

The simple question concerns authority to enforce the Transportation

Voters approve new LAH water district

The creation of the Lake Alan Henry Water District earned a majority confirmation in an election conducted recently, according to minutes from the organization's Nov. 11 meeting.

In canvassing the confirmation election results, it was noted that the Garza County vote was 29 in favor of establishing the water district, with five votes in opposition. The vote in Kent County was 13 in favor and no votes in opposition.

In addition to handling election-related duties, district directors paid bills and approved the hiring of Les Acker to handle legal services for the organization.

Present for the session were Odie Hood, chairman; Jody Ashley, vice-chairman; Jim White, secretary; and directors Mark Kirkpatrick and Wayne Edwards.

The next LAHWD board meeting was set for Nov. 18 at 5 p.m. at 215 E. 10th St. in Post.



Public Library extends hours

The Post Public Library has extended its hours with the following schedule: Monday through Friday, 6 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 6 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. These extended hours are effective until Tuesday, November 25.

Free computer classes

The Post-Garza Community Network is offering free computer classes, focusing on Level 1 Microsoft Excel. This is not a beginner course, but will be a little above basic with a focus on formulas. Classes are from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., December 11, 16 and 18 at the PHS Media Center. To register or for more information, call Shellee at Post ISD (495-3343) or e-mail at sdodom@post.k12.tx.us.

A brighter Christmas for Main Street

The Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau is encouraging Main Street property owners and merchants to assist with the new Christmas lighting plans. The plan calls for using clear light bulbs for decorating buildings. Local outlets have clear light bulbs in stock and Mad Dads Inc. will offer its services for hanging the lights on buildings. Call Rodney Tidwell at 495-1244 or 620-0960. The Post Lighted Christmas Parade is set for Saturday, December 6. To enter a float, call the PCTB office at 495-3461. Cash prizes will be awarded to the best floats.

Annual Christmas Sing December 10

Heavy traffic through Post gets a bit clogged on Fridays and Sundays as north-south travelers slow down for the four-way traffic stop at Main and U.S. Hwy 84. On holiday and Tech home football weekends, southbound traffic has backed up as far as the rodeo grounds. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

The First United Methodist Church is inviting fellow congregations to join in the annual Community Christmas Sing, set for 7 p.m., Wednesday, December 10. Each church choir, group or soloist is invited to sing one or two selections. Contact Patty Kirkpatrick at 495-2868 or the Methodist Church office at 495-2942 no later than Monday, December 8. There is a new sound system in the sanctuary and someone will be at the church December 10 to those who wish to practice, please contact the church in advance to schedule a practice time.

Merry Christmas editon Dec. 18

The Post Dispatch will publish its annual "Merry Christmas" edition on Thursday, December 18, with a Friday, December 12 deadline for Santa Letters and "Merry Christmas" advertisements.

Lions Club seeks Toys for Tots help

The Post Lions Club is once again asking for monetary and new toy donations for the annual "Toys for Tots" campaign. The program provides gifts for needy children for Christmas. To donate call 777-4783 or 495-5383.

Free Thanksgiving meal

The First Baptist Church is offering a free Thanksgiving meal at the school cafeteria on November 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Carry-outs are available only by reservation to widows, widowers and people with disabilities who are unable to attend. Call the church office at 495-3554.

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Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush



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nothing to hang your heads about memories from that day. and should be very proud of yourselves. Coaches too! So congratulations on a great season. HAPPY 90TH

report to me what a wonderful time. time she had visiting with every-

Hey everyone, one. Ruby thought that about I know there are 100 people attended with out of a bunch of sad town folks from New Mexico, Norman's wife goes out and boys at PHS this Houston, Plano and Canyon. morning, but I She got to see some long time want to say to friends that she had not seen in them what a fine a very long time and I know that nouncer says, "We are expecting job they did this season. You have she will have some wonderful

SPEAKING OF

With celebrations on mind, I also want to congratulate Robert through." and Patsy Craig on their 50th Last Saturday Ruby Carpenter wedding anniversary. They celwas honored with a 90th birth- ebrated with a party this week day by her family. She called to end and I know they had a great

SNOW ROUTE PARKING

tening to the radio, Norman and his wife hear the announcer say, of snow today. You must park your car on the even numbered side of the street, so the snow plough can get through." moves the car.

ing breakfast, the radio an-6-8 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd numbered side of the street, so dents? the snow plough can get

Norman's wife goes out and moves her car again.

breakfast again, when the radio announcer says "We are expecting 8-10 inches of snow today. You must park....." then the electric power goes out. Norman's wife and we learned to deal with it all. is very upset, and with a worried look on her face she says, "Honey, I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park you. See you next week. Judy on so the plough can get through?"

With the love and understanding in his voice like all men who are married to blondes exhibit, Norman says, "Why don't you just leave it in the garage this time?"

TO MY BROTHER

My brother Jack and wife June of Rotan, will celebrate their 48th anniversary Wednesday the 19th. They have just recently moved to Rotan in their home they spent 9 years renovating. It was worth the time they spent, it is a lovely home. Any

One winter morning while lis- bags and riding in the back of a pickup was a special treat.

We drank water from a garden "We are going to have 4-6 inches hose not a bottle and we ate cupcakes, bread and butter and drank soda pop with sugar in it but were not overweight because we were always outside playing. We had friends! We went outside and found them. We played A week later while they are eat- dodge ball, we fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no lawsuits. They were accidents. There was no one to blame but us. Remember acci-

Tests were not adjusted for any reason. Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected. The idea of a parent bail-The next week they are having ing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law. Imagine that.

> Finally. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, **TILL NEXT WEEK**

Hope all of you have a great week end. May God bless each of

Israel Barbosa earns Bunker **Hill honors**

Israel Barbosa, 200-pound starting tailback for the Bunker Hill Minutemen, was named his team's Best Running Back and Best Offensive Player of the Year. Barbosa had 1,125 combined yards for 21 touchdowns on the season, as well as five kickoff returns and two punt returns for touchdowns.

A former Antelope, Barbosa



Robert and Patsy Craig celebrated their 50th wedding Anniversary on November 15, 2003 at Hotel Garza Bed & Breakfast. More than 100 family members and friends visited with the Craigs as they reminisced and viewed pictures of the couple's years together. Benny Jackson of Studio B Designs beautifully decorated the hotel lobby. Gourmet food was prepared and served by Dayspring.

Local GOP Plans Dec. 4 reception

Over the last several months the Garza County Republican Party has begun to reorganize. Ross Aten has stepped up to assume the County Chairman's position. Under his leadership the Party is taking steps towards becoming a viable political voice in Garza County. Others in the county are joining in this rebuilding effort. All are welcome to participate towards making the Republican Party the voice for conservative politics in Garza County. On Thursday, December 4, 2003 at 6:30 pm the Garza County Republican Party will host a reception at the Citizens Bank community room. This will be an informational meeting. Discussion will include the upcoming 2004 elections, Precinct chairmanships and the rebuilding of the Republican Party in Garza County. Please join us in this effort. If you have any questions, contact Ross Aten at 791-4595 (home) or 759-4006 (mobile).



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way, congrats to them. **GET WELL**

I want to send a special get well message to W.O. Fluitt who is in ICU at Covenant. W.O. had knee replacement surgery last week and has had some complications set in. So if everyone would please keep him in your prayers the family would be' grateful. Love ya W.O.

LUCKY TO BE ALIVE (FROM BARBARA **GOSSETT**)

According to today's regulators and bureaucrats, those of us who were kids in the 40's, 50's and 60's probably shouldn't have survived.

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played 7th, 8th and 9th grade football in Post. In February, the family moved to Illinois to a community 45 minutes north of St. Louis.

Barbosa is the son of Danny and Cecilia Martinez and the grandson of Arcilia Barbosa and Billy and Elida Martinez of Post.

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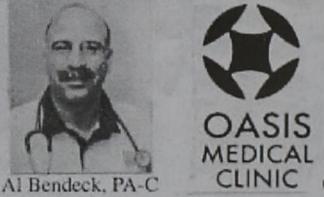
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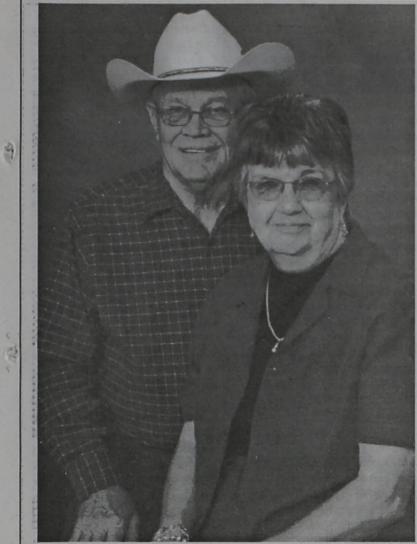
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Billy and Louise Greene will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a November 22 reception hosted by their children at the CitizensBank community room from 3-5:30 p.m. A dance will follow the reception at the 4-H Barn from 6:30 p.m. until mdinight. Friends and family are invited.

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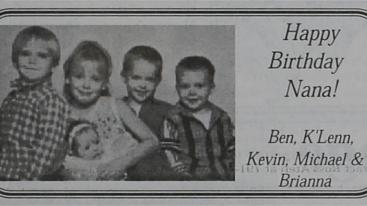
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State/County Hog Validation All barrows for the major livestock shows must be state validated.

Barrow validation will be held Thursday, November 20, 2003, beginning

1:00 p.m. in Southland and continuing on at 4:00 p.m. in Post at the GCJLA show grounds. All hogs must be on feed and tagged by November 30.

2003, for the GCJLA county show January 14-17, 2004. **4-H Bears**

Need a stocking stuffer? 2003 4-H Bears are needing a home. Pick yours up today at the Extension office for only \$10 each.

Hotel Garza hosts special Christmas Doug Smith concert

The fifth annual Christmas Celebration with Doug Smith is set for Dec. 5, 6 and 7 at the Hotel Garza Bed & Breakfast in Post.

Special performances of Smith's originals, as well as many holiday favorites, will be performed in the intimate setting of the Hotel Garza dining room. The hotel will be decked out in its best Christmas garb.

Performances will be limited to approximately 40 attendants each. The hotel is offering three packages - the Evening, Overnight and Sunday Lunch - that include food service and gifts from the artist and hotel. The Evening package, available Dec. 5-6, costs \$160. The Overnight package, available Dec. 5-6, costs \$245 for standard and \$275 for suite. The Sunday Lunch package, available Dec. 7 only, is \$95. Evening and Sunday events begin at noon. All rates are for two people and include tax and gratuity.

For more information or to make a reservation, contact Jim Plummer at 495-3962 or e-mail info@hotelgarza.com. Additional details are available on the hotel's Web site at www.hotelgarza.com. For information on the artist, visit www.dougsmith.com or contact Smith at 800-269-7552.



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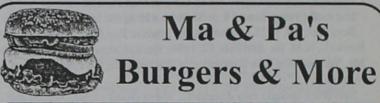
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A dance will follow the reception at the 4-H Barn located on Highway 84 from six-thirty p.m. until twelve midnight

> Your presence is a gift to us, we kindly request no other



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Obituaries

Barbara Freeman

Services for Barbara Freeman, 69, of Mt. Vernon, Mo., formerly of Post, were held at 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, 2003, in the Family Harvest Church in Post with the Rev. Joey Hamlin officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Friday, Nov. 14, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Mo. Born Dec. 18, 1933, in Vernon, she married Ray Freeman Feb. 4, 1950, in Roswell, N.M. He died Feb. 12, 1994. She had recently moved from Post to Mt. Vernon. She was a member of the Freedom Christian Church in Mt. Vernon.

Survivors include two daughters, Sheyy Ward of Mt. Vernon and Janet Pinkert of Snyder; one son, Billy Freeman of Post; three sisters, Jackie Baldwin of Mississippi, Judy Swigert of Snyder and Sue Deam, also of Snyder; 19 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Larry Freeman, on Feb. 3, 1990.

Elton Lee

Services for Elton Lee, 82, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, 2003, in the First Baptist Church in Post with Dr. Lester Griffin of Crosbyton officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Nov. 11 at Covenant Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock.

Born May 12, 1921, in Paris, he married Mary Hester March 8, 1946, in Slaton. He owned and operated Fashion Cleaners in Post for 31 years. He was a Mason, a World War II veteran, a Veterans of Foreign Wars member and a member of the First Baptist Church of Post.

Survivors include his wife, Mary, of Post; two daughters, Belinda Byrd of Crosbyton and Brenda Prather of Post; three brothers, Cecil Lee of Frisco, Charlie Lee of Post and Lloyd Lee of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.; four or Lubbock Boys Ranch. grandchildren, Shawn Hines of Austin, Heath Hines of Billings, Mont., Vanessa Baldree of Midland and Tamara Crawford of Shallowater; and two great-grandchildren, Avery Baldree of Midland and Colby Hines of Billings. Pallbearers included Edward Byrd, Rex Prather, Shawn Hines, Heath Hines, Brian Crawford and Robert Baldree.



Jack Arvel Kennedy

Services for Jack Arvel Kennedy, 92, were held at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 14, 2003, in the Hudman Funeral Home with Bill McBride and John Bill Hedrick officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery. He died Nov. 11 at Golden Plains Nursing Home in Post.

Born to the pioneer Garza County family of B.W. (Doc) and Lela Kennedy Oct. 10, 1911, in the Post Sanitarium, he was named for the facility's founder and doctor who delivered him, Dr. Arvel Ponton. He grew up in the Verbena community east of Post and

attended Post High School where he met Selma Lois Pennington. The couple wed Dec. 20, 1928, and established a ranch just east of Post 10 years later. He, his brother and father built tanks and did dirt work using mule teams. The family business was awarded the contract to move bricks from the depot to the site of the First Methodist Church. He co-owned and operated Pure Food Market for several years and later worked as a butcher for Josey Grocery, Parrish Grocery, Piggly-Wiggly Supermarket and Jackson Brothers Meat Locker. Following his retirement, he ran cattle on his ranch. Survivors include his children, Gene and Wyvonne Kennedy of Post, Donna and Bill Pass of Richardson and Dick and Celia Kennedy of Clifton; one sister, Willie McBride of Post; his grandchildren, Phyliss Walker of Midland, Jay Kennedy of Big Spring, Genetta Gillett of Georgetown, Karla Richardson of Panhandle, Luann Kennedy of Arlington, Terry Kennedy of Lampasas, Kyle Short of McKinney, Derick Short of Richardson, Sheli Virginia; 23 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

sister, Bertie Nichols; and one grandson, Clayton Jack Kennedy.

The family has suggested memorials be made to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor Policy: We require all letters to be signed. Letters may be edited for brevity, grammar and punctuation. Opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect those of The Post Dispatch nor its staff.

Needs copy of 75th Jubilee booklet

I need a copy or an original of the brochure that was made when Post had their 75th anniversary. I would be willing to pay a reasonable amount. thanks, Barbara Chedester, 4224 W 38th Av, Amarillo TX 79109 806-467-1905 (bcee1@1s.net)

Well, I hope that the citizens have lots of erasers. The developments since 1983 will be erased if the tax recall election is successful.

This is a list of some of the things that you will erase: Garza County Historical Museum, the library, MAD DADS, city park funding, the community center, Caprock Cultural Association, capital outlays of county government, Women's Protective Services, Meals on Wheels, senior citizen funding, water district, Summer Rec, county jobs and (the) county employees' retirement plan. Many of these (receive) joint funding (from) the city and county. Is the city going to pick up the slack?

How many jobs is that? Would it compare with the 1983 closing of the mill? You betcha! How would that affect businesses? What about all of the people that have worked so hard for these developments? What does that do to morale? What does it do to future possibilities?

While you are about it, you might as well erase Post off the map. JoAnn Mock, Executive Director, Caprock Cultural Association

Unahppy with petition signers

Shame on all of you who signed that ridiculous petition to "lower your county taxes." If this action passes, I suppose your pockets will be lined with gold. My pocket will have about \$18 in it and no job to go to every day. Sadly, if the Garza County Historical Museum does not receive funds from Garza County, our doors will be closed. I'm not going to address all of the other very important entities that will be affected, but I can tell you that Garza County not only pays my salary, but all the utilities, building insurance, grounds and exterior maintenance of the museum.

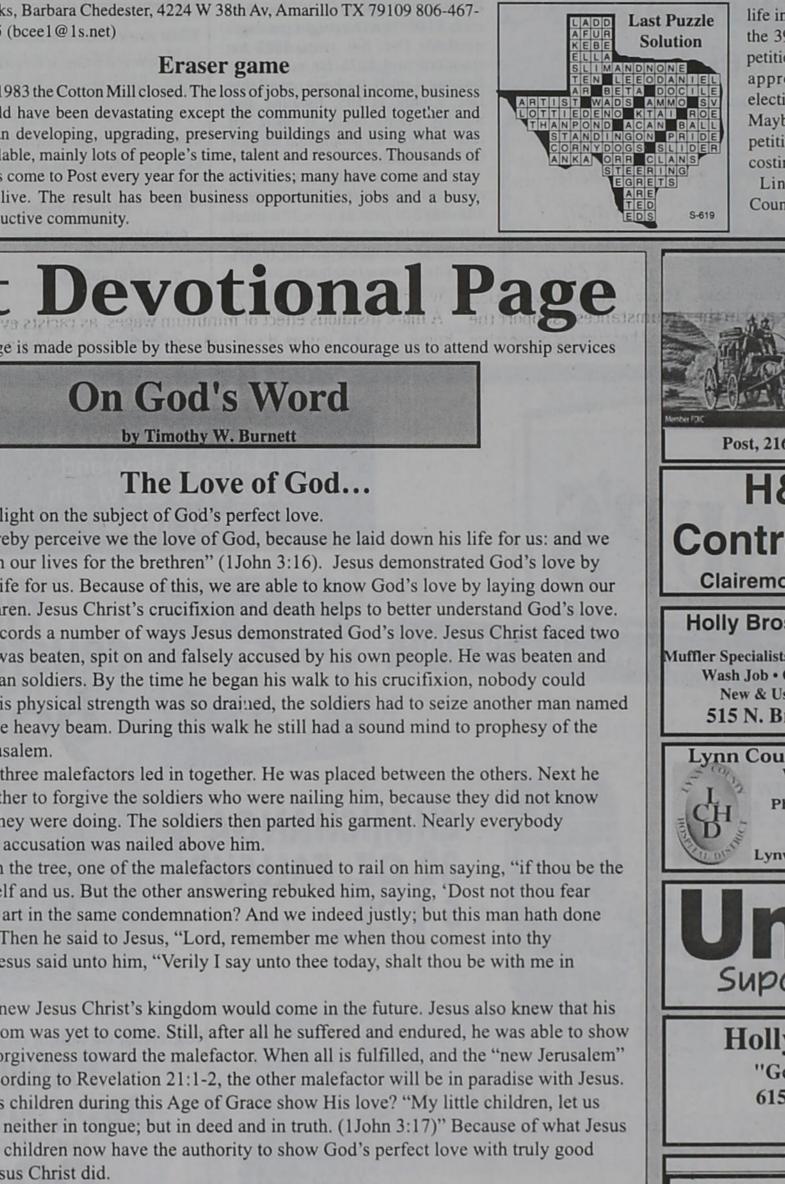
I obtained a copy of this petition and in reading the names, I was amazed to find that many of my friends, some members of my board of directors and Reddix of Wylie, Cara Davis of Dallas and Clif Kennedy of Quantico, merchants up and down Main Street and Trade Days have signed it. Good Lord, people, you have been deceived! Do you not realize that tourism is a He was preceded in death by his wife, Selma Kennedy; his parents, B.W. major part of our economy? Do you not think those tourists who visit our and Lela Kennedy; two brothers, L.P. Kennedy and James Kennedy; one town stop to eat, buy fuel and shop? You don't seem to mind going to Lubbock and paying additional sales tax to compensate their taxes.

> I am mad as h.... Don't be sucked in by radical groups. Who will gain the most with a tax rollback?

> Remember Madeline Albright and how she, even after being chopped up in little pieces, is still dictating our lives? Remember the Ten Commandments?

> We the people elected the men on the Commissioners Court to their positions, men who know the needs of this county and the city of Post. They know first-hand how much income was cut by the State of Texas. Let them do their job! With just a little help from everybody, we can overcome these shortfalls and not lose needed programs, services, benefits and job that took us years to put in place.

I don't regret spending the last 20 years of my life, working alongside other



who wished to improve the quality of life in our community. Thanks to you, the 390 or so people who signed this petition, you are costing the county approximately \$20,000 for this election, whether it passes or fails. Maybe every person who signed this petition should have to pay for it, costing each of them around \$51.28. Linda Puckett, Director, Garza County Historical Museum

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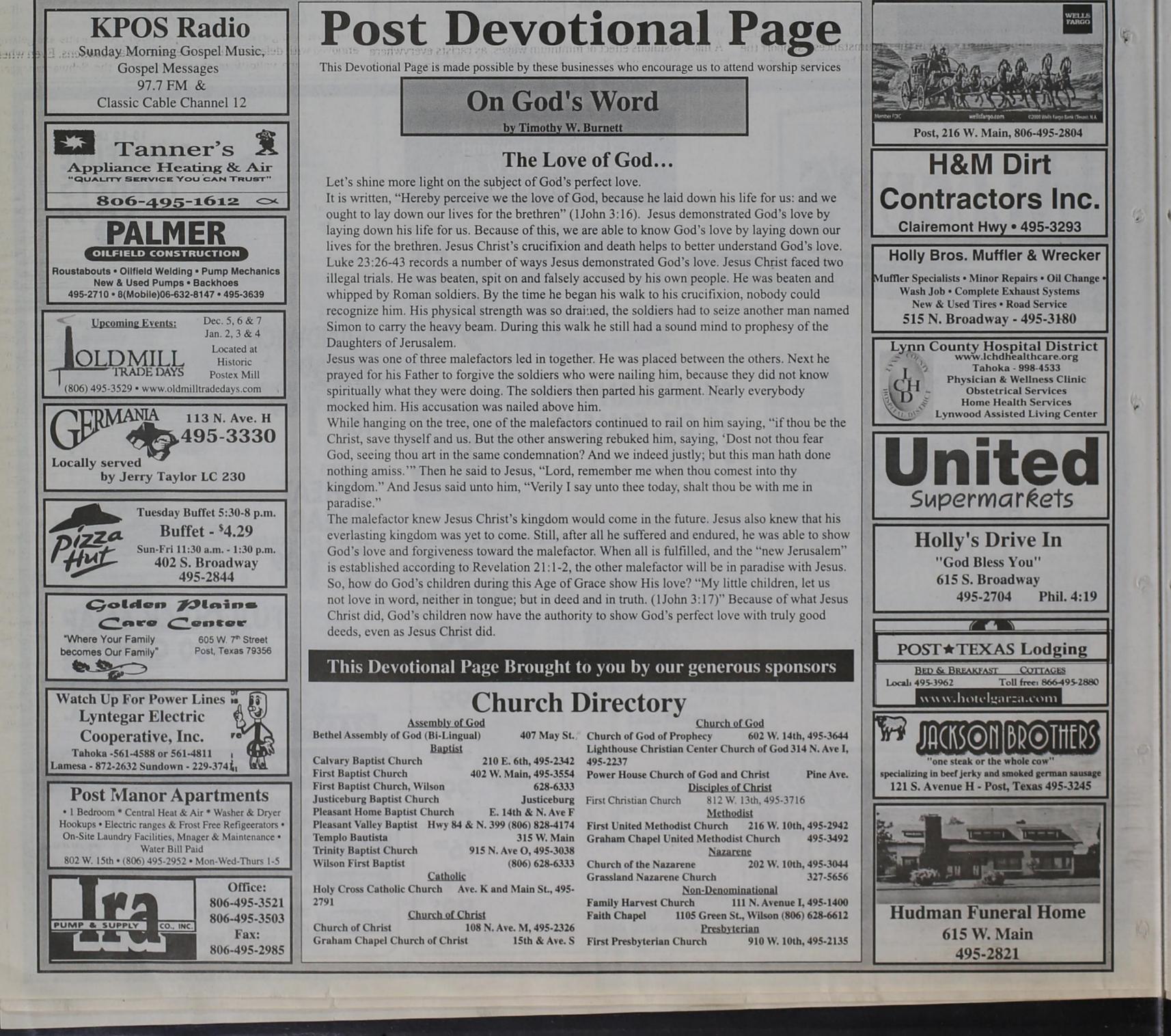
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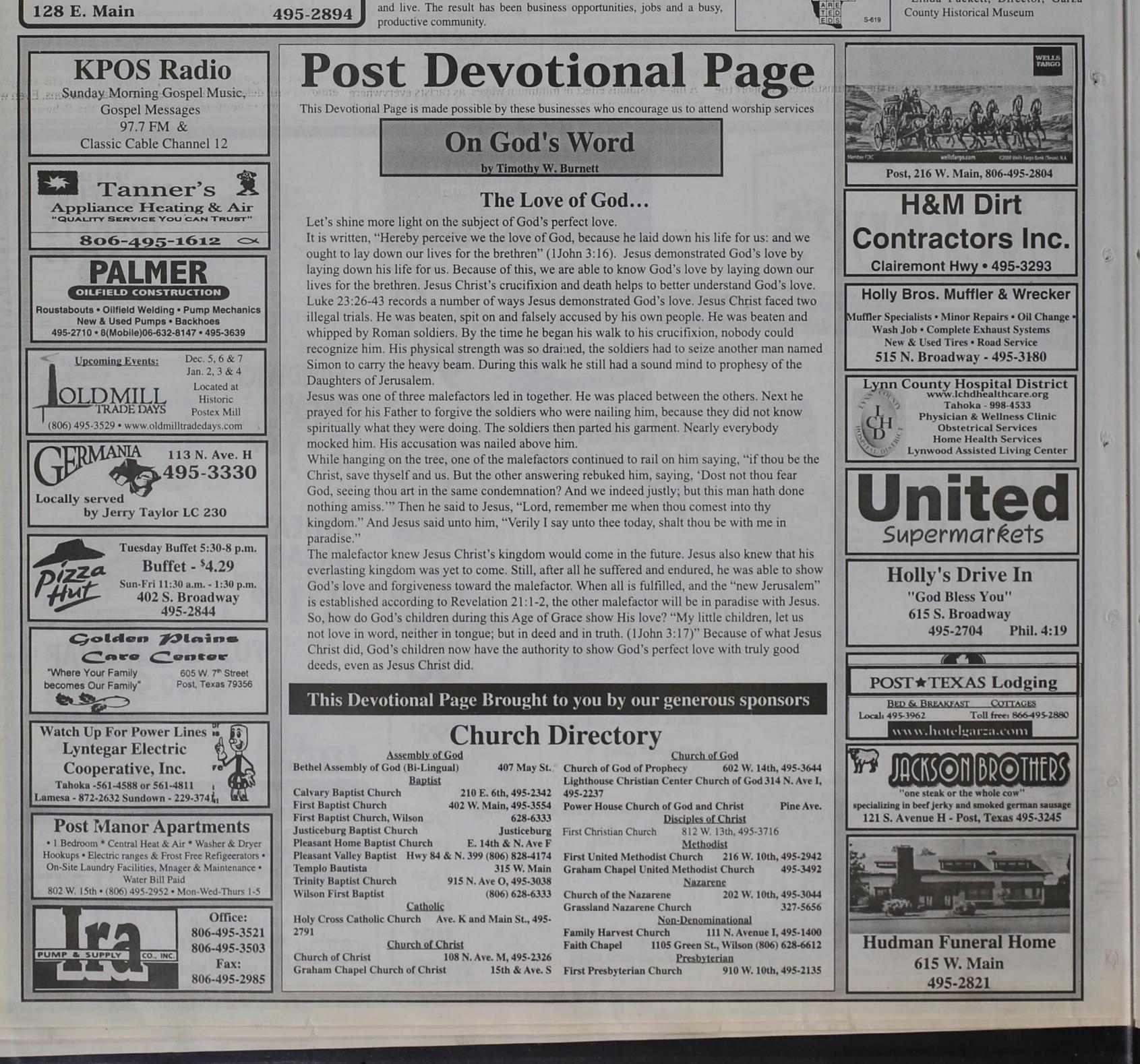
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In 1983 the Cotton Mill closed. The loss of jobs, personal income, business would have been devastating except the community pulled together and began developing, upgrading, preserving buildings and using what was available, mainly lots of people's time, talent and resources. Thousands of folks come to Post every year for the activities; many have come and stay





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to the Teamsters Local 238 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa,

Presidential aspirant Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., living. That's his stated intention, but when we analyze the effects unwittingly performed a public service in his address of policy, we can almost always ignore policy intentions.

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One effect of minimum wages is that of discrimination against the last month. He revealed the true agenda behind so employment of less-preferred workers. A worker might be lessmuch of the support for minimum wages. He pledged preferred in the eyes of a particular employer in a number of ways. that if he became president he'd press the World He might be low-skilled, less intelligent, or a different nationality or Trade Organization to establish an international race. Put yourself in the place of an employer, and ask: If the law requires me to pay, say, \$9 an hour, no matter whom I hire, does it pay workers are not competing with slave, sweat-shop and child labor me to hire someone who has skills enabling him to produce only \$5 worth of value per hour? Most people would view hiring such a Are low-skilled workers made better or worse off as a result of the \$9 minimum wage? It's almost a no-brainer to conclude that being absence of statutory minimum wages, employers found it profitable hired at \$5 an hour puts more food on the table than not being hired Most of us gain skills through on-the-job-training. Minimum wage A more insidious effect of minimum wages, as racists everywhere know, is that it lowers discrimination costs. Say a white and a black were equally productive and an employer prefers white workers to black workers. Since he has to pay \$9 an hour no matter whom he hires, the cost of discriminating against the black worker is zero. But if it were legal for the black worker to offer a lower price, there'd be a cost to discrimination. That's precisely why South African whites demanded that blacks be paid the minimum wages — they wanted to cheapen discrimination costs.

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The Great Divide

by Bill O'Reilly

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Anger can be a terrific motivating force, and we are seeing that in the run-up to next year's presidential campaign. The far left literally hates President Bush and is putting its money where its loathing is. I believe Howard Dean is the most shocked man in America. He's leading the Democratic pack despite being a guy who supports gun ownership. The simple fact that he is vehemently against the Iraq war has caused the Bush haters to pour millions of dollars into his campaign. Do they know the NRA

minimum wage — one that he says is high enough so that American around the world.

History has seen many calls for minimum wages for the same worker as a losing economic proposition. reason — to eliminate competition with workers who'd work for less. During South Africa's apartheid era, white unionists argued "in to supplant highly trained (and usually highly paid) Europeans by at \$9. What's more, minimum wages reduce training opportunities. less efficient but cheaper non-whites."

One South African union leader said, "There is no job reservation laws deny that opportunity. left in the building industry, and in the circumstances I support the rate for the job (minimum wages) as the second best way of protecting our white artisans."

The South African Nursing Association condemned low wages received by black nurses as unfair. Some nurses said they wouldn't accept wage increases until the wages of black nurses were raised. These are but several of numerous examples of calls for minimum wages cited in my 1989 book, "South Africa's War Against Capitalism." You can bet the farm that these calls for minimum wages for blacks didn't represent white compassion for the welfare of blacks. Minimum wages are simply one of the most effective tools in the arsenals of that of revealing the underlying motive for minimum wages: making racists everywhere.

I'm not charging Gephardt with racism. He claims he just wants to end policies that have left millions of Americans suffering economically and workers overseas denied opportunity for a better standard of

Gephardt's speech is to be commended for its public service, namely sure that one class of workers doesn't have to compete with another. To find out more about Walter Williams, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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Iraq: Democratic or Free?

by Sheldon Richman

The White House website has this to say about Iraq: "Under the sufficiently safeguard our liberties. By the 1830s Alexis de Tocqueville leadership of the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) and the new Iraqi Governing Council, major strides are being planned and made in three key areas: security, economic stability and growth, and democracy." Let's focus on that last item.

Leaving aside the Bush administration's flawed case for invading Iraq, should Americans want to see democracy established there? It's a peculiar goal for America, considering that the country's Founders were anti-democratic.

What? The Founders were anti-democratic? Political language is so imprecise (that is, dishonest) these days that I'm sure this statement will shock some readers. So let's say it. The United States didn't interest groups. Or, as H. L. Mencken said, every election is an begin as a democracy. It was never intended to be a democracy.

James Madison, the acknowledged author of the Constitution, rejected democracy in The Federalist Papers, which were newspaper columns promoting ratification of the document. In Federalist No. 10 Madison asked how private rights can be secured against a tyrannical majority? He replied, "The majority ... must be rendered, by their number and local situation, unable to concert and carry into effect schemes of oppression." That rules out democracy. As Madison wrote, "From this view of the subject, it may be concluded, that a pure shudder to think what Iraq will look like in a year or two. It may Democracy, by which I mean a Society consisting of a small number resemble America, but that won't mean it's free. of citizens, who assemble and administer the Government in person, can admit of no cure for the mischiefs of faction.... Hence it is, that such Democracies have ever been spectacles of turbulence and contention; have ever been found incompatible with personal security, or the rights of property." Thus his constitution was full of limits on majority rule: each state, no matter the size, gets two senators (originally elected by the state legislatures); presidents can veto Congress's bills, and a supermajority is required to override; the people do not directly elect the president. What's more, the first thing the first Congress did was amend the Constitution. The First Amendment begins with the words "Congress [that is, the people's representatives] shall make no law ..." Take that, democrats! Madison got it only partly right. Direct democracy is not freedom in action; it's an assault on freedom. It permits majorities to subjugate the smallest minority of all - the individual, the only entity to which the idea of freedom applies. The alleged freedom of "the people" is merely a cover for subordinating individual persons to some gang's edicts.

could see what Madison could not see in 1787: the potential for democratic despotism. Paper constitutions notwithstanding, when enough people fail to appreciate the danger of unlimited power, they will demand that elected officials provide them things they cannot obtain through peaceful, voluntary exchange. Vote-hungry politicians will then pander to the electorate, making ever-more-elaborate promises. Since government produces nothing, it can fulfill those promises only by dispensing wealth first taken from others.

That's what the democratic mentality has brought America to. Politics is a mammoth bazaar in which politicians bid for votes from advance auction on stolen property.

That is apparently what's in store for Iraq.

Too much attention goes to how political offices are filled, and too little to what officeholders can do once in power. Elections are preferable to violence and heredity succession, but who rules is less important than which rules.

Considering that President Bush has made the welfare state his own by promising all kinds of tax-funded booty for Americans, I

They might, but they don't care. So intense is the displeasure with anything Bush that some committed liberals will support the person who attacks the president the hardest, which Dean has done.

But anger is a funny thing. Used sparingly, it can lead to positive change. But used constantly, it is destructive, and the far left's anger may, indeed, destroy the Democratic party's chances of capturing the White House next year.

Even The New York Times, generally friendly to the left, realizes this, and in the last few weeks, a few of its columnists have hinted that liberal angst should be tamped down. Americans are getting annoyed with defamation and over-the-top accusations. Even when there is some validity to charges, such as the Schwarzeneggerwomen exposition, Americans do not want a witch hunt or smear campaign. The California recall vote proves that.

President Bush also realizes that the more the bomb-throwers bellow, the easier it will be for him to stake out "the voice of reason" territory. Thus, Mr. Bush is adopting the Muhammed Ali technique of rope-a-dope. He is laying back, letting the frenzied opposition flail away, knowing it will eventually exhaust itself and collapse in a heap. Most Americans are not ideologues and will soon find the fanatics tiresome.

The far left is also allowing the Bush administration to dismiss legitimate criticism over the tottering Iraq situation. By accusing Mr. Bush of intentionally lying about WMDs and Vice President Cheney of promoting war to help his business buddies, the accusers marginalize themselves. Unless there is direct proof of intentional deceit and wrongdoing, the charges become vicious propaganda, and many Americans tune out.

There are certainly legitimate questions about how the Bush administration could apparently be so wrong about WMDs and the violent aftermath of the formal war. But the president can avoid addressing those questions if they are lost among irrational harangues by his opponents, many of whom are still seething over the last election.

The far left also has another enormous problem. Even though it is driving the Democratic agenda now, its positions on a number of social issues are extremely offensive to much of the country. All the polls say the vast majority of Americans oppose partial-birth abortion and want parent notification when their daughters become pregnant. Americans overwhelming want the Pledge of Allegiance to contain the words "under God." They do not want higher taxes for anybody or legalized narcotics.

The far left is on the wrong side of all of those issues, and therefore anyone associated with them has no chance to win the presidency. If Dean is nominated, he will lose even if Iraq falls apart. If Hillary Clinton or Al Gore jump in, they have no chance if they partner up with the ACLU.

So here's a tip for all you "progressives" out there. The country may not like what is happening in Iraq, the groping of women or a huge federal deficit. But what Americans like even less are fanatics who scorn America's traditions and mock any sense of fair play. And if you left-wingers are angry now, wait until you see what happens if you don't cool off. Four more years.

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But Madison was mistaken in thinking that a large republic would

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Thought for the Week

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10 Years Ago

November 3, 1993 The Pride of Post High School Band just finished an incredible season of U.I.L. competition. The 48 member band earned a Division I rating at Regional competition last Tuesday in Lubbock. This top placing sent them on to Odessa for area competition this past weekend where they finished eighth overall and third in district. The band is under the direction of Aaron Rathbun.

It's been five months since 76 year old Edna Blodgett of Post was last seen. Her disappearance sparked an extensive ground and air search of Garza County and the surrounding area. The search proved fruitless as it failed to turn up any clues to the shereabouts of the missing woman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carlisle recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends. They were married October 29, 1943 in Childress, Texas. They have lived in Garza County for the past 39 years.

A band and football sweetheart was crowned during a pepe rally Friday afternoon. Sara Hodges was crowned Football Sweetheat. Her attendents were Amber Little and Jamie Hawkins. Band Sweetheart was Mandi Sims. Her attendents were Melanie Thomlinson, and Keely Cahill

20 Years Ago November 6, 1983

Happy 60th birthday to Wayne Whitten - All friends wishing to help Wayne celebrate his birthday are invited to drop by Sentry Savings for cake and punch on Tuesday

Marine Lance Cpt. Paul Valdez, son of Eddie Valdez of Post has been awarded a Meritorious Mast while serving with 3rd Marine Division on Okinawa. A Meritorious Mast is official recognition from a Marine's commanding officer for superior individual performance. The Post Bold Gold Antelopes stormed back from a 14-7 halftime deficit to capture the undisputed District 3AAA championship title in a 21-14 win over visiting Idalou here last Friday night.

Deb and Regina Palmer announce the birth of a daughter, Heather Rhea, born Oct. 28 at 2:04

Darrell Eckols and Curtis Hudman. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hart moved this week to Ingalls, Kans., 20 miles west of Dodgy City, where he has accepted a position as cashier in the Farmers State Bank. Hart, a Post High School and Texas Tech University graduate, has been an employee of the First National Bank here and was an assistant cashier at the time of his leaving.

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A "packed houe" was present for the Graham Community Center Halloween Carnival Saturday evening. The event was termed a big success with lots of fun and enjoyment for all ages. Highlights of the evening was the awarding of prizes for the best costumes. Winners in the children's divisions were Patt Ann McClellan, girls, and Barry Tyler, boys. Winner of the women's division was Mrs. Quanah Maxey.

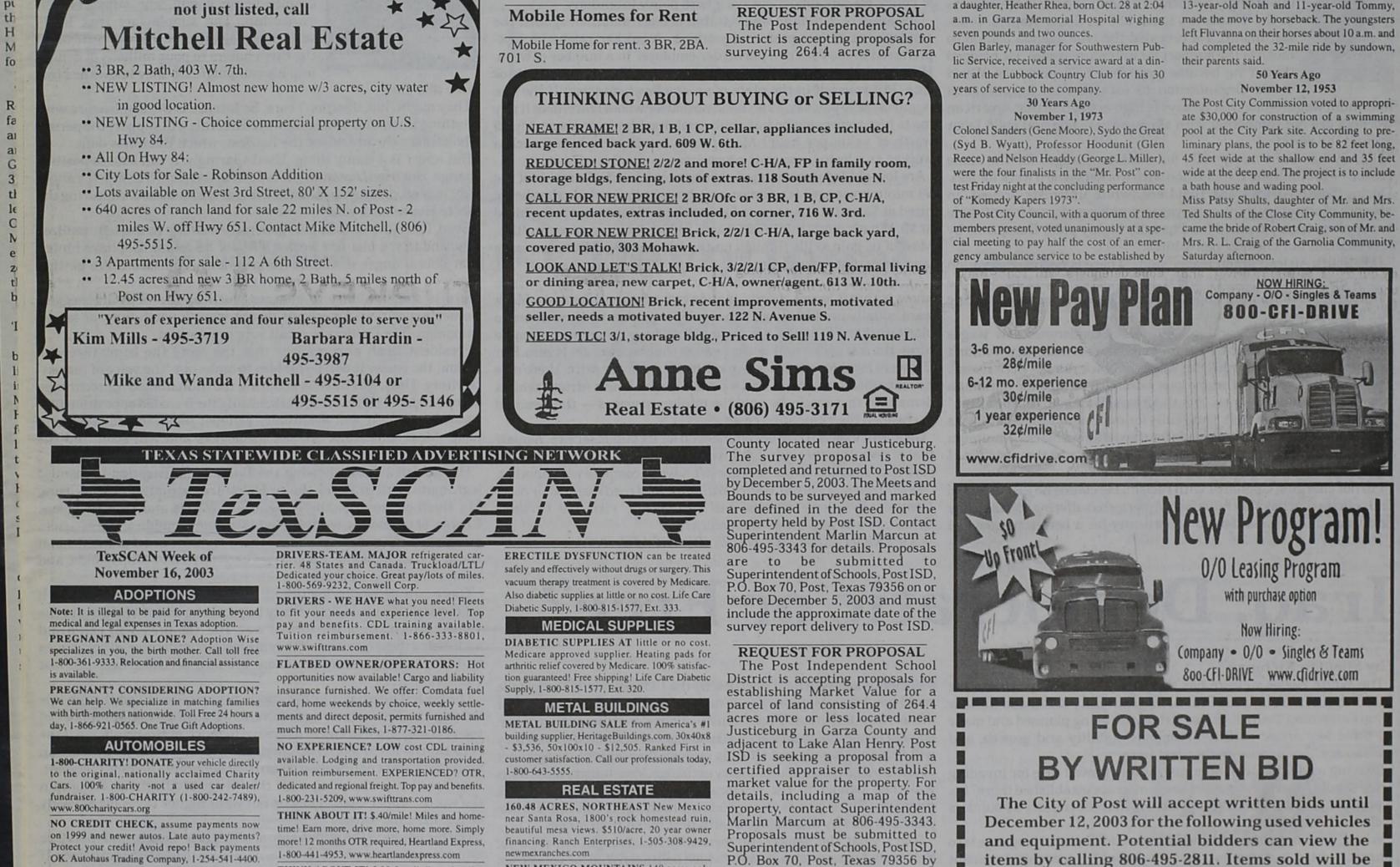
40 Years Ago November 7, 1963

Noal B. Clemmons, principal of the Post Primary School, resigned his school administration position effective last Friday and announced plans to open an interior and exterior decorating business in Post. Mrs. Bettye Scott has been named head teacher for the year until a new principal is secured.

Margie Harrison reigns supreme as 1963-64 Post High School Football Queen after being crowned at Friday night's homecoming game. Linda McMahon and Nita Wilson were other candidates in the queen contest.

The homecoming pep rally last Friday got everything off to a good start. After several yells, led by the high school cheerleaders, we heard from the younger Antelope fans. Carol and Kimberly Thompson and Cindy and Lindy Bird, from grade school, led "Antelope Boogie." Then Karen and Sharon Windham, from junior high, led us in "We're the Champs." Together, they led us in "Two bits, four bits." Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cravy are announcing the birth of a son, Eric Dale, born Monday, November 4, in the Crosbyton Clinic. Eric Sale weighed eight pounds at birth.

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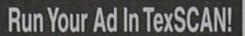
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The Bulldogs scored on eight of fumble. their 11 possessions, taking advantage of five Antelope turnovers.

The 'Lopes came out slugging, playing their brand of hard-nosed, grind it out offense, scoring on a 12 zone. The extra point kick hit the Kyle Gunn and Norman. The 'Lope play 53 yard drive that ate up five goal post and bounced back into play offense then found new life early in minutes of the first quarter clock. The featured four first downs on ing a whistle blow, raced the distance cessful 10 play scoring effort. Cash, three, third down conversions. Mitchell Mills, Jett Lott and Wilson two-point score. However, officials chores, with Mills going the final four Cash ran behind an impressive of- correctly ruled that the ball was dead yards. With 8:45 left in the game, the fensive line. It was a precision clinic. Lott crashed into the end zone from dogs extended their lead to 18-8 with point conversion run failed. the one yard line for the touchdown 3:44 left in the first half. and Mills took the snap for the twopoint conversion, throwing a pass to drive snuffed out as a halfback pass with a three play drive ... Tindol Mark Norman in the end zone.

A lot of celebrating was taking place as the 'Lopes led the Bulldogs 8-0 with 6:15 left in the first quar- converting a fourth down at the Post the Bulldogs ahead 45-14. ter.

as fans, players and coaches soon dis- half clock, the Bulldogs added an- sion, the ball was stripped out of the covered.

huddle" shotgun offense, ripped off five plays in response to the 'Lopes, but failed to convert the two-pointer. were disappointed as the Bulldogs in three plays, using pass and run, The clock showed 3:54 in the first came out roaring in the third quar- with Roberts getting the touchdown guarter as the 'Lopes held onto a slim ter. The six play touchdown drive pass from Tindol for the final 20 8-6 lead.

fense held the 'Lopes, forcing a punt. down at the Post 16 yard line. Four 5:12 left in the game. Norman's punt was picture perfect, plays later Kemper caught a pass for Not showing any signs of giving 12 yard line. That didn't make much put the Bulldogs out front 32-8.

scoring three plays later with Rob- test ... forcing a field goal attempt on erts catching a pass and breaking fourth down from the Post 24 yard away from 'Lope defenders to the end line. Big defensive plays came from ... Mills picked it up, and not hear- the fourth quarter, mounting a sucfor what a lot of fans thought was a Mills and Lott shared running after hitting the goal post. The Bull- 'Lopes cut the lead to 38-14. The two-

26 then mixing up passing and run-The Bulldogs, operating a "no- to the locker room with a 25-8 score. setting up the Bulldogs at the Post

Second Half Action

was sparked by a pass from Tindol yards. The extra point sealed scor-Five plays later, the Bulldog de- to Adrian Abrego, setting up a first ing for Coahoma, who led 52-14 with

A winning season and a play-off popped up when Russell Merritt in- all hounding Tindol as he scrambled line before losing the football on a interception at the Bulldog five yard line.

Coahoma jumped on the turnover, Again the 'Lope defense stood the

Coahoma's offense took up where The 'Lopes had another sustained it had left off earlier, scoring again was intercepted by Coahoma and re- tossed a 35 yard pass to Roberts, who turned to the Post 38 yard line. It ran into the end zone from the 10 took the Bulldogs 11 plays to score, yard line. The extra point kick put

Then disaster struck the 'Lopes It was a bit too early to celebrate, ning. With six seconds on the first one more time. On their next possesother seven points ... the teams went hands of an Antelope running back,

> 24 yard line. Taking the ball with Post fans hoping for a turnaround 6:50 on the clock, the Bulldogs scored

rolling out of bounds at the Coahoma the final two yards, the extra point up, the Antelopes fought with determination... scoring on a nine play Another fumble cost the 'Lopes any drive. Cash, Hernandez and Mills Tindol simply alternated between chance of recovery, and a one-play ran with the ball and Cash connected running and passing, hitting Kelby drive by the Bulldogs put the game with Jonathan McGregor for the Kemper and Lance Roberts for big out of reach at 38-8 with 8:04 left in touchdown. The two-point converThe Post Dispatch, Thursday, November 20, 2003 Page 7



Post Antelope quarterback Wilson Cash races around his left end after a successful "bootleg" play. Cash faked a handoff to fullback Mitchell Mills, then rolled to this right. (Photo by Gena Lott)



Fullback Mitchell Mills (40) led the Antelopes in rushing during last Friday's Bi-District Championship game at Sweetwater. Chessuaf Garcia (74) was in on the blocking for Mills. (Photo by Gena Lott)

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difference, as quarterback Sam gainers. The seven play touchdown the third quarter. Mills intercepted sion failed. drive was capped off by Clay Grant the would-be pass in the end zone, slamming into the end zone from the denying the two-point conversion. two yard line. Randon Blacklock knocked down the two-point conver- again to punt on fourth down ond quarter.

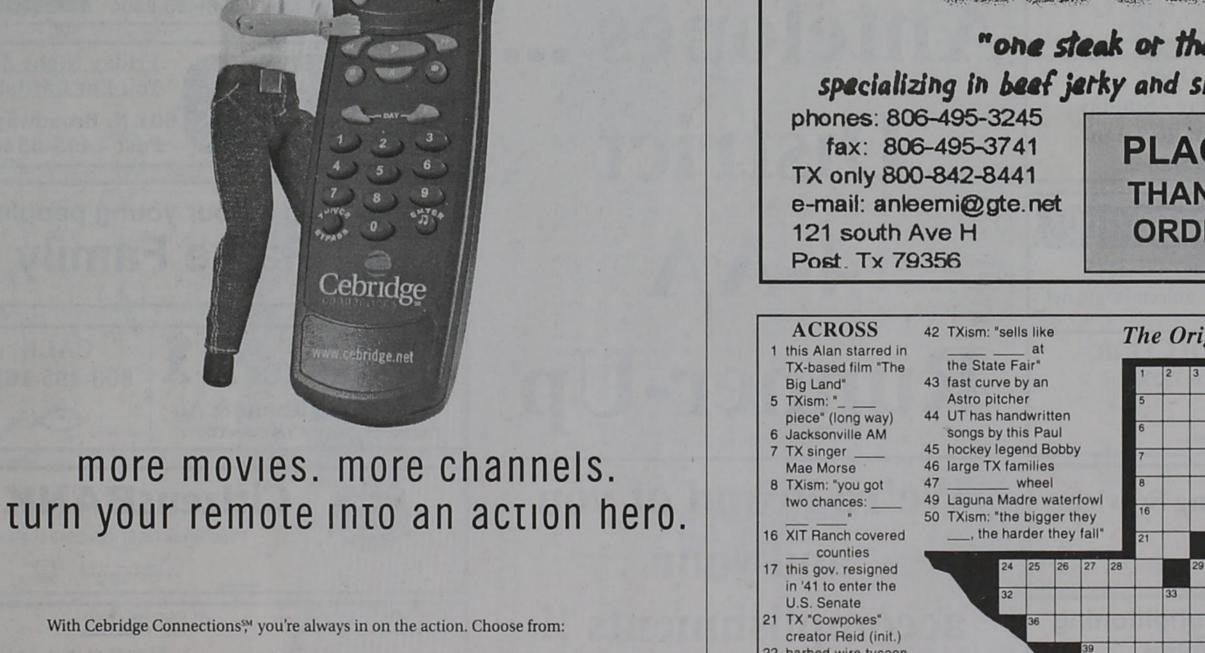
ity, but couldn't sustain a drive ... and 'Lope defenders Will Todd, Blake once again punted on fourth down. Nichols, Jace Pollard, Mark One of the bright spots of the evening McCallister and Chris Hernandez,

sion pass attempt, putting the Bull- Norman's punt sailed into the end dogs out front 12-8 early in the sec- zone. This time the 'Lope defense held the Bulldogs from scoring. The The Antelopes fought with tenac- six play drive was highlighted by

A surprise on-side kickoff gave the 'Lopes the ball one more time with The 'Lope offense was forced once 1:55 remaining. The six play drive ended at the six yard line as time ran out.

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