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Big weekend for Post

The first week in December offers a flurry of holiday-related activities shopping, entertainment, socializing and even an opportunity to give "the gift of life" - for Post area residents.

Old Mill Trade Days, the initial performances of the Garza Theatre's latest production, the Caprock Cultural Association's annual banquet, the grand opening of a new business and a handful of entertainment opportunities are on top beginning Friday.

Events scheduled for this weekend include:

• Old Mill Trade Days - Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at iff Kenny Ratke, following consultathe Old Mill Trade Days area, 318 S. Avenue F. Admission costs \$2 for tions this week with TxDOT officials adults, while children ages 10 and under are admitted free of charge. This and the project contractor's safety coevent will be the final Trade Days of the year.

· Blood drive - Friday, noon to 6 p.m., United Blood Services bloodmobile for safe negotiation of the 'jog' in the at the Dalby Correctional Facility; call 495-2175 for an appointment. "Can middle of the intersection. you think of giving someone any better holiday gift?" asks drive coordina- "Stop signs aid in that negotiation of tangle in downtown Post. On Sunday tor Ruby Williams.

• Grand opening, Ruby Lane Books - Friday, 4-6 p.m., CCA building. been extremely inconvenient, there dents at the intersection of Avenue F Singer/songwriter and former Post resident Cathy Whitten will be on hand have been no serious accidents in the and Main Street, according to sheriff's to introduce her debut CD.

• Caprock Cultural Association Annual Banquet - Friday, 6:30 p.m., CCA torn up. The way I see it, it's my job to building. Tickets cost \$10. Call 495-4148 for more information.

• Fifth Annual Christmas Celebration with Doug Smith - Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Hotel Garza Bed & Breakfast. Ticket availability is "extremely limited," according to the hotel Web site. For more information, contact Jim Plummer at 495-3962.

· "Miracle on 34th Street" - Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m., and Sunday, 2:30 p.m., Garza Theatre. Tickets cost \$9 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-12. Call the box office at 495-4005 for more information.

• Photography exhibit and guitar performances - Saturday, all day, Ruby Lane Books (CCA building); free and open to the public. An exhibit featuring the work of award-winning photographer Tom Higley is set, sidelined

by live performances by guitarist David Waldon. · Annual Lighted Christmas Parade - Saturday, 6 p.m., along Main Street here," Ratke said. "The DOT, the con-straight shot," Ratke said. The stop in courthouse/downtown area. To arrange a parade entry, contact the Post tractors - everybody's on the same signs currently at Broadway and Main Commerce & Tourism Bureau. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Special Christmas exhibits - Garza County Historical Museum and the for the traffic but also to keep every- Broadway and 8th Street.

O.S. Ranch Art Museum.

• Readings from "Welcome to Calicheville" - Sunday, 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., consuming, but it's safe." Ruby Lane Books (CCA building); free and open to the public. The writing trio behind "Calicheville" will read samplings from their novel, which is set in a small West Texas town

Sheriff switches to Republican Party

Garza County Sheriff Kenny Ratke announced Monday he will seek re-

election in the 2004 Republican Party primary.

"I chose to change parties because the values and principles of the Republican Party reflect my own," Ratke said. "I believe these conservative principles, if administered at all levels of county government, can guide Garza County through its current fiscal crisis."

Ratke, who previously ran as a Democrat, has served as sheriff since of three times... no, more than three side of town, to better navigate the 1992. He has been re-elected to the post twice.

"We are thrilled that Sheriff Ratke intends to seek re-election with our party," said Ross Aten, Garza County Republican Party chairman. "He is extremely well qualified, and his record as a fiscally conservative, toughon-crime sheriff speaks for itself."

The primary will be held March 9.

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Holiday traffic woes

by Sheri Lewis

Traffic was bumper-to-bumper through downtown Post over the Thanksgiving holidays - but don't look for that to improve much anytime

Vehicles clogged the north and southbound lanes of U.S. Hwy 84 as holiday travelers trekked through a Texas Department of Transportation project under way in the Post area.

Some Sunday afternoon travelers waited more than 30 minutes to make their way through the city, their already interrupted trips delayed even further when an 18-wheeler with a broken axle forced the rerouting of all vehicles from Broadway.

At the heart of the traffic tangle is the intersection of U.S. Hwy 84 (Broadway) and Main Street, where vehicles are limited to 35 mph and halted by stop signs and a mid-intersection 'jog.

Some might argue that removal of the stop signs and the installation of temporary lights might facilitate the flow of traffic through the downtown intersection. But Garza County Sherordinator, said lights would not allow

months that the intersection has been department reports. and as safe as possible in a construc- collisions, the sheriff said. tion zone. If you put a traffic light in There's no forewarning of that abrupt not be a safe thing."

TxDOT officials and the safety engineer agree, the sheriff said.

"I know it's unpopular. People are screaming and hollering, and a lot of 84/Broadway will be opened up on the unhappy people are calling down west side thoroughfare to "make it a page. We're trying to do what's feasible will be relocated to the intersection of one safe. What we're doing - it's time

In an effort to help soothe holiday traffic woes last week, flagmen and traffic can be shifted over onto the cesheriff's deputies manned the intersec- ment areas. No offset areas will be retion to help direct traffic during peak quired, although traffic each way will daylight periods. But Ratke said a remain single-lane. "multitude of near-misses" makes him reluctant to ask men to work the area seeing a smoother flow of traffic in

a deputy down there at the intersec- gested local residents be patient and tion,' but... I don't want to put a deputy use the newly-reopened cross intersecout there and have him killed. I know tions, particularly those on the north times, when deputies were nearly run community.

added traffic snarl along the Avenue F used to it in West Texas."



construction on U.S. Hwy 84 through Post. Although thousands wound their way north and south, there were no major mishaps. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

detour many vehicles took to avoid the the jog," Ratke said. "Although it's alone, there were three minor acci-

In contrast, the Broadway/Main make traffic flow as smooth as possible Street intersection has seen very few

"Handling traffic the way we are at there, yellow means 'go' to a motorist. that intersection cuts down on the frequency of impact and the severity of jog, and people aren't going to be able impact," Ratke said. "Very few times to negotiate it. Temporary lights would have we had impact at all, and when we have, it's been minor."

> Prior to the end of the week, a new phase of construction is expected to begin. With this phase, traffic on U.S.

> Depending on the weather, that phase of construction could be completed in January. At that time, all

"We're hoping drivers should start January," Ratke said.

"It sounds real simple to just say, 'Put
In the meantime, the sheriff sug-

"This situation is totally unavoid-Sidelining the woes along U.S. 84 able," he said. "We're used to this sort over the holiday travel period was an of thing in the big city, but we're not

Post Notes

Pretty Baby Contest winners

The winners of this year's Garza County United Way sponsored "Pretty Baby Contest" will be announced Saturday at 3 p.m. at Old Mill Trade Days in the Cotton Picker Room.

United Way Silent Auction Saturday

A silent auction to benefit the Garza County United Way will be held Saturday at Old Mill Trade Days. Items and services will be awarded to the highest bidders who are present at 3 p.m.

United Way final fundraiser Saturday

The final fundraising event this year for the Garza County United Way will be held Saturday at Old Mill Trade Days. Events include a silent auction beginning at 8 a.m. in the Cotton Picker Room. This year's fund raising ends December 31. To donate, send checks to United Way of Garza County, P.O. Box 425, Post, Texas 79356.

Christmas Play and Science Fair

The Post Elementary School extends an invitation to the public to enjoy the December 9 annual Christmas play and Science Fair. Science Fair projects will be set up in the elementar school gym at 6 p.m. for public viewing. The Christmas play will begin at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

"Miracle on 34th Street" opens Dec. 5

The Garza Theatre production of "Miracle on 34th Street" opens Friday, December 5 for seven performances, continuing December 6, 7, 12, 13, 19 and 20. The play is directed by Laura Bryan and features an all star cast including Stan Tucker, Mitchell Britton, Marissa Merritt and Taylor Garland. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

VFW Ladies, Men meet Monday

Members of the VFW Ladies' Auxiliary and VFW Post 6797 will meet Monday. Ladies meet at 5:30 p.m. with the VFW Post members meeting at 7 p.m. Ladies plan to discuss the Christmas party for children.

County republicans meet December 4

An organizational and get acquainted meeting hosted by the Garza County Republican Party will be held Thursday, December 4 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the CitizensBank community room. Those interested in learning more about the local Republican Party are encouraged to attend.

Merry Christmas edition Dec. 23

The Post Dispatch will publish its annual "Merry Christmas" edition on Thursday, December 23, with a Friday, December 12 deadline for Santa Letters and Friday, December 19 for "Merry Christmas" advertisements.

Dalby Unit sponsors Angel Tree

Employees at the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility are once again sponsoring the Angel Tree to provide gifts and clothing for children who otherwise might not have gifts this Christmas. The facility is joined this year by the Post Lions Club in the effort. Thi is the fourth year employees at the Dalby unit have provided this outreach program for children. Those interested in contributing should contact Rev. Lloyd Stice at the First United Methodist Church (495-2942) or Rev. Ron Miner at the Church of the Nazarene (495-3044) or by mail to Joe Duran, P.O. Box 644, Post, Texas 79356. Gifts will be distributed December 19.

Trailblazers set Dec. 13 bake sale

The Garza County Trailblazers will hold a fund-raising bake sale at United Supermarket Saturday, December 13 beginning at 9 a.m.

Church offers Gordita plates Dec. 13

Members of the Holy Cross Catholic Church are offering Gordita plates with rice, beans and salad on Saturday, December 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The plates are \$5 each, available at the church's parish hall.

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

Annual Christmas Sing December 10

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.

4-H Christmas Party Date & Location Changed The County-wide 4-H Christmas Party & Hot Dog Supper has been

moved up to Thursday, December 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. There will be a Scavenger Hunt to collect canned goods for a needy family. Each 4-H'er is asked to please bring a Christmas ornament for a tree for that needy family.

Lions Club sponsors 'Toys for Tots'

For the past 15 years, the Post Lions Club has led the effort to ensure that local children have a happy holiday season. And this year is no differ-

The Lions Club, with assistance from employees of the Dalby Correctional Facility, is coordinating this year's Toys for Tots campaign. Chairman Joe Duran said the effort is expected to serve approximately 100 underprivileged children.

"That's pretty close to last year," Duran said. "We usually have between 80 and 100 kids that we help out."

Donations of toys - both new or "in good shape" - and monetary contributions are being accepted. Toys may be dropped off at the local Cellular One location, while tax-deductible donations may be mailed to the Post Lions Club, Box 644, Post.

Duran said there is no deadline for donations, but assistance provided early in the month will help project workers make sure all eligible children

"The sooner, the better," he said.

Many of the families served by this effort are identified through the schools, but families in need of assistance may make an informal application for assistance, Duran said. To apply, a parent should write a note detailing the number of children to be served, the children's ages and genders. Notes may be deposited at Cellular One.

Children of all ages are eligible for assistance.

Duran lauded the community for its ongoing support of the Toys for Tots effort. "We want to thank everybody that's willing to help us again this year," he said. "Merry Christmas!"



A huge cast has been assembled for the Garza Theatre's special performances of the classic "Miracle on 34th Street," which opens Friday. The play, directed by Laura Bryan, continues December 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 19 and 20. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush

Hey everyone,

I hope everyone had a wonderful

way too much wonderful food. Those sharing Thanksgiving with Thanksgiving holiday! Did you all Rick and I were: My mom, Fannie I get up and go shop- Ballentine, Jane and Mack Terry, ping at dawn the Cindy and "Jibber" Herridge of Gail next day? Not me. with their sons Caden and Cody and We had a houseful Cody's girl, Tara. Jana, RayDon and in our home Thurs- Raylea Underwood of Gail, Kevin, day and had a Devron and Lexi Crispin of Lubbock great time with Kelly, Corinna, Eric, Skyler and

Monique of Lubbock, Colby Crispin, Stephen, Amanda, Alison and Ethan Quisenberry of Tahoka, Krisha and Zach Bush, Kerri, Robby, Kaylan, Kylee and Kenley Dean, Valerie and Randy Melton with James and Gregory. Rick's mom Lucille came by in the afternoon to visit with us and see all the grandkids. We had a great time and I believe everyone got their fill. Hope all of you did too!

CONGRATS TO CANDI!!!

Candi Dawson has been accepted for enrollment at Texas Tech University's College of Education Teacher Program. Candi is such a sweet girl, she will make a great teacher I know. Anyway, congrats Candi, I know you are excited.

GET WELL

To our uncle W.O., PLEASE get well soon. You are in our thoughts

and prayers and we love you!!!!

WEEKEND VISITORS Pat and Wes Burnett enjoyed a weekend visit (Nov. 21-22) with their daughter Kimberly, her husband Allen Dolberry, their daughter Lindsey Noel and their friends Brian and Sherri Tucker with their daughter Allyssa from Mesa, Arizona. While in Post, Allen celebrated his birhtday by attending the Texas Tech and University of Oklahoma football game with his brother-in-law Tim Burnett of Post and his friend Brian. The weekend was capped with a dinner at County Line Saturday following the Red Raider football game. Allen is a huge Red Raider fan, having grown up in the Lubbock area, graduating from Roosevelt High School in 1986.

THANKSGIVING AT THE

Sharing Thanksgiving dinner with niece Donna Hale, her husband

BURNETTS

Pat and Wes Burnett were Pat's sister Fay Mann and her daughter Paula Kay Mann of Crowley; Pat's



Rebekah Lynn Pearce

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Pearce of Hillsboro, Oregon, have announced the birth of a daughter, Rebekah Lynn, on Oct. 20, 2003. The infant weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces, at birth and was 19 inches long. She was welcomed home by sisters Jordan and Amy Pearce.

Wanda Culvahouse and Glenda Pearce, all of Midland, and Herb Pearce of Comanche. Great-grandparents are Leta Davies, formerly of Post, and the late Curtis Davies, R.O. Pomroy of Monahans and the late J.S. and Eula Culvahouse.



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Your car insurance goes down and the payment goes up. You actually eat breakfast food at breakfast.

A \$4.00 bottle of wine is no longer "pretty good stuff." 90% of the time you spend in front of the computer is for real work. You read this entire list looking desperately for just one sign that doesn't apply to you.... and can't find a single one to save your sorry old body!!!!

TILL NEXT WEEK

Hope all of you have a great week end. May God bless each of you. See you next week. Don't forget the parade!! Judy

Indigent health care guidelines clarified

In last week's Dispatch story on the health care district, it was stated that the Garza County Health Care District has no written policy regarding indigent health care. That statement should have read, "The health care district has no local written Arts Center. policy regarding indigent health care." The district follows state policy with regard to indigent health care, and district officials are eyeing the possibility of establishing a local written policy.

Worth repeating ...

When the people find that they can vote themselves Grandparents are Wayne and El money, that will herald the end of the republic.

Benjamin Franklin



Mr and Mrs Roger Adams

Lisa Lunder, Roger Adams exchange wedding vows

Roger Edward, son of Charles and Dedra Adams, married Lisa Marie Lunder in Maui, Hawaii on Saturday, November 8. The ceremony was attended by many of the couple,s friends and family at the Sheraton Maui in Kaanapali. Roger and Lisa reside in Dallas, Texas where he is working as a trainer and nutritionist while earning his Ph.D. in Nutrition, and she is working in Marketing.

CCA celebrates 20th year with "Cowboy Christmas" event Friday

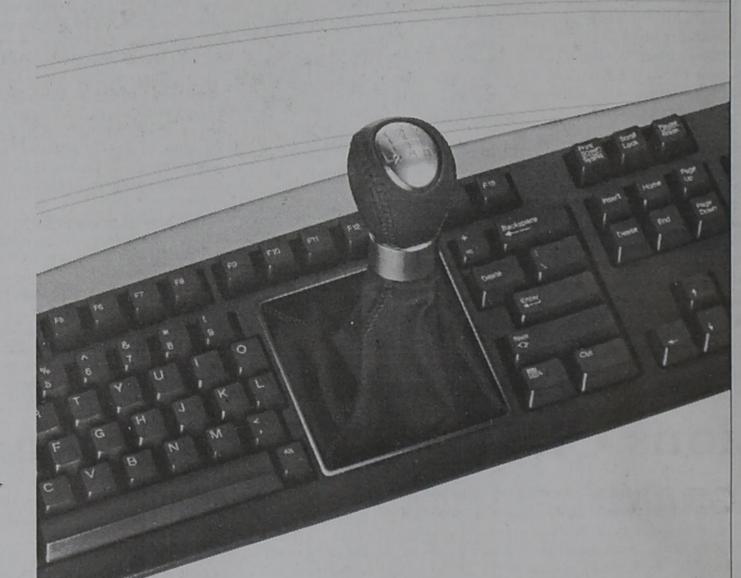
The Caprock Cultural Association will celebrate its 20th year with a "Cowboy Christmas" event set for 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Algerita

The association's annual banquet will be conducted, sidelined by the opening of the Ruby Lane Book Store in the CCA building. Tickets to the banquet cost \$10; deadline for RSVPs was Wednes-

Entertainment for the event will be provided by Cathy Whitten,

Jan Marc Olsen, Chip Polk and Alvin G. Davis. The event promises to provide an overview of new projects under way in Post, including the Ragtown Amphitheater, the CCA's Culture Center, the revival of the Rendezvous of the Arts, and literary and music developments.

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Sheriff reports 12 arrests

Twelve individuals were booked into the Garza County Jail during the past week, according to sheriff's department reports.

Two arrests were made on Nov. 24, including that of a 28-year-old, commitment, and a 32-year-old, driving while license invalid.

A pair of arrests also were made on Nov. 25, including a 20-year-old for possession of marijuana, under two ounces, and a 31-year-old held for the Border

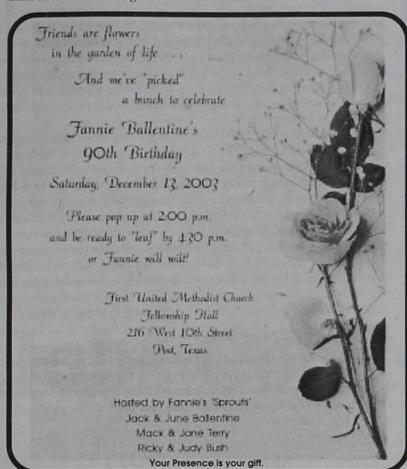
A 48-year-old was picked up for commitment Nov. 26.

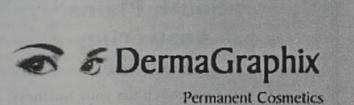
On Nov. 27, a 21-year-old was arrested on a Garza County warrant. Arrested on Nov. 28 were an 18-year-old, commitment, and a 21-year-old,

Two individuals were jailed Nov. 29 for public intoxication, including a 40-yearold and a 41-year-old.

A 28-year-old was arrested Nov. 30 for driving while license invalid and subsequent offense no insurance.

On Dec. 1, a male, age unlisted, was arrested for driving while intoxicated/ third offense and driving while license invalid.





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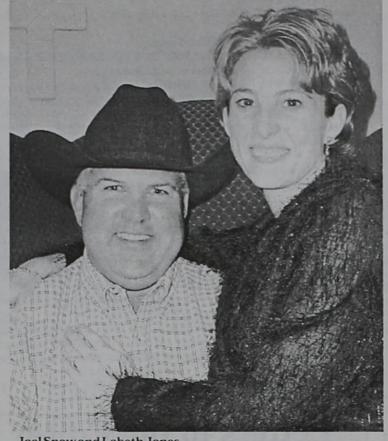
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Joel Snow and Labeth Jones

Labeth Jones, Joel Snow announce engagement

Labeth Jones, daughter of Darrell and Ruby Jones of Post, and Joel Snow, son of Joe and Lois (deceased) Snow of Odessa, announce their upcoming marriage on January 3, 2004 at the Circle Six Ranch Baptist Camp in Stanton, Texas. Joel & Labeth are both of Midland.

Cliff Laws proclaims candidacy for sheriff in Democrat primary

sheriff of Garza County on the Democratic ballot.

I was born in Lamesa; however, my parents' home was in the Graham Chapel area. I have lived in this area most of my life and have strong feelings and family ties to Garza County.

I attended elementary school in Hobbs, N.M., and Post, but graduated from Tahoka High School. I also attended college at West Texas State and Texas Tech. I served four years in the U.S. Air Force.

I started in law enforcement in August of 1979, working for the Lynn County Sheriff's Department as a jailer and deputy sheriff. I worked there until Dec. 31, 1988. I began working for the Garza County Sheriff's Department Jan. 1, 1989,

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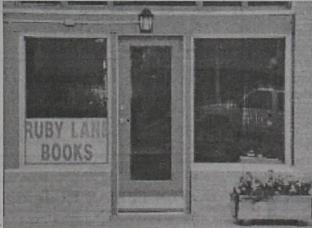
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Obituaries

Irene Guajardo

Services for Irene Guajardo, 83, of Post will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003, in the Post Church of Christ with the Rev. Travis Sweet officiating. Burial will follow in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Sunday, Nov. 30, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Born Dec. 25, 1919, in Nixon, Texas, she married A.G. Guajardo on April 21, 1936, in Post. He died Nov. 20, 1997. A member of the Church of Christ, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include one son, Danny Guajardo of Post; five daughters, Sefrina Perez of Lubbock, Linda Tijerina of Odessa, Louise Ortiz of Kermit, Kay Broz of San Antonio and Melba Cimental of Post; two brothers, Herbert Pantoja of Post and Daniel Pantoja of Amarillo; five sisters, Louisa Valdez of Post, Valentina Carrizales

of Lubbock, Cinaida Hernandez of Snyder, Adelita Interial of Gailsburg, Ill., and Tomasa Gonzales of Amarillo; 14 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-No phone line required grandchildren.

> She was preceded in death by three children, A.G. Jr. in 1964, Erlinda in 1936 and Edna in

Jacqueline Ann Allen

Services for Jacqueline Ann Allen, 69, of Slaton were held at 2 p.m. Nov. 22, 2003, in the Hudman (423.2743)

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Funeral Home with Delaine Rapp officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace

She died Nov. 21 at the Slaton Care Center. Born April 27, 1934, in Milwaukee, Wisc., to George Kohler and Clairesse Myers,

she was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her daughter, Mitzi Ravenscraft of Lubbock; one sister, Yvonne that the County has had to pick up because the state is no longer funding Chance of Maryland; and two grandchildren, Melanie Ravenscraft of Colorado Springs and Christopher Ravenscraft of Lubbock.

She was preceded in death by one son, Daniel Nusbaum, in 1982.

James (Bo) Hutchins

Services for James (Bo) Hutchins, 55, of Post were held at 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Lloyd Stice officiating, assisted by Bob Collier. Burial was at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Resthaven Cemetery in Houston under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Saturday, Nov. 29, in University Medical Center in Lubbock.

A 1967 graduate of Post High School, he attended South Plains College and the University of Houston. He worked as a carpenter in Houston for many years. He returned to Post in 1995.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, James and Amber Hutchins of Cedar Park; two granddaughters, Haley and Dakota Hutchins of Cedar Park; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Betty Sue and Ronald Bertrand of Lubbock and we need to be looking. Jane and Dennis Odom of Post.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Wendy Hutchins, on Oct. 21, 1980, and by his parents, James and Mozelle Hutchins.

Letters to the Editor

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What ablessing to live in a republic

It has been interesting over the last few months to watch the political process at work in our community. We are so blessed to live in a republic where we elect people to represent us, and when we feel that they have not done their jobs wisely, there is a mechanism in place for us to call them to an accounting. We have seen this work as our County Commissioners have gone through the budget processes and made their decisions. Some in the community feel that better decisions could have been made so we are now involved in the tax rollback election. What I would hope for before the election on Feb. 7 is less meaningless rhetoric and more substantive

a duty to vote intelligently. I am going to do my best to do that. Anything the Commissioners can do to help with that would be appreciated. I am ready for an intelligent discussion of this issue and tired of the meaningless

rhetoric from both sides. Kenda Bartlett

topic for another letter.

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Some would have us believe that if the rollback is successful that every

amenity we have in the community will be abolished and that everyone who

works for the museum, the library, etc. will all be without jobs. What I would

like to see from the County Commissioners' Court is a list of those services

them. I would like to know what the new cost is for each of those services.

I would like to cast an intelligent vote in the rollback election, and I cannot

Maybe there are some other places where the budget could be cut. I work

for a non-profit organization that is also seeing hard financial times. As a

result we cut our budget substantially last week. Were those hard decisions

to make? You bet they were, but we are all willing to "suck it up" for the good

of the organization. Maybe we need to do the same thing in Garza County.

It is my understanding that we subsidize the employees' part of health

insurance for county employees. If that is the case, maybe that needs to

change. In any other business the employees pay for their part of their health

insurance. Maybe we also need to take a hard look at the Constables office,

the growth that has happened there and the duplication of services with the

Sheriff's department. We have two systems providing bus transportation;

is there a way to eliminate the one the county runs or combine services in

some way to save taxpayers' dollars? These are the kinds of things at which

There is one other thing I would like to clarify. Every time a letter is written

or a comment is made about the Commissioners' Court budget, the issue of

an emergency facility out at Lake Alan Henry is thrown in to the discussion.

Since Terry is not here to clarify that himself, let me try. Terry was tasked

by the Commissioner's Court to look into the cost of building an emergency facility at the lake. After first working to get the land donated for the facility

(which he did), the next thing he did was look into what it would cost to build

a facility at the lake. When he found that the cost would be into the hundreds

of thousands of dollars, he took that to the Court. They without hesitation

tasked him to find a cheaper alternative. He was in the process of doing that

when he was called to service in Iraq. I for one am tired of hearing about the

"\$760,000 emergency center". It is not in the budget; in fact, it is not even

on the drawing board. The need for an emergency facility at the lake is a

My point in all of this is that as a voter and a resident of Garza County I have

do that without some hard facts and figures.

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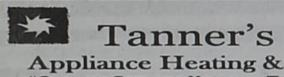
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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

God Loved...God Gave

It is written in God's word, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). People who believe with the heart that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead, absolutely shall be filled with holy spirit (Romans 10:9-10, Acts 2:4). They are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb and become one of God's righteous saints. It is in the name of Jesus Christ that every person who believes, should not perish, but have everlasting life. Notice that God loved the world, and that God gave life. John 1:17 shines more light on God's love, "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." True grace came by Jesus Christ. This perfectly fits Galatians 3:8-14, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law..." (v. 13b). Our salvation is not by the law of God that was passed down to Moses, but by the true grace of God that came

by Jesus Christ. Just as Jesus Christ laid down his life for the brethren, so also should we lay down our lives. Not as dead, but living sacrifices (Romans 12:1). "But whose hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?". Because God loved, He gave life everlasting to all who believe. God is the giver of life. Contrary to

popular doctrine, God is not the giver of death, but of life. John 10:10 perfectly reveals this distinction, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." This life originates from God the Father. It was God who gave life to His beloved son. It was God who gave life to Lazarus. And it was God in heaven who put life back into the dead body of Jesus Christ.

Those who enjoy reading and studying the Bible will probably notice an apparent contradiction here. Throughout the Old Testament, there are plenty of scriptural references which show God killing and harming people. In truth, there is no contradiction. The problem rests in the interpretation of the scriptures, without an understanding of the figures of speech being used. In the book Figures of Speech Used in the Bible, author E.W. Bullinger explains that figures of speech are God's way of emphasizing, and are not to be interpreted literally. They were the linguistic tools of the Hebrews. One of the figures is called "condescension." In short, it ascribes human and earthly attributes to God. The Bible is filled with these beautiful linguistic tools. Another figure employed is the Idiom. Particularly an idiom of permission, where the one who allows the event to occur is put for the one who actually causes the event.

God did not leave His people ignorant concerning the origin of death and destruction. We also have his word in Job 1:6-12 to show us exactly who causes death, and who allows it to occur. An intense study on this subject helps to build confidence and trust in the integrity of God's word, so that we can learn to truly know God's perfect love.

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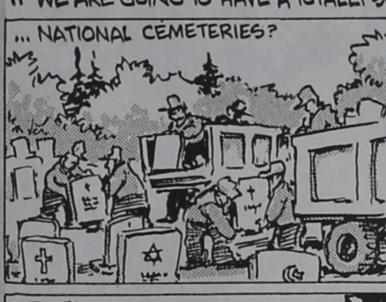
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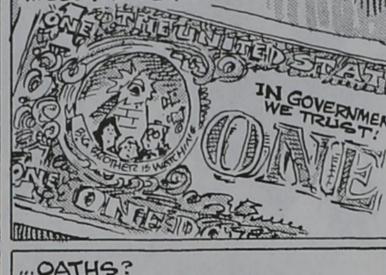


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In 1970, the telecommunications industry employed himself an idiot. 421,000 switchboard operators. In the same year,

Congress could have taken a page from India's history. In 1924, that it's easier to organize resentment against India and China than Mahatma Gandhi attacked machinery, saying it "helps a few to ride" against technology. on the backs of millions" and warned, "The machine should not make atrophies the limbs of man." With that kind of support, Indian textile losses as they call for trade restrictions, but let us look at what was and called the principal, Betty Kirby, a "skank" and a "tramp." workers were able to politically block the introduction of laborsaving textile machines. As a result, in 1970 India's textile industry Labor Statistics show an annual job loss from a low of 27 million in Liberties Union (ACLU), which sued on Smith's behalf. The ACLU had the level of productivity of ours in the 1920s.

telecommunications story in their Nov. 17 New York Times article, high of 35.6 million in 1999. "The Great Job Machine." Spectacular technological advances made needs down to 78,000 to handle not the annual 9.8 billion long hired all in the process of adapting to changing technological, distance calls in 1970, but today's over 98 billion calls.

consumer. Long distance calls are a tiny fraction of their cost in 1970. Just since 1984, long distance costs have fallen by 60 percent. Using why we are richer than the rest of the world. 1970s technology, to make today's 98 billion calls would require 4.2 million operators. That's 3 percent of our labor force. Moreover, a

long distance call would cost 40 times more than it does today. to produce other things. If productivity gains aren't made, where in the world would we find workers to produce all those goods that "protecting jobs". Don't fall for it — we'll all become losers. weren't even around in the 1970s?

protest, much less argue that Congress should have done something Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

about the job loss in the telecommunications industry. He'd reveal

Americans made 9.8 billion long distance calls. Today, using technology to reduce production costs and using cheaper labor twofold: first, many parents do not encourage reading, and allow the telecommunications industry employs only 78,000 to do the same. In either case, there's no question that the worker their kids unfettered access to TV, computers and crude music. And operators. That's a tremendous 80 percent job loss. who finds himself out of a job because of the use of technology or second, discipline in many public schools is woeful. Students simply What should Congress have done to save those jobs? cheaper labor might encounter hardships. The political difference is are not held accountable for behavior and academic performance.

happening in the 1990s. Cox and Alm report that recent Bureau of Michael Cox, chief economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of reached its lowest level, 33 million jobs were lost. That's the loss side.

These are signs of a healthy economy, where businesses start up,

Finding cheaper ways to produce goods and services frees up labor to protect special interests. Of course, they don't cloak their agenda that way. It's always "national security," "level playing fields" and

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Bush as Fake Free-Trader

by Sheldon Richman

President Bush is the most protectionist president since Ronald been diminishing here for decades, mostly because of better machines. Reagan. And that's saying something, because Reagan was the most Manufacturing is still a big part of the American economy. But now protectionist president since Herbert Hoover, who signed the infamous it takes fewer people to make an increasing volume of goods. It's Smoot-Hawley Tariff and helped turn a recession into the Great called capital investment - and progress. Depression.

constituencies by slapping Chinese fabrics with quotas (which had talk is coming from vested economic interests who don't care if been previously removed) and foreign steel with high tariffs. If that's Americans have to pay more for consumer goods. being a free-trader, I'd hate to see him as a protectionist. Why should

The president is a "free-trader ... but." And the list of buts is endless. In London he said free trade works only when the playing field is return to the Garden of Eden. Since we all want more things, there's level. Since playing fields are never level we never get around to free no limit to the work to be done - as long as government doesn't burden trade. How convenient.

I guess it is a sign of progress that even protectionists have to claim To be sure, China doesn't fully practice free trade, although imports to be free-traders ("but"). However, we consumers are still denied the are rising faster than exports. But the United States is in no position benefits of open markets.

Here's what the counterfeit free-traders don't want you to know: We barriers, and the trend is toward more not less. Keeping trade should open our markets not primarily to get others to open theirs, promises isn't its strong suit. but rather to enjoy the fullest array of the world's products. Our standard of living is determined by the accessibility of the goods and Foundation, author of Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare services we want. Opening our markets means that we are free to buy what we want from whomever we want. In that way we can get the most from our incomes. That's the route to prosperity.

Notice what else that means: other people's success is not a threat to us. It's a boon. That ought to be common sense, but common sense is scarce. Listen to how people talk about China. You'd think we were living in the midst of a new Yellow Peril. This "threat" is not the result of its army or authoritarian political system. It's the result of its economic growth. The Chinese are getting too good at making things we want. Are we just going to stand by and let that happen? President Bush says no. He's going to limit the amount of fabric the Chinese will be permitted to sell to Americans. That's free trade, Republican-style.

What is China in a position to do to us? Heavyweight thinkers, such as CNN's Lou Dobbs, answer that we are "exporting jobs" to China and putting Americans out of work. Please. Manufacturing jobs have

Less-skilled work has always shifted to low-wage developing Take note: all three presidents mentioned are Republicans. No countries, but that makes perfect sense. The Chinese "threat" looks wonder many people still think that capitalism is merely a less formidable when you realize that the jobs being done in China rationalization for helping politically connected business interests. would be done in other developing countries (not America) were President Bush, with a straight face, can announce to the world, as China not growing economically. As the Economist writes, "The rich he just did in London, that he is a free-trader - while wooing electoral world's scapegoat of choice is China." Don't be fooled. The anti-China

Yes, the Chinese are starting to compete with Americans in higherthose whom Bush urges to lower trade barriers take him seriously? skilled jobs. But for those who worry about Americans' being permanently out of work, that's something we won't face until we entrepreneurs.

to cast stones. The U.S. government maintains a host of protectionist

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Perhaps the sentiments contained in the following pages, are not yet sufficiently fashionable to procure them general favor; a long habit of not thinking a thing wrong, gives it a superficial appearance of being right, and raises at first a formidable outcry in defence of custom.

But the tumult soon subsides.

THOMAS PAINE, Common Sense, January 1776

* Support our Troops... Bring 'em home! *

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Schooling around

by Bill O'Reilly



After a decade of pouring billions into the public school system, the final exams are in: American kids are not reading much better than they did 10 years ago, and there's no way to spin it otherwise. The National Assessment of Educational Progress says that only 31 percent of fourth graders read at a "proficient" level; for eighth graders the percentage rises to 32 percent.

This, of course, is a disaster and one that will lead to economic deprivation for millions of Americans in the coming decades.

Presidents Bush and Clinton both promised that more money would solve the educational problem, but that has turned out to be But there's no significant economic difference between an industry false. The reason so many American students can't read very well is

Consider the following as a microcosm of what's going on. In the small town of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., a 16-year-old high school junior Both Republican and Democratic interventionist like to focus on job named Alexander Smith stood up in the cafeteria of his public school

Smith was suspended for 10 days. Enter the American Civil 1993 to a high of 35.4 million in 2001. In 2000, when unemployment said his speech was a "parody," and therefore protected. A federal judge agreed and struck down Michigan's verbal assault law. While Dallas, and author Richard Alms tell the rest of the However, annual jobs created ranged from 29.6 million in 1993 to a the judge did rule that the school had a right to discipline Smith, it could not do so simply on his abusive statements alone.

This kind of nonsense is happening all over the USA. The ACLU, it possible for the telecommunications industry to cut its manpower fail, downsize and upsize, and workers are fired and workers are which I believe is the most dangerous organization in America, is on the prowl. It will bring litigation against anything it sees as limiting economic and global conditions. Societies become richer when this "freedom of expression," even if that expression demeans and One forgotten beneficiary in today's job loss demagoguery is the process is allowed to occur. Indeed, because our nation has a history humiliates schoolteachers and administrators. Think about it. How of allowing this process to occur goes a long way toward explaining can teachers possibly keep order in large schools when students know there are few consequences to outrageous behavior? Anything Those Americans calling for government restrictions that would said can be described as "satire" or a "parody." In Houston, a survey deny companies and ultimately consumers to benefit from cheaper of public school teachers finds 70 percent of them have been the methods of production are asking us to accept lower wealth in order targets of profane language by students. That's an awful lot of

We are living in a hypercompetitive society where the kids who can read, think and are respectful will prosper while the children who do To find out more about Walter Williams, and read features by other not learn those things will, most likely, find it difficult to earn a good It's my guess that the average anti-free-trade person wouldn't Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators living as adults. The ACLU and its acolytes are succeeding in undermining almost every traditional institution in the country. Patriotism, spirituality, respect for authority and basic moral values are all under siege from a well-funded, secular lobby that envisions a society free of judgments about personal behavior. And if that society falls apart in the process, so be it.

It is certainly true that you have a "right" to be an illiterate, unskilled person under our Constitution. You have a "right" to be irresponsible and to be lazy. Those attributes are strongly defended by the ACLU and some federal judges who believe responsible Americans should support irresponsible ones with their tax dollars. And anyone who disagrees with that thesis is immediately labeled a dreaded "conservative."

I feel badly for Alexander Smith and for the principal he verbally assaulted. Both have been poorly served by our rapidly degenerating social system. Many Michigan kids now know they can call just about anybody a "skank" and a "tramp." But the question is, can they even spell those words?

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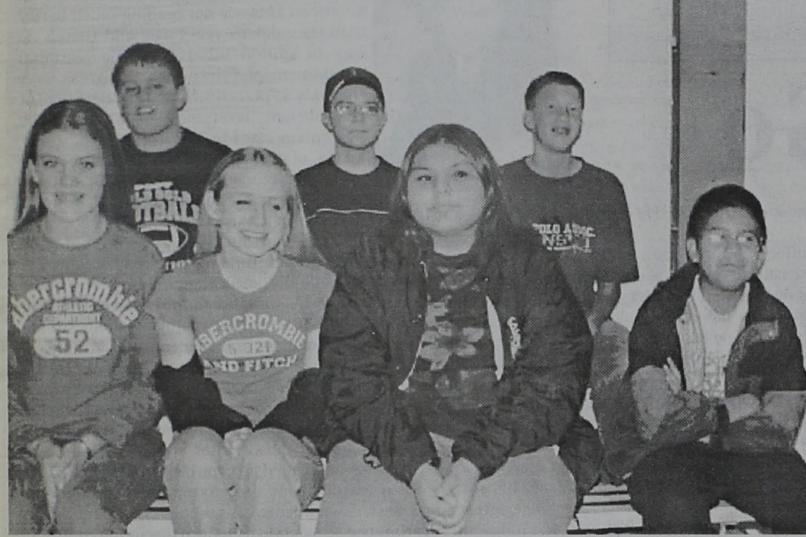
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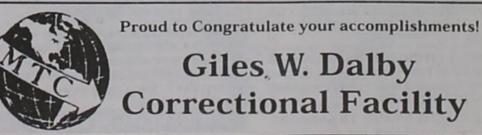
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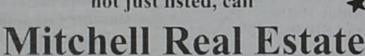
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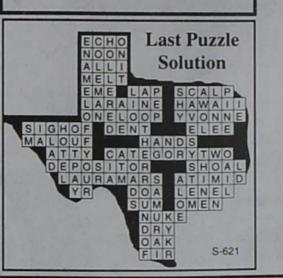
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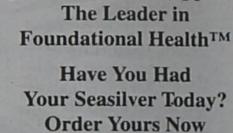
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Almost three decades of coaching sion" by the THSCA

were married September 25 during late Dr. D. C. Williams. a sunset ceremony at the Macy Ranch. Parents of the bride are Mr. which blanketed the county with an courages and provides visionaries a and Mrs. Ted Kyle of Quanah, Tx. inch and one-half of moisture, sounding board and a place (to) The groom is the son of Bob Macy of ground Garza's cotton harvest to a present ideas to judge reactions, as Post and Nancy Beard of Lubbock.

Kimberly and Allen Dolberry of to date totaling 4,865 bales. daughter, Cailee Morgan, born show at the season's final football and more recently with Chip Polk in Hospital in Lubbock. Maternal mance of the school year by the Post Project. This is a valuable thing for grandparents are Pat and Wes Junior High band. The 52-member Post and helps define visions. Burnett of Post.

stroyed one building and killed ap- drum major of the junior high band, and we were there to reopen the proximately 64,000 laying hens at and the majorettes are Elaine Bland, Garza County Historical Museum in the Cal-Maine facility west of Post. Sulinda Little and Brenda 1991. A museum that has drastically Cal-Maine, which has a 350,000 head Clemmons. capacity lost about one sixth of its laying hens in the fire.

new Post Volunteer Fire Chief from Pennell, Argan Robinson and Herbie open, to train personnel, develop proout going chief Delbert Rudd. Rudd Hays, Nancy Bingham and Darrell grams, constantly improve the buildserved as fire chief for the volunteer Jones, Nita Wilson and Billy ings and to market Post and all of department for 11 years.

20 Years Ago November 20, 1983

Congratulations Antelopes! The 1983 Bold Gold Area Champions are Joel Kirkpatrick, Dale McVay, Ricky Moore, Terry Kennedy, Michael Ollison, Rodney Hays, Daniel Gonzales, Bruce Crenshaw, Curt Greer, Albert Nava, Giles Dalby, Milton Williams, Felix Bustos, across the street southwest of the Benny Hair, Tracy Price, Chuck Mor- Garza County Memorial Hospital, ris, Curt Cowdrey, David Shults, will be ready for occupancy by Tues-Sammy Basquez, Delton Osborn, day, December 1. The clinic, which Kenneth Gill, Scotty Clinesmith, Jay houses two sets of offices, is to be Fluitt, Rodney Tidwell, Gilbert occupied by Dr. John R. Rountree Perez, Javier Valdez, Donald and one other physician, not yet an-Crenshaw, Tim Tanner, Tommy nounced Basquez, James Mock, Todd Angerer, Lanny Willborn, L. D. Harper, sented a \$100 United States savings Charles Johnson, Dennis Lee, Simon bond for winning first place in an Salinas, R. J. Greathouse, Rodney essay contest sponsored by the Oil George, Santos Espinoza and James Industry Information Committee.

Miss Eckols is the daughter of Mr. Achievement Day program here. son of Opal Rudd, all of Post.

Jerry Bush, John Deere dealer in Graham community. Post, has just returned from a special announcement meeting in Lub- Form student at Hockaday Preparabock, where a big new cotton strip- tory School in Dallas has been per was introduced. It's the John awarded one of the highest honors Deere 740, a 4 or 5 row tractor- of the school. Miss Lott was one of mounted stripper.

is suspected to be the cause of a mo- thoughtfulness in all her relationbile home fire last Wednesday, com- ships. Miss Lott is the daughter of pletely gutting the structure. No one Mr. and Mrs. John F. Lott. was injured in the fire, which left Sonjia Smithey and her two children with a bleak situation. All of their possessions were destroyed in the fire. People interested in helping the family should contact Jim Taylor. The mobile home fire was in the 600 block of west 13th street.

30 Years Ago November 15, 1973

A record entry list of over 500 motorcyclists will compete in the fourth semi-annual Post Caprock Enduro on the U Lazy S Ranch south of Post Sunday. The enduro is a 100-mile cross-country timed event for men and a 50-mile run for the women in

the powder puff version. Danny Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lee of Post, has been elected to the Student Senate at Western Texas College in Snyder. Danny is a freshman student at WTC and a graduate of Post High School. WTC is one of Texas' newer institutions of higher education and has enrolled

1,200 student for the fall semester. Reitrement as an injector in the Sew-Pack Department at the Postex Plant came for Mrs. Jessie M. Lofton Nov. 8. A combined retirement and birthday party was held for her in the sewing room. Mrs. Lofton began work at Postex on Sept. 21, 1954.

The Texas State ASC Committee has announced that Ida Mae Wilks of the Garza County ASC has been awarded a 4250 cash award for outstanding service to both the local agricultural community and the ASC organization. Mrs. Wilks has served 19 years.

"Auntie Mame," an all-school play with a cast of 39, will be presented by the Drama Club of Post High School Saturday, Nov. 17 in the primary auditorium under the direction of Miss Diane Lewallen.

* Socialism cannot survive witout theft*

40 Years Ago November 21, 1963

Dr. A. C. Surman, who has pracexcellence have earned Post High ticed medicine here for over 50 years, School head track coach Lane today is announcing his retirement, and modernizing several historic Tannehill recognition from the Texas effective Jan. 21, 1964. The pioneer buildings. The economy in Post has High School Coaches Association. physician used an old maxim in giv-stayed steady through the activation Tannehill, 22 years the boys track ing his reason for retirement: "When of these buildings and the activities boss at Post High School, has been a doctor can no longer step briskly, awarded a plaque for "Outstanding he should reitre." Dr. Surman came Achievement in the Coaching Profes- here just out of medical school in the pacted your business and brought town's early days. He was associated you customers. Drastic funding cuts Kellie Kyle Frost and Mike Macy with another pioneer physician, the are now jeopardizing our operations.

An all-night rain Monday night, soaking halt with the 1963 gin count with Will McCrary in the develop-

Lubbock announce the birth of their Adding to the color of the pre-game Butler and his vision of a Trade Days, Novembe 5, at St. Mary of the Plains game was the first marching perforthe upcoming Ragtown Historical band marched and played with the Fire early Saturday morning de- high school band. Voda Beth Voss is tablished the Algerita Arts Center

seen around over the weekend were: year. Ronnie Metsgar takes over as the Mary Beth Ford and Harvey Lewis Shumard, Danny Stone and Arletta its attractions through our Web site Robinson, Tom Clark and Susie Jo and other promotions. Schmidt, Danny Odom and Barbara Britton, Kenneth Barnes and Julia lished a relationship with the Post Childs, Larry Guy and Terri Power, Montgomery family and foundations, Edward Byrd and Sherry Bevers, and with grand applications to the Jackey Fluitt and Vivian McWhirt. Texas Commission on the Arts,

50 Years Ago November 26, 1953

Post's new medical clinic, located

Miss Wyvonne Morris was pre-

Auvy Lee McBride, 14, and his sis-Tammi Eckols and William J. ter, Shirley, 12, are this year's Garza Rylant III of Post have been inducted County 4-H Club Gold Star boy and into the Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta girl. Their Extension Service awards Kappa at Western Texas College. were presented at the recent and Mrs. Wayne Eckols. Rylant is the Auvy and Shirley are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Thelbert McBride of the

Miss Patricia Jean Lott, a Second the nine recipients of the Courtesy Faulty aluminum electrical wiring Cap awarded for a girl's outstanding

Menus

Post ISD

December 8- Breakfast-Pig-nblanket, fruit, milk

Lunch-Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, sweet peas, biscuit, cobbler, milk.

December 9- Breakfast-Cheese omelet, toast, milk.

Lunch-Chicken spagetti, salad, broccoli, bread sticks, pears,

December 10- Breakfast-Oatmeal, toast, bacon, fruit, milk Lunch-Pizza, salad ,corn,

peaches, milk December 11- Breakfast-Cowboy bread, sausage link, fruit, milk

potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, gravy, pudding, milk

December 12- Breakfast-Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk Lunch-Sandwich, chips, salad, pickles, orange, milk

Garza Trailblazers

December 8- Chicken w/rice, green bean cassarole, cream gravy, biscuit, fruit salad, cookies December 9- Polish sausage, BBQ sauce, cabbage, pea salad, cornbread, banana pudding

December 10-Turkey, dressing, green bean cassarole, maccaroni & cheese, hot roll, fruit, pumpkin

December 11- Oven friedsalad, hot roll, spice cake

December 12- Brisket, prsld new potatoes, fried okra, sliced tomatoes, biscuit, peach shortcake

More Letters...

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CCA solicits memberships

The Caprock Cultural Association has worked hard for 20 years to attract people to Post through arts and history developments. We have been successful in preserving, renovating

A steady tourism industry has im-We need your help now!

The "open doors" of the CCA enment of the Garza Theatre, Marvin

CCA grand funding program esimproved, is handicapped accessible Post Highlights: Senior couples and now attracts 10,000 visitors per

We work hard to keep the doors

To help finance projects, we estabbrings an average of \$40,000 to Post and Garza County. This means that your membership in the CCA is worth about seven times more than its original value. This outside funding is dependent on a showing of local support.

An avalanche of new projects... are poised and ready to be developed if you help! Several of these projects are for targeted audiences. Some are designed for educational opportunities for adults and students.

Business memberships are only \$100. If you wish, you can pay \$25 each quarter. Business membership with a Web page on posttexas com is \$125. The \$25 extra pays for the page and the pictures I take of your business for the Web page. We want to introduce your business to our Web viewers, to let them know that you are here and what you have. Over 5,000 people see our site each year. Many come to Post, they are some of your customers. Many say they are planning to visit Post in the future.

Any level of membership is appreciated, and if you can't afford the business membership, please consider the \$25 (individual) or \$50 (donor) level. Thank you for your consideration, and we would greatly appreciate your contribution.

JoAnn Mock CCA Executive Direc-

Watching the county budget?

Revelations following development of the Garza County budget have become very interesting. Commissioner Court Guidelines (The Post Dispatch, Nov. 13, 2003) item 2 makes one wonder what the commissioners think department heads do in budget years that are not difficult and if they (department heads) do not routinely watch budget reports closely. Could intensified taxpayer interest in budget line item overruns signal to the court more accountability is needed?

Then readers of The Post Dispatch (Mock letter, Nov. 20, 2003) are apprised of a detailed list of entities funded by Garza County, many of which appear more social in nature than the state-mandated functions of Lunch-Fried chicken, mashed counties - law enforcement, roads and bridges and indigent care. Frankly, the extent or manner of service to the community by some of the listed organizations raises questions in my mind - who is the targeted population, number of people actually served, percentage of administrative overhead to total budgeted funds, volunteer participation and services provided? The litmus test for county funding should be whether the interests of the majority of those served by Garza County is being met. Mozelle E. Rogers

Answering Mock, Puckett

This is an open letter to Jo Ann Mock, Linda Puckett and anyone else who may be thinking along the same chicken, corn, turnip greens, a lines as they: Ladies, I am very surprised that you have become so paranoid over this tax rollback election! Normally, you are calm and rational thinking women. All the services that you named in your letters are very important to Post and NONE The Post Dispatch, Thursday, December 4, 2003 Page 9



THIRTY FOUR YEARS OF 4-H CLUB WORK-The years these five girls have spent in 4-H Club work total 34. They were awarded pins from fifth year through ninth year at the recent Achievement Day program. The girls are,

left to right: Oneita Jones, six years; Eva Lou Williams, five years; Sue Stephens, nine years; Beverly Bartlett, six years, and Janet Blacklock, eight years,-(Staff Photo).

From The Post Dispatch, November 26, 1953

of them will be going away!

who choose to vote, so that the will of a few (be it the signers of the petition OR our county commissioners) won't be deciding our future. You need not fear your neighbors will take over like Madelyn Murray O'Hair (not Albright) and change everything in society from now on! it has been you. IF the rollback passes, taxes will be reduced to a rate which will still be approximately 7% HIGHER than this year's taxes. This will be instead of the approximate 30% hike which our county commis- fact that the lakes in Texas do not sioners have saddled us with now. (If you don't believe me, check the ads placed in this newspaper back before the tax hearing. They listed the "rollback rate" as well as the proposed tax rate.)

So that means that any programs which have been funded this year will still be able to get enough money to function next year. Only the extra expenditures and frivolous items will need to be cut. I think our commissioners will have enough sense to be sure our local programs are funded rather than spend money on Lubbock's lake or other items for the private management of the prison and Juvenile Detention Center.

Their jobs are a stake here. So, don't worry about getting money for the art projects, museum or other local service programs. Just be sure you tell your county commissioners that this is where you want your tax money to be spent instead of their "other" projects.

Carol Tobias

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What a mess for travelers

I traveled through Post Wednesday before Thanksgiving and again Sunday. The traffic on 84 was backed up north past the curve to the rodeo grounds on Wednesday and south over the overpass to the next bridge on Sunday. I was informed that the police officers were working a wreck and could not direct traffic and that the construction company would not

I am going to go out on a limb here. I have not extensively researched this. I could be wrong, but I think there will be more than average traffic flow when the fall semester ends

Most certainly, Post will not be at Tech and two days before and two days after Christmas. We could have The issue will be voted on by all congested traffic at these times. You

> After giving this potential problem considerable consideration (10 to 20 seconds), I have a couple of sugges-

1. The construction company or the Texas Department of Transportation could post signs to an alternate route, If anyone has been deceived, I think East on 15th Street and south past the mill to 84. Some of the traffic could then bypass the construction through downtown. This would also work for northbound traffic on 84.

2. I have researched this. It is a

ber and late December as in the summer. It is my belief that the weather has something to do with this. I do not want to appear too brave, but I will be willing to let the lake ranger and the game warden at Lake Alan Henry protect us from the dangerous criminals known as fishermen for a few days. The peace officers that patrol the lake in the summer could direct traffic during the above-mentioned dates.

The state and local officials may want to start thinking about the problems this construction will create when the city of Post celebrates its centennial in 2007.

Jerry Windham

Texas Cooperative

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

Christmas Party Date & Location Changed

The County-wide 4-H Christmas Party & Hot Dog Supper has been moved up to Thursday, December 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. There will be a Scavenger Hunt to collect canned goods for a needy family. Each 4-H'er is asked to please bring a Christmas ornament for a tree for that needy family. 4-H Float

4-H'ers are encouraged to meet at 5:45 p.m., Saturday, December 6, to ride on the 4-H Christmas float. Look for the 4-H float lined up on West

Main Street. The parade begins at 6:00 p.m. **Cropping Systems Workshop Cancelled** The Cropping Systems Workshop previously scheduled for Monday, December 8, 2003, at "The Center" (1400 Avenue K), in Tahoka, has been

cancelled. The program will be rescheduled for late winter or early spring. Senior Nutrition Education....

.....December 12 starting at Noon at the Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center.

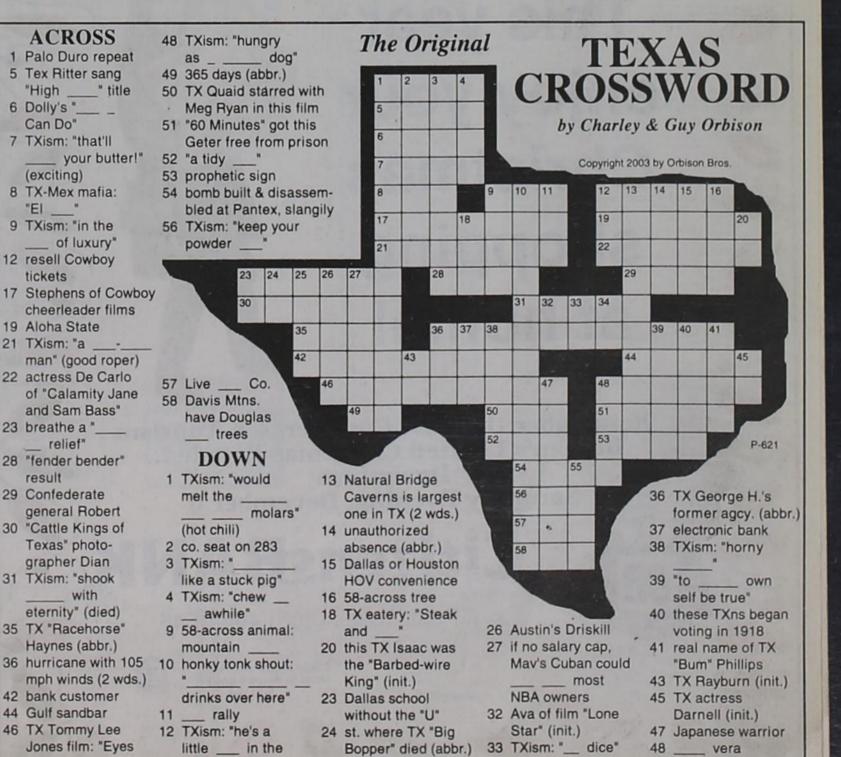
Showmanship Clinic & Quiz Bowl

All 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors are encouraged to attend the Showmanship Clinic and Quality Counts training on Saturday, December 13, 2003, at the GCJLA show barn. Sessions are scheduled as follows: Lamb Showmanship - 9:00 a.m.; Goat Showmanship - 10:00 a.m.; Swine Showmanship - 11:00 a.m.; Lunch break - 12:00 Noon; Quiz Bowl and Quality Counts - 1:00 p.m.; Steer Showmanship - 2:00 p.m. Bring your livestock and showing equipment.

4-H Bears

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Ruby Lane Books opening Friday

opening this weekend in Post.

A bookstore featuring "previously is located in the rear of the building. before performances and for other read" books, one-of-a-kind gifts. The bookstore, owned by Rosa special events in Post," said Latimer. candles and framed art and Walston Latimer, will be open every "Ruby Lane is a very comfortable, photography will observe its grand Trade Days weekend and most other cozy place to relax and browse Saturdays. Store hours this weekend through our collection of books. We've

Ruby Lane Books is located at 127 are Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 got some very old first editions and E. Main St. in the Caprock Cultural p.m., and Sunday from 2-6 p.m. some collectible children's books too, Association building. The CCA office "We'll also be open on theatre nights as well as mainstream novels - both hardback and paperback." Art Inventory Sale

photographer, plans to offer writing classes and other special events in the store.

"I hope Ruby Lane will provide a good opportunity for local and regional writers and artists to present their work," she said.

Cathy Whitten, singer/songwriter and former Post resident, will be in the store from 4-6 p.m. on Friday prior to her performance at the CCA awards dinner. Whitten wrote three of the songs on her debut CD. Her children, R.H. and Amanda, inspired the song, "So Much More." On the CD, she covers country standards, including "I Walk the Line" and "Cowboy's Sweetheart."

Photographer Tom Higley, a Childress native, will have an exhibit at the bookstore on Saturday. Higley is a retired radio and television news director, anchor and newspaper publisher who has had exhibits in Midland, Amarillo and Sayre, Okla. He currently has exhibits at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso and the Sad Café &

Gallery in Ribera, N.M. Higley has won numerous news photography awards. His most recent recognition was a first place award at the 12th annual Fall American Competition at the Hubbard Museum.

Guitarist David Waldon, a BMIpublished songwriter, will perform Saturday. His most recent CD, "A Latimer, a freelance writer and Simple Christmas," contains traditional carols on guitar and will be available at the bookstore. Waldon has been a singer with the San Antonio and Sacramento Symphony choirs and the Texas Bach Choir and played guitar and led music in several churches. Recently, he played acoustic guitar and keyboards in the touring band of recording artist Shelley Laine, with whom he also has co-written songs. He also played bass in several bands, most recently with Mike Pritchard's Cat House Blues Band.

> On Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., writers Dorthy Stephenson, Nell Shaver and Mary Ruthart will present readings from their latest book, "Welcome to Calicheville." The women met in a writing class several years ago and have been writing together since.

> "Welcome to Calicheville" is set in a small, fictional West Texas town and is described as "a refreshing look at West Texas as seen through the eyes of a trio of skilled and imaginative writers." Copies of the book will be available at Ruby Lane Books.

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The Lady Lopes narrowly out scored Lady Lopes in scoring with 19 points.

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contribution to the win.



Post Marine returns home from war

PHS students Lisa Soto and Ricky Reyna were recognized by the Post

by Shannon Morell

Rotary Club recently.

Navy Public Affairs Center

Never seen or detected, always on the 'proud to be serving my country.' prowl, in rain or shine, night or day, they will find you. They are night predators. Post's Jimmy L. Albert and his fellow Marines of Marine Attack Squadron-513 (VMA-513) are part of to touch American soil an elite group of nocturnal attackers who recently returned home from war family, it's great to be able to be with in support of Operation Enduring them," Albert said. "I have missed so Freedom.

Known as the "Flying Nightmares," the squadron attached to Marine Aircraft Group 13 based at Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Ariz., and was responsible for the night attacks accomplished while deployed in Bagram, Afghanistan, from October

"I monitor the overall quality of

The "Nightmares" are known for their night missions, electronic capabilities and striking power. They also are trained to deploy on short notice. Their aircraft, AV-8B Harrier Jump Jets, are capable of hovering close to the ground and releasing precision guided missiles (smart bombs), Mark 80 series bombs

Germans and U.S. Army ground units. They flew 3,764 combat flight hours and 1,250 combat sorties or missions. More than half of these missions were flown at night.

Jump Jet are versatile and can deploy in very harsh weather," the Marine veteran said.

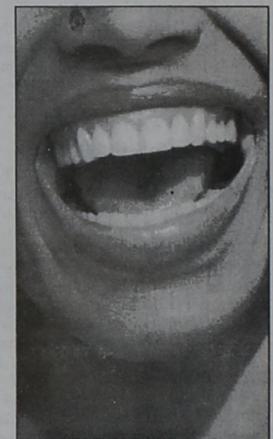
Accomplishing their missions meant working many long hours and lots of hard work. According to Albert, 513 was ready for action 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They flew 29 days out of each month. They also worked 12-hour shifts seven days a week. This left the Marines with little time for relaxation, but that didn't stop Albert

global war on terrorism.

"To serve my country gives me a sense Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Ariz. of home and pride," Albert said. "I am

During September and October, the "Nightmares" returned to the United States. This was the first time in nearly a year many of the Marines were able

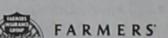
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2002 to September 2003.

Marine Gunnery Sgt. Albert, the 35year-old son of Jimmy L. Albert Sr. of Post, is a quality assurance chief for VMA-513.

maintenance and paperwork for our squadron." Albert said.

as well as other types of ordinance.

While deployed, VMA-513 was the only Marine unit serving in Scoring for the Lady Lopes, Afghanistan. Its main objective was to Courtney Copeland 2, Jackie Hays, fly close air support for the Italians, 4, and Kylie Easerling 2. All of the Lady Lopes played hard and made a

> Albert said his command played a significant part in the war on terrorism. "We proved that our AV-8B Harrier

and his fellow Marines from being proud

Channel 12 to serve his country in support of the

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