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## City depository contract challenged by Citizens Bank

by Wesley W. Burnett

E. W. Williams Jr, chairman of the board of Citizens Bank, challenged the Post City Council at its regular meeting Tuesday, February 7 regarding procedures used in the January 3 meeting when bids were opened for the city's depository account.

At the January 3 meeting council members reviewed bids from Citizens Bank and Norwest Bank, Texas. Post. According to city manager Rick Hanna, "the bids were very similar, and the council voted to accept Norwest as the depository." The advertisement for bids had been published as required by Texas law, specifying the date, time and place of the bid opening.

During the January 3 meeting Hanna asked Norwest Bank, Texas president Charles Hardin about the rate of return on investments. Hardin explained that Norwest offers additional investment opportunities through its Norwest Investment Services Inc. (NIS), which the city could take advantage of to increase its yield on its deposits. The investment service is available to all Norwest customers.

Mr Williams, at the February 7 meeting, questioned the council's action by allowing Norwest "to change its bid after they were opened." Hanna answered that, although he had used the term "addendum," the bid was not altered, and that Norwest had simply explained its investment services as a method the city could use if so desired.

Mr Williams also pointed out that Citizens Bank offered a variable rate of interest for the checking account in its bid, whereas Norwest did not. Hanna responded by explaining that the city uses a time deposit account, which draws interest at a higher rate than what Citizens Bank had offered in its bid. "I believe the council made the right choice in its decision," Hanna said. City attorney Harvey Morton added that Norwest did not amend its bid, "but gave the city options for other investments."

Hanna also emphasized that "the city is not losing any revenue by its decision."

Mayor Jim Jackson expressed his appreciation to Citizens Bank for choosing to open a facility in Post, and praised Williams and other bank officials for their interest and concern for the city. At the close of the discussion, Hanna was instructed by the council to place the issue on the agenda for the March 7 meeting, at which time the council plans to review the contractual process.

The council congratulated Mike Sanchez in a public recognition of his 28 years of service to the City of Post. Sanchez was presented a plaque in honor of his retirement.

In other action, the council authorized Hanna to request traffic signs directing visitors to the Old Mill Trade Days. The request was initiated by a report from Sherry Butler, who explained that traffic congestion and confusion by visitors is developing into a bigger problem each month. She pointed out that the backup of traffic is especially noticed when trains block East Main Street near Avenue F. "We were told by the highway department that the city needs to make the request," she said.

Pat Walker addressed the council, pointing out several important community projects that need to be done, as he opened up discussion about a proposed one-half cent economic development sales tax. Walker cited South Lake as one example of how the additional revenues might be used. He also pointed out that lining U.S. Hwy 84 with trees would be another good project.

Chamber of Commerce president Jim Plummer and manager Wanda Mitchell followed with a brief explanation of changes in the economic development funding cities may use. The state legislature has broadened the use of the one-half cent sales tax to include purchasing land or equipment, to improve parks, municipal buildings, museums or to create new or expanded enterprises. Funds may also be used for beautification.

Mitchell reminded council members that surrounding towns have already

## Post ISD trustees hear report on 'Quality Schools'

by Wes Burnett

Post High School graduate Vickie Hart, a 22 year veteran teacher, presented a spirited overview of Dr William Glasser's "Quality Schools" concept to Post ISD trustees during the regular meeting Monday night.

The program, which emphasizes teaching self control and individual responsibility, is being implemented at the Post Middle School, where Hart has been involved in training teachers and staff. "How do we help young people learn to do quality work?" Hart asked. "We start by recognizing that each person's behavior is self imposed... it's none else's fault."

She also posed the question: "Should we give up on the idea of many students doing quality work and instead increase the amount of low-quality work — as we do when we settle for trying to reduce the number of dropouts?" She answered her rhetorical question by giving a personal observation: "I came to a point when I felt it was time to quit, and I took a walk around the ranch." During that walk, Hart confessed, "I saw that I could not give up, there is just too much at stake."

She encouraged trustees to take a close look at Glasser's quality schools theory, which stresses the training of staff and students in the use control theory. She explained that the theory peeks inside to show people "why and how we behave." It helps people take effective control of their lives in order to be responsible for their actions.

Hart gave a description of the work being done at the middle school in the "responsibility room." Staffed by Bobby Dean under the supervision of principal Marita Jackson, the room is a place for students who disrupt class to begin the learning process of controlling their behavior.

"We teach self evaluation," Hart explained, "where students talk it over and work it out in order to become responsible people. It is judging themselves, that will be new, and this judgment is vital."

Hart, a native of Garza County and daughter of Ida Mae and the late Russell Wilks, cited a study she had done after providing training at a middle school. "Discipline referrals were down 50 percent, from 472 to 230 in one year. Achievement was up eight percent overall and 12 percent in the targeted seventh grade class."

She emphasized the importance of returning the basic trust between people, "like what I found in the one room classroom I attended at Grassburr, where I knew that Mr and Mrs Scoggings were never going to hurt me, but where I knew they cared enough to instill discipline."

Trustees approved financial reports and payment of bills. Superintendent Dr Bobby Bain reported to the board that the school's finances "are in good shape." Appraisal district director Billie Windham said that 95.5 percent of school taxes have been collected.

The board approved a resolution to continue its participation with the West Texas Food Service Cooperative and approved an easement agreement with Midwest Electric Cooperative concerning a utility pole on property owned by Post ISD in Justiceburg.

Following an executive session, trustees approved contract extensions for athletic director Dwayne Osborne and principals Joe Giddens, Marita Jackson and Dan Rankin.

The board also set the date of February 15 for a 7 p.m. meeting with other government units to discuss the status of delinquent tax collections. Attorney  
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voted to approve the economic development sales tax, including Aspermont. "Last year," Mitchell pointed out, "the one half cent sales tax would have generated \$92,322 for economic development."

The proposed economic development funding would be strictly controlled by the city council, which would have full authority for disbursement. "We need to educate the people," council member Archie Gill said, "this is important."

Mayor Jackson requested each council member identify three citizens from each ward to serve on a committee to assist the council in making a decision about the economic development proposal. "Let's see if we can't get a wide range of citizen input," Jackson emphasized, "and let's be ready to get these people started by next meeting."

"We want to be sure that all citizens have a chance to participate in the debate," Plummer added.

Plummer reported that the chamber of commerce is important to a community, demonstrating its vitality. He said that the short term goal is to continue developing tourism and said that updating the 1987 brochure was a high priority.

The council heard a report from cemetery board member Ruthell Stanley, who requested the council approve expanding the cemetery due to the lack of available new lots. "At the rate of burials in 1994, we will not have any lots, we need immediate action," she emphasized. Hanna agreed, and explained to the council that the northeast portion of the cemetery needed to be staked and  
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## Commissioners chose Citizens Bank as depository

The Garza County Commissioners Court reviewed bids from Norwest Bank, Texas, Post and Citizens Bank during its regular meeting Monday morning, then voted to accept the bid from Citizens Bank as the county's depository for the next two years.

Representatives from both banks presented proposals and answered questions. Commissioner Lee Norman conducted the meeting in the absence of Judge Giles Dalby, who excused himself from the room. Dalby explained that as a board member at Norwest he felt it best to remove himself from the meeting.

After reviewing the bids and making comparisons on services and interest payments on accounts, the court voted unanimously to accept the Citizens Bank bid. The bid includes an interest rate of 5.25 percent on money market accounts and 100 percent on U.S. Treasury bills. Citizens Bank representative Blake Boyd of Slaton added that the county would get free checks and deposit slips and a safe deposit box at no charge.

Charles Hardin, president of Norwest Bank of Post presented the bank's proposal. Both banks offered the county a loan rate of two percent above the pledged certificates of deposit rate.

County Treasurer Ruth Ann Young asked a variety of clarification questions during the review.

Commissioners approved participation in the new federal crime bill that provides \$57,000 to the county for an additional law enforcement officer over a three year period. Sheriff Kenny Ratke explained that the project requires annual funding of \$6,441.75 for the three year program. "I think it has become a hot political item in Washington," Judge Dalby observed, "they have put a fast-track on getting this money out." The issue is currently being hotly debated in Congress, with the Republicans demanding major changes to the 1994 crime bill.

When funded, Garza County will add a deputy specifically trained to interdict illegal drug traffic. Ratke said he will assign one of his current deputies to the duty after receiving special training, and hire a new officer to fill the vacancy. Ratke also explained that funds derived from drug-related property seizures will be used for electronic surveillance equipment and equip and train a canine unit.

"We are on a main artery of drug traffic from the south to the north," Ratke said. "Hwy 84 is a favorite avenue for drug runners." He said the department will use the new funding to intercept and investigate drug-related activities "very aggressively."

In other action the court approved paying \$500 to offset the payroll for a temporary director at the Community Center. Norman reported that the Community Center board is currently operating at "barely break-even." The court discussed sharing the cost of replacing carpet in the building, but decided that carpet should be considered a capital improvement project and under the joint agreement with the City of Post should be paid for by the city.

Commissioners approved a resolution supporting Brazos County's push for passage of House Bill 421 to offset the cost of damage to county roads by heavy loaded vehicles. The new legislation is an attempt to correct a law passed during the 1993 legislature which allowed less stringent weight restrictions on trucking, but left no funds for repair of county roads.

The court set March 21 at 10 a.m. for an auction of unneeded equipment. Other government units are being invited to join in the auction, which will be held at the old foundry building on 5th Street near the railroad tracks.

A resolution to accept a Texas Water Commission grant of \$12,000 was approved. The grant provides funding for enforcement of illegal dumping in the county.

Commissioners agreed with Judge Dalby that they should oppose legislation pending in Austin to create administrative fines regarding damages related to excavations. The law would put county governments in the same position as  
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## Theatre sets 1995 season

Beginning with "A Thousand Clowns" opening next week, the Garza Theatre production schedule for 1995 includes "Fiddler on the Roof," March 24-26, March 31-April 2, April 7-9 and April 16-18. Jane Prince Jones will direct the famous musical.

Mitchell Britton will direct "The Little Foxes," set for May 5-7, May 12-14 and May 19-21.

"Poor Little Rich Girl" (also known as "Tildy Ann"), a comedy adapted for the Garza stage by Bill Gray, will be performed during the Harley Sadler Show June 29-July 2, July 6-9, July 13-16, July 20-23 and July 27-30. Jane Prince Jones will direct the popular recreation of the famous West Texas tent show.

"Mary, Mary" will round out the summer with performances set for August 25-27, September 1-3 and September 8-10. Direction will be by Alison Hoefler. Founder's Day celebrations in Post will include "You Can't Take It With You," with Tim McIntire directing. The show will be performed October 6-8, October 13-15 and October 20-22.

Winter and the pre-Christmas season will feature "Charley's Aunt," directed by Jane Prince Jones. The show will open December 1-3 and continue December 8-10 and December 15-17.

Friday and Saturday shows will start at 7:45 p.m. and Sunday matinees will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Reservations may be obtained by calling the Garza Theatre box office at 495-4005 or from out of town at 800-846-3706. The box office is located at 226 E. Main in Post.

## Post Notes

### Old time Gospel singing Saturday

The Old Time Gospel Singing will be held Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center beginning at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

### Service officer available Saturday

The Garza County service officer is available for assistance at the Garza County courthouse from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 18. For an appointment call Ann Stelzer at 327-5302 after 6 p.m. The service officer is available at the courthouse the third Saturday every month.

### Volunteers for 911 update needed

Volunteers are now assisting the Garza County Sheriff's department with updating information for the 911 emergency system. Alice Cruse is currently contacting rural residents for detailed information on location of homes and special needs. Anyone interested in assisting with this important project should call the Sheriff's office at 495-3595.

### GCJLA selling extra beef halves

Well fed beef halves from this year's Garza County Jr Livestock Show are being sold by the GCJLA. There are only three halves remaining. People interested in purchasing the beef halves should call Jay Pollard at 495-3516. Proceeds will be used by the GCJLA to support youth projects.

### Methodist Home offers workshop

The Methodist Home of Lubbock will hold a foster parent workshop Thursday, Feb. 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Forrest Heights Methodist Church. The church is located at 3007 33rd St in Lubbock. Those interested in learning about private foster care should call 806-792-0099 for registration and additional information. Pre-registration deadline is February 13.

### Girls' junior basketball sign-up Feb. 16

Registration for this year's girls' junior basketball program will be held Thursday, Feb. 6 at the Norwest Bank community room, beginning at 6 p.m. All girls in the third through sixth grade are eligible to participate. Parents must sign a release form. Registration fee is \$5 per child.

### MOPH meets March 4 in Lubbock

The Military Order of the Purple Heart meets on the first Saturday each month at the D.A.V. Building, 7414 83rd St. in Lubbock. The next meeting will be March 4. For more information call 806-794-0448, 795-1730 or 763-7906.

### Commodities distribution Feb. 24

The commodities distribution will be held Friday, Feb. 24 at the service center on the Snyder Highway. The center will be open for distribution of commodities from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. Commodities will be distributed in Southland on Thursday, Feb. 23.

### Willy Awards show set March 11

The 1994 Willy Awards Show is set for March 11, from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets for the Garza Theatre annual banquet and awards show are \$12 per person. Tickets and reservations may be made at the Garza Theatre, no tickets will be sold at the door. Deadline for reservations is March 1.

### OS Museum features 'Places & Faces'

The OS Museum continues its photographic exhibit, "Places & Faces," including a collection of headhunter artifacts from the South Pacific. There is also an antique camera exhibit included. The OS Museum will display the photographic exhibit through March 11, 1995.

### Heirloom Egg Auction March 31

The third annual Heirloom Egg Auction, style show and luncheon will be held March 31 at the Algeria Art Center. Tickets for the event are \$5 per person and may be purchased from any member of the Post Art Guild or at the Algeria Art Center. The Spring Day at the Algeria features an early and late lunch.

### 'A Thousand Clowns' opens Feb. 24

The Garza Theatre production of "A Thousand Clowns" opens February 24 and continues weekends through March 5. Written by Herb Gardner and directed by Jane Prince Jones, the delightful comedy stars Steve Sever, Rick Gilbert, George Comiskey, Virginia Rector, Don Brooks and Josh Fay.

Performances begin evenings at 7:45 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the theatre box office Monday through Friday from noon until 5 p.m. and noon to curtain time on show weekends.

## Special awards, dinner and Cowboy 'secrets' highlight Chamber banquet Feb. 25

The 1995 Post Chamber of Commerce banquet, set for Saturday, February 25, will include awards to citizen and business of the year, three teacher of the year awards, one for each campus, and the Cowboy Hall of Fame induction.

In addition to the dinner, the evening will feature popular radio show host Ray Stone. He has been closely associated with the Dallas Cowboy organization for the past 20 years and is producer of the "Dallas Cowboy Football Report," which airs daily throughout the southwest.

Tickets for the banquet, which begins at 7 p.m., are \$10 each and may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office in the south wing of City Hall or from any Chamber of Commerce director.

Directors this year are Jim Plummer, Marie Neff, Pat Bilbo, Glen Brown, Shane Smith, Kenny Ratke, Dee Pittman, Greg Williams, Marvin Butler and Linda Waldrup.

## Sales tax rebate shows slight increase for 1994

The latest sales tax rebate to the City of Post shows a 9.49 percent increase for the same period in 1993. The check for \$22,847.77 represented sales reported for December and quarterly returns for October, November and December and yearly filings for 1994.

The most recent payment, although down 1.70 percent from last year's \$23,245.02; represents a year to date total of \$38,060.21, compared to \$34,761.14 for the same period last year.

State-wide, the Texas Comptroller's office reported a 4.8 percent increase over last year.

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## Up and down Main Street

By Wanda Mitchell

Boy, am I glad I live in a small town. All you need to do to be grateful is to go to one of those huge discount stores in Lubbock and you will kiss the ground when you get back to Post.

I'm talking about one of those "have everything, do everything" stores. When you walk in the door, they give you a cart whether you want it or not. They know, better than you do, that this cart is your defense weapon against the other shoppers.

I don't care if you are going in there for a little bitty bottle of Clear Eyes, you will get a cart. Now, armed with your cart, you start out looking for that one item you thought you had to have. You are on aisle #2 and you ask a clerk where you can find the Clear Eyes.

The clerk has to get on a telephone and ask and then she tells you, "You need to go to aisle #58." By now you have spent a good 30 minutes just to find out that you must walk 2 1/2 miles to get the bottle of Clear Eyes. Now you ask yourself if it is really worth it. After all, isn't it better to have your eyes burn a little than to have your feet and legs nearly fall off?

Start trying to get out. If you could be viewing this scene from the rafters, it would look like one of those video machine games where you are running an obstacle course trying to get to FINISH! So what if they can fill your prescriptions, do your hair, wash your car, sell you nails, bedding plants and plastic dishes.

When I get my prescriptions I like for the pharmacist to ask "How have you been feeling?" "Does the medicine seem to be working?" or just "How are the kids?"

When I get my hair done I don't want to feel like I am on an assembly line. When I buy nails, I want to be able to take them back if they are the wrong size. When I buy bedding plants, I want to hear a good joke. I have never

liked plastic dishes anyway.

Think about all the little perks you get when you trade at home as opposed to the hassle of these huge centers. As a friend of mine once said, "I spent a week there one day." Also isn't it nice to be able to give a check or charge it without an act of Congress? Small towns have many advantages.

The Tower Theatre is offering a great show Saturday night. Don Caldwell will be presenting "Sound of the 60's". The 60's are kind of a blur to me. Probably because I was smack dab in the middle of raising three children (my last was born in 1961) and I didn't have time for much anything else. If I even listened to the radio in those days, I can't remember what I listened to. That in itself is reason enough to be sure not to miss the show Saturday night. It starts at 7 p.m. and you can buy your tickets at Lily Dale's, Hotel Garza, Norwest and the Chamber office.

Speaking of tickets, don't forget to get your tickets for the Chamber Banquet. February 25th will be here before you know it. Tickets are \$10 each and we promise you a fun evening.

Thanks to all of you who have told me how much you like my column. One lady called me at home one evening last week just to let me know she enjoyed what I had to say. I really appreciate the nice comments and so far I have not heard the bad ones. But believe me, I am open to both good and bad comments as well as any suggestions you might have.

Wednesday, February 15th, is the cut off date to vote for Citizen and Business of the year. If you have been meaning to do it, do it today or it is too late. We really want your input so help us all you can by sending in your ballots.

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The couple will marry on March 11 at Lubbock Christian University. The bride-elect is a graduate of Southland High School and currently attends Lubbock Christian University.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Goddard High School and Lubbock Christian University. He is currently employed as an instructor in the communication department at Lubbock Christian University.

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### Ethridge graduates at Tech fall semester

Mary Elizabeth Ethridge graduated at Texas Tech University following the 1994 fall semester. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. She is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Daymond Ethridge of Post. She was among 1,300 students receiving degrees in the fall commencement exercises.

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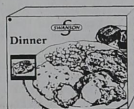
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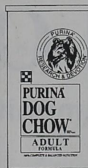


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by Terri S. Cash, CPA

#### Social Security Figures For 1995

The good news is that there is no change in the FICA tax rate; your employer is still withholding 6.2 percent of your wages for Social Security, and kicking in a like amount for you. The Medicare tax remains at 1.45 percent on total income. The not-so-good news is that the Social Security wage base has risen to \$61,200--but that is actually the smallest rise since 1975. Self-employed individuals still pay 15.3 percent on income up to \$61,200 and 2.9 percent after that.

Social Security benefits have increased 2.8 percent to keep up with inflation. Medicare Part B premiums go up, too, to \$46.10 per month.

What's also risen is the amount beneficiaries can earn without losing benefits. Those under 65 can earn as much as \$8,160 without losing \$1 of Social Security benefits for every \$2 they earn. Those between 65 and 70 can earn \$11,280, earning more, they lose \$1 of benefits for every \$3 earned. Over 70, there is no earnings limit. Nor is there, at any age, any limit in the amount of unearned income allowed.

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### Fun Time Club meet

The Fun Time Club met January 30 with a salad supper. Hooter Terry and Inez Ritchie were co-hostesses.

Those present were: Mary Hogue, Ruth Martin, Winona Ward, Nona Lusk, Maxine Lewis, Ruby Shedd.

Hettie Dudgeon, Inez Ritchie, Johnnie Francis, Ruby Carpenter, Doris Riddle, Hooter Terry, Pansy Smith and Mary Gunn.

### Amity Study Club

The Amity Study Club met in the home of Joy Pool January 24th. Barbara Reece was co-hostess. Lori Dorman and Karen Nichols were guests. Lori gave the program on jewelry making. Others present were members Kathy Rankin, Barbara Babb, Ginger Carlisle, Margaret Bull, Boo Olson, Suzanne Hudman, Martha McClelland, Sue Shytles, Jaynie Middleton, Joyce Strubhart, Ida Mae Wilks, Edna Owen, Louella Bilberry, Ruth Ann Young, and Marion Wheatley.

The scheduled meeting for February 14 has been cancelled, so that members may attend the Sweetheart Contest at the school. Wear red.

The next regular meeting will be a fashion show at the Hotel Garza on February 28th.

### Green Thumb

### Garden Club

A lot of fun and good food were on the menu for those attending the Green Thumb Garden Club Valentine party. The Norwest Bank party room was arrayed in festive Valentine decor. Valentines were given to secret pals and husbands.

### Nine Post students earn honors at Tech

Texas Tech University listed nine students from Post who earned academic honors for the fall 1994 semester.

Students on the President's List earned a perfect 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of classwork. Students finishing with 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Mendy Dale Dalbv, multidisciplinary

Although Edna Owen says she doesn't like playing games, she and partner Joe Williams really come out the winners in forty-two. Skipbo was also a big part of the "fun menu".

Those attending were hostesses Ida Jones, Shorty King, Sybil Cockrum and husband, Dan. Other attending were Alma and Joe Williams, Gladys Blair, Irene and James Mitchell, Thelma and Lawrence Epley, Edna and Ben Owen and Carlene Kyle.

### Woman's Culture Club

The Woman's Culture Club met Wednesday, February 8, at the Women's Clubhouse. Hostesses were Barbara Hardin and Nona Lusk.

Maxine Earl, vice-president, presided over the business meeting. It was decided that we continue with the Easter Greeting page in the "Post Dispatch", as our fund raising project for our scholarship for a 1995 graduate of Post High School.

Marvin Butler of Old Mill Trade Days gave a very informative and positive review of the founding, growth, and plans for the future expansion of Old Mill Days.

C.W. Post established the Postex Mills, the home of Garza sheets and pillowcases as a basic industry for our community. Thanks to Old Mill Trade Days, the building continues to house a thriving and growing industry.

Hostesses Hardin and Lusk served delicious refreshments to guest Butler, and to members: Earl, Ruth Hall, Dorace Wilson, Ruby Kirkpatrick, Iva Hudman, Donna Craig, Debbie Bain, Lillian Potts, Beebe Boren, Peggy Smith, and Katharine Trammell.

Gregory Gene Fisher, arts and sciences and Melanie Renee Morris, multidisciplinary studies were recognized by the President's List.

Earning the Dean's List were Raeline Michelle Bagby, multidisciplinary studies; Joel Malachi Basinger, agronomy; Breanne Rene Bessire McCleskey, multidisciplinary studies; David Radley Nichols, pre-medicine; Wendy Miguelina Payano, communication studies and Mikki Jan Wilks, architecture civil engineering.

### Texas implements country's largest electronic benefits program

"The Lone Star card is now the largest electronic benefits transfer program in the country," State Comptroller John Sharp says. "It's on-line and on time."

Sharp made the announcement during his keynote address at the Montgomery County Annual Economic Outlook Conference.

"Beginning February 1, some 200,000 families, some 3,000 area grocery stores and 17 million Texans across the state will begin to see the cost of welfare go down," Sharp said. "The Lone Star card has replaced paper food coupons and Aid to Families with Dependent Children checks throughout Harris County."

"The success of the Lone Star card is one example of welfare reform that addresses the demands of taxpayers for cutting fraud and increasing program efficiency," Sharp said. "This is the beginning of our comprehensive plan to reform the Texas welfare system."

The start-up phase of the Lone Star card that began on October 1 in portions of southeast Houston and throughout Chambers County has been a success for recipients and businesses. Now the program has been expanded throughout all of Harris County. It is scheduled to expand to adjacent Montgomery County within the next couple of months.

The Lone Star card is administered by the Texas Department of Human Services and Transactive Corporation. It uses modern technology embedded in a plastic bank-like card to deliver public assistance benefits more effectively and efficiently, while reducing fraud and saving taxpayers money.

Previously, the state of Maryland ran the largest electronic benefits transfer or EBT program in the country, serving approximately 168,000 families each month.

Sharp said that the EBT system is scheduled to expand region-by-region until it covers the entire state in 1996, serving 1.3 million Texas households. The surrounding Gulf Coast counties are scheduled to receive the Lone Star card within the next few months, as is the North Texas region, including Dallas and Tarrant counties.

"The expansion of the Lone Star card is serving notice on those who illegally profit from the food stamp bureaucracy," Sharp said. "The Lone Star card benefits both Texas taxpayers

and Texas food stamp recipients, because neither likes to be ripped off."

Sharp's recommendation to expand the successful EBT program is a centerpiece of A Partnership for Independence, his recently released package of welfare reform proposals designed to streamline the state's public assistance efforts, improve vital services and save taxpayers more than \$400 million.

A Partnership for Independence specifically recommends adding benefit programs such as child support payments, Medicaid and unemployment insurance to the Lone Star card.

"While others have been talking the rhetoric of welfare reform, in Texas we're making welfare reform a reality," Sharp said.

Texas accounts for about 10 percent of all food stamp coupons distributed nationwide. Coupons bound for the Lone Star state each year cost \$4.7 million for printing, \$460,000 for shipping and \$2.4 million for final processing.

### Toll free number for veterans

Ann Stelzer, the County Veterans Service Officer, reports that the Department of Veterans Affairs is establishing a toll-free number to inform Persian Gulf War veterans and their families of available medical care and other benefits. The toll free information line, 1-800-PGW-VETS (1-800-749-8387) was activated on February 2, 1995.

The helpline, headquartered at a new Persian Gulf Information Center at the St. Louis VA Regional Office, is staffed with Persian Gulf War benefit specialists who are available weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. (CT). The helpline includes a series of recorded messages that will enable callers to obtain information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

If you have any questions regarding this service or you are a veteran or a dependent of a veteran and you would like to become aware of all entitlements due you call Ann at 806-327-5301 after 6:00 p.m.

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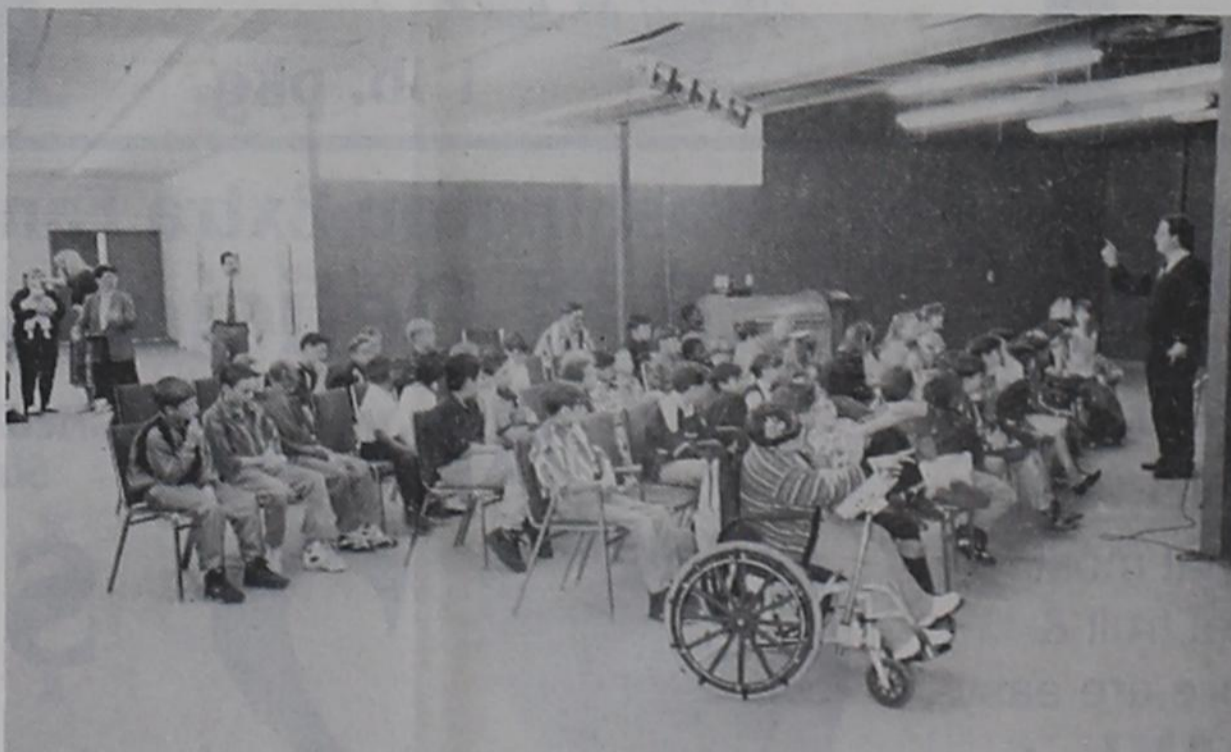
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## City Council

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marked and designate burial sites. Hanna cited the issue as an emergency measure and the council approved the recommendation.

JoAnn Mock and Linda Puckett, representing the Caprock Cultural Association, presented a report of art activities in Garza County and the economic impact here. Mock also presented copies of a recent survey conducted by the Texas Alliance for Education and the Arts (TAEA). "It's kind of like a report card," Puckett said, "and the survey included 80 different people of all ages and groups." The CCA representatives pointed out that since 1985 Post has received \$68,303 in grants from the TAEA, formerly known as the Texas Council on the Arts.

Mayor Jackson expressed appreciation for the work and information and offered support for the continued efforts of the Caprock Cultural Association.

The council accepted the low bid from INCODE of Lubbock for the purchase and installation of new computer equipment and software. The bid was \$49,057, compared to the only other bid of \$51,252 from AVR Computer Systems of Houston. The new equipment will include a file server and four workstations. The new system replaces equipment and software that is more than 10 years old.

A bid of \$81,328.25 from Davis Truck and Equipment of Lubbock was accepted for the purchase of a new International Harvester sanitation truck. Although Southwestern Equipment of Lubbock submitted a lower bid on a GMC and a Ford, council members Marion Cruse, Bill Pool and Archie Gill all expressed support for the IH truck as being better suited for the work. Hanna also said employees feel better about IH. Other bids were received from Metro Ford Truck Sales of Dallas and White GMC Truck of Fort Worth.

Continued work on identifying all residences in Post with a physical location was approved through a resolution for expanding 911 updated information. Many residences in Post are listed by rural route, and will be surveyed so that a physical location can be entered into the Sheriff's department computer.

The council approved guidelines for the home program rehabilitation, as part of the home improvement grant for senior citizens. "We have a lot of people here who would qualify for this help," Jackson commented, "but we have had only a few applicants. We sure need to let people know about these funds. This a good grant project and could help a lot of our elderly." Hanna said that approximately five applications had been received at city hall.

Hanna reported to the council that the three year administrative order from the Environmental Protection Agency concerning the sewer plant has been closed. The city has been released from the EPA administrative oversight. Hanna also said that the building at the landfill is now under construction.

The council appointed Bobby Bain, Curtis Hudman and Helen Gerner to the Post Mainstreet board. They are replacing outgoing members Dee C. Justice, Juanita Pantoja and Tim Tatum. May 6 was designated as the municipal election date. The position of mayor, council members from wards one, two and five will be elected. Ward five is a one year unexpired term now held by Dan Lamb. Marion Cruse serves in Ward Two and Juanita Pantoja is Ward One council member.

The earliest date for filing as a candidate is February 20. The last day to file as a candidate is March 22.

Attending the meeting were council members Pool, Cruse, Pantoja, Gill and Lamb, Mayor Jackson, city manager Hanna and city attorney Morton.



Camille Blevins (left) and Sharla Cruse show off some of the cookies that will be delivered to Girl Scout cookie customers beginning next week. Camille last year's top junior in cookie sales and Sharla took top sales honors for the cadette scouts. Cookie orders will continue through March 5. (Photo by Becky Warren)

### Hospice of Lubbock seeking volunteers

Hospice of Lubbock is currently recruiting volunteers for its spring volunteer training classes. Men and women of all ages are encouraged to become involved. Applications will be taken and interviews conducted during the month of February.

The training classes will begin on March 8 and will meet each Wednesday morning through May 10, 1995 from 9 a.m.-12 noon. The training consist of 36 hours of basic training in the hospice concept of care which includes six hours of bereavement training. There is a \$20 fee for the classes and scholarships are available.

Hospice of Lubbock, a non-profit agency that provides care for the terminally ill, affirms life. It exists to provide care and support for patients and their families during the last phases of incurable disease so that they might live as fully and comfortably as possible. Volunteers are a vital part of this care and support system.

Volunteers may work in direct patient care or assist in the Hospice office. The main role of direct patient care volunteers is to provide an atmosphere of warmth, understanding, sensitivity and support to patients and families who are experiencing the difficulties associated with life threatening illness.

"Volunteers are encouraged to do all the things they would for a friend or family member if they were in the same situation," said Mary Ann White, director of volunteers. "In offering their

support, volunteers play a vital part of the hospice team of care."

Typically, volunteers give two to four hours per week working directly with the patients and their families. Each volunteer works with one patient at a time. A volunteer's duties include:

Companionship - Companionship is undoubtedly the single most important service that the volunteer can provide to both the patient and his or her family. The volunteer's visit provides an opportunity for social contact, as well as a sympathetic ear.

Respite Care - Volunteers may remain with the patient during a brief absence of family members, allowing the family time for errands, a change of scenery or just time alone.

Care Planning - Volunteers are encouraged to attend team meetings in order to discuss the management and treatment of the patient and family.

Bereavement - Volunteers may also choose to work with the bereavement team in making follow-up calls or visits with surviving family members.

Hospice volunteers are asked to provide one year of service to the organization which serves Lubbock, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn, and Terry counties. For more information or to apply for the training classes, contact Mary Ann White at Hospice of Lubbock, 795-2751. Outside Lubbock, call 1-800-658-2648.

### Local FFA members to exhibit livestock at Houston

FFA members from Garza County will be joining other 4-H and FFA members from throughout Texas for show ring competition at the upcoming Houston Livestock Show, Feb. 17 through March 5 at the Astrohall.

These FFA and 4-H exhibitors compete in one of two divisions of the Houston Livestock Show - the junior show division. The other division, the open show, attracts its exhibitors from the world's agricultural industry, who are primarily professional breeders and ranchers.

Entries in both the open and junior shows combine with horse show entries to make the Houston Livestock Show the world's largest.

Attending from Garza County are: Brandon Patschke, market steers, beef hieffer, and beef scramble class; Kellie Collier, Market Barrow, Casey Hart, Steers; Lori Hudman, Market Barrows;

Clay Johnson, Market Barrows, Chad McDougal, Steers; Randy Moore, Market Barrows; Sky Moore, Market Barrows; Wacey Moore, Market Barrows; Camie Payne, Market Barrows; Emily Smith, Market Lambs; Tony Ayala, Market Broilers; Amber Basinger, Market Broilers; Ashley Basinger, Market Broilers; Paul Garza, Market Barrows; Jamie Haire, Market Broilers; Loren Jones, Market Barrows; Art Tucker, Market Barrows; Russ Bird, Market Steers; Jarrett Bland, Market Lambs; Jeremy Bland, Market Lambs; Braden Conner, Market Steers; Brooks Conner, Market Steers; Justin Norman, Market Steers; Christy Reiter, Market Steers; Emily Smith, Market Steers; J.C. Stelzer III, Market Lambs; Chelisa Williams, Market Lambs and Market Barrows; Melissa Williams, Market Lambs and Market Barrows; Ryan Wulfjen, Market Barrows.

### Post ISD

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Shelly Veselka is scheduled to answer questions about procedures at the meeting to be held in the County Courthouse second floor courtroom.

Attending the meeting were trustees Rex Cash, Mark Kirkpatrick, Barbara Hardin, Jeff Lott and Alexia Collier and Dr Bain.



Directors of Citizens Bank met last week for the first directors' meeting in the new bank building on North Broadway. At the meeting were (left to right) Mark Hamilton, vice president and cashier; Fred Myers Sr., vice president, resident manager Post branch; E.W. Williams Jr., chairman of the board; Jeff D. Wilson, president, Slaton; Wilford Kitten, director; Blake Boyd, executive vice president, Slaton; Richard Kimbrough, executive vice president, Hart branch; J. David Williams, vice chairman of the board and John Anderson, president Hale County State Bank, Plainview.

### Commissioners

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individual companies" and add another level of bureaucracy," Dalby explained. "There is already ample safety and protection available," Norman added.

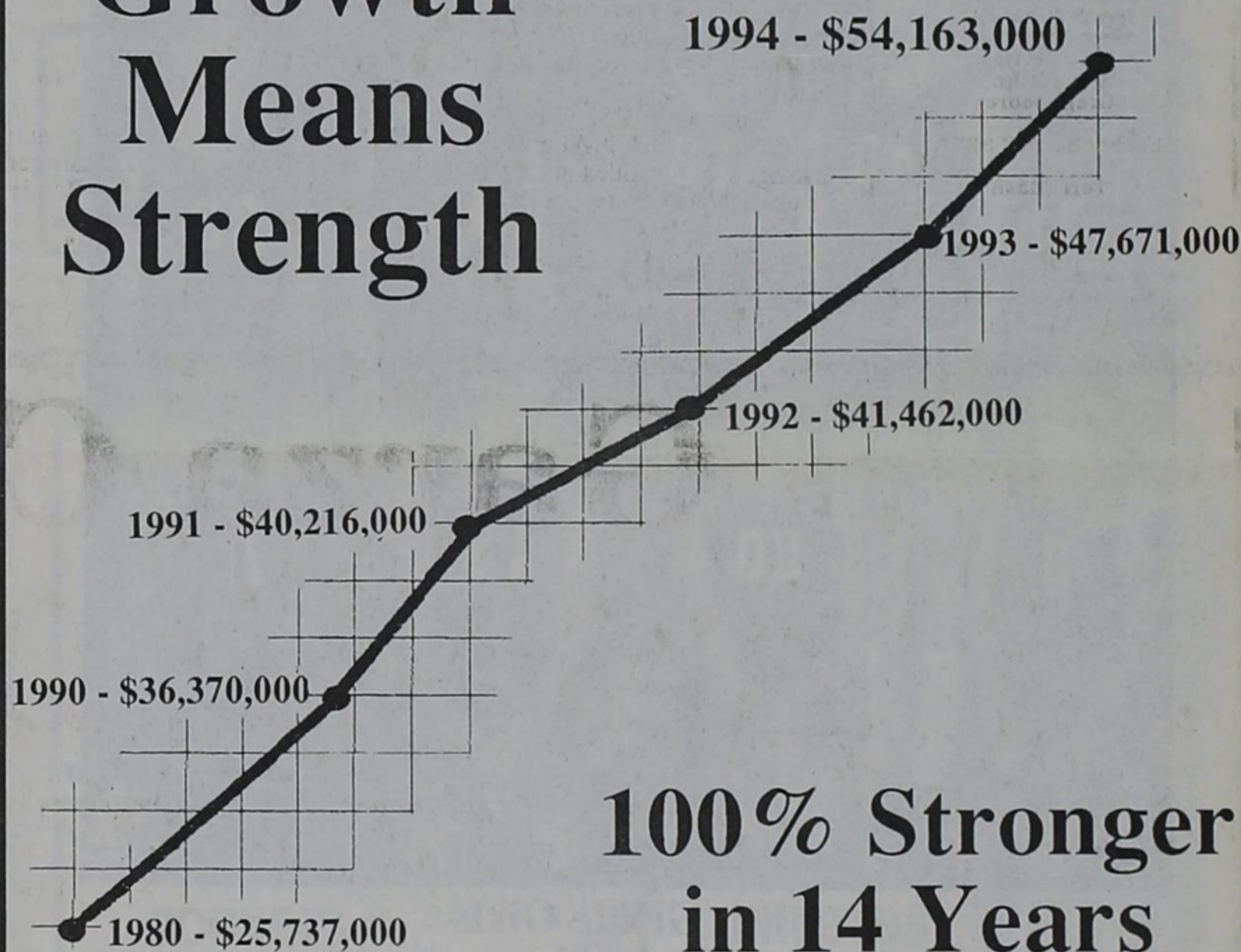
The court set Wednesday, February 15 as a joint meeting with the City Council, Garza Hospital board of directors, Post ISD trustees and tax attorney Shelburne Veselka to discuss the collection of delinquent taxes. "The school is particularly unhappy with the current situation," Dalby explained.

Attending the meeting were Judge Dalby, commissioners Royce Josey, John Valdez, Mason McClellan, Norman, clerk Sonny Gossett and treasurer Ruth Ann Young.

A big THANK YOU to Jackie and Thressa Harp, owners of Post Auto Parts, for buying my lamb at the GCJLS. Also thanks goes to the Jackpot for the add-on. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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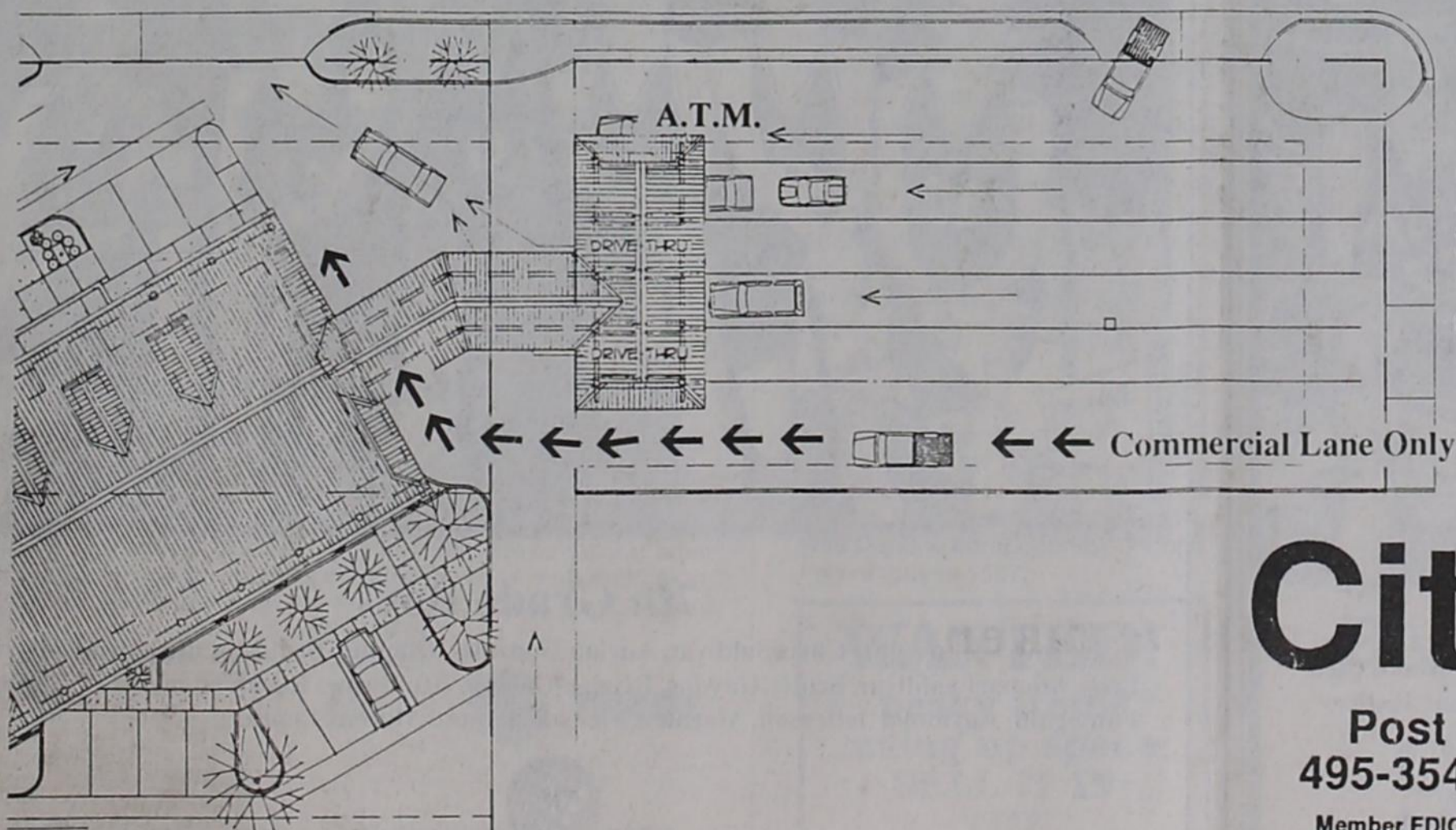
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### 'Lopes tripped by Sundown

The Post Antelope basketball team was tripped up by Sundown 65-61 in last Friday's final game of the season. Cody Bain led the team with 18 points and Alvin Reed followed with 16.

Jerry Crawford was credited with eight points, Brad Lawson got seven, Eric Hanna and Chris Ashley both scored four points, and two each went to B.J. Hart and Russ Bird.

On February 7 the team was edged by Crosbyton 59-56. Lawson led the scoring with 15 points, followed by Reed with 12. Bain picked up eight, while Hanna and Crawford were credited with six points. Travis Hair scored one point.

### Lady Lopes close out basketball season

The Post Lady Lopes closed out the basketball season last Friday with a 61-36 loss to Sundown, sporting a 13 win and 16 loss season record.

Amber Cooper hit the buckets for 18 points in the contest. Christie Oden scored five points, followed by Falisha Jefferson, Holly Hardin and Nikki Pollard with three points each. Jill Stelzer and Tracy Shumard were credited with two points each.

The team dropped a 70-50 contest with Crosbyton on February 7. Cooper led the team with 29 points. Chelisa Williams scored eight points, followed by Oden with five, Pollard with four and two each by Falisha Jefferson and Shumard.

Other team members are Angela Jefferson and Andrea Wallace.

### J.V. boys win District championship

The Post junior varsity boys' basketball team, won the district championship with 11 wins and one loss, ending the season with 17 wins and six losses.

The young 'Lopes closed the season with a 60-47 win over Sundown last Friday as Josh Grisham hit the boards for 22 points. Todd Terry came in with another 10 and Roy Perez scored seven. Jeremy Josey, Seth Pennell and Jay Childers each got five points, followed by David Perez and Freddy Pena with three each.

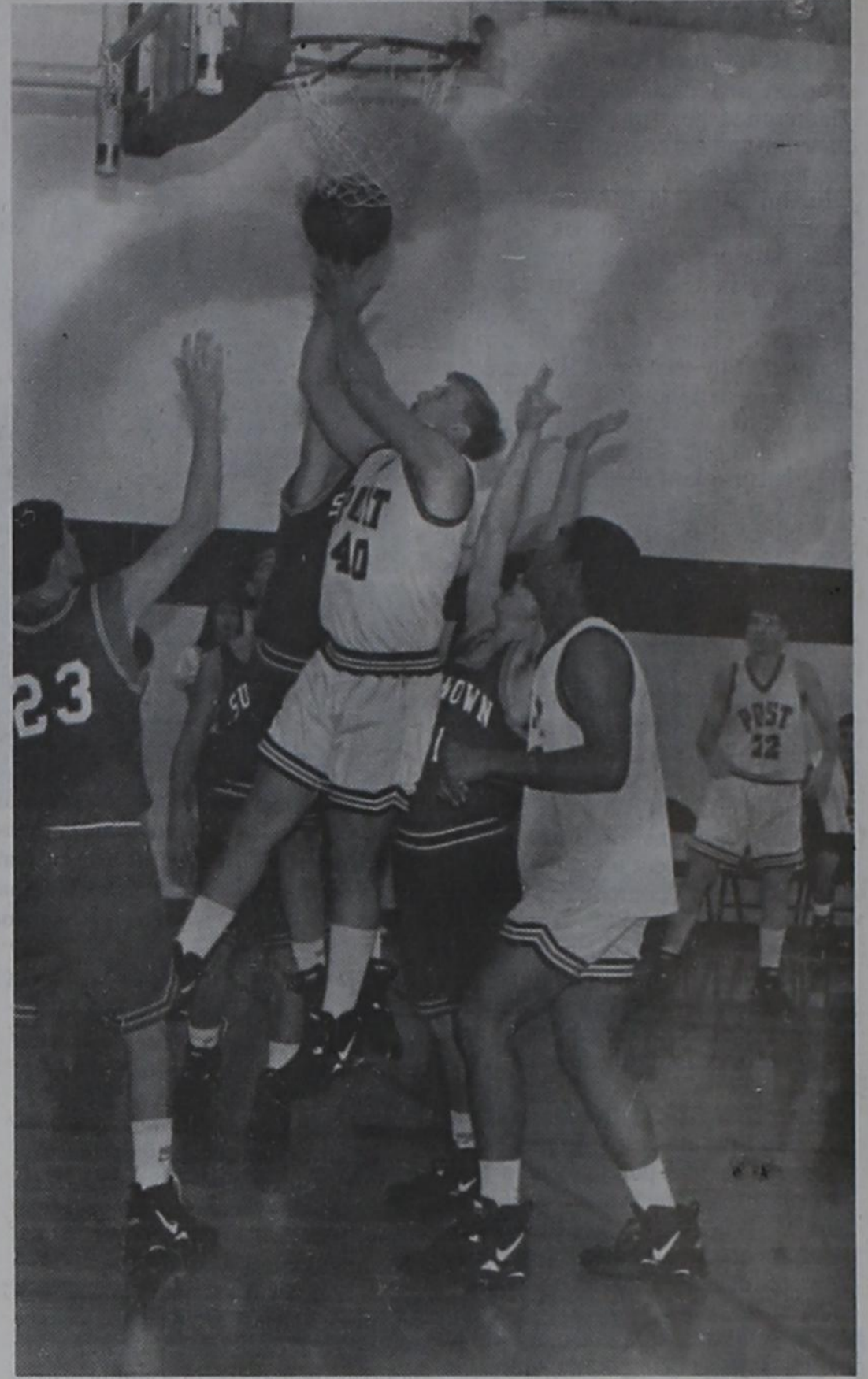
Also seeing action were Kip Wilks, Jake Loreda, Noel Saldivar and Lance Goen.

The team took a 10 point lead over Crosbyton in the February 7 contest with a 43-33 win. Grisham led the team with 13 points, followed by Jeremy Josey with nine, David Perez with seven, six by Todd Terry, three each by Roy Perez and Seth Pennell and two by Kip Wilks.

Others seeing action in the Crosbyton game were Childers, Pena, Loreda and Goen.



Nikki Pollard grabs the ball for the Post Lady Lopes during the season finale here last Friday night against Sundown. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Russ Bird (40) goes up for two points during action last Friday here. Jerry Crawford (right) gets ready for the rebound. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

### Attention Grandparents

Don't forget to pick up your Grandchildren's photos from the Valentine promotion at The Post Dispatch.



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### 8th Grade Girls

(back row, left to right) Tasha Gilbert, Christine Webb, Hanna Jefferson, Becca Stelzer, Rachelle Jones, (front row) Kasey Hardin, Jennifer Strawn, Pam Chapman and Kendle Jefferson.



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Christie Oden (40) goes after a loose ball during the Lady Lope contest with Sundown here last Friday. Amber Cooper (14), Nikki Pollard (50) and Falisha Jefferson join in the action. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

## Don Caldwell plans great music of the 60s for show Saturday Tower Theatre

The featured show at the Tower Theatre this Saturday will be the famous music from the 1960s.

Don Caldwell has lined up musicians and singers to perform the popular hits of The Beatles, The Beach Boys, Aretha Franklin, Diana Ross, Simon and Garfunkel, Smokey Robinson,

Henry Mancini, Herb Albert, Jim Reeves and Patsy Cline.

Appearing on stage will be Kyle Abernathie, Ira White Kelly, Sheena Fadeyi, Fiddlin' Tina Turner, Travis Williams, Terri Caldwell, Todd Caldwell, Steve Meador and The

Lubbock Texas Rhythm Machine.

Tickets for the 7 p.m. show Saturday are available at Lily Dale's, Post Chamber of Commerce, Hotel Garza and Norwest Bank.

For more information call 495-3461 or 495-3854.

## State sales tax revenue expected to exceed \$20 billion

"Sales taxes bring in more than half of Texas' total tax revenue. Thanks to a robust Texas economy, sales tax collections are expected to climb from \$20 billion during the current biennium to nearly \$22 billion during the 1996-97 state budget period," State Comptroller John Sharp reports.

"Sales taxes related to the booming real estate market, such as taxes on building materials, home furnishings and services, have been a major factor in the overall sales tax growth. Of course, the real estate market is booming because the economy is expanding, jobs are plentiful and more people are moving to Texas," Sharp said.

"Total tax revenue will reach \$35.5 billion in the 1996-97 biennium, an increase of \$1.9 billion over 1994-95. Just over 80 percent of this revenue will come from three sources: the state sales tax, motor vehicle taxes and the corporate franchise tax," Sharp said.

"To place the importance of this revenue in perspective, the Texas Lottery will generate \$1.7 billion for the state's coffers in 1996-97, about \$87 million more than it will during the current biennium," Sharp said.

The state revenue outlook, along with the intense pressure for the Texas Legislature to spend more money on state programs and services, are featured in the January issue of Fiscal Notes, a monthly publication of the Comptroller's Research Division.

"Motor vehicle taxes are the second largest source of state tax revenue. Vehicle sales and rental taxes and the interstate motor carriers tax should contribute \$3.7 billion in revenue during the 1996-97 biennium, an increase of more than 10 percent from the current biennium," Sharp said.

Among the other sources of tax revenue, the corporate franchise tax levied on all corporations doing

business in Texas should climb from the current level of \$2.5 billion to \$2.9 billion in 1996-97. Revenue from cigarette and tobacco taxes will decline slightly from \$1.2 billion to \$1.1 billion. Revenue from alcoholic beverage taxes will grow from \$696 million to \$708 million. Revenue from the insurance tax, hotel/motel taxes, utility taxes, the inheritance tax, the attorney tax, coin-operated amusement machine taxes and sulfur and cement severance taxes will remain fairly flat during the 1996-97 biennium, according to Sharp's revenue estimate.

"Unlike the days when oil was the king of the Texas economy and the largest source of tax revenue, oil and gas taxes are now a declining source of state funds. Due to declining production and falling prices, the severance tax on oil brought in only \$361 million during fiscal year 1994, the lowest revenue in 20 years.

"The outlook for the natural gas tax is also cloudy, as gas prices decline because of slack demand and increased stockpiling. Oil and gas tax revenue will decline from \$1.8 billion in the current biennium to \$1.7 billion during the next two years," Sharp said.

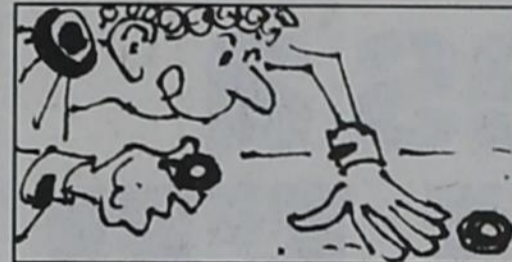
Major sources of non-tax revenue—interest and dividends, lottery proceeds, federal funds and miscellaneous fees—will generate about \$5.1 billion in general revenue during 1996-97, a decrease of \$1.1 million from the current biennium.

"These revenue predictions are based on the assumption that Texas will continue to experience moderate-to-strong economic growth, that interest rates rise only moderately, the Mexican peso stabilizes and Texas doesn't get hit by severe cutbacks in the defense industry," Sharp said.

"I think Texas will be in excellent fiscal shape during the next two years. But the Texas economy increasingly resembles the national economy, and unforeseen events that wouldn't have hurt us in the past can now have a detrimental effect," Sharp said.



Fighting for the ball against Sundown last Friday, Eric Hanna (right) is assisted in the action by (left to right) Cody Bain, Chris Ashley and Jerry Crawford. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



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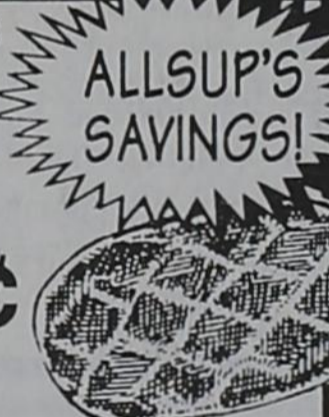
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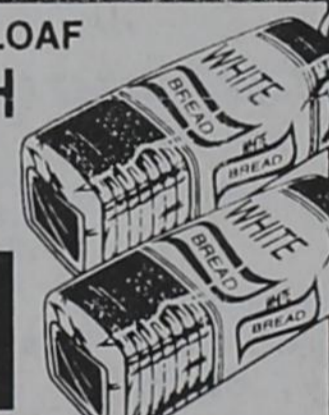
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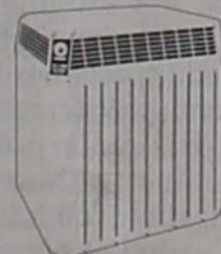
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## "Parents' bill if rights" legislation filed

Legislation proposed by the Texas PTA and carried by Representative Christine Hernandez was filed on Thursday, Jan. 19, with the intent to enhance the rights of parents to be involved in their child's education.

"During the 74th Legislative Session, Texas PTA will be very focused on enhancing the opportunities for parental involvement in a child's education and opportunities for decreasing violence in our society," said Texas PTA President Charlotte Travis of San Antonio.

"The attitude now seems to be punitive toward parents who have not upheld their responsibilities for managing and disciplining their children. Texas PTA believes that parents must be afforded the rights to become involved in their child's education from day one," Travis stated.

House Bill 688 by Rep. Christine Hernandez (D-San Antonio) relates to the right of an employee to take time off from work to participate in certain school activities of the employee's child. If passed by the legislature, this bill would:

- \* allow a parent, who works for employers of 25 or more employees, to take up to 40 hours per calendar year to participate in school activities of the child.

- \* allow employees to use existing vacation leave time, personal leave time, compensatory leave time, and time off without pay to participate in a child's school activity.

HB 689, also by Hernandez, relates to parental involvement and rights in public education. If passed by the legislature, this bill would:

- \* require the school district to involve

parents on the district decision-making team.

- \* specify that parents shall compose at least 25 percent of the total group of both the district committee and the campus site-based decision-making committee (SDBM).

- \* require that every school establish at least one parent-teacher organization to promote parental involvement in school activity. In addition, such an organization would elect parent representatives to the campus decision-making committee.

- \* create a "Parental Bill of Rights" which would inform parents of their rights and give them avenues to become involved in their child's education.

- \* require that every parent in the district receive a copy of the "Parental Bill of Rights."

- \* inform parents that among other

things, they have the right to elect representatives to the SDBM, view their child's school records and standardized test results, and request that their child not be administered corporal punishment.

HB 687, Hernandez, relates to parental consent for certain public school distraction actions toward a student. If passed by the legislature, this bill would:

- \* disallow a school employee from video taping or tape recording or administering corporal punishment to a student without written parental consent.

With more than 800,000 members, Texas PTA is the largest child advocacy organization in the state and is affiliated with National PTA, the oldest and largest child advocacy organization in the nation. Texas PTA is committed to securing adequate laws for the care and protection of children and to improving the home and school relationship so that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youths.

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Only he deserves power who every day justifies it.  
—Dag Hammarskjöld



Post Middle School students reading all 20 Bluebonnet books this year are (left to right) Christopher Troxtell, Kelsey Wimmer, Princess Garcia, Jennifer Morgan and Brandon Kitchens. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Post Middle School students participating in the recent Bluebonnet Reading program are (back row, left to right) Ashley Hair, Princess Garcia, Belen Rodriguez, Jennifer Garcia, Erica Castro, (middle row) Brandon Kitchens, Yea Bradford, Ashley Mason, Ashley Butler, (front row) Christopher Troxtell, Tim Pena, Diana Williams and Lindsey Rudd. (Not available for photo were Justin Norman and Camille Blevins). (Photo by Tim Burnett)

## Fourth graders learn to protect the environment

Fourth graders throughout the state will plant trees this spring to meet the Texas Tree Challenge, a program that helps children learn the importance of trees to the environment. Students and educators will undertake a project that teaches how trees fight air pollution and how to select, plant and care for trees suitable for growth in their area of the state.

The Texas Tree Challenge, now in its third year, is co-sponsored by the Texas Young Lawyers Association of the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. Students participating in the project will gain important first-hand experience in science and social studies as they perform the tasks of learning about and planting trees.

"Caring for the environment is a lifelong commitment. The Texas Tree Challenge teaches students how to take positive and responsible action to preserve the earth's resources," said TYLA president Roland Garcia, Jr. of Houston. "More than 15,000 students were involved and hundreds of trees have been planted."

John Hall, chairman of the TNRCC said, "One of the best ways of ensuring the protection of our natural resources is through education. I see the Texas Tree Challenge as a way to create the environmental stewards of the future."

I am proud that TNRCC and TYLA are sponsoring this program, and I'm

Garcia and Hall say previous responses to the Texas Tree Challenge have been positive. Teachers reported that the program was especially meaningful because students were directly responsible for the success of the project. Many also said it gave students a chance to make a tangible contribution to their future. A Houston teacher noted that it was the first time many of her students who lived in apartments had seen a tree planted. Students have raised money through bake sales and PTA carnival booths to purchase their trees.

Texas Tree Challenge sponsors sent letters outlining the project to all elementary schools in Texas. Teachers who responded received packets containing information on the benefits of trees, including how they help improve health and air and water quality, conserve energy, and provide wildlife habitat as well as natural beauty.

The materials also include information to help students determine the types of trees that are best suited for growth in their part of the state, how to select proper planting location, and how to plant the tree. The program stresses the importance of arranging for care of the tree.

## Multi-agency Initiative will plan reduction in Cardiovascular Disease

Since 1950, in Texas and throughout the rest of the U.S., cardiovascular disease (CVD) has been the most frequent cause of death.

According to the Texas Department of Health (TDH), deaths from heart disease, strokes and hypertension together claimed 51,123—about two of every five of the 134,417 Texans who died in 1993. Tom Pollard, director of the TDH Statistical Services Division, said, "Not only is heart disease the leading killer every year in Texas and the nation, but the other cardiovascular diseases appear to be increasing rapidly."

For example, Pollard explained, "Deaths from hypertension increased from 618 to 918—fully a 50% increase—from one year to the next."

To combat the prevalence of cardiovascular disease in Texas, TDH, the Texas Affiliate of the American Heart Association, the Texas Medical Association and other health groups and leaders have joined in a new initiative which officially began Feb. 1. The start of the statewide Comprehensive Cardiovascular Disease Initiative coincided with the launch of a similar national initiative in Washington, D.C.

Dr. David R. Smith, Texas Commissioner of Health, said that the coalition's strategies will include both short-term remedial measures and long-range programs to eliminate the

causes of cardiovascular disease. "Although CVD is the most prevalent killer, it is still considered preventable, since many of the causes of coronary and circulatory disease can be prevented or controlled," he said.

"Our research shows that some 78 percent of adult Texans have at least one of the six major risk factors for CVD. Those risk factors include tobacco use, physical inactivity, high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, obesity and diabetes," Dr. Smith added.

Charlene Laramy, director of the TDH Chronic Disease Prevention Program, explained that the state's initiative will establish a coalition to create plans for curbing cardiovascular disease among high-risk groups of Texans by promoting exercise programs, better nutrition and more healthful lifestyles.

Laramy said, "Members of the coalition will include specialists from both the public and private sectors. Their joint efforts will collect information, conduct public and professional education, coordinate outreach and available services, promote environmental improvements and enlist community leadership."

Although the coalition members for years have separately operated programs to prevent and reduce CVDs in Texas the new initiative marks the first time the leading groups and agencies have combined their efforts toward common goals.



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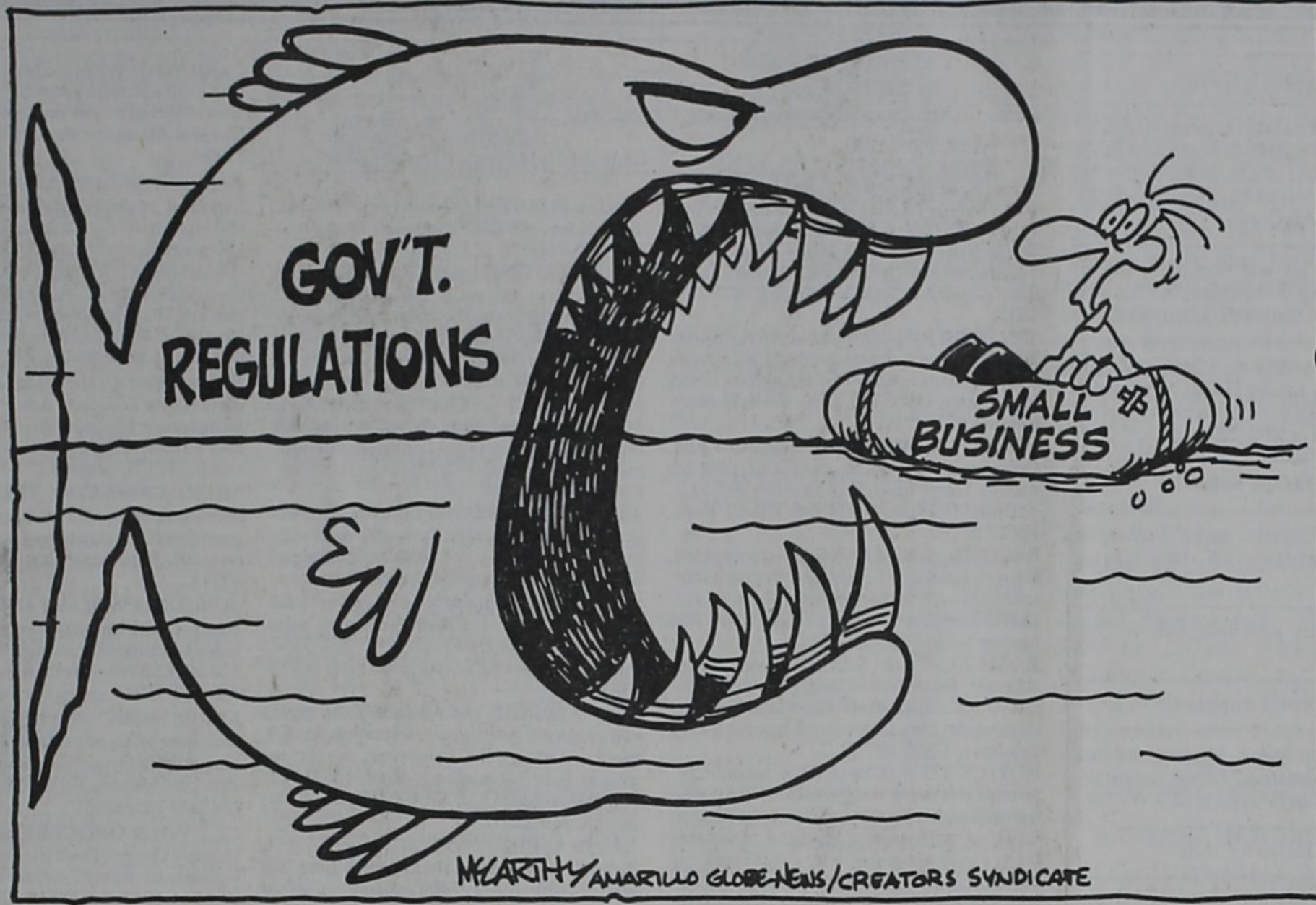
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# Opinions



## Supreme Court errs in school funding decision

by Dr Bobby Bain  
Superintendent, Post ISD  
I appreciate the invitation to respond to the recent Texas Supreme Court ruling that Senate Bill 7, commonly known as the Robin Hood Plan, is constitutional. I personally do not believe that SB 7 is constitutional but I believe this decision has been rendered because the Texas Supreme Court, Appellate Courts, and Legislature are tired of dealing with this issue.

Approximately 3 decades ago, Edgewood ISD contested the way that state funds were being distributed to Texas School Districts. Edgewood ISD took the lead in representing most of the property poor districts in Texas. School district funds were dependent on the taxes that were levied on local property values. When property values were low, it was very difficult for school districts to generate enough funds to provide a basic educational program for its students. Many of the taxpayers of property poor districts paid much higher taxes than taxpayers from property rich school districts. Although tax rates were higher, the poor districts actually generated much less revenue. In some instances, property poor districts had tax rates close to the \$1.50 maximum rate per \$100 of value and received little revenue while the rich districts had tax rates less than .50 per \$100 of value and significantly more revenue.

Education, according to the U.S. Constitution, is a state responsibility. The state has delegated that function to local school districts but must still shoulder the responsibility. Therefore, the state is responsible to insure that students, regardless of their residence, receive a good basic educational program. It is only fair to expect a good basic education for your children regardless of where you live in Texas. The problem was that poor districts, which had low property values, had very little revenue with which to spend on education. Many of the poor districts could barely open the doors on schools that had roof failures and old dilapidated materials and supplies. Teachers were paid minimum salaries. Many of the rich districts had new modern buildings and the state of the art materials and supplies. Securing good teachers was much easier because they could afford to pay higher salaries than poor districts.

The obvious solution was for the state to place education as a top priority and generate the additional revenue for poor districts and leave the rich ones alone. Unfortunately, the legislature felt it could not raise state taxes to provide the needed additional funds. They then decided that the next best thing to do was to take money from the rich districts and send it to the poorer ones. This would, in effect, equalize property tax rates and equalize the amount of money that districts could spend on its students.

The components of SB 7 have caused an upside down effect on some of the districts in Texas. Many of the rich districts now have higher tax rates than some of the poorer districts to which they send money. It only seems fair that a poor district should have to have a tax rate at least equal to the tax rate that the rich district has before money could be given to the poor district from the rich. I guess that the word "fair" must have been lost in all the litigation process.

When I came to Post in 1992, the Post ISD was labeled a "rich" district. According to SB 7, this label was given to all school districts that had in excess of \$280,000 of property wealth per weighted student. Weights have always been assigned to students when they are enrolled in special programs such as special education, vocational education, or were of low socioeconomic status. Because of SB 7, the state was going to force us to send about \$150,000 to the Texas Education Agency to be distributed to poor districts. By making an appeal to the TEA, we were able to remove Post ISD from the list of rich districts. Last year our property wealth was slightly below the \$280,000 per weighted student and we were neither rich or poor. Post was, at that time, in the middle of rich and poor districts.

The Post ISD property values have dropped significantly these past three years because of falling oil prices. For the first time in several years, the Post ISD will receive state aid in the 1995-96 school year. Post has gone from a rich district to an even district now to a poor district. We will reap the benefits of the labor and madness of the Edgewood vs. Kirby law suit. Although we will benefit, I still feel that there should have been a better solution to address the disparity between rich and poor districts.

I think it was the legendary football coach Vince Lombardi who once said that fatigue will make cowards of us all. Evidently, the Texas Supreme Court, Appellate Judges, the Legislature, and those who have fought hard and long on this suit have proven that those immortal words fit more than just football players. And just maybe it is possible that Vince Lombardi knew more about equalizing funding for education in Texas than our legislators do!

*Editor's Note: We requested Dr Bain to comment on the recent Texas Supreme Court ruling, which upheld the constitutionality of the state school funding law which takes money from some school districts and in violation of the Texas constitution, puts the money somewhere else.*

## On crime, the GOP expands federal power

by Stephen Chapman  
"We are committed to getting power back to the states," declared Newt Gingrich recently. Maybe we should believe it when we see it. On matters of social welfare, Republicans are probably more than happy to dump the headaches on the nation's governors. But on a treasured issue like crime, Capitol Hill conservatives display a mysterious infatuation with the old idea that Uncle Sam knows best.

They have yielded to that temptation just as the Supreme Court may be overcoming it. The court, not famous as a friend of decentralized government, is now considering a lower court decision that, if upheld, would thunderously revive the principle that there are limits on Washington's right to meddle in provincial affairs.

The most audacious of the crime measures, due for congressional action in May, would undercut state authority by requiring stiff mandatory federal sentence for anyone who uses or carries a gun while committing a serious state crime involving violence or drugs. That would instantly give U.S. attorneys jurisdiction over hundreds of thousands of crimes that have always been reserved for local prosecutors.

This drastic change could be justified if soft-hearted district attorneys were letting such offenders go scott-free. But judging by all the new penitentiaries rising on the landscape and all the new inmates filling them up, severity is the norm from coast to coast. Capitol Hill Republicans are thus in the odd position of usurping decisions that state and local officials, by Republican standards, are handling perfectly well.

It may be that this bill is not meant to achieve anything except to let Congress pretend to be taking action against crime. Federal prosecutors may very well refuse to waste their time on everyday street crimes that someone else is happy to prosecute. In that case, the Republicans will have generated nothing more harmful than hypocrisy.

But if the measure has any effect at all, the results could be dire. Federal courts, already groaning under the weight of all the drug cases Congress has delegated to them, would be weighed down even more. Civil cases, which are at an all-time high, will pile up even faster as judges put them off to process penny-ante criminal matters.

Chief Justice William Renquist, who has never shown an overabundance of

sympathy for lawbreakers, has complained that draconian federal drug laws have left federal judges running nothing more than "national narcotics courts." If this gun law were to pull in just a fraction of all the crimes committed with firearms, the problem would get much worse. Law-abiding citizens would have to either put up with longer court delays or else pay more taxes to expand the capacity of the federal criminal justice system — or both.

The Republicans, who take the position that many tasks currently performed by Washington ought to be returned to the states, should have no trouble with the idea that responsibilities already assigned to the states ought to remain with the states. That is the principle at issue in the Supreme Court case, which involves a federal law banning guns in around schools. The Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990 was struck down by a federal appeals court on the novel grounds (novel at least since the New Deal era) that Congress has no power to legislate on a matter of purely local concern.

Like the GOP proposal on gun crimes, this law gives federal authorities jurisdiction over lots of new offenses, including many minor ones. It also puts Uncle Sam's nose into a matter that is plainly none of its business.

Past gun laws have rested on the theory that they are regulations of interstate commerce, something Congress has explicit constitutional power to do. This time, Congress didn't even bother coming up with an interstate-commerce excuse.

Whatever rationale it could have concocted might not be good enough anyway. Education may be said to affect interstate commerce, and this law deals with schools. But the appeals court found no basis to believe that the "ordinary citizen possession of a shotgun during July, 900 feet from the grounds of an out-of-session private first grade in rural Llano County, Texas, has any effect on education even in relatively nearby Austin, much less in Houston or New Orleans."

The forgotten 10th Amendment says that any powers not granted to the federal government in the Constitution, "are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people." If that means anything, said the appeals court, it means the power granted by the interstate-commerce clause "is not unlimited."

The only way to justify the gun-free schools measure is to assume Congress can legislate on anything it wants. That is also the premise of the GOP proposal on gun crimes, a premise that Republicans should not be eager to embrace.

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## Snow and darkness bring about strange thoughts

by Robert Fulghum

Here's the 6 o'clock news at the end of a day in February — these are thoughts that come from sitting by a fire for an hour, looking out the window as snow and darkness fall.

Ten billion years ago, there was nothing here where I sit but a gathering place in space full of cosmic dust and possibility. Gravity called for roundness.

Ten million years ago, there was a great fire here — with volcanoes and lava flows.

Ten thousand years ago, the space where I sit thinking was covered with 150 feet of glacial ice and snow. The wolves in the valley below were bigger than bears. The local men's club was out hunting mastodons during the day, without success.

One hundred years ago, a mix of horse manure, mud, garbage and sewage in the streets of town was blamed for the outbreak of flu, which killed half the horses and a tenth of the children before spring. There was no electricity or treated water. No gasoline for cars. No cars. No social security, health insurance or workman's compensation, either. No television. Square dancing was suspended until spring because the only fiddler broke his arm. It was a hard winter.

This past week, there were no murders, fires, earthquakes or floods within 100 miles of where I live. My country was not at war. I do not have a cold.

In town, quite a few refrigerator doors have mid-term report cards stuck on them with magnets. Most of the grades are as good or better than this time last year. On 37 refrigerators, there are photographs of smiling people with front teeth missing — mostly first and second graders. The volunteer fire department has a new truck. The high school basketball team lost, but not by much.

Seventeen people fell in love this week. Eight fell out of love. Eleven men and one woman proposed marriage. There were seven yeses, four maybes and one "ask me again next year." Nine couples learned this week they had managed to get pregnant. Several hundred people had sweet dreams.

Eight people made it to the gas station today while their gas gauges said

## We are not bright

by Walter E. Williams

Much of what's wrong in our country is the result of heeding the words of "experts" and "intellectuals," whose advice defies every notion of common sense. Take the skyrocketing black illegitimacy. But first, let's put it into perspective. In 1940, black illegitimacy was 19 percent. Today, it's 68 percent and estimated to be 75 percent by the year 2000. As early as the 1870s, up to 80 percent of black kids lived in two-parent families. Between 1905 and 1925, 85 percent of Harlem youngsters lived in two-parent families. Today, fewer than 40 percent of black kids live in two-parent families. The black family could survive slavery and Jim Crowism but not the welfare state.

During the '60s, now-Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan wrote a report concluding, "At the heart of the deterioration of the fabric of Negro society is the deterioration of the Negro family." At that time, black illegitimacy was 30 percent. Liberals attacked the report. Civil rights leader Bayard Rustin said, "What may be a disease to the white middle class may be a healthy adaptation to the Negro lower class." Floyd McKissick, director of COPE, echoed that sentiment, saying, "Just because Moynihan believes in middle-class values doesn't mean they are the best for everyone in America."

Those sentiments were supported by many, including supposed intellectuals. Andrew Cherlin, a John Hopkins professor and sociologist, argued it had yet to be shown that the "absence of a father was directly responsible for any of the supposed deficiencies of broken homes." Cherlin concluded that the real issue "is not the lack of male presence but the lack of male income." In other words, fathers can be replaced by a monthly welfare check. That's a stupid idea, but we bought it.

When Moynihan completed his report, according to Rowland Evans and

"empty." Four people found their keys. Thirteen children achieved potty training, and nine teenagers passed their driver's tests. Three miles of highway shoulders on the North side of town were cleaned by the First Baptist Church Auxiliary. Two Catholics lent a hand.

Yesterday, in this little town, about 4,000 people went about their business, were reasonably polite to each other, did their jobs, went home to supper and slept through the night. And got up this morning to do it again. The weekly newspaper will not cover the story.

Foxes crossed our porch last night and ate the pine nuts we left for them. These words are being written on a computer with 50MHz486, 320MB HDD and 8MB RAM, with built-in multimedia video and audio and a limited warranty, but its modem crashed so it won't interface with the Internet. I don't really care.

The moon is full tonight.  
Venus will be the morning star.  
A hundred years from now, someone else will sit in this room by a pinyon-log fire in winter and look out at the news of the day. His or her modem will work.

Ten thousand years from now, ice will likely cover the place where I write, and beasts as big as bears will once again hunt in the lower valley, where the river without a name runs on down to the same old sea. Everyone's tax problems will be solved. All bills will be paid. All wounds will be healed. All sorrows forgotten.

When I stand on my porch just before bedtime tonight, I will see Orion rising in the Southeast. In the fuzzy spot at the end of his belt, I will see light that is evidence of thousands of solar systems like ours coming into being, with planets like ours spawning forms of life I cannot even imagine.

Ten million years from now, here where I sit, there will be darkness and silence — and, as always, infinite possibility. I will never, ever know why.

Goodnight. Sleep loose.  
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Robert Novak, attempts were made to repress its release. Professors Lee Rainwater and Williams Yancey suggested "it would have been well to reduce the discussion of illegitimacy because of the inflammatory nature of the issue with its inevitable overtones of immorality."

According to William Bennett, writing in *The American Enterprise* (January/February 1995), "More than 70 percent of black children will have been supported by Aid to Families with Dependent Children payments at one point or another during childhood." He adds, "The most serious problems afflicting our society today are manifestly moral, behavioral and spiritual, and therefore remarkably resistant to government cures." That recognition is thankfully slowly dawning upon us after years of listening to experts and their destructive nonsense.

But the experts are doing their level best to keep us befuddled. They continue to preach nonsense like the proposition that crime and other forms of anti-social behavior are caused by poverty. The truth of the matter is the casual direction may be the other way around: Poverty is caused by crime and anti-social behavior. After all, poverty is the likely result when a person does not respect the rights and property of others and ignores the values of hard work, sacrifice and deferment of gratification.

Congress has put welfare reform high on its agenda. In seeking advice on what to do, they should summarily disqualify all the experts whose advice we've listened to in the past that has resulted in today's calamity. If I had it my way, there'd be a blanket exclusion of anyone from any government agency dealing with poverty who has received a government grant to do research on poverty.

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# Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett  
10 Years Ago  
February 13, 1985

David Newby, Ruby Kirkpatrick, J.L. Seals, and Lewis Earl were recognized by Post Art Guild president JoAnn Mock during the special opening of the Algerita Arts Center last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Earl recently attended the Texas Assembly of Arts Councils annual conference in Corpus Christi. The Prilla club met Friday, February 8 in the home of Sybil Cockrum.

**20 Years Ago**  
February 13, 1975  
Jim Prather has been named as 1975 Roundup Chairman for the West Texas Boys Ranch. Glenn Polk to play Oscar in "The Odd Couple" for Western Texas College annual dinner theatre. Mrs. B.W. Kennedy celebrates her 90th birthday Sunday. She was born in Young County in 1885 and moved to what was to become Garza County in 1903.

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Bobby R. Pennington, a 1950 graduate of Post High School, has been promoted to vice president of the Southern Arizona Bank and Trust Co. of Tucson, Arizona.

Glen Potts, the only golfer to make a hole-in-one on the Caprock Golf course since the grass greens went in a few years ago, did it again last Thursday on the same No. 8 hole he made his first hole-in-one.

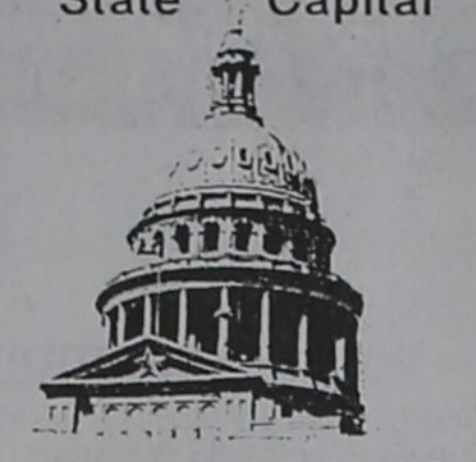
**40 years ago**  
February 17, 1955  
Durwood Bartlett and Spencer Kuykendall are attending a golf tournament in south Texas this week. Sharon Ann and Joe Lee McMahon of Lubbock spent last week with their grandmother, Mrs. L.L. Corbell.

Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Holt of Odessa recently visited their niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moseley and Nedra. See "Susan Slept Here" with Debbie Reynolds and Dick Powell at the Tower Theatre this week.

**50 years ago**  
February 15, 1945  
Cpl. Franklin S. Jones of Post was awarded the Bronze Star.

Billy Ray Williams celebrated his seventh birthday with a party Thursday afternoon. His guests were Kay Anderson, Sherry Taylor, Sue Lancaster, Betty and Shirley Gary, Lois Ann Collins, Joe Moore and E.L. Dunn.

Guests in the home of Mrs. Eddie Warren and Mrs. A.R. Tyson last weekend were Mrs. A.R. Tyson Jr.,

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**HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Reform was the operative word in Gov. George W. Bush's first "State of the State" address which he delivered in 30 minutes during a joint session of the Legislature last week.

Bush outlined his administration's goals of welfare reform, tort reform, education reform and criminal and juvenile justice reform, and pledged to be a team player with legislators to make sure those goals are met.

Welfare benefits should be limited to two years for able-bodied parents with young children, Bush said, and warned that taxpayers would not continue to provide benefits to those who choose to have additional children while on welfare.

Regarding tort reform, Bush urged lawmakers to:  
■ Cap punitive damages;  
■ Exempt public employees and civic volunteers from being sued for good faith actions;  
■ Stop court and judge "shopping"; and  
■ Discourage frivolous lawsuits.

Bush continued to hammer on his campaign theme of returning local control to Texas public schools. Doing so, he said, would "free our teachers and parents and administrators to design the schools which best fit their communities' needs."

Speaking on criminal and juvenile justice reform, Bush said Texas must lower to 14 the age at which the most violent juveniles could be tried as adults and called for an end to mandatory early-release programs. He also called for speeding up appeals by death row inmates.

In comments to the *Austin American-Statesman*, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker James E. "Pete" Laney lauded Bush and said the teamwork already has begun.

**Domestic Violence Bills**  
The Senate last week unanimously approved six domestic violence bills, the latest in a wave of legislative attempts to "break the cycle of violence" and offer better protection for victims.

Still being considered, however, by the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, is a bill by Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, that would require battered spouses who file charges against their abusers to testify against them in court.

Domestic violence bills that have passed the Senate and now move on to the House would:

- Allow magistrates to issue temporary emergency orders without a court hearing;
- Increase punishment for those who repeatedly violate protective orders; and
- Allow authorities to hold suspects charged with stalking for 48 hours after bond has been posted.

"Texas is trying to adopt an attitude of zero-tolerance to violence in any shape, form or fashion. That's our mission," Moncrief told the *Houston Chronicle*.

**Caucus Finance Disclosure**  
Rep. Layton Black, D-Goldthwaite, has filed a bill that would require legislative caucuses to report their finances and expenditures.

Rep. Warren Chisum, D-Pampa, who is chairman of the Texas Conservative Coalition, said he will fight the bill, and that the coalition will never disclose the names of past contributors.

In early January, before the Legislature convened, the Texas Conservative Coalition held a \$500 to \$10,000 a plate fund-raiser.

After the fund-raiser, legislators adopted rules requiring future disclosure and banning caucuses from raising funds 30 days before and after a legislative session, or during a session.

**Bush Nominates UT Regents**  
Gov. Bush nominated Donald L. Evans of Midland and Linnet F. Deily of Houston to the University of Texas System Board of Regents last week. He also named former congressman Tom Loeffler of San Antonio to a second six-year term.

Evans, who chaired Bush's inaugural committee, is chairman and chief executive of Tom Brown Inc., a Midland energy company. Deily is chairman and president of First

Interstate Bank of Texas. If confirmed, Evans and Deily will replace Mario Ramirez and Robert Cruikshank.

**Other Highlights**  
■ Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, has introduced a bill requiring all candidates for public office to submit to drug testing. State law allows drug testing of employees by both the government and the private sector. "Why should we be exempt? We are not a privileged class," Wilson said.

■ Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros has lost his bid to have his former mistress' lawsuit dismissed. In the ruling denying Cisneros' request for a summary judgment, State District Judge Blair Cherry of Lubbock said the suit must continue because, "...there are disputed fact issues that must be resolved."

■ A group of property-rich school districts plans to ask the Texas Supreme Court for a rehearing on its decision last week that upheld the state's tax-sharing school finance law. The districts involved include Borden County, Glasscock County and the Seminole district, all in West Texas, and Barbers Hill near Houston. Lawyer Earl Luna said other districts are contemplating joining the action.

**College Scholarships Available**

Each year individuals preparing to go to college or graduate school face the dilemma of how to pay for tuition, room and board, text books, lab fees, and other expenses. That's because college costs have skyrocketed and continue to increase yearly, putting extra strain on family budgets and assets.

Yet there are over 375,000 funding sources available to assist these students. Contrary to popular belief over 89% of the funds available to students do not depend on family need or high grades. Many are based on factors such as the student's interests, hobbies, academic focus, age, ethnic background, parent's work or military service.

Remarkably over \$6.6 Billion of this funding goes uncollected each year simply because people do not ask for it according to a report by the National Commission on Student Financial Aid. Now a new academic funding publication, updated for 1995 is available to help step students through the process and to outline their options and identify sources for assistance.

For information on how to receive academic funding and scholarships send a No. 10 self addressed, double stamped envelope plus \$2.00 to cover handling to the National Academic Funding Administration, 815 Middle Street, Suite 1300, Portsmouth, NH 03801.

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# Pregnant women need to watch diet

Women who restrict dietary protein early in pregnancy may be limiting the development of the placenta, and, eventually, fetal growth.

Results from a recent study of pigs at the USDA's Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine indicate that early protein restrictions affect the size and weight of the placenta.

"The study results are important because of the similarities in protein requirements between pigs and humans," said Dr. Wilson Pond, a USDA animal scientist and an adjunct professor at Baylor.

The placenta is the connective tissue between the mother and fetus that transports nutrients and oxygen and removes wastes.

"If the placenta's size is reduced early in the pregnancy, its ability to transport nutrients at critical times of fetal growth and organ development is compromised," he said.

According to Dr. Patricia Schoknecht, a former CNRC postdoctoral fellow who directed the study, the size of the placenta is often related to the size and birthweight of the infant.

The placenta does not reach its maximum size until the midpoint of pregnancy, a time also associated with major fetal organ development, she said.

The research team found that sows placed on a protein-restricted diet early in their pregnancy had placentas 21 percent smaller than sows on a regular diet. With the decrease in placental size and weight, the scientists noted significant stunting and a reduction in the birthweight of the piglets.

Schoknecht believes that the damage to the placenta is permanent.

"Even when the sow returned to a protein-sufficient diet, it appeared the placenta did not completely regain its ability to transport nutrients to the fetus," she said.

While inadequate nutrition during pregnancy is known to affect fetal development, little is known about when the fetus is most vulnerable, Pond said.

Currently, recommendations for pregnant women include a balanced diet with additional protein. Protein is available from meat, fish, legumes, and dairy products.

Two servings of protein (three ounces of lean cooked meat, fish or poultry) should be eaten daily. Two tablespoons of peanut butter, 1/2 cup of cooked dried beans, or one egg equals 1/3 of a serving. Pregnant women also need to consume three cups of low-fat milk or yogurt.

Study results were published in *Theriogenology*.

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# Channel 31 schedule

The following is a partial schedule for Channel 31 programming during the week of January 18-24.

**Wednesday, Feb. 15**  
8 a.m. - Gospel Music  
10 a.m. - Commissioners Court  
Noon - First Baptist Church  
2 p.m. - JV Girls' basketball  
4 p.m. - School Board Meeting  
6 p.m. - Gospel Music  
8 p.m. - Post City Council  
10 p.m. - Nazarene Church

**Thursday, Feb. 16**  
8 a.m. - Gospel Music  
10 a.m. - Joint govt. meeting  
Noon - Voice of Salvation  
2 p.m. - Varsity Boys' basketball  
4 p.m. - Woman's Culture Club  
6 p.m. - Gospel Music  
8 p.m. - Jr. High Basketball  
10 p.m. - First Baptist Church

**Friday, Feb. 17**  
8 a.m. - Gospel Music  
10 a.m. - Post ISD trustees  
Noon - Woman's Culture Club  
2 p.m. - JV Girls' basketball  
4 p.m. - Jr High basketball  
6 p.m. - Gospel Music  
8 p.m. - Post on Patrol  
10 p.m. - Lighthouse Christian Center

**Saturday, Feb. 18**  
8 a.m. - Gospel Music  
10 a.m. - Varsity Girls' basketball  
Noon - Joint govt. meeting  
2 p.m. - Jr High basketball  
4 p.m. - JV girls' basketball  
6 p.m. - Gospel Music  
8 p.m. - Varsity Boys' basketball  
10 p.m. - City Council meeting

- Sunday, Feb. 19**  
8 a.m. - Gospel Music  
1 p.m. - Church of Christ  
2 p.m. - Nazarene Church  
3 p.m. - Voice of Salvation  
4 p.m. - First Baptist Church  
5 p.m. - Lighthouse Christian  
6 p.m. - Gospel Music  
8 p.m. - Post on Patrol  
10 p.m. - Gospel Music
- Monday, Feb. 20**  
8 a.m. - Gospel Music  
10 a.m. - Bluebonnet Reading Awards  
Noon - Nazarene Church  
2 p.m. - Joint Govt. entity meeting  
4 p.m. - Post City Council  
6 p.m. - Gospel Music  
8 p.m. - Post ISD trustees  
10 p.m. - Church of Christ
- Tuesday, Feb. 21**  
8 a.m. - Gospel Music  
10 a.m. - Tower Theatre  
Noon - Church of Christ  
1 p.m. - Lighthouse Christian Center  
2 p.m. - Woman's Culture Club  
4 p.m. - Bluebonnet Reading awards  
6 p.m. - Gospel Music  
8 p.m. - Commissioners Court  
10 p.m. - Voice of Salvation

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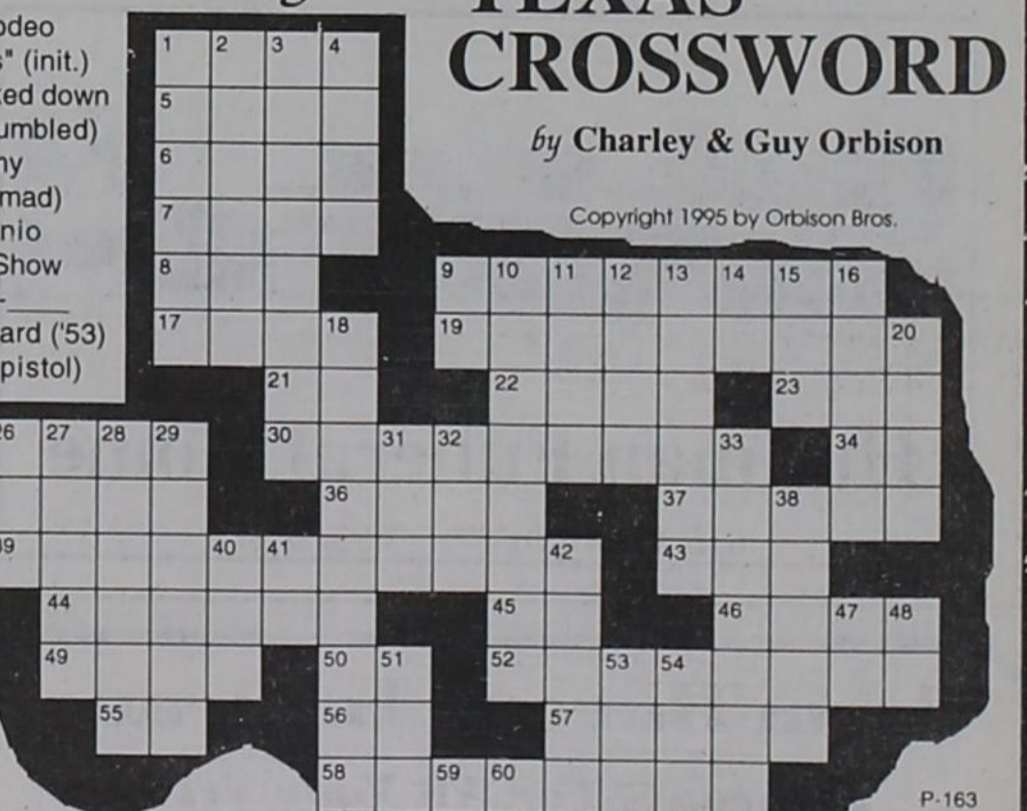
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**ACROSS**  
1 TX Stanley Marsh buried ten Cadillacs nose- (Amarillo)  
5 SMU's Dickerson  
6 this 1492 replica sailed to TX in '92  
7 Roman robe  
8 Conway Twitty's "An Memory Like Me"  
9 shock  
17 a son of TX Bush  
19 puppet opera by TX Rodriguez: "Monkey Do"  
21 "pass, no play"  
22 residents of Boerne's Kronkosky Hill  
23 TX Janis sang "Me and Bobby Mc."  
24 TX Charlie Dunn was 1st to put roses on boots  
30 TX Kite & Greshaw spectator groups  
34 "Father of TX" (init.)  
35 TXism: "  
horse of a different color" (odd)  
36 Hereford is the seat of Smith Co.  
37 Sea World performer  
39 TXism: "does a woods?" (yes)  
43 TXism: "a piece"  
44 TXism: "  
letting" (fight)  
45 TX electronics co.  
46 '92 Duncanville pitching star David Hitler's "Kampf" was stolen from Athens library ('91)

**DOWN**  
1 home of UNT  
2 unique TX bird: altamira  
3 TXism: "for a dance"  
4 Tech women won title ('93)  
9 TXism: "likely not" (probable)  
10 what unemployed Texans receive  
11 French explorer in TX: de La Salle  
12 arena of Tech's victory in 4 down  
13 "The Yellow Texas"  
14 TX golfer Byron (init.)  
15 This Gill was A&M's 1st "12th Man" (init.)  
50 Santa TX  
52 public disgraces  
55 Nettleton of the rodeo film "The Honkers" (init.)  
56 TXism: "got knocked down a peg two" (humbled)  
57 TXism: "brought my blood to" (mad)  
58 October San Antonio event: Show  
61 TX Hogan won 18-S. Rae Hickok Award ('53)  
62 TXism: "hog" (pistol)  
63 private Lubbock college  
64 Hobby Field arrival guess  
16 AFB in Lubbock TXism: "  
bear" (equipped)  
20 Emmitt signed a 4-contract in '93  
24 TXism: "keep under your hat"  
25 Dallas sportscaster Hitzges (init.)  
26 walk through the sky module at Space Ctr. Houston  
27 football first string Port TX  
29 Conway Twitty's "Hello"  
31 hot TX actor: Tommy Jones  
16 Yoyo Digo Creek  
42 TX Mirabeau B. Lamar was ambassador to this country  
47 Fenix  
48 Cowboy linebacker Darrin (init.)  
51 Oilers Norgard or exCowboy Williams  
53 TXism: "blind as  
54 TXism: "can't find hide hair of it"  
59 Del TX  
60 Dallas Mavericks are planning to a new arena

## Obituaries

### Gertie Irene Brincefield

Funeral services were held Feb. 10, 1995 at the Hudman Funeral Home Chapel for Gertie Irene Brincefield, who died February 8 at the Golden Plains Care Center in Post. Rev. D.E. Buchanan, retired Assembly of God minister, officiated at the services. Burial was at Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mrs Brincefield was born Sept. 24, 1909 in Elk City, Okla. to Lena Stein and E.B. Franklin. She married Rev. J.R. Brincefield Dec. 31, 1931 in Colgate, Okla. He preceded her in death April 29, 1987.

Mrs Brincefield was a member of the Assembly of God Church. She is survived by her son Richard Brincefield of Glendale, Ariz., nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Pallbearers were Cecil Martinez Jr., Bobby Terry, Roger Daugherty, Ruben Solis, David Tyler and Dusty Clary.

### Annie Lee Truitt

Funeral services were held February 12 for Annie Lee Truitt at the First Baptist Church in Post. Mrs Truitt died at the Golden Plains Care Center Feb. 10, 1995. Rev. Eddie Robinson, associate pastor of the First Baptist Church of Del Rio officiated the services with assistance by Bo Jackson, Rev. Davey Truitt and David Stephens. Burial was at Lamesa Memorial Cemetery, under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mrs Truitt was born June 24, 1903 in Merkel and was a member of the First Baptist Church. She was the daughter of Addie Lee Norworthy and Walter Lee Phillips. She married William Granville May 9, 1920 in Lamesa. Mr Granville preceded her in death May 8, 1961. Her son Phillip Truitt also preceded her in death in July 1993.

Mrs Truitt is survived by her daughters Vocia Tennyson of Stephenville, Sammie Robinson of Azle, Peggy Beck of Lamesa, Charlese Lene Brink of Lubbock and Marita Jackson of Post; sons Dubbie Truitt of Midland and Charles Truitt of Big Spring; sisters Aubre Cox of Chico, Audre McCleod of Big Spring, Walter Pearl Scott of Merkel; 25 grandchildren and 66 great grandchildren.

Her grandsons served as pallbearers.

## Menus

Trail Blazers	Post I.S.D.
<b>Thursday February 16</b> Roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, wheat roll, carrot cake, choice of beverage.	<b>Thursday, February 16</b> Breakfast: Muffins, fruit, 1/2 pint milk. Lunch: Fried chicken and cream gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, pudding, hot roll, 1/2 pint milk.
<b>Friday, February 17</b> Salmon patty, blackeye peas, spinach, cornbread, golden congealed salad, sugar cookies, choice of beverage.	<b>Friday, February 17</b> Breakfast: Cereal, toast and jelly, fruit, 1/2 pint milk. Lunch: Fish, macaroni and cheese, peas and carrots, slaw, brownies, 1/2 pint milk.
<b>Monday, February 20</b> Roasted Chicken, mushroom sauce, navy beans, oriental vegetables, wheat roll, tossed salad, pineapple cake, choice of beverage.	<b>Monday, February 20</b> SCHOOL HOLIDAY
<b>Tuesday, February 21</b> Vegetable beef stew, pea salad, cornbread, cherry cobbler, choice of beverage.	<b>Tuesday, February 21</b> Breakfast: MALT-O-MEAL, sausage, toast, fruit, 1/2 pint milk. Lunch: Corn dogs, french fries, mixed vegetables, fruit, 1/2 pint milk.
<b>Wednesday, February 22</b> Turkey, sweet potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, wheat roll, cranberry dessert, choice of beverage.	<b>Wednesday, February 22</b> Breakfast: Cowboy bread, fruit, 1/2 pint milk. Lunch: Chicken strips and cream gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, jello w/topping, hot rolls, 1/2 pint milk.

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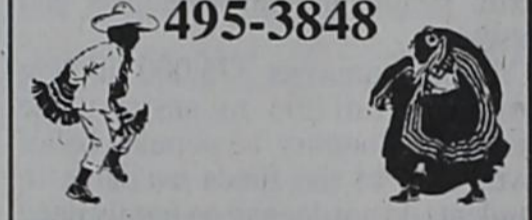
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### Church of Christ

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### Color shows its color in love

by Darryl Smith  
Some years ago a gift shop featured in its window display at Valentines a large black heart trimmed in delicate lace. Surely, the store owner's intention was to evoke feelings of love. But if you could have seen the black heart, even with its frilly edges, you would have sensed that he had failed in his attempt. Something is not right with a black heart. Maybe by its color it communicates the coldness of the lack of love and not the warmth of the presence of love. In reality there are many hearts like that in our world today, darkened by selfishness, sin and separation from God. God desires to bring the light of His love into those hearts. God in His very essence is love, as the scripture says, "God is love" (1 John 4:8), and God not only wants us to experience His love but to share that love with others. When we experience His love, we learn how we are to love and are empowered to do so. John wrote, "We love because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19). To experience God is to experience love. A person who truly experiences His presence will come to know His love and will show it to those around him. They will love in the way God loves – sacrificially, selflessly, and unconditionally – not just emotionally, sentimentally, and occasionally. Henry Drummond in his book, 'The Greatest Thing in the World', writes, "Put a piece of iron in the presence of an electrified object, and that piece of iron for a time becomes electrified. It is changed into a temporary magnet in the mere presence of a permanent magnet, and as long as you leave the two side by side, they are both magnets alike. Remain side by side with Him who loved us, and gave Himself for us, and you, too, will become a permanent magnet, a permanently attractive force." The Apostle John, the disciple who Jesus loved, so experienced His love that it changed His life. His message to his dying days was love. When he was so feeble that he could hardly stand to preach and could barely see the scriptures to read, his message was the same; love! Let us so experience His love that His nature of love becomes our nature.



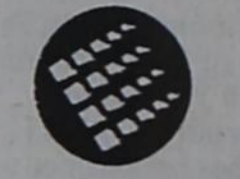
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