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## February 12 rollback election looms on horizon

by John Cordsen
Depending on who voters Depending on who voters believe
the February 12 rollback election will the February 12 rollback election wil
either set the county back five years o be aneconomic and political statement
to elected officials. to elected officials. Both sides of the
isle however agree on one thing, the isle however agree on one thing, the
issue has served as a wake-up call for citizens and elected officials.
"Maybe we needed a wake-up call said Garza County Judge Dalby at the
first of two public meetings called by the commissioners court to discuss the rollback anditseffects.
As promised, the Garza County
Commissionerscourt haveshied away Commissioners court haveshied away
from public health and safety area from public health and safety areas
when preparing budgetcuts that would be need should the February 12 rollbackelection prove successful. The commissioners instead focused the cut
on service areas not related to public on service areas not related to public
health and safety such as travel and
Postcouncil lauds school board members Texas Governor Ann Richards has
declared February as School Board declared February as School Board
Recognition month. With hhis inmind the Post City Council has approved a proclamation honoring the members The proclamation was read at the city council meeting held February 1. State-wide, more that 7,000 men and women in every community spend countless hours and expend much
energy so that Texans of every age energy so that Texans of every age
may benefit. These board members are elected by local voters and serve without receiving any compensation for theirefforts. Communities will honor school board members. The goal of the program is of the important function an elected board of elucation plays in communities and schools.
Sost ISD local residents serve on the Post ISD board of education. They board president. She has four years of service on the board. Mark for three years, currently serves as the vice-president. S.Rafe Foreman, who serves as the board secretary and Jeff
Lott are the newest members of the local board with two years of service Gary Workman has served four years and the senior member of the Pos ISD board is Royce Hart who has been on past 11 years.
The Post City Council called for city elections that will complete the
redistricting process which wasstarted last vear. Athat time a specialelection was held August 10 to elect five new wards or districts. The election called wor May 7 includes wards three four and five. Currently three first term council members serve in these wards. Pool, ward four and John Buterfield wardive. ++++++ begin begin the interview process for the
selection of a new city Thirty-eight applications, including by the city. The council will interview all local applicants and the top three According to interim city manager Delbert Rudd, the council hopes to have the new manager in place

Stelzer artin Lubbock show be one of the featured artists in an invitational exhibit at the American
Bank of Commerce in Lubbock. The one-day exhibitopens at 1:30 p.m. and president Jim Bevers and publicist Debbie Tubb confirmed Steizer s participation in the show. will also feature noted artists Duward Campbell, Eddie Dixon, Paul Milosevich, Bob Chennault,
Christopher White and fifteen other Christopher White and fifteen other
well know artists. This honor follows closely on the heals of a request by the Judy Berson Gallery in Boston to
represent Mary Ann Stelzer's works.

Thone expense.
The court went public with the
possible cuts in the second specially possible cuts in the second specially night, February 7 at the Post
Community Center In Community Center. In an ironic twist, areas the commissioners targeted fo cuts under the rollback that would arce the commissioners to trim
approximately $\$ 177,000$ from the county budget. Out of this, the county' general fund would absorb 85 percent
of the cuts or approximately $\$ 160,000$ A supportive crowd of approximately 60 people listened as Judge Dalby
explained thecuts. explained the cuts.
"If the rollback co you should know what cuts will you should know what cuts will be these are the areas we could cut." "Well sappointment at both meetings that the Justice of the Peace secretary,

Chief welcomes visitors from across "the great river
POSTS Chief Frank Runkles welcomed a pair of visitors from Jackson, Mississippi. Tommy Blair (left) and Benny Daniels (right) were
among the Farm Bureau agents in Post last week for a monthy Farm Bureau meeting held at the Chaparral. Chief Runkles, in full costume, among the Farm Bureau agents in Post last week for a monthy Farm Bureau meeting held at the Chaparral. Chief Runkles, in full costume,
explained and performed some of the ritual linvolved with the annual Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony that is held every yearonMarch 22 .



#### Abstract

  the precincts picking up their shares, the budget would still need to be trimmed another $\$ 28,111$. The commissioners propose pulling this money from reserves. The rollback committee has no offered many specific areas to trim offered many specific areas to trim spending in any of the public meeting spending in any of the public meetings held by the commissioners. This held by the commissioners. This the budget back before it was adopted lastSeptember. last September The areas that the travel subsidies the county pays the district attormey and district judge The committee has offered ideas in general areas to cut with the majority coming in areas of law enforcement. coming in areas of law enforcement. Members of the committee have suggested cutting the sheriff's office chose to stay away from the pub orum and the opportunity to questions or offer suggestions. The cour offer suggestions. Tetailed list of where up specific and made under rollbacke cuntsitions. They include $\$ 132,199$ in proposed cuts ranging from travel and phone expenses to the elimination of the budget.

\section*{Cuts proposed by the commissioners} om the general fund include: $\$ 7,900$ general administration spending. These include $\$ 400$ in court supplies, $\$ 2,500$ in law library expenses and omeys); $\$ 552.87$ in clerk's office




GARZA COUNTY Sheriff's deputy Maurice Herridge holds one of the County
Sheriff's officers help in drug and gun raid
Garza County Sheriff's deputies and further on the situation as
investigators played an intricate roll in investigation is still ongoing. nvestigators played an intricate roll in investigation isstill ongoing, that netted law enforcement officials Randy Lee Hadderton was arrested
Saturday, January 29 at his home in 100 pounds of marijuana and dozens extreme southern Crosby County by a $\begin{array}{ll}\text { orguns, including two fully automatic } & \text { multi-agency force of about } 35 \text { officers. } \\ \text { weapons. } & \text { Hadderton, } 40 \text {, lived in a mobile home }\end{array}$ Garza County Sheriff Kenny Ratke said he has been asked by the federal prosecutor in the case not to comment
 year 2000 . "If this works, it will keep muck of this paper out of landfills," said Garza
County Soil Conservationist Obie Kelly who helped with the five tests
plotsnorth of Post plots north of Post
The plots involved in the January
testing were covered lesting were covered with two different
sizes of pellets. The smaller of the two, about the size of a pencil, is ground
fine and then pelleted. The larger pellet See "Raid" on page 9 mide Jdge Daby strongly opposes anidea Judge Dalby strongly opposes.
He says the county has a drug problem and the three recent drug raids
including the one in southern Crosby including the one in
County attest to this. County attest ot othis. ad a fortress have thought that we Dalby. "We jos up there," said Judge Daby. "We just don't like to think that do." On the other hand, he said crime that hit close to home, robberies and
burglaries are almost non-existent in burglaries are
"There must think itrests with the quality of sfficer we have down there in the sheriff's office," said Judge Dalby. Suggestions by the rollback committee that the city pull dollar for ollar money from the county for each
joint venture cut met with stiff joint venture cut met with stif
opposition by the court. Judge Dalby pointedout that yes, the city and county
split the cost of the sheriff's office, the split the cost of the sheriff's office, the
city in fact receives 90 percent of the city in fact receives 90 percent of the
coverage. The judge said the agreement allows city and county residents to have coverage seven days a weec, 24
hours a day, 365 days a year. He said cutting man power would result in lapses in coverage.
Concerning the Justice of the Peace
rollback committee members argued that a county the sizers have does not need two JPs. Of the 25
dita counties in the state of Texas, 39 have a single Justice of the Peace. They
range in size from Tilden County with a population of near 600 all the way up
to Dawson and Brownfield Counties with populations approaching 17,000 .
A number of the Justices of the Peace in these counties were contacted. Many of the Justices complained of case
backlog which effected how man backlog which effected how many
cases they were able to handle which cases they were able to hande
subsequently yffected how many fines
they collected for heir they collected for their counties.
Also a number of the counties contacted (Hansford, Hardeman,
Kimble and San Saba) had half the case load of the two Garza County Justices. The case load per Justice in the counties contacted was near the
2,000 cases filed each year by a single 2,000 cases filed each year by a single
Garza County Justice of the Pand Shelia Melton filed 2,011 in fiscal 1992-93 and Dee Justice filed 1,60 criminal cases in the same period). Melton, through her court in precinct
one remitted in fines a total of $\$ 97,513$. Of this, $\$ 55,283$ found its way to count coffers. Dee Justice on the other hand collected $\$ 88,995$ in fines with $\$ 52,660$ coming back to the county.
Justice of the Peace Justice of the Peace Denise Dyess in of fines over the same period, but she says her office and staff are larger than those in Garza County. Her budge
also is set at $\$ 66,631$. This compare also is set at $\$ 66,631$. This compares
to $\$ 82,946$ for the two Garza County $\$ 82,946$ for the two Garza Co
See "Vote" on page 9

## Post Notes

## WPS offers support group

 Women's Protective Services support group for vicims of domesticiolence is hectd every Tuesday rom 9.30 amp unil $10: 30$ for aduls whe havc bcen emotionally, physically or sexually abused by a spouse relationship partncr or family member. The group mects at the WP
office located at the Postex, Mill. For more information call $1-800-73$ 6491.

Gospel singing Feb. 12 Post and Garza County residents can enjoy an evening of Ole' Time
Gospel singing this Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Trinity Bapist C . For more informatio
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College art classes offered at Algerita Ben Sum, Instructor of Ar at Westerm Texas College in Snyder will be
teaching art classes a t the Algerila Ant Center. Sign-up for the classes will be held Feb. 11 beginning at 9 a.m. Students will receive college credit for autending heses classes. The classes will run two times a week during
day long sessions lirough May. For more information atend the sign-ur ay long sessions throug.

Girl Scout Cookie sale still going The Girl Scout cookie sale suiu underway in Post and Garza County Persons who have not been conacted and wish too ordar cookies can co
the local cookie chairman Dede Smith at $495-2451$ or the Post Servic
then Unit Chairman Jaquita Blevins at $495-2517$ and they will be sure one o he local scouls will come and take heir order.

Wood carving demonstration Feb. 26 Master Wood Carver Tim Lenning will be demonstrating the art of bird carving Feb. 26 at the Sand Creek Fine Arst Gallery at 503 S . Broadway here in Post. The free demonstration will be from 1 to 3:30. Lenning
welcomes beginners as well as professionals to come and waich. For more information call $495-2762$ or $745-4063$ in Lubbock

Garza County Service Officer The Garaa County Service offfcer will be available the third Saturday of
each month from 9 a.m. unil $4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$ at 130 E . Main (upstairs in the old bank building). For an appointment or information call Ann Stelzer
$495-3645$ after 6 p.m. or at $495-2444$ on the third Saturday of the month. Xi Delta Rho establishes scholarship fund The Xi Detta Rho Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi has established
memorial fund to be used for scholarships for local graduating high schoo eniors For mere information call Karen Palmer at 495 -2023 or Jayni Dickson $495-3422$. Both can be reached during the evening hours.

Changes at Human Resource building Due to the construction at the Human Resource building on South
Highway 84, all clients are asked to enter through the back entrance on he eass side of the building. Please continue parking in the front as usual All services at the Texas Department of Health will continue to be
offered during the construction phase. Please call $495-3996$ for an appointment or information.

Sweetheart contest Feb. 12
The annual PHS Sweetheart contest will be held Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Post Elementary auditorium. For more information contact the high school at $495-2770$ for reservations.

Commodities distribution moved The commodities distribution held on the third Monday every month
will be moved the old 4 -H barn on the Lubbock Highway due to the renovation of the permanent facility on the near the city park. The center
 notice.

Gill, Drewitt wedding Feb. 11
Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Drewitt of Wayne Gill, son of Mr. and Mrs
Pine Ville, Louisiana and Mr. and Archie Gill of Post Mrs. David Garlington of Beaumont The couple will exchange wedding announce the engagement of their vows on Friday, February 11 in the
daughter Cheryl Denise to Kenneth hone of the grom's parents Tyler graduates from Tech Mark Tyler, son of David and Management Information Systems Nellie Tyler of Post ,
Texas Tech University in Lubbock A 1988 graduate of Post High Administration degrees in with Atwell and Associates in

Adams receives honors at SMU
Roger Adams, a senior a sosutent semester. He was also selected for
Methodist University, was recently Who's Who in American Colleges inducted into the Golden Key and Universities. He is a member of
National Honor Society. The the Dean's Honor Society which national service organization is open carries a requirement of to the top 10 percent of students grade point average for membership. atending SMU
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## Thank You <br> The Bar-b-que was an overwhelming success. Thanks to all of you who participated \& offered your support. A special thanks to <br> Jim Jackson Jan Crawfor

Buschmann graduates from Tech LaDonna Craig Buschmann with my computers, but I turn the graduated from Yexas Tech figures into sales businesses in the
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SAMPLE BALLOT (BOLETA DE MUESTRA)

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FEBRUARY 12, 1994
FEBRERO 12, 1994
Place an " $x$ " in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish
to vote.
Coloque una " $X$ " en el cuadro que indique la manera como le qustaria votar.
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Y AGAINST EN CONTRA




FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS reading5-9 books in the Bluebonnet program were: Front row; (l-r) Lazaro row; EvanLaws, Mike Huft, Naomi Gonzales, Michael Gonzales and Samantha Foreman


STUDENTS reading at least 10 books in the Bluebonnet program were: Front row; (l-r) Elizabeth Hernandez, Tiffany Hair, Ashley Hair, Nicole Gray, Mirta Gomez and Mirna Gomez. Back row; S
Tisha Cowley, Camille Blevins, K'Leigh Babb, CrystalAlaway, Eric Alaniz and ElizabethAlaniz.


FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS reading 5-9 books in the Bluebonnet program were: Front row; (1-r) Ashley
Mason, Steven Martinez, Miranda McClain, Andrea Landa, Jenny Jones and Tye Jefterson. Back row; Ker Holly, Kevin Hart, Ricky Halford, Casey Hair, Vondi Gradine and Jessica Garza. 2045 - a

STUDENTS reading at least 10 books in the Bluebonnet program were: Front row; (l-r) Ryan Wulfjen,
Mandy Terry, Danny Reiter, Ronnie Parrish, Steve Norman and Brandon Morgan. Back row. Kelly Moore Mandy Terry, Danny Reiter, Ronnie Parrish, Steve Norman and Brandon Morgan. Back row;
Chase Miller, Falisha Mendez, Yvonne Lopez, BryanLooney, Kenda Josey andAngela Hester

Grandma's Little




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STUDENTS reading at least 15 books in the Bluebonnet program were: Fron
Jamie Dawson, Brandi Gunn, Pablo Perez, Seth Redman andAmanda Workman


FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS reading 5-9 books in the Bluebonnet program were: Front row; (1-r) Pablo Garcia, Brailey Feagin, Obed Diaz, Clinton Curtis, Aaron Cooper and Brooks Conner
Collazo, Joey Cimental, Tye Bradford, Jeremy Baker, Ross Babb and MayraArmendariz.
 Mason, Niebes Marin, Emilio Huerta, Benjamin Huerta and Rachel Hubble. Back row; Mandi Harper,
Kyzandre Harper, Noah Gutierrez, Lakisha Gilbert, Corina Finnell and Smiley Estrada. Absent, Jessica Kyzand
Mason.

## Thank You

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Becca Stelzer



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7 pm February 19, 1994
Post Community Center

Dear Editor:
As a former city councilman, I am
familiar with as well as the unique g process relationship the city and county have. I have spent countless hours researching the county budget, listening to the rollback committees complaints and recommendations, ocal newspaper, listening objectively to various citizens, as well as attending the first town hall meeting before finally arriving at an independent, objective conclusion
concerning the upcoming rollback
election.
Evaluating a budget of this Evaluating a budget of this
magnitude is a difficult and time consuming, especially when looking at trends over a period of several
years. I have hounded several people at the courthouse until they are tired of seeing and hearing from me. During the budget hearings, a total of four people came before the person who gave specific and detailed budget cut suggestions came with cuts totaling $\$ 5534.00$ out of his annual budget. I do agree with a portion of these cuts. I am not on folks to represent us and to be fiscally responsible in governing the affairs of the county. These folks did not get in this dilemma overnight. The groundwork for this budget crisis was laid years ago.
Several factors led to this. Garza has been fortunate (or unfortunate now) to have been heavily dependent on oil to fund a large portion of our budget. Our tax rates have been much lower than other counties (valuations) are at the lowest levels now in over twelve years. There has

## Dear Edito

I have been silent in the paper for a couple of weeks now, but I would hat people have made against the Rollback Committee. In Letter to the Editor dated January 19, 1994, Giles Dalby finds it ironic that he should receive a letter asking for
money from his business to support he rollback committee. I find it ronic for him to say, and I quote "Just as it is in all our households when the income is less, we cut households he's talking about households he's talking about.
In the second Letter to the Edito dated the same date, Mrs Penny Mason stated, and I quote, sincerely hope someone starts a committee for leaving the people antinformed and misled by this everything I have signed my name to I will defend in public as true. You should be honest and tell the people the truth that you draw funds firector of the Community Center which, if the Rollback Committee wins, the committee believes should Co abolished and handied by County not my responsibility ar it is not my responsibility or any you with a job spending our tax nothing is free anymore In Letter to the Editor dated
January 26, 1994, I was shocked to

## Dear Editor,

I was the Garza County Treasurer also worked for Garza to County 190 our years prior to being elected for he office. Of these years, I helped with 15 years of county budgets. Until one has been around that table and reduced figures for hours and hours and days and weeks, one doesn't realize just how hard a finalized budget can be. Not one of the elected officials want to but on the other of your need determined to keep our taxes as low
as possible.
During my years as treasurer, I was
very active in very active in the County Treasurer's Association of Texas. All the other
treasurers in the state were my
been a gradual decline over these
years to this point. Our tax rates years to this point. Our tax rates Dave not followed suit, thoug During the past five years, ove
$\$ 350,000.00$ has been spent out of our reserves to pay for things our ot coves, and interest income did Com.Another group of five on opted 6-7 years ago to start raising axes to help meet this shortage in funds, but ours chose not to. It is but what was to keep taxes low, ime was the so inapparent at the ertain amount of surplus money ecessary in case of unexpected large expenditures and to help maintain We sure would feel like the county. We sure would feel like we were on shaky ground if we did not have the
reserves. One.

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& \text { One expenditure the county faces } \\
& \text { hat was not in the budget, is the } \\
& \text { cost to comnly with ADA. It is not }
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$$ cost to comply with ADA. It is no matter of if, but a question of hen, how, and how much this is oing to cost. If bonds are sold, the

interest expense to the county could be a lot higher if the county is not in good shape financially. Surplus money is important here.
The Commissioners
The Commissioners Court would we as citizens have come to of life It is time for us to shoulder a large Antion of the burden to finance it. An example of the "frills" that we have in the budget: Over 18 of the
increase in taxes goes to maintain increase in taxes goes to maintain to be expensive to operate, but hank goodness for the cooperative effort of the Commissioners Court and City Council to get the first
permit to operate a landfill. We do not have to be at the mercy of others
see Mr. W. E. Chapman Jr.'s letter othe Garza County voters. In his letter he stated that he signed the intition to have a rollback election mind. Mr. Chapman, do you remember sitting next to me at the first meeting to pick a chairman and officers for the rollback committee
at Pat Walker's office on November Pat Walker's office on November and nominated me as chairman and you were selected as and accepted the position of head of finance and budget. A couple of days after that
meeting Mr. Chapman, you would meeting Mr. Chapman, you would not speak to any members of the
committee again. I find it very hard o believe that you would quit without one or more persons ingesting to you that it would be avoid any connection with the rollback committee.
In a Letter to the Editor dated bruary 2, 1994, Mrs. Weaver McKamie stated she received a card from me that her name was struck letter states, "I personally contacted all of them and asked if they personally marked my name off and o the man they denied doing this and you know what? They didn't." Mrs. McKamie, if you will check and I gave the 800 number and th person's name I talked to, she will ell you only the governing bod riends. There were counties th had rollbacks that my friends were fficers in. Until you have experienced this, you can't imagine how bad it hurts a county. Just ask hard years to get a county back to here they were when the rollback started.
Now, o
Now, on the other hand, in the present time, I am a parent of two elderly aunt that lives alone. I need the law enforcement to be as strong as possible. I applaud the hard work the county and city have done for
almost twenty years law enforcement we have to the law enforcement we have today ball games and around schools every day. If this joint law enforcement is
der
ash to a regional site. Over 18 in defend the to cover legal fees to litigation. This is an item that can tigation. This is an item that can
get very expensive and potentially ould place a county in grea conomic jeopardy. Look at Hale County, with five pending capital
murder cases. Want to trade places? murder cases. Want to trade places?
Just because these line items are bust because these line items are spent, but wouldn't you want to be prepared?
I do wish the budget process was during the evening hours so more working people could attend. The
presence of Channel 31 has been an asset to our community and has brought these deliberations to our homes. I do hope you noticed that
not one member of the rollback not one member of the rollback ownmittee was present during the or to respond to any questions directed at them.
I feel the Commissioners Court is dealing with the hand they were
deaced with declining Faced with declinin
revenues, declining valuations dwindling reserves and a tax rate to haw to pay for the services that w et the county on a pay as you to get the county on a pay as you go
basis. Despite all this, we will still have the lowest tax rates of all nearby counties with the exception of Borden County. I would encourage any interested party to get
involved early in the budget process nvolved early in the budget proces ougher budget than this one!
Please support your elected
ficials and vote Against the fficials and vote Against the
llback. ollback.
Sincerely
Larry D. Mills

## he Commissioner's Court. Mr

 McKamie, you stated that when the who sat in the corner and said nothing and did not sign in," wa present. When I called you and present. When I called you and information, you said you got it from Judge Dalby. I told you I wa ever at any budget hearing and I wanted a retraction in the paper and Iwould call Judge Dalby and straighten it out. I did call the Judge, and he admitted I was not at he budget hearing and said he would The reason I became involved with the reallon I became involved with with is because I believe that ou caxes at some point need to be
stopped from increasing every year topped from increasing every year.
Government needs to be cut back to overnment needs to be cut back to he point that the taxpayers can
fford it, and the taxpayers should have the satisfaction of knowing that their tax dollars are being spent big difference in dis. There is big difference in distinguishing "needs" of the many. Please remember to vote February

Sincerely,
Jerry Reidel
Jerry Reidel
Chairman Committee
of the Rollback
abolished, it will hurt the youth and elderly in our town
Think about it. If the county backs out of all the joint ventures taxes whill have to increase. The problem with this is that only one of the large mineral holders of the county taxes also has taxes in the
city. That means that more of the city. That means that more of the
tax responsibility will be on city residents. In other words, for every $\$ 10.00$ we get back from the county rollback, the city residents will
probably pay $\$ 50.00$ in increased probably pay $\$ 50.00$ in increase city taxes.
Please thin
Plity, your think of your county, your vote your family and yourself and the tax rollback election.
Sincerely, Sincerely,
Voda B. Gradine

## GARZA MEMORAL HOSPITAL

A physician from Cardiology Associates of Lubbock, P.A. will be available at the hospital for clinical consultation. The cardiology clinic will be held Thursday,
February 17, 1994 at 1 p.m. Patients will be seen by

Larry W. Leininger, M.D. 495-2853 Shen Chen, M.D. 495-3573


THIRD GRADE STUDENTS reading $5-9$ books in the Bluebonnet program were: Front row; (l-r) Luis
Zubia, Matthew White and Monica Vega,. Back row; Ty Timmons, Shunta Taylor, R.J. Solis, Ethan Stegall, TravenSmith and Stephanie Saldivar.


THIRD GRADE STUDENTS reading $5-9$ books in the Bluebonnet program were: Front row; (l-r) Keila Rodriquez, Brody Robertson, Will Reed, Kenny Ratke, Edward Pettet and Josh Odo
Nelson, ShastaMunoz, Clifford Morris, Alex Moren, Jerrison Moore and Rene Mendoza.
Middle school students attend convention
attended the 1994 South Plains rallies were held to elect officers for District V convention held recently at the Lubbock Civic Center. Guest
speaker for the convention was Mike Kapuska, CEO for ProActive, Inc. Kapuska was principal of the year
in 1981, he has served as consultant in 1981, he has served as consultant to former President George Bush and
is currently an international track is currently an international track
and field consultant. He spoke on leadership and how student council members can make a difference
their community and school. Their community and school. The entertainment was provided by
the South Plains College Theater

## -Vote

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Justice of the Peace offices
Both the local JPS and Dyess said
thatcomparing the two counties dollar that comparing the two counties dollar They doliar and population was difficult. They all said each situation and the
amount of work involved is unique.

## -Raid

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Garza and Crosby County line In addition to the guns, officers seized
three vehicles, including a truck that three vehicles, including a truck that
had earlier been reported stolen. Law enforcement officials, upon serving rifles, 16 pistols, nine shotguns, a bullet proof vest and approx
rounds of ammunition. Hadderton has been charged with
Hend one count of possession with intent to
distribute less than 50 kilograms of marijuana; three counts of carrying a firearm during a trafficking offense and two counts of carrying a fully
automatic weapon during a drug rafficking offense.

Dear Editor,
If everyone paid their taxes there would be enough money for county
operations and no need for raising operations and no need for raising
nor rolling back taxes. Sincerely
Pee Wee Pierce next year. next year.
There were 37 schools represented, including 28 high schools and nine
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## Sports

## 'Lopes stay in district title hunt




## Junior varsity boys keep district record clean

Post's junior varsity boys continue have 14 kids on the team andeveryone Against Lubbock Christian, the
rolling along, picking up two more of them bust their tails on defense. We 'Lopes used a $20-8$ bulge in the third victories last week to raise theiroverall score most of our points because of quarter to extend a $29-20$ half-time record to $17-4$ for the season. The steals."
"Lopes easily handled Lubbock The win over Sundown raised the by $14,65-41$. Pontually went on to win Christian Feb. $1,65-41$ before coming
back Friday to humble the Sundown
"Lopes district record toa a perfecct $8-0$-.
Scoring for the "Lopes were: Chris. "Everyone played, quite a bit and did a Roughnecks $81-65$. Despite the huge offensive night by the Lopes, j.v. coach Bart McMeans
said that defense was the key to the victory. "Our kids played defense as well as Freshmen boyshand Seagraves 68-64 setback Clinging to an eight point, $55-47$
lead heading into the final period, the Post Bold Gold freshmen 'Lopes made 68-64 win over the Seagraves Eagles. "This was a very big win," said frosh coach Lane Tannehill of the Feb. 3 victory. Down the stretch we could have let it slip by, but the team responded to the challenge and made the big plays to win! The Lopes were led in scoring by
Jerry Crawford with 29 points. Josh Grisham added 20 while Todd Terry threw in 13. Others scoring were
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Thank You also to those who donated to the stockshow Jackpot and to the Post Stampede Rodeo Association for their donation.

I want to especially thank My Dad for all his help and support

Chelisa Williams



POSTS Amber Cooper (14) scored a game high 22 points in the Lady 'Lopes $63-46$ win Over Lubbock
Lady 'Lopes edge Sundown 52-41
by John Cordsen
For the second time this season, the
13-5 in the first quarter. The ladies the Lady topes Amber Cooper led
held Post Bold Lady Lopes have knocked half. Post pulled away from Sundown knocked off the Lubbock Christian
of district power Sundown. The latest in the third, out scoring the Lady Lady Eagles $63-46$ Feb of district power Sundown. The latest in the third, out scoring the Lady Lady Eagles $63-46 \mathrm{Feb}$. 1 in Bold
win for the Lady Lopes against their Roughnecks $15-10$. $\begin{array}{llll}\begin{array}{lll}\text { win for the Lady Lopes against their } \\ \text { district rival came last Friday in Post }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Roughnecks } 15-10 \text {. } \\ \text { Jamie Hawkins and Cara Cash each }\end{array} & \text { Gold gym. Soring for Post were: }\end{array}$ when coach Chili Black's squad had 13 pointstolead the Lady Lopes. 2; Amber Hammond, 6; Cash, 9
defeated theLadyRoughecks $52-41$. With the win, Post improved to 17. Chelisa Williams, 4; Tiffany Steel, 8



## sports

Seventh grade ladies win consolation

After an opening round loss to Christ
the King, the seventh grade Lady Lopes rebounded io win their next
 Lubbock an.2.2.A Afrer huth first game
 and Lubbock Co
by the boards as the Seagraves Lady
The win pushed the Lady 'Lopes Eaglesproved to to inhospitable hosts,
Ecord to $10-3,4-0$ in district. Scoring defeating Post $36-21$, record to $10-3,4-0$ in district. Scoring defeating Post $36-21$.
for Post were: Foster, 4: Hardin,
"The Lady 'Lopes played a tough for Post were: Foster, 4; Hardin, 2; "The Lady 'Lopes played a tough
Hanna Jefferson, $4 ;$ Kendly Jefferson, fought game and never gave up," said Hanna efferson, 4; Kendly Jefferson, fought game and never gave up," said
8; Jones. 10; ShannaPennell, 1;Strawn, Bridges."We just were not hitting free
4; Webb. 5; Selzer 1. 8; Jones, 10;Shanna Pe
$4 ;$ Webb, $5 ;$ Stelzer, 1 .


Eighth grade Lopes show improvement in loss to Seagraves

Victory is sometimes where you find it. "Last year's score as seventh graders was Post eighth grade "Lopes boss Fred Postell $53-13$ inSeagr
looked beyond the scoreboard in his teams of these guys."
loss to Seagraves last Thursday. The Postell said he could not fault the effort scoreboard my have shown a $45-28$ the 'Lopes played with in the tough hard Seagraves win, but Postell said the Lopes fought loss.

came away from the game able to hold their Scoring for headshigh. | Hemandez, 10,Sam Woods, 6; : Sohn Paul |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\begin{array}{ll}\text { headshigh. } \\ \text { "If there is such a thing as a moral victory, }\end{array}$ | this one was pretty close," said Postell. Anthony Gomez, 2.

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