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This Week

## JDC future rests in hands of bond holders

by Wes Burnett

The future of Garza County's Regional Juvenile Detention Center rests in the hands of bond holders, according to County Judge Giles W. Dalby who reported on the matter Monday morning at the regular meeting of the County Commissioners' Court.

Dalby explained that a tentative agreement has been worked out with a Colorado management company which specializes in juvenile detention centers. "We'll have to negotiate a reduction in the bond payments to make this deal work," Dalby told the commissioners. The current monthly payment of \$40,000 will have to be reduced to \$10,000 per month until the center builds a consistent number of detainees adequate to meet the financial obligations.

Currently there are an average of 41 juveniles at the 96 bed facility.

Bond holders have been contacted and Dalby said he is looking for a positive answer related to the proposal. "We'd like to get Cor-

nerstone in place by April 1," Dalby said, "so that we can have a smoother transition."

Dalby emphasized that if the bond holders reject the proposed change in bond payments, "then they won't get any payment at all." Dalby added that the county holds no obligation to pay the bonds, which are the responsibility of the Garza County Facilities Corporation.

That organization was created to provide financing for the juvenile detention center and the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility.

In other matters, Dalby outlined problems creating the Lake Alan Henry Water District, a joint venture with Kent County. Lubbock officials are supporting a legislative change which would, if passed, make it difficult for the water district to operate.

"We've been in conference calls for several days," Dalby said, "and I thought we had an agreement to meet with the Lubbock mayor, but he didn't return my calls last week." Dalby said that the proposed legislative changes affect development around the lake and could alter the original agreements signed with landowners.

Dalby added that if the legislature agrees with Lubbock's request, the cost of water sales would jump from 71 cents per thousand gallons to as high as \$1.95 per thousand gallons. "That rate would make it nigh to impossible for the district to purchase," he said.

In other matters, the court agreed to a new policy on monitoring American Express charges. "We have one elected official who has owed quite a bit money on personal charges, but that has been paid, we just need to keep a close tab on those charges," Dalby said.



Post ISD superintendent Marlin Marcum (right), his wife Sterline (center) and their daughter Emily (left) were honored at welcome reception last Sunday at the Hotel Garza Bed & Breakfast. Marcum assumed duties here last week upon the retirement of Dr Bobby Bain.

## White River puts up roadblocks to Post's backup plan

by Wes Burnett

Who owns the water line which is connected to White River Municipal Water District's storage tanks?

That question raised quite a bit of banter at last week's Post City Council meeting as council members were stunned to discover that the city's contracted engineering firm has been unable to install a tap on the line.

"Tommy O'Brien said that line belongs to White River and he's not going to allow us to tap into that line," Rich Oller informed the council.

Oller told the council that it appears O'Brien is putting up every barrier he can find to stall the city's backup water project. "We've been over some of these issues two or three times," Oller added "and we can't seem to get a clear answer on what would satisfy him."

Mayor Archie Gill was supported by other council members in affirming that the water line belongs to Post. "My gosh, that water line has been in place since the early days ... it was certainly there before there was ever a White River water district," he insisted.

Oller explained that the tap on the line is important for connecting to the new storage tanks which will hold water from the Slaton storage tanks when the pipeline is completed. "We want to keep the water moving, and to do that we have to release water through the line from time to time," Oller added.

The tap is designed so that water from White River's storage tank could be closed while water from Slaton flowed through the system. A special one-way valve will ensure that will be no "back flow" from one tank to the other.

The council authorized city attorney Harvey Morton to investigate the legal ownership of the water line in order for the engineering firm to complete its work.

In other action, the council approved installation of traffic signs for the "Reese village" area and appointed election judges for the May 3 municipal election.

Election judges are Betty Striblin (Ward 1), Jana Bullard (Ward 2), Travah Yarbro (Ward 3), Carol Short (Ward 4), Frances Conrad (Ward 5), Wyvonne Kennedy (Early Voting) and Deana Gunn (Early Voting Deputy).

The council approved installation of a new roof on the city's warehouse, awarding the bid to Dennis Mason at a cost of \$7,900.

## Post Notes

### Elementary School out early Friday

The Post Elementary School will dismiss students at 2:30 p.m. Friday, March 14 for spring break. Classes begin again on Monday, March 24.

### Holy Cross Church offers fish fry Friday

Members of the Holy Cross Catholic Church offer fish fry with trimming, dessert and drink for \$6 plate on Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Parish Hall.

### Family Harvest Church special services

The Family Harvest Church is hosting special services with Rev. Jorge Rojas Friday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m. The church is located at 111 North Avenue I. For more information call 495-1400.

### Relay For Life Captain's meeting Mar. 25

Post-Garza County Relay For Life will hold a captain's meeting Tuesday, March 25 at 5 p.m. in the Wells Fargo Bank Room. The meeting is for those who have already signed up as well as those others interested in participating. For more information call Jana at 495-2804 or 495-2037.

### Two-Cylinder Club antique show

The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club will host its 11th annual antique tractor show March 22 and 23 at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview. Admission is free with donations being accepted. For more information contact Paul Sarchet at 806-744-4457.

### 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.

### Student researching old Post schools

Post High School student Crystal Crawford is researching the history of the Lincoln Elementary and Alexander schools as part of a school project. She is particularly interested in any photos of the old schools which were located on East Pine Street. Anyone able to assist Ms Crawford should call her at 495-3798.

### Letters to military service members

The Garza County Judge's office is interested in sending letters of appreciation to military service members from Garza County or who have close relatives who live in Garza County on behalf of the community. Please contact Angela Massey at 495-4405 with names and addresses of service members so that we can show our support for the job that they do.

### Calvary Baptist offers free BBQ

The Calvary Baptist Church, 6th and Avenue H, is offering a free BBQ meal Sunday, March 30 in a "Come to church and feed our whole family" campaign. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. with the BBQ lunch to follow. Children and youth night at the church is Wednesday, March 26 at 7 p.m. with food fellowship to follow.

### Revival at Calvary Baptist Church

The Calvary Baptist Church will host a revival Monday, March 24 through Sunday, March 30 at 7 p.m. each evening. Services will be led by Evangelist Jimmy Holleman Jr, a 1990 PHS graduate and youth director at St Joe Baptist Church in DeLeon, Texas.

### 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.

### Relay for Life Luminaria form

The "Relay For Life" Luminaria order form is available for those interested in making a donation to help the American Cancer Society. Forms may be obtained by contacting Lisa Copeland at P.O. Box 105, Post, Texas 79356.

### 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.

## To build a new hospital or not ...

by Sheri Lewis

A flurry of facts and figures flooded the Post Community Center March 6, but the underlying message was clear - if the community chooses to support the opening of a hospital, the success of the facility will live or die based on the ongoing support shown by local residents.

"If you plan on voting for a hospital... you need to plan on supporting it in the future," Garza County Health Care District board president Mike Travis said. "People have to support it both at the election and after the election."

Travis was one of a handful of speakers who addressed a crowd of about 75 local residents on hand for the special board meeting. Through the speakers, health care district board members unveiled their proposal for a 45,000-square-foot, 10-bed hospital, complete with a 24-hour emergency room; full laboratory and radiology support; physical therapy; five "swing" or extended-care beds; and a rural health clinic. The facility will offer no surgical or routine obstetric services.

District officials hope to put the plan before voters at the May 3 general election.

According to information disseminated at the session, approximately 40 percent of the facility would be utilized for "outpatient" services - emergency room, physical therapy, pharmaceutical and clinic operations. Twenty percent would be earmarked for inpatient services or "bed areas," with the remainder of the structure to be used for administrative offices, medical records and operations/maintenance.

A total of about 7 1/2 acres of land would be needed to accommodate the facility, but no land has been secured.

Projected budget for the project, which would cover construction and design, furnishings and fixtures, equipment and bond finance costs, has been estimated at slightly more than \$10 million.

District officials plan to work with a bonding entity to sell tax-based revenue bonds to fund the facility's design and construction. The \$10 million debt obligation would be paid back over a 15-year term, requiring an annual payback of about \$1.1 million, according to information provided at the session.

To meet these financial obligations, the Garza County Health Care District would need to raise its tax rate from the approximate 10 cents per \$100 valuation currently charged to about 40 cents per \$100. The increased tax rate would generate approximately \$1.15

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## Rally for Our Country...

by: Julie Neitsch

Approximately 35 members of Garza County gathered around the Garza County Courthouse flag pole at 3:00 p.m. to show support for their country, leaders, and the great men and women who serve and protect our nation.

County Extension Agent, Julie Neitsch welcomed the guests, and gave a reflection about the significance of the chosen meeting date and time of the rally. She informed the group that the idea originated from an e-mail that had been circulating and had passed through several county offices.

Agent Neitsch told the group that in scripture the number "3" represents the Holy Trinity, which is why 03-03-03 was chosen for the meeting date. She stated that, "Faith is the door way that all miracles come through, but prayer is the key that unlocks the door."

County Extension Agent, Greg Jones, then asked the group to take a moment of silence, and then asked the members of the community to join him in prayer.

William Scott beautifully sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." The Extension staff would like to thank everyone for their support and participation in making this wonderful event a success!



"Rally for Our Country" at the Garza County Courthouse Monday, March 3. (Photo by Diane Graves)

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## Brooke Chandler, Brooks Conner set June 14 wedding

Tony and Donna Chandler of Midland have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Brooke Chandler, to Brooks Conner, son of Pastors Tony and Karen Conner, also of Midland.

A June 14, 2003, wedding is planned at the Greenwood Baptist Church in Midland.

The bride-elect is employed with Hertz Rental Car in Midland. The prospective bridegroom, grandson of Syd and Lil Conner, Frances and Royce Josey and Nolan Williams, is an employee of Atmos Energy in Midland.

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### Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Neitsch,

Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science

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

#### 21st Century Home-Meal Planning

Americans are eating out more now than compared to previous time periods, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture surveys. Why? Dual career families, the lack of time for cooking, and the wide variety of choices available for prepared meals outside the home. Eating in a more nutritious manner is never a reason for eat-

ing out. Eating meals at home with family members has many advantages including developing a sense of family belonging and transferring a food heritage. Furthermore, there is evidence that home prepared meals are healthier than restaurant meals. For example, home-prepared meals are higher in several nutrients, including fiber, calcium, folate, iron, vitamins B6, B12, C, and E. Similarly, home-prepared meals are lower in saturated and trans-fatty acids.

Eating meals at home is associated with increased fruit and vegetable intake and less fried food and soda as compared to eating in restaurants. Both food choice and nutrient intake are affected by eating location. Frequent eating away from home often presents barriers to dietary improvement. When the food is obtained away from the home, it is generally higher in fat, saturated fat, and cholesterol. Therefore, one might conclude that disappearance of evening home-prepared meals places modern families "at risk" for some nutritional excesses and deficiencies. American consumers need to understand that restaurants are in the business of selling food, not nutritional well being.

In closing, keep your family and those you care about in mind when making preparations for meal-planning. Your families safety and health should be a priority, so take a moment to review the eating habits and make the necessary changes!

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## Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush

Hey everyone, Are you all enjoying this warm weather? Think our winter is over? I sure have my doubts. Besides I hear the mesquite have not bloomed and my husband reminds me that anything is possible till then.

**RYAN REPORT** Ryan got a good report at the doctor last week. He now gets to get up about 15 minutes out of each hour. I believe he has about twenty more days of this and then we will see what the doctor says. So keep on thinking of him, I know Ryan appreciates it.

**SPRING BREAK** Next week will be Spring Break for all of our school kids. I sure they are all ready along with all of our great teachers!! If any of you have "trip" plans let me know. I'm sure all of the readers would enjoy knowing.

**JERRY REIDEL** I just wanted to let Sherri and Jerry Reidel know that they are in my thoughts and prayers, as well as many other folks. God bless.

**CONGRATULATIONS** To Jerri and Tommy Reed, congrats on moving into their new home. I understand the moving process is not quite over, but at least its in the works. I'm happy for you two!! On a p.s. to Candi, hope you are feeling better. Candi has been under the weather of late so hope she is much better.

**OF INTEREST TO THE LADIES** I wanted to let all of you ladies know that the Baptist Church will be holding a seminar for women sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention April 11 and 12. The seminar will be headed up by Shirley Moses who will speak to everyone with five additional speakers with five different subject matter all of which will be educational and en-

joyable. You will decide which session you want to attend. Friday will be the first evening and will begin at 6:30, with deserts being served at break.

Saturday the session will run 8:30 am until 3:00 pm with a Continental breakfast being served and Jason's Deli providing box lunches. The charge for the seminar is \$20 if you register before March 31. If you wait until Friday of the seminar there will be an additional charge of \$5.00. If you are interested in attending you may call Linda Self at 495-3554 for more information or pick up your registration form at the church office.

**CONGRATULATIONS** I wanted to send a special congratulations to my friends at Citizens Bank for their Business of the Year award. They are a great bunch of folks and very deserving of their award!! Also to my friend Betty Posey, you go gal!! You are a special lady.

**ANOTHER FROM CORKEY** A blonde walks by a travel agency and notices a sign in the window "Cruise Special-\$99!" She goes inside, lays her money on the counter and says, "I'd like the \$99 cruise special please." The agent grabs her, drags her into the back room, ties her to a large inner tube, then drags her out the back door and downhill to the river where he pushes her in and sends her floating. A second blonde comes by a few minutes later, sees the sign, goes inside, lays her money on the counter and asks for the \$99 special. She too is tied to an inner tube and sent floating down the river. Drifting into stronger current, she eventually catches up with the first blonde. They float side by side for a while before the first blonde asks, "Do they serve refreshments on this cruise?" The second blonde replies, "They didn't last year."

**TILL NEXT WEEK** Until the next time, hope all of you have a wonderful weekend, enjoy the warm weather but lets all say an extra little prayer for some rain. May God bless each of you. Judy

## Births

**Katelyn Elizabeth Windham**

Mr. and Mrs. Corby Windham of San Marcos are the parents of a daughter, Katelyn Elizabeth, born Jan. 14 in Seton Medical Center in Austin.

The infant weighed six pounds, two ounces, and was 18 1/2 inches in length at birth.

Grandparents of the child are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Windham. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Everett Windham.

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## Congratulations PHS Cross X Debate Team



We extend our congratulations to the Post High School Cross X Debate Team and their coach Candace Boling on qualifying for state competition. Competing in Austin March 10 and 11 are (left to right) Russell Eaton, Kenda Josey, Jordan Tatum and James Soto.

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# Obituaries

## Emilia Cervantez

Services for Emilia Cervantez, 78, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 10, 2003, in the Holy Cross Catholic Church with Father Jim O'Conner officiating, assisted by Father Paul Karieakatt. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Friday, March 7, at Covenant Lakeside in Lubbock. Born April 5, 1924, in Pleasanton, she married Manuel Cervantez in 1942 in Ralls. He died April 26, 1983. She was a housekeeper and a member of the Catholic church. Survivors include one son, Manuel Cervantez Jr. of Hereford; one daughter, Katherine Valdez of Post; her mother, Dominga Casias of Lubbock; four sisters, Antonia Diaz of Hereford, Jovita Aguilera of Amarillo, Linda Lopez of Lubbock and Margie Polanco of Post; one brother, Jessie Casias of Lubbock; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter. A grandson, Marion Valdez, preceded her in death in 1992.

## Fannie M. Goodman

Services for Fannie M. Goodman, 82, of Post were held Saturday, March 8, 2003, in the Hudman Funeral Home with the Rev. Terry Reeves officiating. Burial took place Monday, March 10, at a family cemetery in Mount Washington, Kentucky.

She died Friday morning, March 7, at the Crosbyton Hospital in Crosbyton. She was the official court reporter for Bullitt County with a career that spanned more than 40 years. An honorary Kentucky Colonial recipient, she retired 12 years ago and moved to Tulsa, Okla., and Post to be near her daughter and grandchildren. She was an active member of the Assembly of God Church and attended many of its functions before long-term illness forced her to limit her activities.

Survivors include one daughter, Susan Davis, and husband, Rowland, along with three grandchildren — James, Jacquelyn and Jonathan; one brother; and one sister.

## Town Hall Meeting ...

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million per year, based on current valuations, and would provide the district with enough funds to cover debt services and still "give a cushion."

Officials noted that the added 30 cents per \$100 valuation tax jump would not be perpetual; instead, it would "go away" when the hospital's construction is paid for.

"No one likes to talk about their tax rate going up," said Tanya White, interim administrator for the district, "but when it's concerning health care, it's something you need to give some thought to."

White said talk surrounding the possible reopening of a hospital in Post surfaced about 18 months ago after a survey indicated that many area residents were concerned about the lack of local emergency room facilities. The local hospital closed in 1996, and the need for ER facilities has been heightened by the addition of a prison and juvenile detention facility, as well as increased traffic in and around Lake Alan Henry.

Since the closure of the Garza County Hospital, financial assistance for rural health care providers has been made more readily available through the 1997 Balanced Budget Act. Through this federal program, a "critical access" hospital such as the one proposed for Post can recover direct treatment costs, White said. Some costs are even matched dollar for dollar.

"That would help tremendously," she said.

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If voters give the project a green light in May, area residents could hope to see the facility operational by the end of May in 2005.

Following the close of the formal presentation, district officials briefly opened the floor for questions from the audience.

One question put to the board asked whether the majority of individuals requiring ER services would be better served by a hospital where surgical services would be immediately available. Travis replied that the local ER would prove beneficial for most patients requiring emergency health care.

In response to another question, this one concerning Medicare and Medicaid cuts and how they might impact a rural hospital, Travis said, "Nobody has a crystal ball to see what's down the road."

When asked whether individuals picked up by the local EMS service would be afforded input as to which emergency room they would be transported to, Travis conferred with the EMS's Terry Bartlett who was in the audience and said each situation would be handled on a case-by-case basis. The final decision, the board president said, would be based on the patient's request but also would rely heavily on the medical judgment of EMS personnel.

Travis answered a question concerning the hospital's impact on the local nursing home by stating that Golden Plains "will lose the occasional swing-bed patient," but the hospital will ultimately prove beneficial to the nursing home.

"This hospital will support the nursing home in Post, or they're not going to work there," he said.



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#### ANCIENT IDOLS!

THE PROPHETS IN THE BIBLE VILLIFIED THE PAGAN WORSHIP OF FALSE GODS. ALL OF WHOM WERE REPRESENTED BY SOME FIGURE IN STONE, OR WOOD, OR SOMETIMES BY PRECIOUS METALS. WHEN THE IDOL WAS METALLIC IT WAS FASHIONED BY RUNNING MELTED METAL INTO A MOLD, IN WHICH CASE THEY WERE CALLED "MOLTEN IMAGES." WHEN OF WOOD OR STONE THEY WERE MADE BY GRAVING TOOLS AND NATURALLY CALLED "GRAVEN IMAGES." THE WHOLE PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE IS SATIRICALLY DESCRIBED IN ISAIAH (44:9-20). SOME WERE SMALL OBJECTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE DESIGNED FOR USE IN THE HOUSEHOLD. SOME WERE AS LARGE AS A HUMAN BEING (1 SAM. 19:16) AND SOME WERE COLOSSAL LIKE THE HUGE GOLDEN IMAGE THAT WAS ERECTED BY NEBUCHADNEZZAR IN THE PLAIN OF DURAI--WHICH ALMOST CAUSED THE DEATH OF SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO. (BOOK OF DANIEL, CHAPTER 3)



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## Letters to the Editor

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### Open letter to GCHD board

A few meetings ago, when you were trying to figure out a way to keep the clinic open here, there was a presentation made to you by Al Bendeck, PA. He offered to run a clinic here WITHOUT ANY TAX MONEY. He only needed a place for his clinic. Since he has a clinic in Slaton and Plainview, one would think he knew something of which he spoke, nevertheless, you chose not to take him up on the offer. WHY?

I can't imagine what harm could be done to allow Al Bendeck a chance to prove himself here. If he can run a clinic without tax money, then we would all benefit from the tax savings. If his venture failed, then we could always go back to subsidizing a clinic here. What is it going to hurt to give him a chance?

Oh, I forgot...Mr. President Mike Travis "just knows" that free enterprise won't work here even

though that is what the United States is founded upon. Well, Mr. Travis, I challenge you to allow Al Bendeck to try his tax-free clinic. If it fails, then you can gloat and tell us all "I told you so!" I really don't think you will do it though, because you are AFRAID that it WILL WORK and make the board look like fools for having subsidized a clinic all these years!!! And for that very reason you can't allow him to even try it here!

Then to top it off, you (the board) plan to spend even more of OUR TAX MONEY to build and maintain a hospital with such a high price tag that our taxes will QUADRUPLE!!! So we will have this fancy new hospital run with OUR TAXES, plus a clinic subsidized with OUR TAXES and most of the people of Garza County paying for them won't even be using them because they are already going elsewhere for their medical care!!! Garza County will be the laughing stock of the whole area!

Bertha Fuentes

### Military seeks correspondence

I have recently received a letter from Lance Cpl. Martinez, Steven R., who is doing well, but I know could sure use some backup or support.

Now it is my duty as a United States Marine to ensure the overall welfare of our troops that are being deployed, especially one that we know and also one that I am very close to. I can assure you that I am doing everything I can to ensure troop welfare from back here in the states.

There are care packages going out on a daily basis containing soap, razors, shaving cream, toothpaste and other hygiene products; however, I will not ask you to do all that. I'm also not asking for three-page letters, just simply some kind words to help motivate and lift some stress off the shoulders of the young Marine who is out in the desert (which is below zero degrees at night and above 120 degrees during the day), fighting to protect your freedom as well as our own well-being.

Again, I cannot stress troop welfare enough to make everyone understand the importance of it all. First is mission accomplishment, then troop welfare. We, as active and reserve members of the military, are doing

everything we can to assure you the achievement of mission accomplishment.

As an active member of the United States Marine Corps, I would ask you to please inform your students of everything that is going on in the world. Take 15 or 20 minutes out of your busy schedules (and I would ask that you do this in every class) to inform, educate, question and answer questions on this matter. Please give this address to your students and tell them I am asking them for their participation and support of our Marines, especially one of who we, well most of us know, or have met one time or another.

So now I give to you with great faith and confidence that you will do your part and pass this on and encourage your students and the people you know to drop him a line and just ask how he is doing: LCPL Martinez Steven R., Second MEB B. Co Det-C 76902, FPO-AE 09511-6092.

If anyone has any questions that you are unable to answer, they can ask me. My e-mail address is COLLAZOJL@2MARDIVUSMC.MIL, or my mailing address is: Collazo, Jamie L., P.O. Box 8075, Camp Lejeune, NC 28547.

Lance Cpl. Collazo, Jamie L. United States Marine Corps

## Attorney General rules on open records case

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott issued an open records ruling last week in response to officials from the Hitchcock Independent School District, who sought to have documents withheld from the Galveston Daily News.

The ruling concludes that the school district must release a complete list of delinquent taxpayers that fall within the school district's taxing boundaries.

"I asked my staff to review the school district's request as soon as I found out we received it," Abbott said. "We often take the full 45 business days to make our ruling. But this was a very clear example of a situation in which the information in question was of legitimate public interest."

In a letter dated Feb. 24, 2003, attorneys for the Hitchcock ISD argued that they knew of no precedent addressing whether the identity of delinquent taxpayers must be disclosed. The letter cited that the disclosure "would be highly embarrassing or intimate to those persons included on the list." The letter also stated that names of persons who are behind in tax payments are of "no public interest and should not be disclosed."

"Our hope is that no government officials use the Public Information Act as a delay tactic," Abbott said. "That's why we felt it was important to expedite this particular ruling. The open records process is a tool to provide information.... It's not a law to hide behind."

By law, the Hitchcock ISD must release the information in question or file a lawsuit to keep it withheld.

Since taking office in December, Abbott has shown his commitment to open government through various rulings and enforcement actions. In mid-February, the attorney general's office obtained a two-count indictment against a Llano Independent School District superintendent who sought to withhold information from a county commissioner and a local newspaper reporter. That matter is still pending before the court.

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## The new NAZIS

by Bill O'Reilly



It is absolutely eerie how closely the current Iraq situation parallels the rise of The Third Reich 70 years ago. I consider Saddam Hussein to be "Hitler lite" because he has the same virulent anti-Semitism, the same callous disregard for human life, and the identical lust for power that Adolf possessed. The only difference between the two villains is the size of the moustache.

Back in the 1930s, millions of people the world over simply did not want to think about the evil Hitler was brewing up. France and Russia were the chief appeasers, as they are today on the Iraq question. Stalin ultimately signed a treaty with Hitler making it possible for him to use most of his forces to crush Europe, and France simply allowed Hitler to violate the Treaty of Versailles, even more than the 17 times Saddam has violated current U.N. mandates. Britain went along with France in the '30s, but now it seems the United Kingdom has learned from its historical mistakes.

And then there's the Pope. John Paul II recently came out and said that any war against Iraq would be "immoral." Back in the '30s, Pope Pius XII actually supported Hitler politically, at least in the beginning of his rise when Pius was stationed in Germany. The Third Reich was considered a bulwark against Communism, which the Church greatly feared. Subsequently, Pius kept quiet about the atrocities of Hitler's regime because he knew that the Vatican itself could easily be vanquished by the Huns.

Today, John Paul deplors the violence that comes with any war but is at a loss to explain how terrorism and the states that enable it should be dealt with. Remember, the Pope did not approve of the military action against the Taliban.

Peace, of course, should be the goal of all civilized human beings. Millions of Americans are against a war in Iraq today, and millions of us were vehemently opposed to confronting Hitler as well. Back then the anti-war movement was led by Charles Lindbergh and Ambassador Joseph Kennedy, who largely dismissed accusations of Nazi brutality and weapons production as propaganda. In 1937, SS Chief Heinrich Himmler was even on the cover of Time magazine. I have the issue. The article criticized Himmler and hinted at barbaric behavior, but there was no "smoking gun."

The failure to confront the obvious evil of the Nazis early, of course, led to the deaths of more than 55,000,000 human beings in Europe. Millions of Jews were stunned when they were led by German guards to the gas chambers. How could human beings do this? Even after evidence of mass executions surfaced, many the world over refused to believe it. Liberating American soldiers were horrified at what they found in the concentration camps. Most had no idea of what they were really fighting against.

Does anyone today believe that Al Qaeda or Saddam would not slaughter Jews and, indeed, Americans if they had the power to do so? So what is the difference between a dictator like Saddam and Adolph Hitler?

It continues to astound me that 37 percent of Americans, according to the latest ABC News/Washington Post poll, do not support the removal of Saddam Hussein unless other countries, which do not share our danger, sign on. I mean, why allow a dictator who has weapons that would make Hitler salivate remain a threat to the world? Does it make sense that Cameroon has to sign on before we neutralize this threat?

If France, German, China and Russia would support the United States against Saddam, he'd already be out of power. If France, Russia and Britain had marched into Germany in 1933, there would have been no World War or Holocaust.

Nobody can predict the outcome and aftermath of any war. But we can learn from history. Evil has a way of killing people; that's a fact. And the only way that evil will be stopped is for just and courageous people to confront it.

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## Different visions, different policy

by Walter E. Williams

We're often confronted by the enigma of decent people professing identical goals but advocating polar opposite policies. Sometimes the political alignment is seen as conservative versus liberal where, for example, conservatives fight against minimum wage increases and liberals support those increases.

The enigma is: Why is it that two groups of people, professing concern for low-skilled workers, advocate vastly differing means to help them? I think that part of the answer lies in differing visions of how the world works; but that answer only applies to honest people who don't have a self-interested hidden agenda.

Consider what might have been an argument between two Spaniards in A.D. 1300. One person's initial premise is that the earth is flat, while the other's initial premise is that the earth is round. The person with the flat-earth premise would argue that it's impossible to sail west from Spain and reach India.

The person with the round-earth premise would argue the opposite — while the voyage would be long, one can sail west from Spain and reach India. The internal logic underlying both arguments, given the initial premises, are flawless.

After all, if the world is flat, and India lies to the east of Spain, sailing west from Spain means that somewhere along the way you're going to fall off the earth. By contrast, with the premise that the earth is round, of course one could sail west and reach India.

Here's the point: Given the initial premises, both arguments are flawless, internally consistent and believable to their adherents. Let's apply this reasoning to the minimum wage debate to see how it might explain how two groups of decent and honest people can reach polar opposite conclusions.

If one's initial premise is that employers must employ certain amount of labor, say 10 workers, to get a job done, the logic that higher minimum wage laws would help low-skilled workers is



flawless. It simply means higher wages for those 10 workers coming at the expense of the employer's profits.

By contrast, if one's initial premise is that employers are sensitive to labor prices and can substitute capital for labor or move their operation to places where there's cheaper labor, the logic that the minimum wage would hurt at least some low-skilled workers is similarly flawless.

After all, a low wage is better than no wage as a result of having been replaced by machinery or your job has moved overseas. Competing visions of how the world works enters many areas of our lives and generate polar opposite policies. Another example is gun control. If it's your vision that an inanimate object such as a gun can cause crime, then you'll advocate gun control as a means to reduce crime.

The logic is impeccable — fewer guns means less crime. But, if it's your vision that evil people, not guns, cause crime, you might advocate more gun ownership as a means to reduce crime, namely giving law-abiders greater protection and providing more uncertainty for criminals.

A way out of the conundrum of competing visions is to demand that people make their initial premises explicit so they can be challenged.

Supporters of higher minimum wage law, as a means to help low-skilled workers, should be required to provide evidence that employers are insensitive to increases in labor prices, and those who argue against should be required to provide evidence employers are sensitive.

Gun-control advocates should be required to provide evidence that guns, not evil people, cause crime, and gun-ownership advocates should be pressed for their evidence that it's evil people, not guns, that cause crime.

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## What's it going to cost us to operate an empty hospital?

by Wes Burnett

A lot of interesting stuff came to light at last Thursday's "dog and pony show" staged by the Garza County Healthcare District (also known as the hospital district), not none quite as significant as the admission by district president Mike Travis, who declared that "since 1996 people in Garza County have been paying too much for health care here."

That's quite an astounding admission, coming from a fellow who up until a few months ago, could see nothing wrong with shelling out \$300,000 a year of Garza County taxpayer funds to subsidize Covenant Healthcare System's clinic here.

It has not escaped the memory of those in opposition to the boondoggle, that Mr Travis and other board members strongly argued that Garza County could never have healthcare here unless there were a tax subsidy. And for the past six or seven years Travis et al have defended the wasteful spending without stuttering. Never mind that it's not their money at stake ... never mind that they would never run their own businesses or households in such a fashion ... they blindly accepted the notion that there was no other way.

The wasteful spending of taxpayers' money was under the leadership of Mr Travis, supported by other board members who suffocated any opposition to their socialist program. The great socialist "big daddy" doctor of "I know what is best for you" philosophy, has stood steadfastly on his firm belief that socialized medicine is the only answer ... totally rejecting the idea that free market principles apply to medical care.

Now, this same socialist cries out for the taxpayers of Garza County to approve a \$10 million project to build a new hospital, but can not answer the question about how much more taxpayer funds will be wasted in an attempt to "provide the best healthcare for all people in Garza County." It's almost humorous ... the same people who wasted a few million dollars of taxpayer funds in a miserable failure, now actually think voters here will entrust them with a \$10 million bond issue.

This is the same fellow who promised two years ago that a dissolution election would be held if the enabling legislation changes were approved by the state legislature. Not only has there not been an election for dissolution scheduled, it hasn't even been considered, unless of course it came up during one of the district board's illegal secret meetings.

Voters are wisely, although quietly, asking themselves, "can this crowd be trusted with my tax money?"

At Thursday evening's smooth propaganda promotion, about 75 citizens sat numbed in their seats as pitchmen sang the familiar socialist theme ... "if just one little child is saved, it's worth every penny." Of course, those making the sales pitch do have just a tad of vested interest in getting a \$10 million bond election approved. It is, after all, they way they make a living.

But it really boils down to a simple fact: socialists never see any problem spending other people's money. They hide their faces when asked this tough question: "Would you invest your own money in a venture such as this?"

Here are some questions which weren't asked, but were on the minds of many in attendance:

1. What is the estimated cost of operating a 15 bed hospital as has been proposed?
2. How many of those 15 beds will need to be occupied on a monthly basis to provide adequate funding?
3. What tax rate will be necessary to subsidize the operation of the proposed hospital?

We suspect that those and other tough questions will be answered similar to another one asked at the meeting: "will ambulance crews be required to stop at the proposed hospital emergency room prior to transporting an emergency patient to Lubbock?"

Travis responded with obvious measured words... saying that both the EMTs and the patient would decide where to go. We suspect that EMS crews will be pressured to stop at the Post emergency room first, as they were during the days when GMH was open.

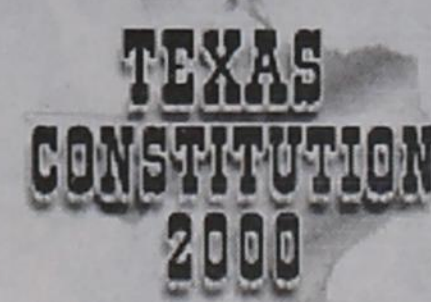
More on this issue later. Recent history proves that the district (healthcare and hospital) board of directors has blundered and squandered millions of taxpayers' money over the years, and it is the height of arrogance to expect us to entrust that board with more millions to waste.

Let those who want a hospital pay for it, and quit demanding payment from those of us don't want the financial burden it will create.

We are in favor of building a new hospital, as long as the funding comes from voluntary, private contributions. We can not support the continued use of theft by the majority in support of socialist schemes.

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# Post Middle School students achieve high marks at regional science fair

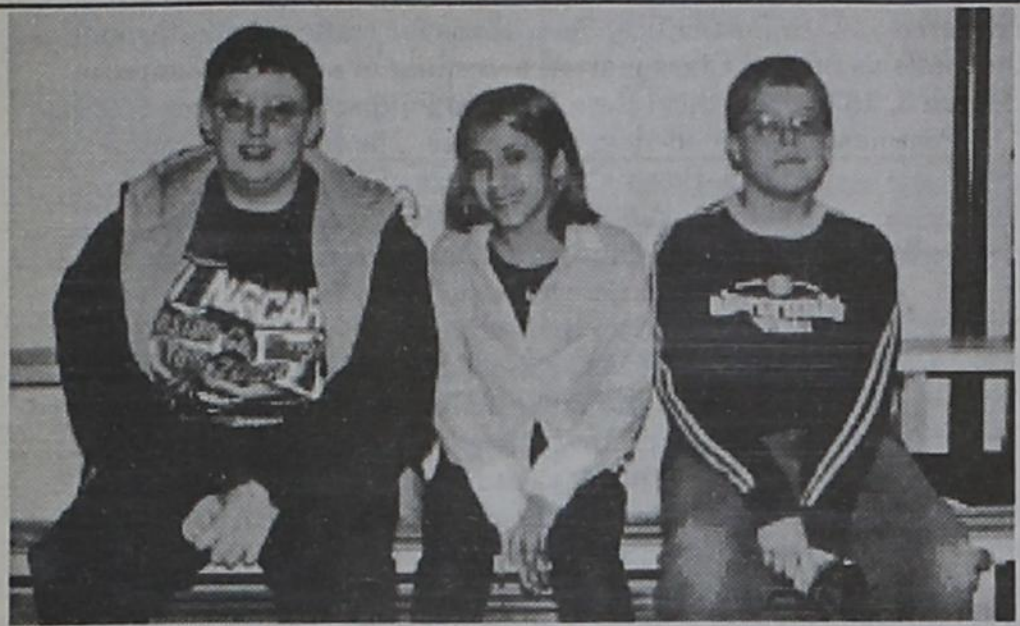
Post Middle School students fared quite well at the Regional Science Fair held Feb. 20-21.

Representing the sixth grade, Stacy Bocko and Ayda Lopez earned a third place finish. Travis Rasbeary received second place honors, and Gabi Vergara and Whitney Williams also were tapped for second place recognition.

Seventh grade competitors included Cass Tatum, second place; Kelsey Hays, first place; Steven Short, second place; Suhani Bhakta, second place; Allan Heckaman and Richard Suit, third place; Brenna Postell, second place; and Zachery Kocurek, second place.

At the eighth grade level, Heath Fellhauer took first place as well

as a special award certificate and a \$25 cash prize from Caprock Home Health. Sarah Kirkpatrick and Rachel Gray also received first place recognition and a special award certificate from the Texas Natural Conservation Commission. Steffi Norman and Gabbi Paiz earned second place, Andrew Fumagalli, first place, Zach Witche and Steven Hair, first place, and Kylie Easterling and Chelsey Reed second place.



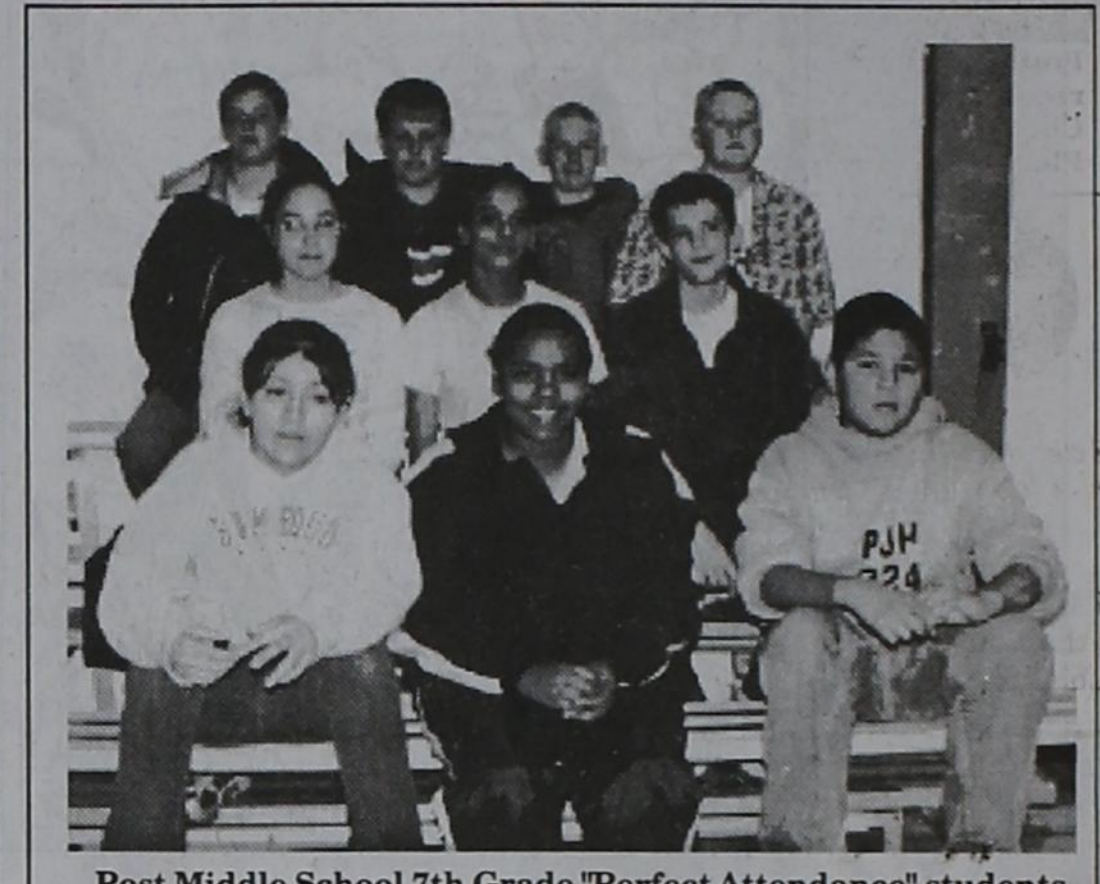
Post Middle School 6th Grade "A" honor roll students (left to right) Zach Davis, Alex Hart and Chad Miller. (Photo by Greg Henry)



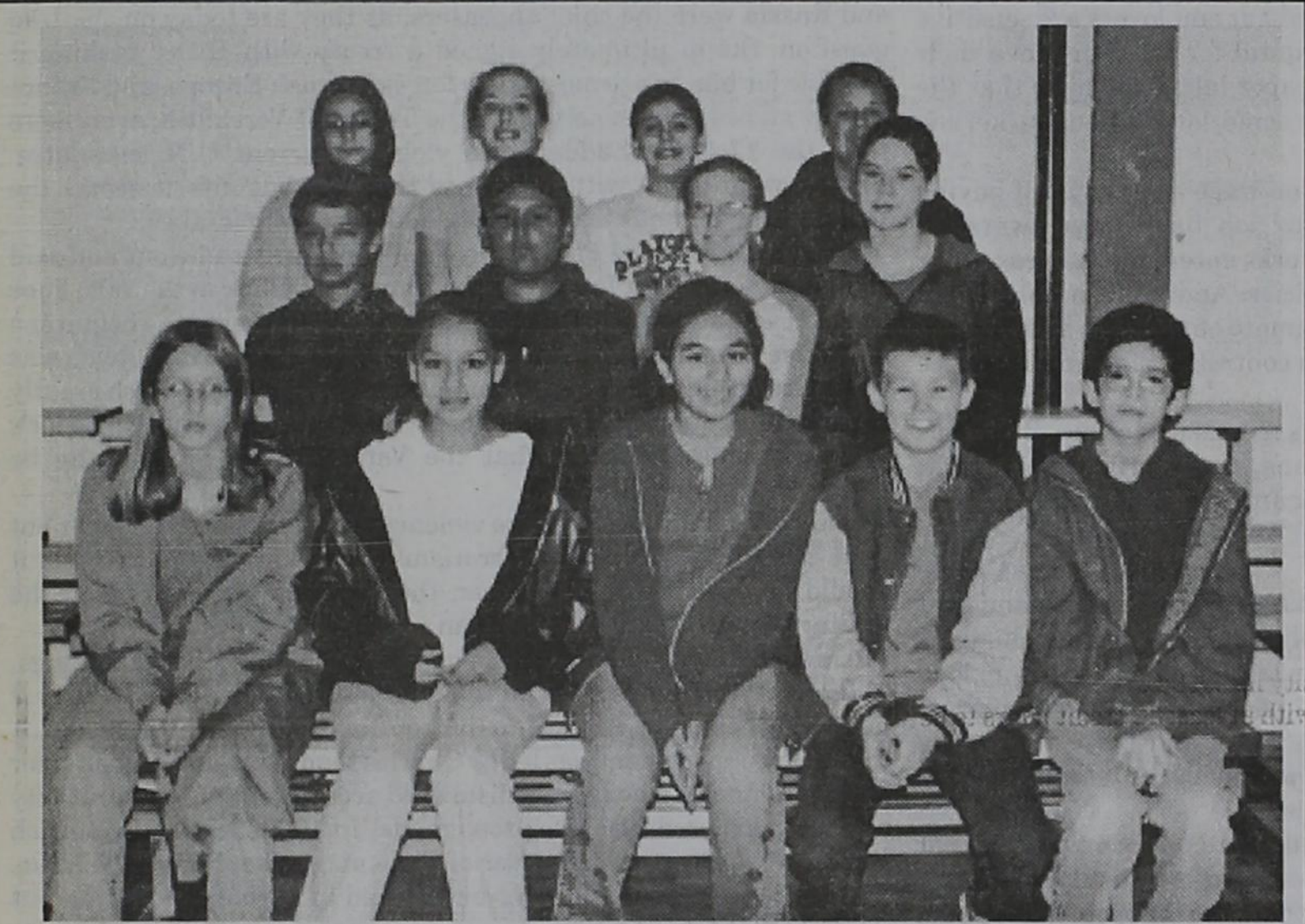
Post Middle School 8th Grade "A" honor roll students (back row, left to right) Adrian Nava, Wilson Cash, Blake Nichols, (middle row) Sarah Kirkpatrick, Jackie Hays, Anani Garcia, Kelli Martin, (front row) Chelsey Reed, Kyle Easterling, K'Nell Dalby and Rachel Garay. (Photo by Greg Henry)



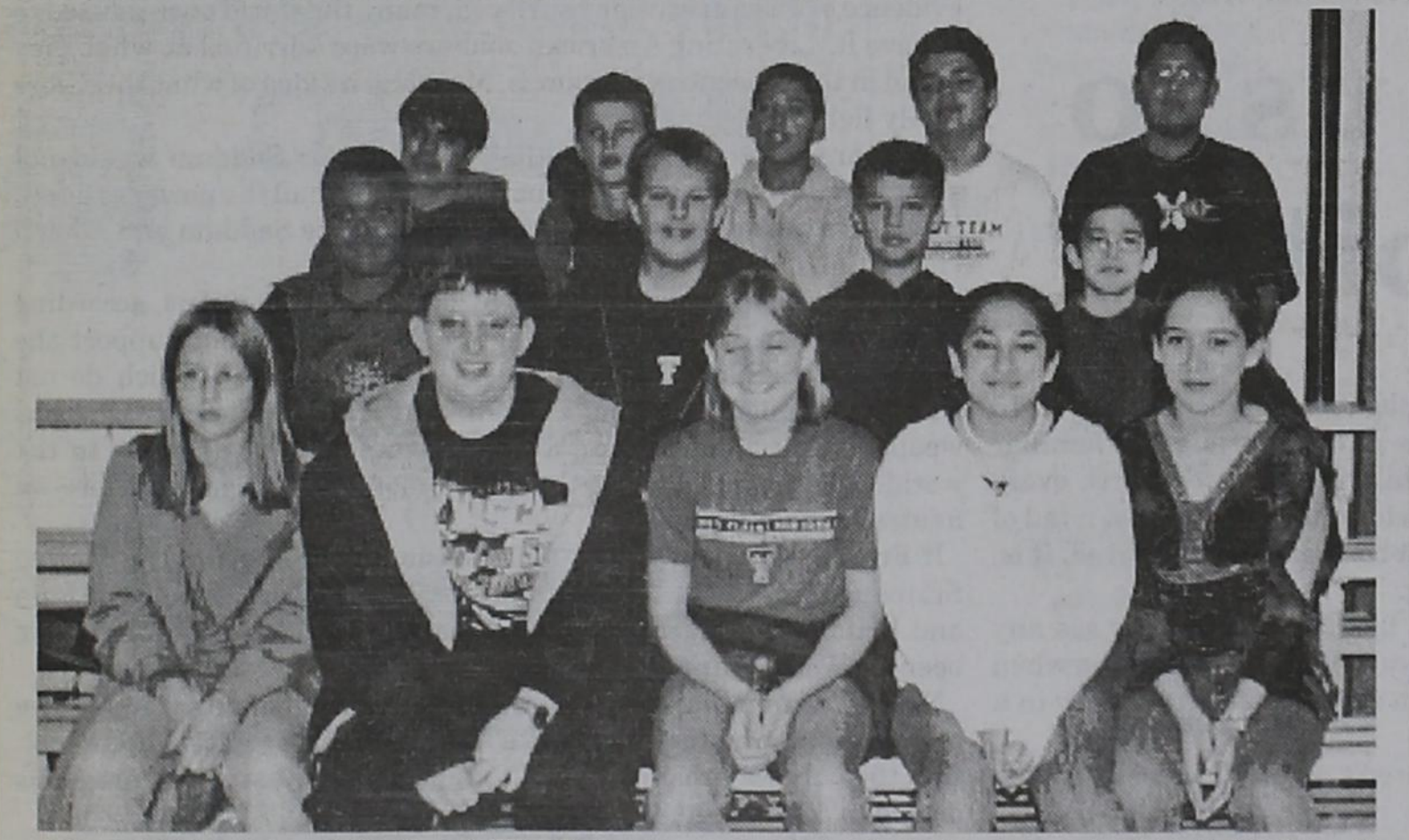
Post Middle School 7th Grade "A" honor roll students (back row, left to right) Samantha Hoover, Meagan Howard, Brenna Postell, (front row) Timothy Wilson, Bertha Gonzales and Suhani Bhakta. (Photo by Greg Henry)



Post Middle School 7th Grade "Perfect Attendance" students (back row, left to right) Pat Reiter, Jeremy Short, John David Boren, Kris Crenshaw, (middle row) Ericka Cravy, Suhani Bhakta, Call Windham, (front row) Martha Alaniz, Crystal Price and Leonard Lopez. (Photo by Greg Henry)



Post Middle School 6th Grade "AB" honor roll students (back row, left to right) Adriana Ceja, Stacy Bocko, Travis Rasbeary, Klent Baker, (middle row) Jonathan Jurado, Zachery Rivera, Kenzie Mason, Ashely Stenzel, (front row) Ana Crenshaw, Gabby Vergara, Marissa Perez, Jarrett Blevins and Zach Nava. (Photo by Greg Henry)



Post Middle School 6th Grade "Perfect Attendance" students (back row, left to right) Timothy Gonzales, Dalton Doran, Jamie Gomez, Chris Venegas, Jesse Vera, (middle row) Brandon Crawford, Klent Baker, Jonathn Jurado, Zach Nava, (front row) Ana Crenshaw, Zach Davis, Susan Littrell, Claudia Hernandez and Valerie Moreno. (Photo by Greg Henry)



Post Middle School 8th Grade "AB" Honor Roll students (back row, left to right) Josie Whisenhunt, Keisha Odom, Steffi Norman, Gabby Paiz, Allison Blevins, Mary Huffman, (middle row) Larissa Halford, Zach Witche, Wes Mason, Bailey Odom, (front row) Christina Lopez, Shyan Todd, Heath Fellhauer, D.J. Baiza and Jay Dihenia. (Photo by Greg Henry)

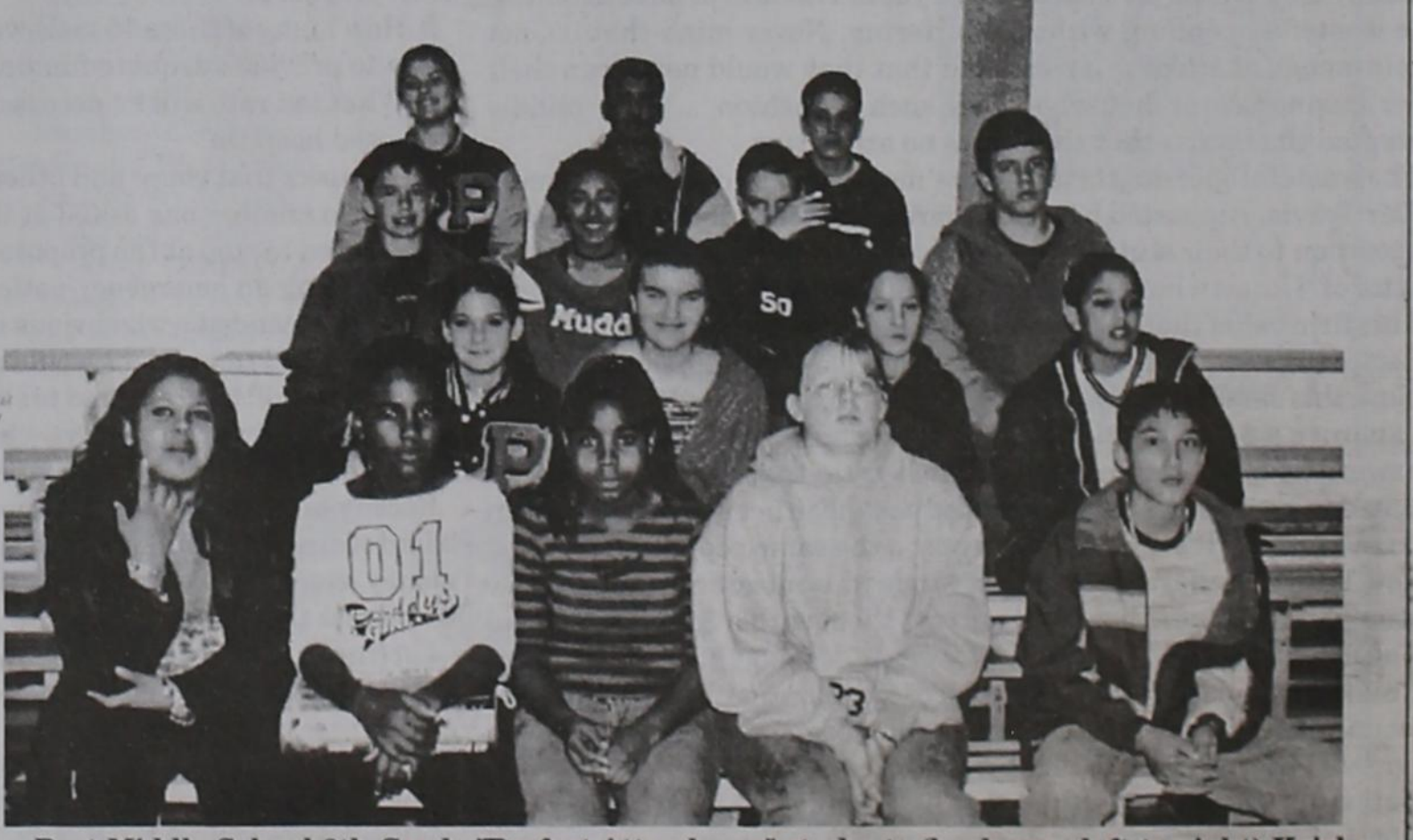
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Post Middle School 8th Grade Science Fair winners (back row, left to right) Steven Short, Allan Heckaman, Richard Suite, Zachary Kocurek, (front row) Shuhani Bhakta, Kelsey Hays and Brenna Postell. (Photo by Greg Henry)



Post Middle School 7th Grade "AB" honor roll students (back row, left to right) Zachary Kocurek, Jeremny Short, Call Windham, James Griffin, Pat Reiter, Allan Heckaman, Lauren Gonzales, Lori Jones, Jeremy Short, (front row) Richard Suite, Kelsey Sanderson, Kesley Hays and Tamara Raymundo. (Photo by Greg Henry)



Post Middle School 8th Grade "Perfect Attendance" students (back row, left to right) Keisha Odom, Jay Dinenia, Rafael Soria, (second row from back) Andrew Elmore, Anahi Garcia, Shyan Todd, David Nichols, (second row from front) Rachel Gray, Millie Dissinger, Veronica Soria, Steven Paiz, (front row) Sandra Ortiz, Ashley Brown, Amber Whitehead, Kristin Davis and D.J. Baiza. (Photo by Greg Henry)

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## Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

Programs conducted by the Texas Cooperative Extension serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

### Alternative Crops & Weed Control Program

Garza and Lynn counties are sponsoring an Alternative Crops and Weed Control program Monday, March 24, 2003, at the Graham Chapel Community Center. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and run until 12:00 p.m. with lunch at Noon.

Three (3) C.E.U.'s will be given on information presented by Dr. Calvin Trostle, Extension Agronomist, and Dr. Peter Dotray, Weed Scientist. Topics to be covered include grain sorghum, summer forages, sunflowers, small grains (grain and forage), and alternative crop weed control.

The program is being sponsored by Garza County Extension (495-4400) and Lynn County Extension (561-4562), Garza and Lynn NRCS, and Garza and Lynn FSA offices. For more information contact the Extension offices above.

### Garden Checklist for March 2003

\* Check with your local county agent for the average last killing freeze date for your area. Killing freezes can and do occur after this date but it is a good indication.

\* Pruning of evergreens and summer flowering trees and shrubs should be completed in early March. Prune spring flowering trees and shrubs as soon as they finish blooming.

\* Start hanging baskets of petunias, ferns and others for another dimension in landscape color.

\* Plant dahlia tubers in fertile, well-drained soil.

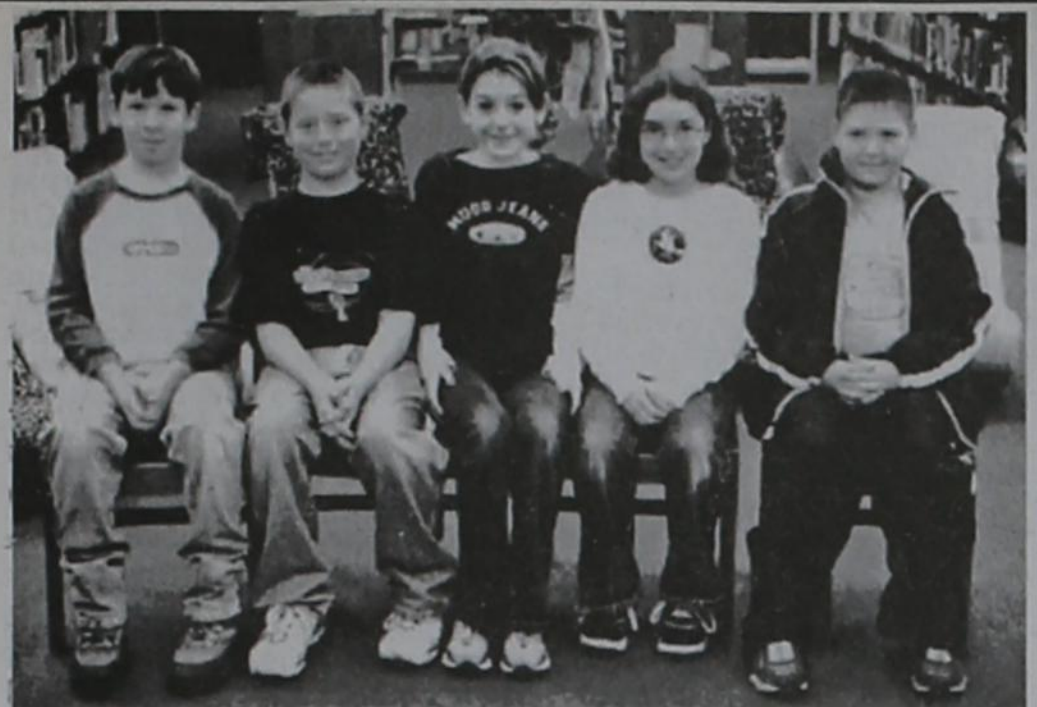
\* In North Texas there is still time to plant seeds of your favorite annuals in flats to be transplanted out-of-doors when danger of frost is past.

\* Select and order caladium tubers as well as geranium and coleus plants for late April and early May planting. Do not plant caladiums until soil temperature reaches 70F.

\* As camellia and azalea plants finish blooming, fertilize them with three pounds of azalea-camellia fertilizer per 100 square feet of bed area. Check mulch on azalea and camellia beds and add where needed.

\* Fertilize roses every 4 to 6 weeks from now until September.

\* Beware of close-out sales on bare-root trees and shrubs. The chance of survival is rather low on bare-root plants this late in the season. Your best bet at this time of year is to depend on container-grown or balled-and-burlapped plants for landscape use.



Post Elementary School fourth grade students competing at the recent regional science fair at Texas Tech University are (left to right) Chase Odom (1st Place), John Bocko (2nd Place), Kristen Leach (3rd Place), Tianna Reyna (1st Place) and Michael Porter (2nd Place).



Post Elementary School fifth grade students competing at the recent regional science fair at Texas Tech University are (left to right) Gregory Striblin (3rd Place), Kinsley Hair (2nd Place), Sydnee Jones (2nd Place), Vanessa Hampton (2nd Place) and Kyle Copeland (3rd Place).



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### Senior 4-H Clothing Field Trip

Participants who have signed up for the Senior Clothing Project will meet at the Extension office Tuesday, 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 495-4400 at the Extension office for more details.

### Alternative Crops & Weed Control Seminar

Texas Cooperative Extension offices in Garza and Lynn counties have planned an Alternative Crops and Weed Control Seminar for Monday, March 24. The program running from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. will offer 3 CEU's to producers. Lunch will be provided at Noon.

### 4-H Booster Club Meeting.....

.....will be held at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 25th. at the Extension office. All 4-H parents and supporters are invited to attend.

### FCE Club Meeting

The Family and Community Education Club will meet at Noon, Wednesday, March 26th. at the Extension Office. For more information call 495-4400.

### EPC-FCS Meeting Rescheduled

The Extension Program Council Family and Consumer Science Committee has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 26th. at 5:00 p.m. at the Extension office at 215 West Main. Members are encouraged to attend, your participation is needed in planning the 2003 Health Fair educational event.

### District Record Book Training

Advance Level - April 7, TAMU Research & Extension Center, Lubbock, 6:30-8:00 p.m. RSVP to 495-4400 by April 3. Beginner/Intermediate Level - April 15, Colorado City. RSVP by April 10 to 495-4400.

### 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.

### 4-H Photography Contest

Entries for the District Photography Contest are due in the county office March 26. Entry fee is \$6 per photo due at time of entry.

## Tandi Humble named to TTU President's List

Tandi L. Humble of Post was named to the President's Honor List for the fall 2002 semester at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Students must maintain a 4.0 average with at least 12 credit hours to be eligible for the recognition.

Humble was inducted into the Tech Chapter of Gamma Beta Phi Society Feb. 23 at Tech's Allen Theatre. The society is an invitational scholastic honor and service organization for students maintaining a 3.5 GPA while participating in community service.

Also, Humble was recognized as a Human Science Presidential Scholars and HS McCrary Scholarship recipient at a luncheon held at the Lubbock Country Club during Human Sciences Week, March 3-7.

Asophomore pre-pharmacy major, Humble is the daughter of Pam Humble of Post and Fred Humble of Crosbyton.

## Amity Study Club News

by Louella Bilberry  
Amity Study Club met Tuesday, Feb. 25, in the home of Ginger Carlisle. She was assisted by Kathie Rankin.

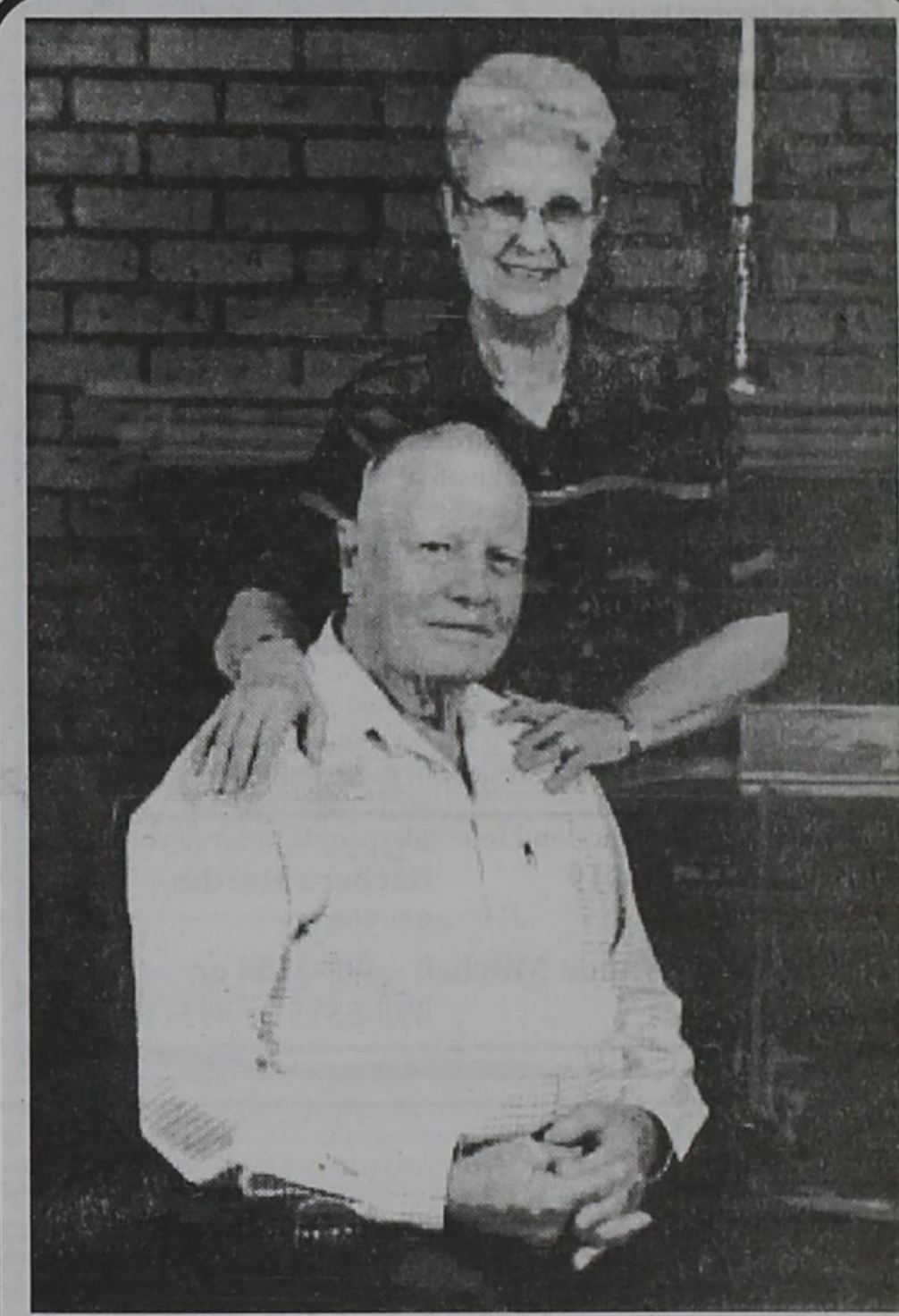
Our program was "School Daze" by Suzanne Hudman and Edna Owen. They asked each of us to tell one of our most remembered personal events (good or bad!) in our school years.

Some were kind and loving and others "not-to-be-forgotten foul-ups!" Suzanne and Edna told us of their ups and downs as teachers, new rules out of Austin, textbook changes, irate mothers, etc. Our members of retired teachers compared their services of "olden days" with today's methods. Each had fun stories to tell and others of our members had stories of their years, their children's "upsets" and

their happiness when they got "stars," stories of fusses - upset students and a few upset parents. No names!

Our hostesses served us a luscious cake and coffee. It was a fun night! Seventeen members attended.

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### ACROSS

- UT coach Brown
- TXism: "at the drop of ..."
- this Calhoun was in "Red Sundown" with TX Hyer
- TXism: "liquid ... (perfume)"
- TX Sly's "Everybody ... Star"
- Jeff Davis Co. seat
- TXism: "kicked over a hornet's ..."
- TXism: "top rung on ... (best)"
- Gov. Culbertson (1894-98)
- TXism: "he has short ... and deep pockets"
- TX "Turtle Lady" Loetscher
- City, TX
- UT has large collection of this poet
- "yes" so. of the border
- this Eliseo went on '83 rampage 'cross southeast TX
- song "Whatever ... Wants"
- Jones Co. seat
- Cowboys, in NFC
- dinner bread or class car
- TX Kowalski directed this Robert Blake series
- dir. to Dallas from San Antonio
- and reel
- TXns born 'tween July 23 & Aug. 22
- Mavericks sport (abbr.)
- TX ... Morse sang "Cow-Cow Boogie"
- Brown and his Band of Renown
- "United" movie co. (abbr.)
- this Sarandon wants to avoid TX in "Thelma & Louise"
- TX Ranger Norris film: "An ... Eye"
- film segment
- cable TV net.
- Mrs. Hobby of Houston (init.)
- Aransas Pass festival "Shrimpo..."

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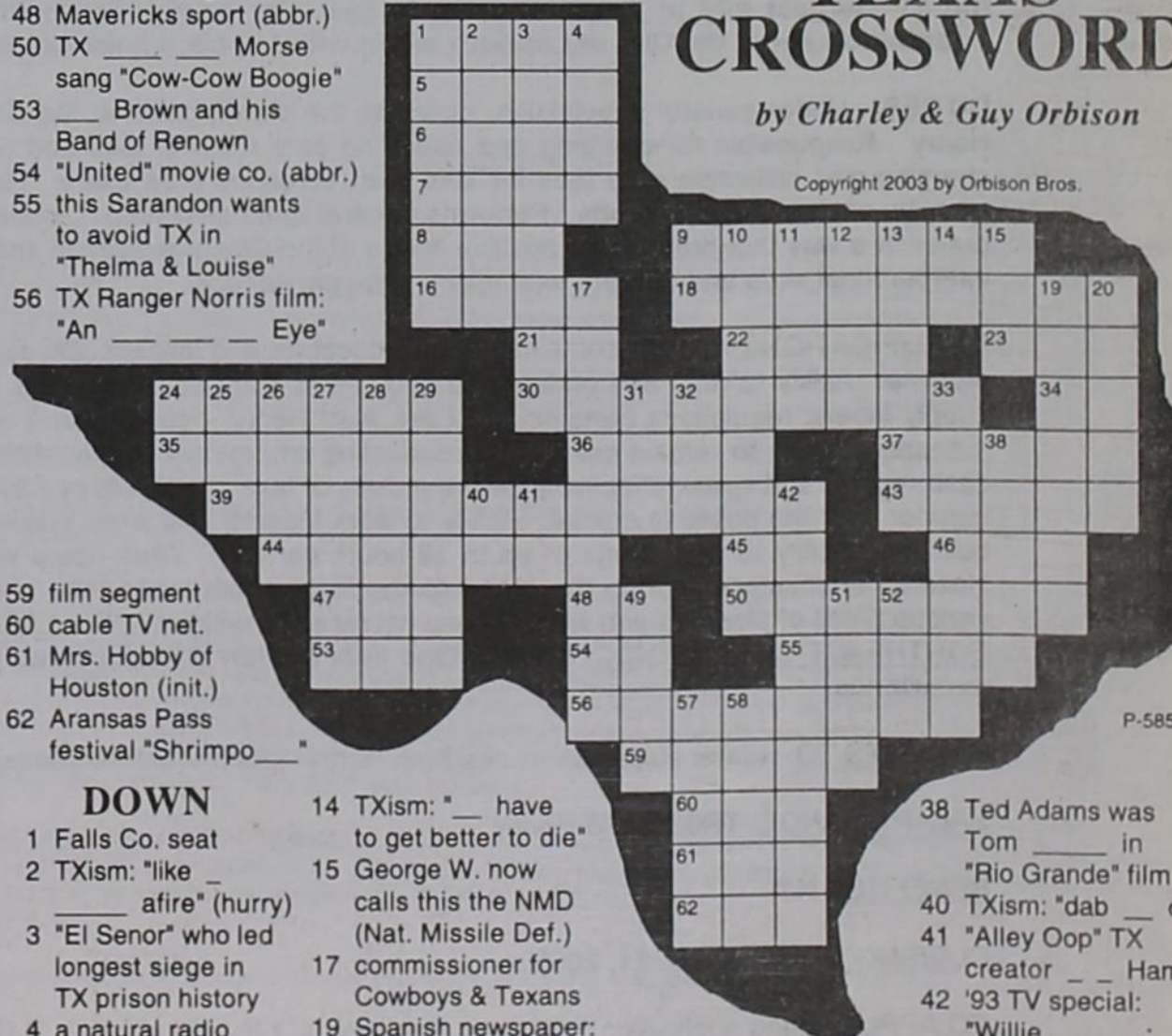
- Falls Co. seat
- TXism: "like ... affaire" (hurry)
- "El Senor" who led longest siege in TX prison history
- a natural radio station in Tye, TX
- Worth (abbr.)
- TXism: "busier ... -armed paper hanger"
- TXism for "darn"
- Yale is TX George W.'s ... mater
- TX poet Miller
- TXism: "... have to get better to die"
- George W. now calls this the NMD (Nat. Missile Def.)
- commissioner for Cowboys & Texans
- Spanish newspaper: "... Texas"
- TXism: "... beer and no foam"
- Emory is seat of this county
- TX Jim Reeves' "... I Losing You?"
- famous TX case: "... v. Wade
- Gulf crustacean or an ol' grouch
- Ted Adams was Tom ... in "Rio Grande" film
- TXism: "dab ... on"
- "Alley Oop" TX creator ... Hamlin
- '93 TV special: "Willie ... Big Six-0"
- TXism: "... at the moon"
- fish bait
- TXism: "crooked ... barrel of snakes"
- Odessa is seat of this county
- TXism: "... talk" (gossip)

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### Card of Thanks

The family of Ayra Bullard McDonald wishes to thank everyone for the flowers and food and for the visitors who came to see her when she was so sick and in the hospital. Wesley & Iva Lee Bullard John & Ellen Bullard Kenith Bullard Cecial Bullard Alice Mayberry and grandchildren & great-grandchildren & great-great-grandchildren

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Please continue to keep our family in your prayers during this trying time.

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The Manuel Cervantez Jr. family

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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District: Lubbock Contract 6075-28-001 for STRIPING AND RPM INSTALLATION IN LUBBOCK County, etc will be opened on April 02, 2003 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$340,969.60. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDot Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDot at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDot's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO:9349

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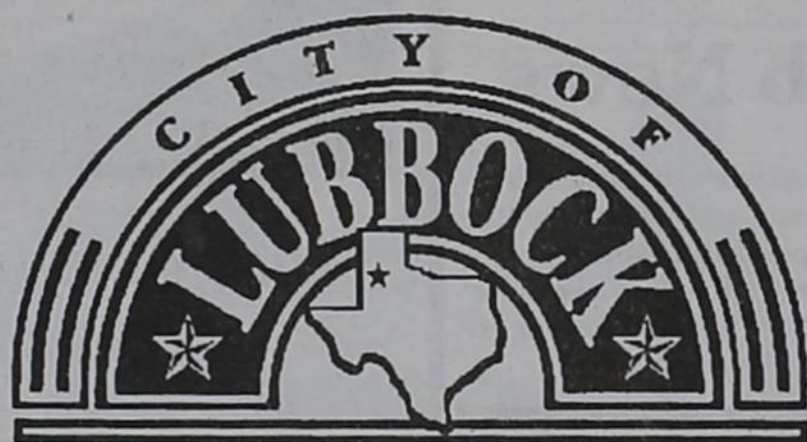
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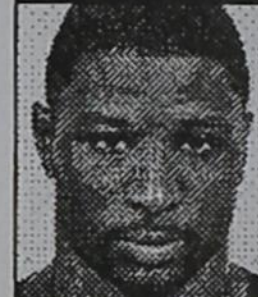
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# Yesteryears

**10 Years Ago**  
March 10, 1993

One man was injured and three vehicles damaged Friday when a car struck the rear of another vehicle, sending it into a parking lot where it struck a third car. Tracy Don Clemmons was southbound on Highway 84 when he struck the rear end of the car driven by Linda Trimmer as she was turning into Holly's Drive Inn. The force of the blow sent Trimmer's car careening into a parked car owned by Mike and Dana Holly. Holly's car was pushed into a metal support post of the awning of the drive in.

A special memorial service will be held Saturday, March 13 to honor Post City Manager Bob Turner who died last Wednesday. Turner came to Post on January 18, 1988 as the city manager.

The Post Bold Gold power lifters brought home two individual titles from the Motley County lift. With a combined total of 855 pounds, Matt Gomez won the 132 pound class and Ray Perez was the best 181 pound lifter with a total of 1040 pounds.

Post UIL competitors cruised to an easy win last week in the practice meet held in Post. The composite results showed Post easily outdistancing runnerup Denver City, 374 to 257.

Incumbents Barbara Hardin and Mark Kirkpatrick have both filed for re-election to the Post Independent School District.

**20 Years Ago**  
March 6, 1983

Total money paid in premiums, add-ons, and floor price for the Garza County Junior Livestock Show this year tops all records, with a total of \$87,692.64 paid to exhibitors.

Charles Hardin was named 1982 Outstanding Citizen during Monday night's Post Chamber of Commerce banquet, which featured Congressman Charles Stenholm and musical entertainment by Jerry and Benjamin Hiitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Baker announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sherry Michelle to Kenneth Greg Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Aten announce the birth of a son, William Ross, on February 20, in Methodist Hospital. The Garza County Junior Livestock Association directors and officers held a "note-burning" ceremony in the lobby of the First National Bank, as

the final installment on the new barn was paid.

**30 Years Ago**  
March 8, 1973

"Politics" - for want of a better term - appears to be coming to a boil in the Southland Independent School District this week where a petition signed by 27 voters has forced a March 31 election for the consolidation of the Southland and Slaton school districts.

Billy Huddleston, who owns and operates approximately 13,000 acres on the OC Ranch in the south-eastern part of Garza County, was awarded a plaque as "Conservation Rancher of the Year" at the Garza County Soil and Water Conservation District's annual awards banquet.

Baylor's Nancy Norman of Post and Kathy Luckett are to compete for national honors at the conclave of the Arnold Air Society and Angel Flight in Salt Lake City, Utah. Beauty, achievements, scholarship and campus activities of the nominees are considered in selecting the winner, who is considered the most representative member of Angel Flight in the nation. Angel Flight is the women's honorary service organization sponsored by Arnold Air Society.

Veteran first baseman Norm Cash signed his 1973 contract with the Detroit Tigers last week, receiving a reported slight raise from the \$75,000 he earned last year.

Phyllis Eckols, Post High School senior, won third place in persuasive speaking at an interscholastic speech meet held recently in Lubbock.

**40 Years Ago**  
March 7, 1963

The final rush of candidates to beat the filing deadlines for the city and school board April elections. The final election lineup will read like this: Mayor - John N. Hopkins, former city councilman, vs. Harold Lucas, present city councilman. For two city council posts: Ed Sawyers, Frank Blanton, J. B. Potts, Chant Lee, and Bob Collier. For two three-year terms on the school trustees: Malcolm Bull, Martin Nichols, Virgil Bilbo and Wallace Simpson.

The new street lights to be installed on main Street will be from the railroad crossing to the courthouse. They provide 50 per cent more illumination than the old lights at an additional cost of \$1.50 a light.

Mrs. Mary Lee Wristen, president of District XIII of the Texas state Teacher's Association, was honored

with a breakfast Saturday morning at Levi's Restaurant. A silver bon-bon dish was presented Mrs. Wristen by the Group.

Mr. and Mrs. James Delwin Fluitt of Post, are the parents of a son, Russell Wade Fluitt, born in Garza Memorial Hospital.

Horace Smith of Post has been named manager of the South Plains College baseball team for this season. Smith, a 1960 graduate of Post High School, has been attending the Levelland junior college since midterm.

**50 Years Ago**  
March 5, 1953

Charles Midway, formerly of Levelland, this week assumed his duties as editor of the Post Dispatch. E. A. Warren, publisher and owner, announces.

Shelia Morris, nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Morris, was honored at a birthday party given by her parents Sunday, at their home in the Close City Community.

Tuberculosis testing of Post Grade School students is being completed this week by Mrs. Travis Everett, school health nurse, in cooperation with the Garza Memorial Hospital and the local Parent-Teacher Association.

Staff Sgt. Roy Wade, 1951 graduate of Post High School, has recently returned to the States from Korea and is visiting in Dallas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wade, formerly of Post.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Justice are parents of a son born February 27 in Lubbock Memorial Hospital. He weighed six pounds and 14 ounces and has been named Cecel.

Miss Sue Butler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Butler, of Pampa, and Johnie Johnson exchanged wedding vows in New Mexico February 21.



## WIDE RANGE OF FASHIONS

These five models modeled period fashions at Maxine's Shop "Fashions for Spring" style show Friday night in the primary school auditorium. From left to right are Mrs. Donald Windham, late 1940's; Mrs. Hazel Greer, mid-1950's; Dianne Collier, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Collier, 1963; Mrs. Wanda Mitchell, 1920's; and Mrs. George Hester, 1890's. —(Staff Photo)

From The Post Dispatch, Thursday, March 7, 1963

## Post High School March Calendar

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>March 13-15</b> | Varsity baseball @ Muleshoe Tournament            |                                       |
| <b>March 14</b>    | Classes to be dismissed at 2:30 p.m.              | JV baseball, home, 4:30 p.m. (Slaton) |
| <b>March 14-15</b> | Tennis tourney @ Plainview                        |                                       |
| <b>March 15</b>    | JV baseball, home, 1 p.m. (Muleshoe)              | Vernon OAP Festival                   |
| <b>March 17-21</b> | Spring break                                      |                                       |
| <b>March 21</b>    | Varsity baseball, home (Idalou)                   |                                       |
| <b>March 21-22</b> | Tennis tourney @ Brownfield                       |                                       |
| <b>March 22</b>    | Caprock Relays                                    |                                       |
| <b>March 24</b>    | Boys golf @ Sundown                               |                                       |
| <b>March 25</b>    | District UIL Literary @ Roosevelt                 | JV, varsity baseball @ Tahoka, 4 p.m. |
| <b>March 26</b>    | District Lincoln-Douglas Debate @ Post            | Girls golf @ Sundown                  |
| <b>March 27</b>    | District UIL Literary @ Roosevelt                 |                                       |
| <b>March 28</b>    | JV, varsity baseball, home, 4:30 p.m. (Roosevelt) |                                       |
| <b>March 28-29</b> | Tennis tourney @ Colorado City                    |                                       |
| <b>March 29</b>    | District OAP @ Post                               | Track @ Floydada                      |
| <b>March 31</b>    | District golf @ Tahoka                            |                                       |

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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 \$ .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 setecientos 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 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 temporarios, indicados por La Comisión. Ultimadamente, VALOR busca aprobación de sobrecargos mensuales de \$3.38 por líneas comerciales y \$1.69 por líneas residenciales para reemplazar los sobrecargos temporarios. Adicionalmente, la solicitud propone que los clientes que actualmente son facturados con tarifas ELCS más bajas de \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial, tendrán un incremento de tarifas a \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial.

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

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

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o sobre estos procedimientos deben notificar La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del 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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# Sports

## 'Lopes smash Slaton

The Post Antelope baseball team crushed Slaton 20-8 in Antelope baseball action played Friday at Slaton.

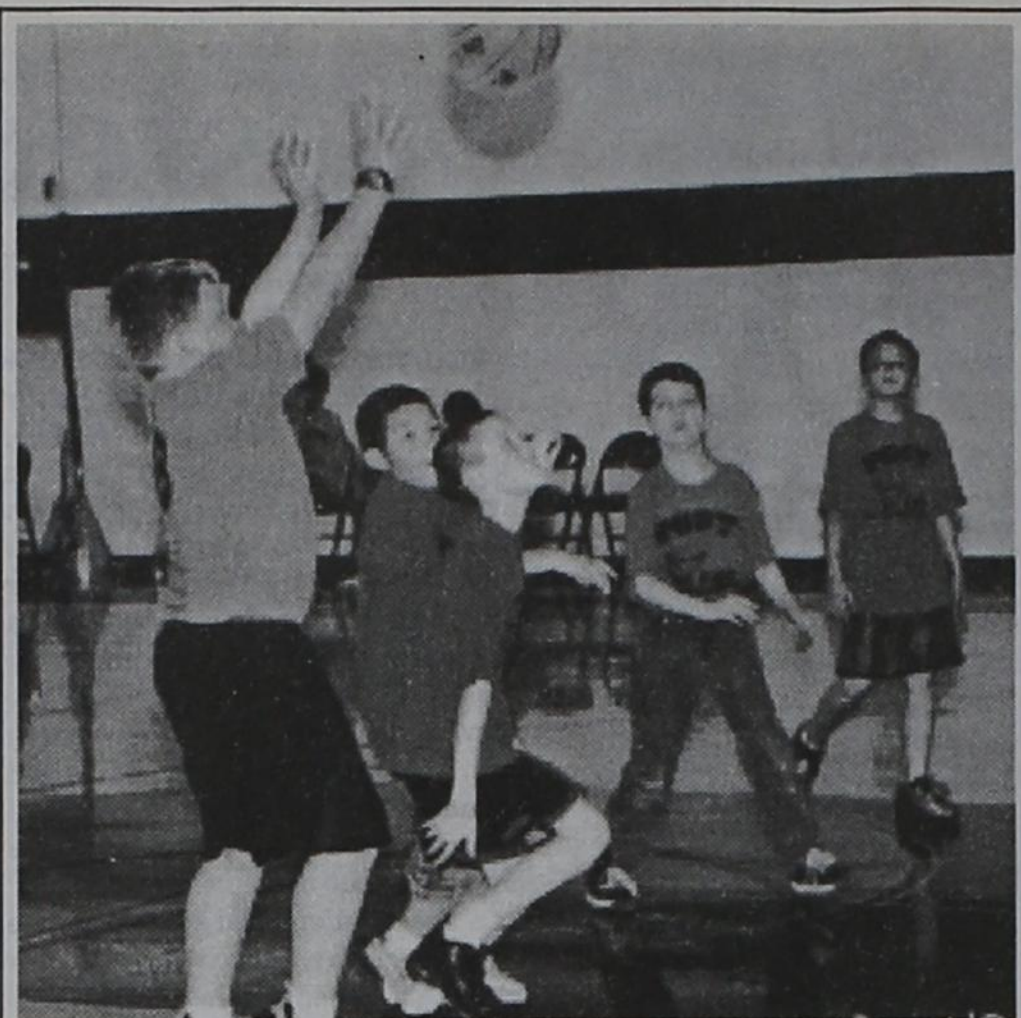
In a scheduling quirk, the Antelopes played Slaton for the second consecutive time with the same result - another blowout Antelope win.

Post scored at least one run in every inning except one in the six-inning game for the highest offensive output this season.

Offensively, Post had only five strikeouts in 42 at-bats, with Post having the luxury of using four different pitchers.

Batting for Post were Kenny Ratke, one walk; Randon Blacklock, one double, one walk, one hit batter on base; Bryan Looney, one single, one walk, one double, E-5 hit, two RBIs; Jon Eilenberger, one ground rule double; two singles, E-5 hit, five RBIs; Cody Fox, four singles, three RBIs; Patrick Gonzales, E-4 single; Jett Lott, two walks, bases-loaded single, homerun, three RBIs; Mitchell Mills, two doubles, one triple, three RBIs; David Rivera, one walk.

Pitching for Post were Looney, two innings with eight strikes and eight balls called, two hits, one walk and one strikeout; Blacklock, two innings, 14 strikeouts, seven balls called, one hit, no walks and four strikeouts; Lott, four strikes and nine balls called with four batters faced; Fox, two innings, 23 strikes and 22 balls called, three hits, three walks and four strikeouts.



Little Dribbler action last week gives Post youth opportunity to test basketball skills. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Future Post Antelope basketball players learn the basics in the Post youth basketball program. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

## 'Lopes win 3, lose 2 at Snyder tourney

by Ernest Fox

The Post Antelopes went 3-2 in last weekend's Snyder Tournament and along with Coahoma were the only Class 2A teams in the 10-team tournament. Coahoma, incidentally, quickly bowed out of pool play with two early losses.

### Sweetwater 9, Post 4

Opening games of the Snyder Tournament saw defensive errors loom large as Post dropped into the losers' bracket. Post defense laid down six errors to Sweetwater's two and the Antelopes never led the game. Sweetwater exploded for four runs in their half of the sixth inning to pull away from a narrow 4-3 lead over Post.

Randon Blacklock went seven innings with eight hits allowed, three walks, two hit batters and two strikeouts. His pitching count showed 35 strikes and 37 balls.

Batting for Post were Luis Zubia, one double, one walk, E-5 hit; Blacklock, three singles with one RBI; Jon Eilenberger, E-3 hit; Cody Fox, two singles and one RBI; Mitchell Mills, one walk; Brody Robertson, one single with an RBI; and Patrick Gonzales, one single.

### Post 13, Slaton 4

Game 2 of the tournament played Friday saw Post play longball at Moffett Field as the Antelopes hit three homeruns in a 13-4 shellacking over the Slaton Tigers - the third time in four games Post has met Slaton. All convincing victories for the first-year coach Max Katwinkel's Antelopes club.

The Antelope homeruns were the fourth, fifth and sixth hit for the season with no opponent hitting one against Post. All homeruns are hit by six different Antelopes. Moffett Stadium dimensions are 343 feet down left field line and 353 feet to left-centerfield where the homers went.

Post outhit the Tigers 12-5 as the Antelopes stayed alive in the double elimination format of the tournament. Looney (3-1) went seven solid innings while scattering six hits, three walks, one hit batter and six strikeouts. His pitching count showed 34 strikes and 38 balls.

Hitting for Post were Zubia, homerun, one single, two RBIs; Blacklock, one single, homerun, one walk, two RBIs; Looney, one double, one single, one RBI; Eilenberger, two singles, one walk, one RBI; Fox, homerun, two RBIs; Gonzales, one single; Robertson, one walk, one on-base by hit batter; Mills, E-3 hit, sacrifice fly, one walk; Coby Jones, E-3 hit; and Kenny Ratke, one single with one RBI.

### Post 5, Pampa 4

The Post Antelopes played their second game in four hours, staved off elimination from the Snyder Tournament with a hard fought 5-4 victory over a tough Pampa Harvester team.

Post drew first blood on Looney's RBI 3-1 sacrifice putout that plated Blacklock who singled previously. Post quickly scored four more runs in second-inning action on Fox's walk off homerun - his second consecutive blast over two games followed by scoring jaunts by Robertson, Lott and Mills' steal of home.

The potent Post offense, although shutdown after the second inning, suffered only one strikeout in 25 at-bats of the seven-inning game.

Fox (2-1) pitching for Post, threw seven innings with five hits allowed, five walks, no hit batters and 12 strikeouts - striking out two consecutive Pampa players to end the game with the tying and go-ahead runners on base. Fox's pitching count showed 56 strikes and 44 balls.

Hitting for Post were Zubia, two singles with an RBI; Blacklock, one single and a walk; Looney, one single, one E-6 hit; Fox, homerun; Robertson, E-3 hit; Lott, one double, one walk, one RBI; Mills, one on-base by hit batter.

### Post 12, Sweetwater 3

The Post Antelopes, facing their first round opponent at the Snyder Tournament, got sweet revenge as the Antelopes blasted the Sweetwater baseball team 12-3 in Friday's third consecutive game in 11 hours for the Antelopes.

The Antelopes' win not only avenged Thursday's loss but also knocked Sweetwater from the tournament and evened out Post's season record with Sweetwater 2-2.

Friday's March 7, 8 p.m. game not only had offense (12 runs on seven hits) but surprising pitching on a depleted Antelope team. Zubia hit a third-inning three-run homerun that temporarily put Post ahead but also, tied him with two homeruns for the team lead.

Coach Katwinkel went through the whole pitching roster due to the Antelopes playing three games in one day. Opening pitching honors went to Blacklock, going two innings with four hits and two strikeouts. Blacklock's pitching count showed 16 strikes and 16 balls. Going for one inning was Fox with one hit, no walks, one hit batter and two strikeouts. His pitching count showed 10 strikes and three balls. Looney went three innings with three hits, two walks and two strikeouts. His pitching count showed 19 strikes and 22 balls. Lott closed out the win with one inning of work - two hits, no walks, no hit batters and one strikeout.

Hitting for Post were Zubia, homerun, one walk, one single, four RBIs; Blacklock, one single, one bases-loaded walk, one RBI; Looney, one bases-loaded single with E-3 hit, two RBIs; Eilenberger, one walk, one single, one RBI; Fox, one E-3 bunt hit, one RBI; Robertson, one walk.

### Lubbock Cooper 13, Post 0

Playing an emotionally flat game on Saturday, March 8, in the Snyder Tournament, the Post Antelopes were shut out 13-0 by the Cooper Pirates, thus ending the Antelopes' chances of capturing first place.

Saturday's game came after Post played three pressure-packed games the day before.

Post totaled four hits and no runs while Cooper had 13 runs and 11 hits. Pitching for Post were Mills (0-1) with nine hits, two walks, one hit batter and no strikeouts. Mills' pitching count showed 26 strikes and 24 balls in three innings. Lott had two innings of work, showing one hit, three walks, no hit batters and no strikeouts. Lott's pitching count showed one hit, three walks, no hit batters on six strikes and 15 balls.

Hitting for Post were Looney, two singles; Fox, two singles; Lott, one walk and an E-8 hit; and Ratke, one walk. Also, Gonzales, E-5 hit; Lott, E-5 hit and a walk; Mills, bunt single, E-3 hit, two walks and one RBI; and Ratke, one single, one double.

### PHS Spring Sports Schedule

Baseball	@ Muleshoe Tournament	March 13, 14 & 15
Tennis	@ South Plains Tournament	March 14 & 15
Track	@ Caprock Relays	March 22

### PHS powerlifters set marks at regional meets

Post High School fared well at the regional powerlifting contests held last week in the area.

Jessica Mason finished in twelfth place at the regional powerlifting competition held Friday in Plainview.

There were 70 schools ranging from 1A to 5A in the girl's competition.

On Saturday in Floydada, Noah Gutierrez finished in third place and Mark McCallister, fifth.

Ninety schools participated in the Floydada meet, which included school districts ranging in size from 1A to 3A.

Post City Television presents: PHS Sports on Classic Channel 12 Saturday & Sunday, 11 a.m. & 8 p.m.

## Middle School girls take stride in early track meet at Roscoe

The Post Middle School girls track teams earned several wins at the Roscoe Junior High Track Meet Feb. 27.

Seventh and eighth grade teams ran together in the tourney.

"I was very proud of all the girls," the coach said. "This is really early to have the first track meet, and everyone adjust well. Track meets aren't usually ran with the seventh and eighth grade together, and I think we came out really well."

Eighth grade Post girls earning top finishes, according to results provided by the coach, included K'Neil Dalby, 100 m dash, 14.91 seconds, sixth place; Jackie Hays, 100 m hurdles, second place, 18.6 seconds; Steffi Norman, 100 m hurdles, sixth place, 19.71 seconds; Larissa Halford, 400 m dash, third place, 1:13; Hays, 300 m hurdles, fourth place, 1:01.66; and Halford, long jump, sixth place, 13'2".

Also, in the 800 m relay, the team of Dalby, Hays, Halford and Rachel Gray took fifth place with a time of 2:08.

Seventh grade students who placed included Tamara Raymundo, 100 m hurdles, fourth place, 19.34 seconds; Samantha Hoover, 300 m hurdles, fifth place, 1:01.9; and, in the 1600 m relay, the team of Brenna Postell, Raymundo, Lauren Gonzales and Hoover, third place with a time of 5:15.

Other eighth grade Post participants included, in the 2400 m run, Rachel Gray; 400 m, Claire Kirkpatrick and Anahi Garcia; 400 m relay, K'Neil Dalby, Gabby Paiz, Keisha Odom and Claire Kirkpatrick; 100 m, Keisha Odom, Gabby Paiz; 200 m, Steffi Norman, Gabby Paiz and Kylie Easterling; 800 m, Bailey Odom, Cora Crane and Maria Segovia; 1600 m, Bailey Odom, Anahi Garcia and Allison Blevins; 1600 m relay, Larissa Halford, Steffi Norman, Claire Kirkpatrick and Rachel Gray; long jump, Rachel Gray and Steffi Norman; triple jump, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Rachel Gray and Larissa Halford; shot, Josie Whisenhunt, Shyan Todd and Keisha Odom; and discus, Josie Whisenhunt, Shyan Todd and Kylie Easterling.

Other seventh grade girls representing Post Middle School included 2400 m run, Shelly Gearheart; 400 m, Ericka Cravy, Kelsey Sanderson; 400 m relay, Lori Jones, Tamara Raymundo, AshLeigh Harris and Marlee Plummer; 100 m, Madison Mason and Lauren Hair; 200 m, Marlee Plummer, Madison Mason and Lori Jones; 100 m hurdles, AshLeigh Harris; 1600 m, Suhani Bhakta, Shelly Gearheart; 800 m, Brenna Postell, Suhani Bhakta; 800 m relay, Samantha Hoover, AshLeigh Harris, Lori Jones and Marlee Plummer; long jump, Samantha Hoover and Shelly Gearheart; shot, Madison Mason and Brenna Postell; and discus, Madison Mason and Brenna Postell.

### GHD takes up bond election Thursday

Formal action calling for an election on the proposed hospital issue is expected to be taken Thursday evening during a 6:30 p.m. meeting of the Garza County Health Care District's board of directors in the Wells Fargo Bank Community Room.

Board members are scheduled to consider calling a May 3 election. The board also will consider appointing judges and alternate judges and representatives and alternate representatives for the election.

Minutes of the Feb. 27, March 6 and March 11 board meetings will be considered for approval, and the board may opt to go into executive session to discuss personnel and the clinic contract with Physicians Network Services (PNS).

Any action regarding a contract with PNS and its management of clinic operations will be taken in open session.

### Sheriff reports seven arrests

Seven individuals were taken into custody during the past week, according to sheriff's department records.

On March 5, an individual was placed in protective custody.

On March 8, an arrest was made for possession of marijuana.

Two arrests were made on March 9. One involved a minor driving under the influence of alcohol. The other involved charges of possession of marijuana and possession of cocaine.

Three arrests were logged into the jail book on March 10. Two involved possession of fictitious driver's licenses, while the third involved possession of marijuana, under two ounces, and minor in possession.

### Texas Gun & Knife Show this weekend

Collectors and exhibitors from throughout the Lubbock area will be on hand to buy, sell and trade guns, knives and accessories at the 2003 West Texas Gun & Knife Show this weekend at the Lubbock Fairgrounds.

"These items you simply can't find everyday," said Don Hill, president of the Texas Gun and Knife Shows Association. "And even if you could, you certainly wouldn't find them all together in one place at one time like this."

As in every Texas Gun & Knife Show, guns and knives will play just a part of the overall exhibition. There also will be a selection of wildlife art, historical artifacts, "Texana" items and Native American and military memorabilia, as well as displays of gold and silver jewelry.

Hill said he expects scores of exhibitors to be on hand at the show, which will take place Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The public is invited to come in and buy, sell, trade or browse.

In celebration of its 25th anniversary, the TGKA will offer an "early bird special" two-for-the-price-of-one admission during the first hour of the show on both Saturday and Sunday. Children under the age of 12 will be admitted free of charge.

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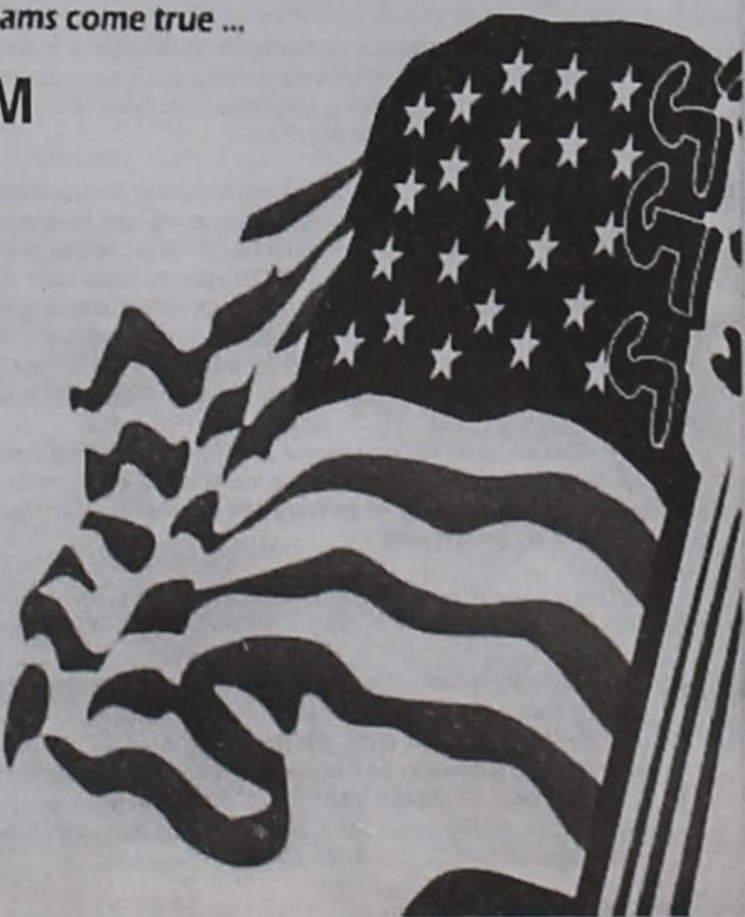
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