

# The Post Dispatch

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## Rollback effort rejected by county voters

### Canvas of vote reveals even larger margin for rollback foes

by John Cordsen

The tax rollback issue that first went public last October 6 was soundly defeated by voters in a special election held last Saturday. Voters spurned the idea of the rollback in convincing fashion, defeating the proposal 724 against to 470 people voting for the rollback.

A canvass of votes cast in the February 12 rollback election revealed a reporting error that changed the original vote tally that was released to the press over the weekend. The 130 vote swing from the initial report of 659 against and 535 in favor came after Garza County Commissioners discovered the vote tally from precinct one had been called in backwards. After checking the official tally sheet, the commissioners corrected the final vote totals to reflect 99 people voting against the rollback and only 34 in favor of the issue.

Garza County Commissioners were more relieved than anything Monday morning as they canvassed the vote

during their February 14 meeting. "I'm just glad it's over," said Garza County Judge Giles Dalby voicing a sentiment echoed by commissioners Herb Walls, John Valdez, Albert Stone and Lee Norman.

Opponents of the rollback comfortably carried all but two of the county's nine precincts. Supporters of the tax rollback narrowly captured precinct four in Justiceburg, out polling opponents 11-8. They also easily carried the absentee voting, 298 to 233. One precinct ended in a tie. Voters in precinct nine cast 32 in favor of the rollback and 32 against the idea.

The rollback would have lowered the county's tax rate from the current

.285 per \$100 of valuation rate adopted by the court back in September of 1993 to .248 which is the maximum rate allowed under the rollback.

The commissioners court and other opponents of the rollback argued that the reduced tax rate would force the county to cut valuable and needed services. Proponents of the rollback countered that the county budget was bloated and cuts could easily be made.

The rollback was first mentioned publicly in the October 6 issue of the Post Dispatch in a letter to the editor from Post attorney Pat Walker. In his letter, Walker called into account subsidies the county pays to the district judge and district attorney. He also

said that a citizen's group working with the court could easily find \$100,000 in savings from projected spending.

Precinct by precinct vote:

	For	Against
Precinct 1	34	99
Precinct 2	2	13
Precinct 3	12	48
Precinct 4	11	8
Precinct 5	4	27
Precinct 6	18	33
Precinct 7	18	79
Precinct 8	41	152
Precinct 9	32	32
Absentee	298	233
Totals	470	724

What followed was the formation of a rollback committee, the election of a rollback chairman (Jerry Riedel) and a well orchestrated campaign to draw the public's attention to the rollback effort. The issue created a number of letter's to the editor (both pro and con) in the Post Dispatch, numerous ads and leaflets and two public meetings as both sides sought to get their side of the story out.

Even though the rollback went down to defeat, both sides in the issue at one time or another have said that the issues raised in the rollback have helped to increase public awareness in the budgeting process and they have also reminded the court of who pays the bills in the county.



Dispatch Photo by John Cordsen

## Local citizens share the gift of life with friend

LINDA GORDON (third from left) accepts the donor register containing the names of those who participated in the Feb. 3 Lions Club blood drive. The local service organization used their quarterly blood drive to help Gordon offset expected blood costs when she travels to M.D. Anderson in Houston for cancer treatment. According to Rachel Givens from Blood Services in Lubbock, the 126 people who showed up to donate and the 109 who were able to give blood were "outstanding" numbers for a town the size of Post. She called the love and support shown by Post residents for Gordon "refreshing". Making the presentation from the Post Lions Club were (l-r) Lanny Fluitt, local zone chairman and board member; Paul Jones, local secretary/treasurer; Gordon and her granddaughter Olivia Webb; local Lions Club president Jim Graham. Also pictured are two of Gordon's co-workers. According to Graham, elementary secretary Louella Bilberry planted the seed for the blood drive and school nurse Janie Ammons helped see the idea to completion.

## Accident claims local teen's life, leaves another in critical condition

by John Cordsen

Hundreds of friends and family members turned out Saturday to say good-bye to Larry Haynes II. The 16 year old sophomore at Post High School died early Friday morning, February 11 following an automobile accident just west of town on Highway 380 late Thursday evening. The accident was first reported around 9 p.m. Thursday evening.

Haynes was pronounced dead at approximately 2 a.m. at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Vincent Paul Fields, 15, another Post youth injured in the single car accident is still listed in critical condition at the same hospital. Both Haynes and Fields were airlifted to Lubbock shortly after the accident.

According to Department of Public Safety reports, Haynes and Fields were the only occupants in a 1993 Pontiac Grand Am when it rolled one time just west of Post. Despite published reports, the DPS has not yet determined who was driving the vehicle at the time of the accident.

The accident occurred when the driver of the car belonging to Dee Justice lost control of the vehicle shortly after the highway divides.

According to the DPS, the car rolled at least once, ejecting both occupants.

Haynes was a member of the Post High School junior varsity basketball team. He also played on the Post J.V. football team last fall. Haynes participated in UIL competition. Fields is a member of the Post High School band and also participates in UIL competition. According to school officials, the boys had just returned from UIL practice shortly before the tragic accident.

The tragedy caused a number of cancellations of student activities. The boys junior varsity contest scheduled against Ralls last Friday was canceled and the annual FHA Sweetheart contest scheduled for Saturday night at the elementary auditorium was moved to Thursday, February 24. High school classes were also dismissed Friday afternoon around 1 p.m.

Several members of the community, including a number of pastors and youth ministers were at the school Friday to help the students cope with their loss.

The positive impact Haynes had on those he touched was evident Saturday as literally hundreds packed the First Baptist Church here in Post for the funeral.

## Chamber banquet this Saturday at Post Community Center

Preparations are underway for the annual Post Chamber of Commerce Banquet Saturday, February 19 at 7 p.m. in the Post Community Center. This years event will include Casino Night and a chance to win a ski weekend.

Following the banquet the Chamber will host Casino Night in the adjoining Youth Center. Decorations provided by the Woman's Division will enhance the casino atmosphere. The evening

promises to be festive as people spend their Post City Bucks. Winnings may be used to purchase chances on various items donated by local merchants.

The ski weekend includes hotel accommodations for two at the Enchantment Inn along with breakfast and dinner for both days. Lift tickets are provided by Ski Apache located on Sierra Blanca, as well as transportation from the hotel to the ski area.

Tickets for the banquet are \$10 per person and may be purchased at Citizens Bank, the Chamber of Commerce or from any Chamber Director. Tickets include a buffet dinner, \$500 Post City Bucks, and a chance to win a ski weekend for two in Ruidoso, New Mexico. The deadline for purchasing Banquet-Dinner tickets is February 18 at 3 p.m. Casino tickets may be purchased up till starting time.

This event is held yearly to recognize the Chamber of Commerce and members. Dru Ann Laws, Chamber secretary stated "It's also a way for the Chamber to express thanks to the public for their support." Citizen and Business of the year will be honored at the banquet. For more information contact the Chamber office at 495-3461.

## Little league program gearing up

Play Ball! will soon be the cry as directors of the summer little league program here in Post prepare for another busy season. A number of changes are on tap for this year's little league offering including the formation of a girls softball league.

Due to the large demand from the community and little league requirements, the little league directors decided to create the league for girls ages 7-12.

"We are very excited about this new program and the initial response has been outstanding," said Jimmy Norman, vice president of the T-Ball league.

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## GCJLA depends on donors for continued success

by Diane Graves

Garza County Junior Livestock Association conducts the livestock show each year in support of the youth of the county. In so doing, to be successful, the organization depends on many individuals and businesses for donations to award the youth for their hard work they have put into their different animal projects. Also, in order to have a place to conduct the stock show, the organization depends on donations and volunteers for upkeep and improvements of the showbarn and other facilities.

Donations to the building fund included items to be auctioned and monetary contributions. Jerry Osborn donated a wood and glass cabinet that was purchased by Jimmy Norman. Two crafted bracelets and a beaded basket donated by Ida Jones were purchased by Giles Dalby Jr. and Rafe Foreman. Arnold Sanderson donated a puppy that was auctioned off. Sanderson then matched the bid price of Gary Bilbo and donated the extra to the building fund.

An anonymous donor gave a collar necklace and earring set that Junior Stelzer bought. Kelli and Perry Smith donated a pair of antique, sterling silver spoon earrings which were sold to Judge Giles Dalby.

Handy Hardware donated trash cans that were used in the kitchen, B&A L.P. Gas donated butane and Jerry Osborn made several repairs at no charge. All of these donors and buyers

helped raise more than \$480 for the building fund.

The youth participating in the show also were beneficiaries of donations. Anonymously donated were the senior gifts which were collector's series American Eagle Silver Dollars minted in 1994. Being a collector's item, the coins were made of one ounce of fine silver, making them worth more than the average dollar.

Another jackpot donor was Hudman Furniture and Funeral Home. Donations were also made to the Derick Dunn Memorial Scholarship Fund by Pat and Emma Lou Taylor and Wayne and Carol McDonald.

Another area where money is raised for the jackpot comes from the dues paid by persons who are voting members of the Garza County Junior Livestock Association. Members of the Association for 1994 include: Donny Stelzer, Junior Stelzer, Joe Harris, James Dye, Clyde Cash, Ronnie and Andra Dunn, Lee Norman, Steve and Jamie Cooper, B.L. Thomas, Wayne McDonald, Bruce Ledbetter, Dicky Wallace, Delwin Fluitt, Milton and Billie Williams, Larry Mills, Kim Wilks, Rafe and Elaine Foreman, Tom Middleton, Jimmy Norman, Larry Scrivner, John Ramsey, Urda and Dwaina Wulfjen, Jack Morris, Todd Taylor, Curtis Hudman, Gary Bilbo, Syd Conner, Deb and Gina Palmer, Mike Johnson, Tony Conner, Jeff Williams, Rod Smith, Robert Lopez,

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Dispatch Photo by John Cordsen

POST HIGH SCHOOL students participating in the Sundown UIL Cross-Examination Meet were: Back row; (l-r) Chris Ashley, Jim Riley Simpson, Phil Leininger and Jeff Redman. Front row; Nikki Pollard, Jill Stelzer and sponsor Candace McConnell.

## PHS to send two students to state UIL meet

by John Cordsen

For two Post High School students, the road to the state University Interscholastic League Cross-Examination Meet went through Sundown. Jeff Redman and Phil Leininger had to defeat last year's district champions from Sundown to earn the right to represent Post at the

state meet scheduled for Austin March 14-19 at the University of Texas.

Redman and Leininger qualified for the state meet by finishing first at the UIL Cross-Examination District Meet held Feb. 10 at Sundown High School.

Post did quite well at the meet, sweeping three out of the top four places at the meet. Finishing in third

place was the team of Jill Stelzer and Jim Riley Simpson. Fourth place went to the duo of Nikki Pollard and Chris Ashley.

The Post contingent was sponsored by Candace McConnell.

Post's UIL teams have enjoyed much

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# Post Notes

## Sweetheart contest moved to Feb. 24

The annual PHS Sweetheart contest originally scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Post Elementary auditorium has been moved to Thursday, February 24 at 7 p.m. Advance reservations made for the Feb. 12 date will still be honored. For more information contact the high school at 495-2770 for reservations.

## Missy's employees W-2 forms in Austin

All employees of Missy's Manufacturing need to obtain a substitute W-2 form from the IRS office in Austin and then call Dial-a-Check in Lubbock to obtain information for the W-2 form.

## WPS offers support group

Women's Protective Services support group for victims of domestic violence is held every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 for adults who have been emotionally, physically or sexually abused by a spouse, relationship partner or family member. The group meets at the WPS' office located at the Postex, Mill. For more information call 1-800-736-6491.

## Gospel singing Feb. 19 at Trailblazers

The Garza County Trailblazers will hold their monthly gospel singing this Saturday, Feb. 19 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Trailblazers Center. The public is invited and encouraged to attend these regular monthly sing alongs.

## Benefit planned for Horton family

There will be a benefit March 6 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6797 for the Horton family. The benefit gets underway at 12 noon. It will include a barbecue at noon, a 2 p.m. cakewalk, 3 p.m. auction and a band will begin playing at 4 p.m. For more information call the VFW at 495-3785.

## Girl Scout Cookie sale still going

The Girl Scout Cookie sale still underway in Post and Garza County. Persons who have not been contacted and wish to order cookies can call the local cookie chairman Dede Smith at 495-2451 or the Post Service Unit Chairman Jaquita Blevins at 495-2517 and they will be sure one of the local scouts will come and take their order.

## Wood carving demonstration Feb. 26

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

## Garza County Service Officer

The Garza County Service officer will be available the third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at 130 E. Main (upstairs in the old bank building). For an appointment or information call Ann Stelzer at 495-3645 after 6 p.m. or at 495-2444 on the third Saturday of the month.

## Xi Delta Rho establishes scholarship fund

The Xi Delta Rho Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi has established a memorial fund to be used for scholarships for local graduating high school seniors. For more information call Karen Palmer at 495-2023 or Jaynie Dickson 495-3422. Both can be reached during the evening hours.

## Changes at Human Resource building

Due to the construction at the Human Resource building on South Highway 84, all clients are asked to enter through the back entrance on the east side of the building. Please continue parking in the front as usual.

All services at the Texas Department of Health will continue to be offered during the construction phase. Please call 495-3996 for an appointment or information.

## Algerita Spring Day March 25

The second annual Spring Day at the Algeria is being planned for Friday, March 25. The day will include a style show, heirloom egg auction and a luncheon. Tickets may be purchased by calling 495-4000 or by contacting a member of the Algeria Art Guild.

## Vets plan trip to Big Spring

Auxiliary members and men of the VFW will go to the VA hospital in Big Spring on Thursday, February 24 at 5 p.m. Donations of books, personal items, writing supplies and new and used clothing will be appreciated. To make a donation call Melvis Taylor at 495-2042 or persons wishing to can drop off their donations at the VFW on the Clairmont Highway.

## Little Dribblers meeting Feb. 17

Post Little Dribblers will be having an organizational meeting Thursday, Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. in the Community Room of the First National Bank of Post. Parents and interested individuals are urged to attend.

## Commodities distribution moved

The commodities distribution held on the third Monday every month will be moved the old 4-H barn on the Lubbock Highway due to the renovation of the permanent facility on the near the city park. The center will be open for the distribution from 9 - 12 and from 1-3 p.m. The commodities distribution will continue at the 4-H Barn until further notice.

## •Auction

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Jacky Harp, Royce Hart, Richard Hart, Fred Humble, Jay Bird, Mack Ledbetter, John Bland, Morton Smith, Kyle Josey, Bill Collier, Brent Mason, Gordon Terry, Gerald Gerner and Jay and Sherry Pollard.

Readers may have noticed a number of wives have joined the association. They are not just members in name only. According to plans, they will be supporting a number of activities. Individuals and couples wishing to join the Garza County Junior Livestock Association can call 495-2050 to sign up. Dues are \$25.

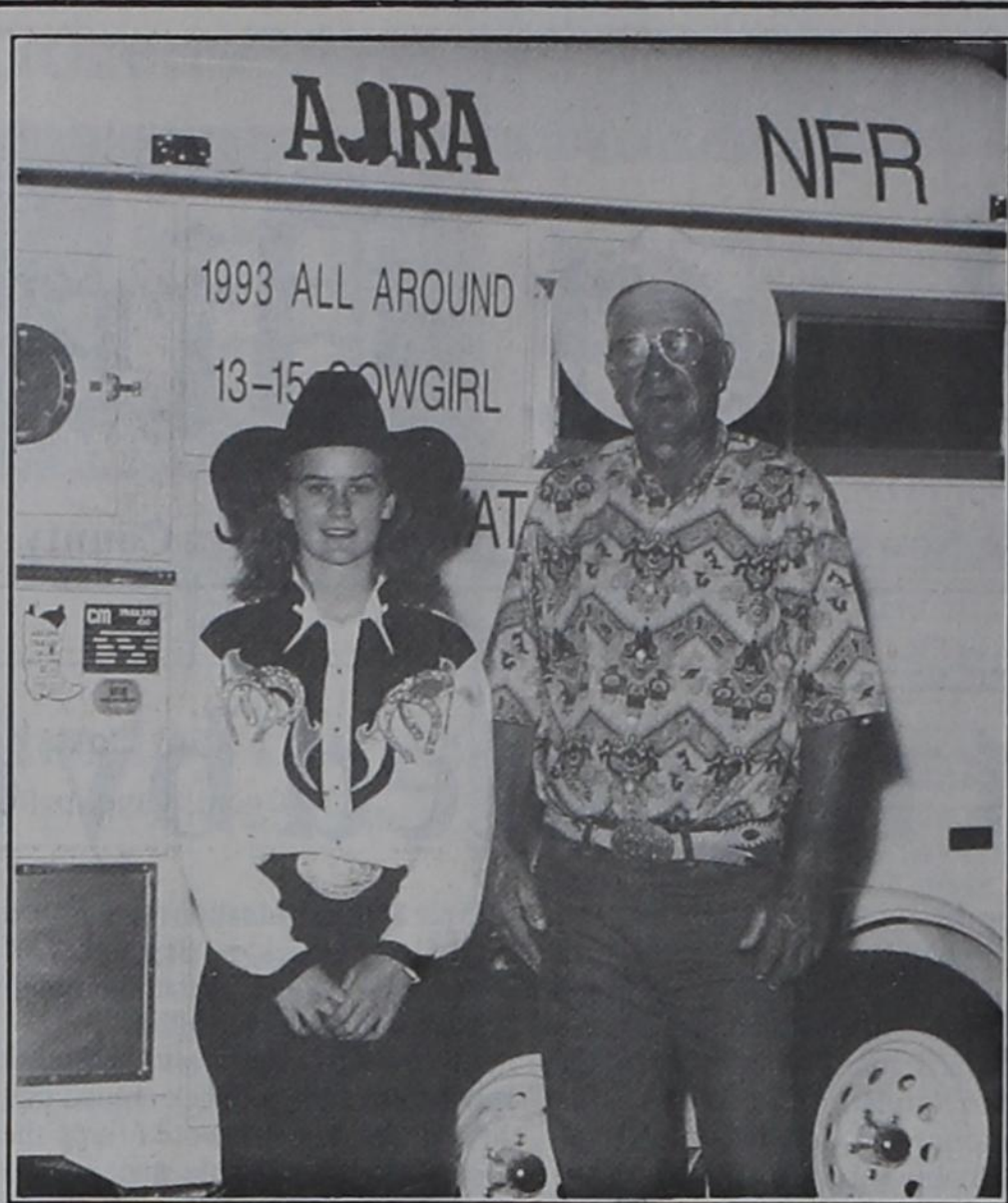
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## Talinda Bird wins AJRA All-Around Cowgirl honors

TALINDA BIRD, daughter of Jay and Cindy Bird of Post recently won All-Around Cowgirl honors in the 13-15 age division of the American Junior Rodeo Association competition held recently in Sweetwater. Talina is also the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bird.

## Around Town

Clubs and Organizations in and around Garza County

### Theta Eta Chapter

The First United Methodist Church in Slaton was the site for the February meeting of the Theta Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Southland members served as hostesses. Molly Helmlinger and members presented the program for the evening: Women Who Dared: Women Who Have Influenced Across the Centuries. Special music was provided along with other special presentations that were made recognizing members of the chapter.

Connie Flores, chapter president, presided over the society business. Invitations to membership were extended to Sharon Sims and Melody Pauley of Brownfield. The nominations committee presented the 1994-96 slate of officers. The 1993-94 Grant-In-Aid recipient was Kelly Keith.



Dispatch Photo by Lillie Hart

## City salutes hospitalized vets

POST mayor signs a proclamation declaring February 13 through 19 as "Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week." Looking on is Melvis Taylor, president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the local VFW.



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## Menus

### Trail Blazers

Thursday, February 17  
Chicken fried steak, baked potato, broccoli, wheat roll, oranges & bananas, choice of beverage.

Friday, February 18  
Brisket, parslid new potatoes, fried okra, apricots, biscuit, gingersnaps, choice of beverage.

Monday, February 21  
Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, bran muffin, pineapple chunks, choice of beverage.

Tuesday, February 22  
Pork roast, sweet potatoes, wax beans, beet & onion salad, angel food cake, choice of beverage.

Wednesday, February 23  
Oven fried fish, baked beans, broccoli, coleslaw, cornbread, rocky road pudding, choice of beverage.

### Post Schools

Monday, February 14  
SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Tuesday, February 15  
Breakfast: Dry cereal, toast, peanut butter, fruit, milk.  
Lunch: Corn dogs, French fries, baked beans, brownies, milk.

Wednesday, February 16  
Breakfast: Malt-o-Meal, sausage, toast, fruit, milk.  
Lunch: Burrito & sauce, cabbage

slaw, corn, fruit cobbler, milk.

Thursday, February 17  
Breakfast: Muffins, fruit, milk

Lunch: Fried chicken & cream gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, pudding, hot rolls, milk

Friday, February 18  
Breakfast: Ham & gravy, biscuits, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Fish, sweet peas, carrot coins, Reese's cup, corn bread, milk.

Note: Children will not be allowed to charge for more than 2 weeks at a time.

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## Pettyjohn, McKinny announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Pettyjohn are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Alicia Gail, to Gary Dean McKinny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill McKinny of Grand Prairie.

The couple will marry April 9, 1994 at Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Post High School and South Plains College is self employed at J. Davidson's in Lubbock. The future groom graduated from Hobbs New Mexico High School. He attended Texas Tech and is employed by David G. Haley & Co. Inc. in Lubbock.

## Local FFA and 4-H members head to Houston Stock Show

A number of Post and Garza County 4-H and FFA members will be competing in the upcoming Houston Livestock Show which runs February 19 through March 6 at the Astrodome in Houston.

Garza County will send four 4-H members and six FFA members to the stock show. They include: (4-H) Talina Bird and Justin Norman who will exhibit market steers and Chelisa Williams and Ryan Wulfjen who will exhibit market barrows.

Southland FFA members include Roger Daugherty who will show a market broiler and Justin Haire who will also show a market broiler along with a market barrow. Post FFA members include Kelli Collier, Lori Hudman and Jeremy King who will each show a market barrow and Casey Hart who will exhibit three commercial steers.

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, draws exhibitors from all over the world. These exhibitors are primarily professional breeders and ranchers.

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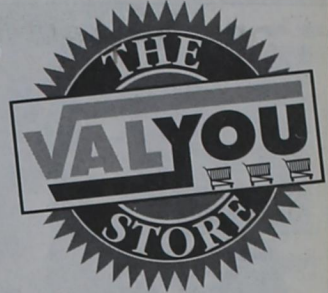
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THE Women's Culture Club recently donated a number of children's books to the local Head Start School and My Special Place day care. Making the presentation of the books were: (very back) Donna Craig, Hiawatha Garza and Maxine Earl.

### Judge Dalby speaks to Woman's Culture Club

Maxine Earl, club president opened the meeting of January 26 by introducing Garza County Judge Giles Dalby. Judge Dalby presented a very informative speech on the state of Garza County. The club presented the Post Public Library with a coffee table book titled "The American Desert." Members received a wish list from M.D. Anderson Hospital. Items needed include cash, paperback books, magazines, robes, pajamas, cassette players, baseball caps, bonnets, turbans, bud vases, toiletry items, sewing kits, crafts, yarn, fabric, calendars, and model kits. Anyone wishing to make a donation should contact a Culture Club members. Hostesses Ruth Hall and Nona Lusk served delicious refreshments to Maxine Earl, Dorace Wilson, Buena Bouchier, Mary Neff, Barbara Hardin, Ruby Kirkpatrick, Donna Craig, Jan Herring, Doll Haire, Beebee Boren, Peggy Smith and Karharine Cathart.

## Counselor's Corner

Featuring contributions from the three Post-Dispatch counselors  
Daisy Breedlove - Post High School  
Sharla Wells - Post Middle School  
Donita Rogers - Post Elementary



The term CRITICAL THINKING is currently a hot item in education, as it should be, since critical thinking skills are the most important skills for success in school and in life.

Students learn facts and figures, dates and places, spelling, math, history...and much more in school today. Our computers, books and libraries are overflowing with an ocean of facts. The information we have available grows day by day—and we need every bit of it. But no one can ever hope to learn or remember it all.

Instead of just mastering facts, students must also learn to think clearly. They must be able to understand facts, sort them out and make sense of them. They need to be able to evaluate what they hear and see and read. They need to know how to make good decisions based on careful analysis. These are the skills of critical thinking.

One of the best places to help children learn and practice critical thinking is right at home! Thinking takes real effort, but it's worth it! Educators have identified six separate skills that make up critical thinking. They are:

observing, classifying, comparing, summarizing, hypothesizing and evaluating. Many everyday activities can be turned into "critical thinking" practice. Below, 5 activities are suggested:

- During a TV commercial, talk about how you think the program will end. This is the skill of hypothesizing. After the show, turn off the set and compare your ideas with the actual story. Was your ending better? Why or why not?

- Watch the news together. After seeing a news story on TV, look for a story on the same subject in the newspaper. Talk about how they are the same and how they are different. This is the skill of comparing.

- Have your child choose a commercial for a toy that is advertised on TV. Write down what the commercial says about the toy. Then visit a toy store. How does the actual toy stack up? This is the skill of evaluating. Did the advertising lead your child to expect it would be different?

- Classifying can be taught using a newspaper. Have your child read a short editorial on a subject that interests them. Then underline all the facts with a red pen or pencil. Then underline opinions with a blue pen.

- A fun way to practice summarizing is to cut the headline off a newspaper story. Do not show the headline to your child. Have your child read the story, then write his own headline to your child. Have your child read the story, then write his own headline that summarizes the whole story. Are the headlines similar?

There are unlimited opportunities for you to help your child develop critical thinking skills. It is one of the greatest contributions you can make as a parent to your child's future success. Take the challenge! Practice critical thinking today!

### Letters to the Editor

Dear Sirs:  
Last Monday we had car trouble as we approached Post but were able to coast off the highway and pull on to 3rd street. We were across from a home of one of your Bold Gold Antelopes - I think the name was Torres. Several of the family checked on us and offered help and the Holly Burger across the street made several calls and made us welcome. When R & D Automotive were able to pull us in, they fixed the car within the hour and the charge was equitable.

We want to thank the kind and good people of Post and special thanks to those who helped us personally.  
Don and Ethmer Kordes  
Walsenburg, CO

Dear Editor:  
"This is God's Will, I feel it in my heart," said Jim and Tammy Faye when they bought a dog house, said David Rorish as he struck match, said Jim Jones as he stirred punch. Does anyone remember what Gordon Davidson said??  
Name withheld by request

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It is wisdom to believe the heart.  
—George Santayana

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## Steamboat Cruise Day

PLACE: Premier Travel -- Kingsgate Center North  
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## City lauds local school board members

POST ISD board members were presented certificates from Post Mayor Jim Jackson honoring the board members for their dedication to the youth of the community. The Post City Council passed a proclamation at its Feb. 1 meeting declaring Feb as School Board Recognition Month. Mayor Jackson presented the board members with their certificates during the school board's Feb. 14 meeting. Pictured are: (l-r) Rex Cash, Mark Kirkpatrick, Gary Workman, Barbara Hardin, Mayor Jackson, Royce Hart, Jeff Lott and Rafe Foreman.



Dispatch Photo by John Cordson

## Chiropractor opens local office

Dallas native Bruce Adams has opened a chiropractor's office in Post in the 300 block of 8th Street across from Post Elementary. The Post Chamber of Commerce officially welcomed Adams and his practice to the community Saturday, Feb. 5 with ribbon cutting ceremonies.

Dr. Adams graduated from Cleveland Chiropractic College in Kansas City in September of 1982. He has had offices in Wahahachie and Midland along with a current office in Lubbock. Dr. Adams office hours in Post will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Pictured at the ribbon cutting are (l-r) chamber secretary Dru Ann Laws, Justin Adams, Jane Adams, John Adams, Dr. Adams and chamber director Glenn Brown.

## Wife of Post native completes writing eighth romance novel

Judith Steel, wife of Post native Curtis Steel, has completed her eighth novel, *Tender Deception*, a historical romance was recently published by Zebra Books.

Judith was raised in Bartsville, Oklahoma. She graduated from Oklahoma State University and was associated with the Santa Fe, New Mexico school system for a number of years.

The Steels currently live in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Judith is the daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Steel of Post.

## Massey graduates from basic training

Air Force Airman Dustin Massey has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs. He also received special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Massey is the son of Richard and Mildred Massey of Post.

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by Terri S. Cash, CPA

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\* Two single individuals can have an adjusted gross income of \$216,900 before itemized deductions are reduced; for couples, the limit is \$108,450. (Filing separately offers no advantage on these items.)

Short of getting divorced, what can you do? Maximize any tax breaks. Filing separately may help if one spouse has higher medical deductions, for instance; a lower AGI means that more can be written off. Note that some tax breaks, like child-care credit, demand joint filing.

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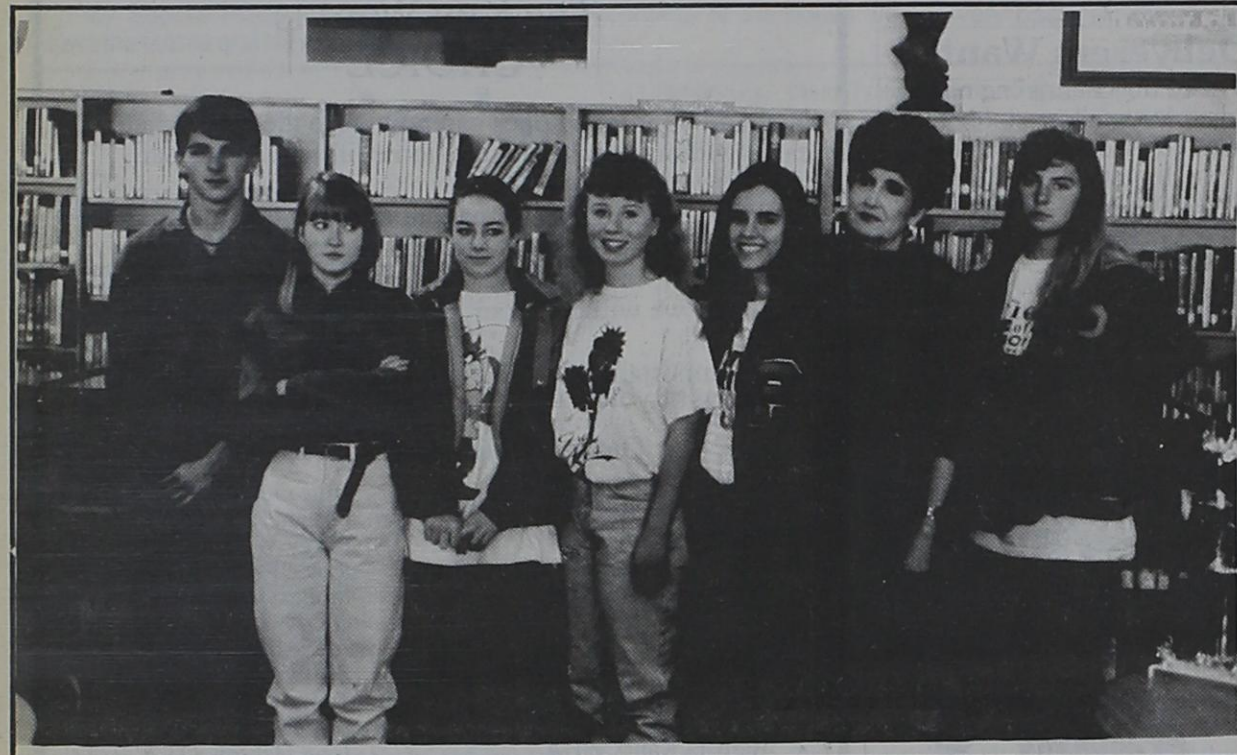
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ATTENDING the Seminole UIL Competition were: (L-R) Coach- Candace McConnell, Jeff Redman, Nikki Pollard, Amber Little, Shayla Wallace, Keely Cahill, Carly Rudd, Jill Stelzer, Lorena Voss, Amanda Bush, Joy Pool



FRIONA TOURNAMENT Participants were: (L-R) Jeff Redman, Amanda Bush, Carly Rudd, Amber Little, Lorena Voss, Coach-Joy Pool, Keely Cahill

**UIL**

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success as the academic competition has been underway for a number of weeks. Results from past meets include:

- Seminole**  
CX Debate - Jeff Redman/Amanda Bush, 10th out of 106 teams.  
L.D. Debate - Keely Cahill, 8th out of 98 teams.  
Bible Reading - Lorena Voss, 4th.  
Poetry Interp - Lorena Voss, 6th.  
Prose Interp - Nikki Pollard, semi-finalist.  
Cold Interp - Lorena Voss, 4th; Amber Little, 5th.  
Novice Interp - Shayla Wallace, Jill Stelzer, semi-finalists.

Brown Bag Acting/Improv. - Keely Cahill, Jeff Redman, Amanda Bush, Lorena Voss, placed 7th of 62 teams.

- Denver City**  
Keyboarding - Labeth Jones, 1st place, Brandy Warren, 3rd place.  
Persuasive Speaking - Salli Bush, 3rd place.  
Ready writing - Shelly Haney, 6th place, Mikki Wilks, 5th place.  
Spelling - Sara Hodges, 1st place; Team, 3rd place.  
Current Events - team, 4th place.  
Accounting - Sonja Benham, 5th place, Brody Moore, 6th place.  
Calculator - Janie Norman, 1st place 12th grade, 3rd place overall; Vincent Fields, 1st place 10th grade; Jayson

- Fry, 2nd place 10th grade.  
Math - Mario Tobias, 2nd place 12 grade; Cody Collier, 6th place 12th grade; Sonja Benham, 6th place 12 grade; Jayson Fry, 1st place 10th grade; 6th place overall; 4th place mathematics team.  
Number sense - Cody Collier, 1st place 12th grade, 4th place overall; Bitt Sims, 5th place, 11th grade; Jayson Fry, 1st place 10th grade.  
Science - Jay Childers, 4th place, 9th grade; Cody Collier, 6th place, 12 grade; Mario Tobias, overall 3rd.  
Editorial Writing - Marie Garcia, 4th place; Shelly Haney, 5th place.  
Headline - Alissa Mitchell, 2nd place; Cody Collier, 6th place.

**Art Guild members tour**

Post Art Guild members recently spent a day in Lubbock touring the new Godbolt Cultural Center. They had a short meeting and then were off to a demonstration at Doyle and Dawn Berrys.

The Berrys have an extensive egg collection that is not only a hobby, but a business as well. Guild members also went to the art exhibit at the American Bank of Commerce. Post's Mary Ann Stelzer was one of the featured artists at the exhibit.



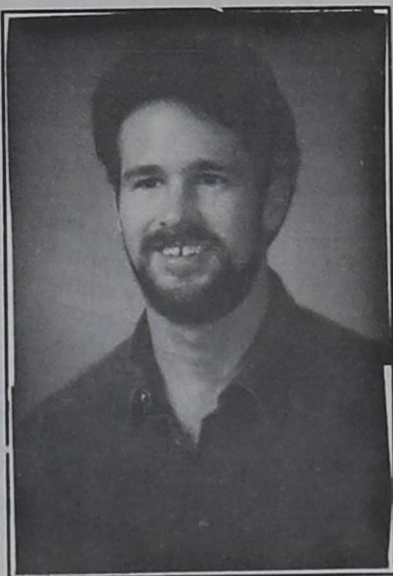
TIGER Cubs toured the Post Dispatch office last week. Pictured are: Back row; (l-r) Jerrad Grisham, Jett Lott, Garrett Chapman, Kyle Kirkpatrick. Front row; Brady Wuensche, Cody Bullard and Kam Baker.

**Character still part of scouting**

by Pixie Grisham  
"Character Counts!" Becoming prepared for the 21st century is the national theme for the Boy Scouts of America for the coming two years. A strong belief in America's youth and a commitment to preparing them for their future will remain of utmost importance to the Boy Scouts of America.

In honor of the national observance of Boy Scout Sunday, scouts from Pack 314 visited local churches Sunday, February 6. Tiger Cubs and Webelos visited the First United Methodist Church while the Post Church of the Nazarene hosted the

Wolf Cubs. The South Plains Council continues to make strides in serving young people throughout its 20 county area. Improvements continue to be made at Camp Post including a barrier free campsite which was constructed with funds given for such a purpose. Other funds have been contributed resulting in continued improvement of the campsites which in turn has increased the use of the camp. The Scout's outreach program continues to serve more youth from at-risk areas and special needs kids are getting an opportunity to experience scouting.



Trevor L. Thuett

**Thuett graduates**

Trevor L. Thuett graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering, on December 18, 1993.

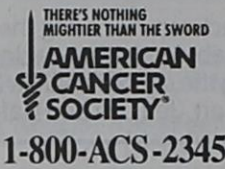
While attending Tech, he was a member of the "Go'in Band from Raiderland", Kappa Kappa Psi, band, fraternity, Pi Tau Sigma, honorary Mechanical Engineering Fraternity and was employed by Fanning-Fanning and Associates, Consulting Engineering Firm.

He now resides in Denver, Colorado, where he is employed by the Consulting Firm of Gordon, Gumeson, and Associates. Thuett is a 1989 graduate of Post High School. He is the son of Ronald and Nancy Thuett, and the grandson of Gladys Hendrix and L.G. and Consie Thuett, all of Post.

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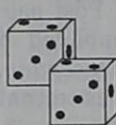
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The current budget will be reviewed closely and as time approaches to begin work on the new budget, the court pledges to have a number of open meetings for the purpose of encouraging citizen input. We appreciate the concern and interest for county finances, your finances, and as always will maintain an open door policy.

The vote has been cast, a decision made, now let's go forward together for the good of our community.

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Albert Stone, Commissioner  
Herbert Walls, Commissioner

Giles, W. Dalby  
County Judge

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# Sports

## • Little League

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Along with this added responsibility comes additional costs that the board must consider. According to the little league board, the local merchants and business people have been extremely supportive of the league in the past and they look forward to future support as well.

To help offset these costs, board members have visited with a number of area baseball programs on how they met the financial responsibilities of providing the summer activities. Out of these visits, the board has decided to set the sign up fees for participants at \$25 per year or \$20 per player when a family has three or more players.

According to Norman, the board felt that this was a much needed change. The board, along with sponsors felt that the youth who benefited from the program needed to share in its ever increasing costs. The board said that last season it cost approximately \$60 per child to participate in the program.

Charter, insurance & fees .....	\$3,300
Uniforms, caps & T-shirts .....	\$3,200
Equipment .....	\$1,250
Balls .....	\$2,000
Field maintenance & repair .....	\$6,000
Girls softball .....	\$4,000
Awards .....	\$2,000
All-star expenses .....	\$650

This year, the cost is expected to increase to \$70.

"The league in the past two years has made some great strides in field improvements and the overall condition of the little league program," said Norman. "Our hope is that we may continue to improve our little league program. With the help of our sponsors and parents support, we should be able to accomplish this goal."

To help explain the need for increasing the sign up fee, the board released the expected breakdown of this summers expenditures.

"We have included this list of our anticipated expenses for the upcoming year so that anyone that is interested can see what a challenge this is," said Norman.

Sign up period for both boys and girls begins March 1 and continues through March 4. Sign up will be at the Norman Insurance Agency at 204 E. Main from 7 until 9 p.m. nightly. For more information contact any board member.

## 'Lopes salvage split in two games

by John Cordsen

Post saw its district winning streak snapped against Seagraves Feb. 8 in Seagraves. The Eagles trounced the 'Lopes 70-49, putting a serious crimp in the 'Lopes post season hopes. The loss dropped the 'Lopes district record to 6-3.

The 'Lopes hopes for a victory on the Eagles home floor came to a screeching halt in the third period when Seagraves busted open a tight game with a 13-3 quarter. They continued the run in the final period, outscoring Post 20-13.

"It was a hard loss," said Bold Gold head coach Mitch Rasberry.

Bodie Simpson led the 'Lopes in scoring with 20. His 20 points included three, three pointers. He was the only Antelope to score in double figures. Others scoring for Post were: Cody Bain, 9; Brody Moore, 9; Russ Bird, 5; Alvin Reed, 4 and Lemuel McDonald.

The 'Lopes returned to the win column last Friday with a 77-63 romp over the visiting Ralls Jackrabbits. The game wasn't as close as the score indicated as Post led 67-36 heading into the final period. The comfortable margin allowed Rasberry to clear his bench with all players scoring.

The 'Lopes were hot from the outside

and inside as Bodie Simpson hit for two more three's and Russell Baldree scored all of his nine points from beyond the three point line. The inside game was provided by Reed and Bird who combined for 26 points.

Scoring for Post were: Jim Riley Simpson, 2; Baldree, 9; Kelly Line, 3; Bain, 11; B Simpson, 11; Moore, 9; Bird, 11; Radley Nichols, 2; Reed, 15; Clint Melton, 4.

The 'Lopes have a 14-12 record heading into their final two games of the season against Tahoka (last night) and Idalou this coming Friday in Idalou.

## Lady 'Lopes end 19-10 season with pair of wins

by John Cordsen

The only goal the Post Bold Lady 'Lopes failed to reach during their recently completed 1993-94 basketball season was earning a trip to the post season.

"We had a good year," said Bold Gold Lady 'Lope head coach Chilli Black. "The kids played hard and about the only goal we didn't reach was going to the playoffs."

The ladies put the final wrapping on their season last week with wins over Seagraves and Ralls.

The Lady 'Lopes traveled to Seagraves last Tuesday night, Feb. 8 where they edged the Lady Eagles 47-40. Jamie Hawkins led the ladies with

16 points. Cara Cash was the only other lady to score in double figures with 11. Others scoring for Post were: Amber Cooper, 5; Amber Hammond, 3; Chelisa Williams, 1; Tiffany Steel, 1; Holly Hardin, 1, Christie Oden, 5.

The ladies closed out their season last Friday with a 69-52 win over Ralls here in Post. The 17 point win boosted the ladies record to 19-10 on the year and 7-5 in district, good enough for third place.

Scoring for the Lady 'Lopes against Ralls were: Hawkins, 9; Katina Davis, 9; Cooper, 8; Mandi Sims, 2; Hammond, 6; Cash, 18; Williams, 1; Steel, 7; Hardin, 3; Oden, 6.

## Seventh grade 'Lopes end season with blowout win over Ralls

Talk about good endings, the Post Bold Gold seventh grade 'Lopes ended their season in fine fashion, crushing the Ralls Jackrabbits 44-18. The 'Lopes settled this one early taking a 20-0 lead after the first quarter.

"The kids played hard and showed a lot of improvement all year," said seventh grade coach Darrell Radle.

The improvement and the big win in their season finale raised the 'Lopes one game over .500 and left them with

a winning record at 7 games in the win column to go with only six games on the other side of the ledger.

Scoring for the 'Lopes were: Colt McCook, 24; Raymond Perez, 10; Albert Armendariz, 4; Terry Foster, 2; Daniel Fluit, 2; Matt Cooper, 2.

Other team members on the seventh grade roster were: Michael Collazo, Josh Bustos, Jason Hair, Steven Aguilar, Joseph Abraham and Jeremy Abraham.

## High Rollers will host local meet

The Post High Rollers tumbling and trampoline team will be hosting a meet in the Post High School gym Saturday, February 26.

Ten teams from the surrounding area will be in the competition which begins at 9 a.m. Organizers expect the meet to conclude at approximately 3 p.m. Admission is free.

## Several Post grads named to honor rolls


Several local college students earned honors for the 1993 fall term. Amanda D. Havens appeared on the Deans list at West Texas A&M University. Students on the Deans List achieved Grade point averages of at least 3.25 with a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Amber Crenshaw Byerly is listed on the Dean's List at Angelo State University with a grade point average of at least 3.25.

Elizabeth Martinez appeared on the Merit List at Western Texas College with a grade point of 3.25 or above.

Brad McDonald was named to the Dean's List at Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Oklahoma. He was among 380 students named to either the President's or Dean's lists at the university. McDonald, a freshman, is majoring in business.

At South Plains College in Levelland, Post graduate Donald Alaway was named to the President's honor list for the fall semester. Students named to the President's List must maintain a straight A or 4.0 grade point average while carrying a minimum full-time load of 12 semester hours.



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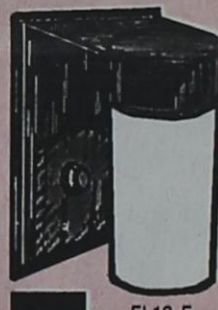
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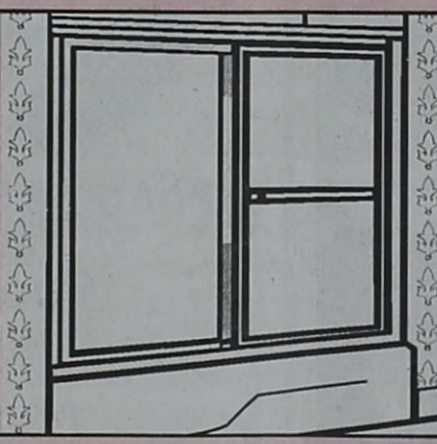
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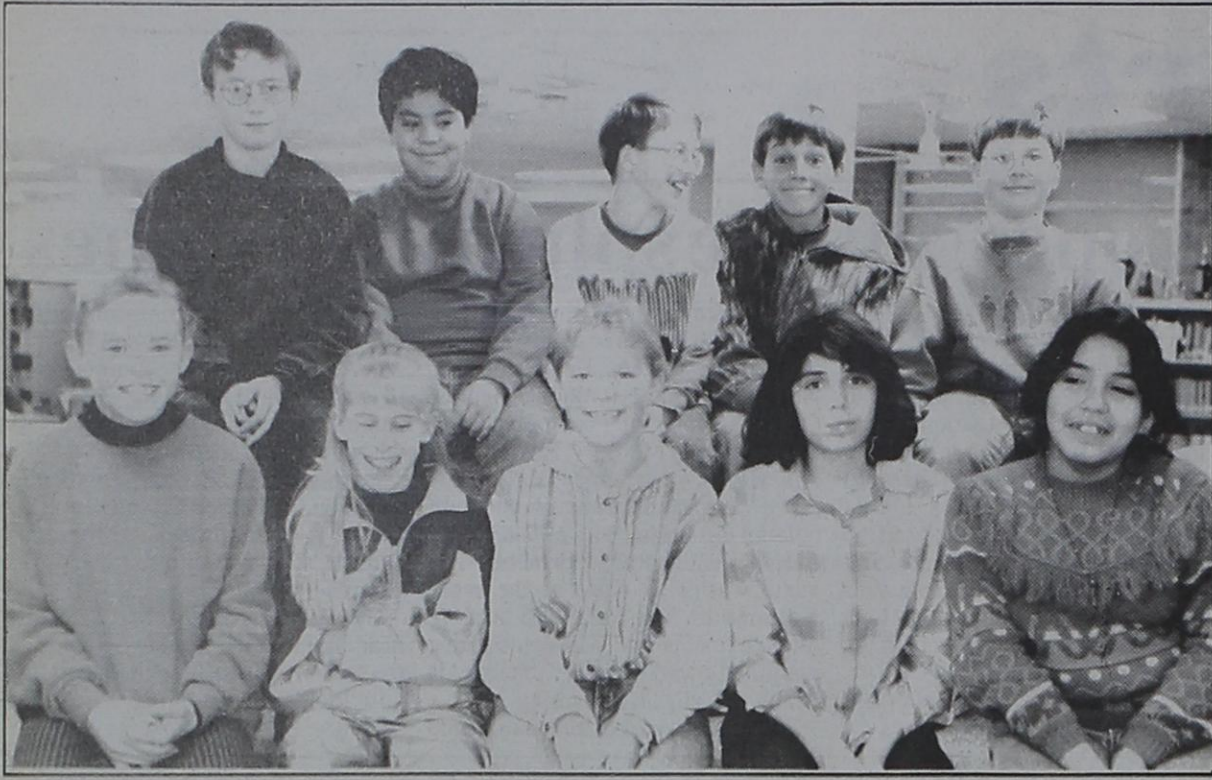
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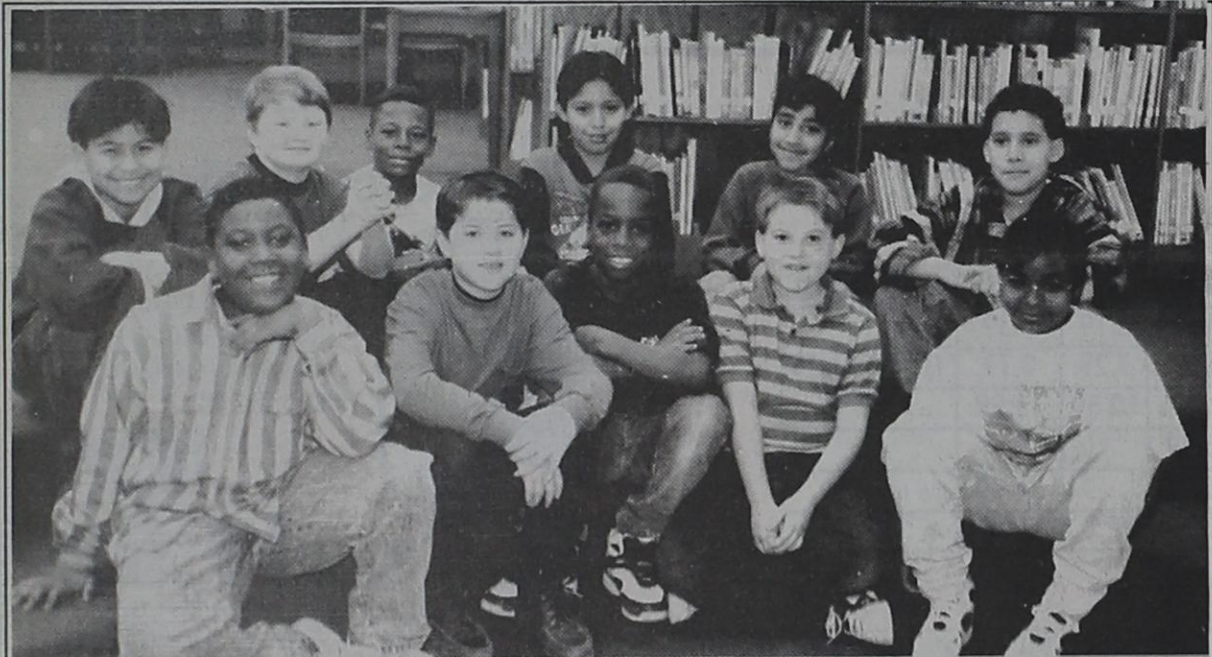




**SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS** reading 5-19 books in the Bluebonnet program were: Front row; (l-r) Kayla Huff, Kelci Hart, Candi Reed, April Abraham and Donna Montoya. Back row; Jason Fields, Eric Montanez, Matthew McCallister, Braden Conner and Christopher Metsgar.



**STUDENTS** reading 20 books in the Bluebonnet program were: Front row; (l-r) Kelsey Wimmer, Laci Williams, Dianna Williams, Barrett Scrivner, Matthew Ramsey, Jennifer Morgan and Kenda Looney. Back row; Matt Leininger, Tandi Humble, Davida Gregory, Princess Garcia, Erica Castro, Cruzbeth Contreras, Ashely Butler and Ross Aten.



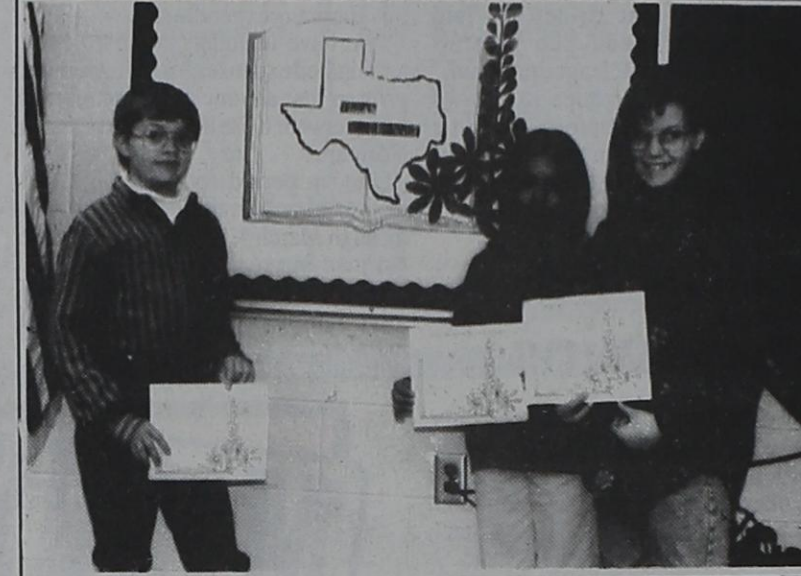
**FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS** reading 5-9 books in the Bluebonnet program were: Front row; (l-r) Leon Fields, Gary Eaton, Jonathan Curtis, Jay Cole and Chanda Clay. Back row; Roland Castaneda, Blake Brown, Allen Bell, Bobby Apolinar, Asia Alamori and Justin Acevedo. Absent, Jessie Briones.



**THIRD GRADE STUDENTS** reading 5-9 books in the Bluebonnet program were: Front row; (l-r) Jason Estrada, Russell Eaton, Brice Easterling, Daryl Dissinger and Lance Curtis. Back row; Regina Collazo, Meg Bohn, Tyler Bennett, Brandon Bell, Jeremy Ayala, Scottie Armstrong and Sarah Alaway.



**SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS** reading all 20 books in the Bluebonnet program were: Front row; (l-r) Amanda Cordsen and Scotty Gaydos. Back row; Kerry Cahill and Tasha Gilbert.



**POST ELEMENTARY STUDENTS** reading all 20 Bluebonnet books for the past three years were: (l-r) Ross Aten, Princess Garcia and Davida Gregory.

## Beef Up Your Word Power

with Dr. Charles Somerville  
**Facetious**  
 adj. - lightly joking in an inappropriate way (describes a person who likes to aim sneaky little "barbs" at others)  
 Eventually adv. - at the end; finally.  
**Persona non grata** - a person who is not acceptable; an unwelcome person.  
 Example of how facetious and eventually are used when combined with the phrase, **persona non grata**.  
 A facetious person who often jokes at the expense of others will eventually become **persona non grata**.



## Post resident graduates from Angelo State

Amber Crenshaw Byerly of Post was among the 225 Angelo State University students who received degrees during the fall commencement exercises at the university.  
 Byerly received a Bachelor of Science, with a major in Early Childhood.

### GARZA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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### Card of Thanks

To all of our friends:  
There are not enough words to express how very thankful we are to each of you. For all of the prayers, cards, food, visits, helping hands and mostly the love and support shown to us in the loss of Elmo.

To Bro's Charles Addington, Steve Brooks, and Bill Flemming a very special thank you for the beautiful service. It was so special for all of us.

To the Graham Church of Christ Choir and Jane Terry, thank you for the music. How Elmo would have loved it.

All of the flowers were so lovely and so appreciated. Thank you to Maurine's and Prairie Flower Shop, also to Dee and Janet Justice for being there for us. You were wonderful.

Finally to the Graham and Close City Communities for the wonderful lunch, hard work and support.

How fortunate we are to live in such a loving town. Each of you will never be forgotten and are deeply appreciated.

The family of Elmo Bush  
Lucille  
Jerry and Judy  
Ricky and Judy  
The grandchildren

### Card of Thanks

The Kennedy family wishes to acknowledge the many words of sympathy expressed to each of us on the death of our beloved Selma.

Thanks to the E.M.T.'s, the Sheriff's Department, Dee Justice and Hudman Funeral Home for your efforts on Thursday morning.

Words fail when you want to thank those friends who were there early and stayed late to help us.

Thank you for the food, the beautiful flowers and words of sympathy. It is so wonderful to live in a town where friends are so dear.

Jack A. Kennedy  
Gene Kennedy & family  
Donna Pass & family  
Dick Kennedy & family

### Personals

Please be advised that I am not now nor have I ever been associated with Post Channel 31 in an ownership or management capacity. I worked strictly as contract labor.

James (Jim) H. Plummer, Hotel Garza

### Public Service

Post Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday night at the First Presbyterian Church, 901 West 10th at 8 p.m. Closed meetings are held except on the last Thursday night of the month, which is an open meeting. We have supper at 7 p.m. and the speaking starts at 8 p.m. Anyone who wishes to talk or ask about an alcohol problem, call 495-3667 or 629-4393.

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### Spanish Speaking AA

Spanish speaking AA meetings will be held every Tuesday night at the Catholic Church from 8-9 p.m. Come one, come all.

### Public Service

There will be a meeting of the West Texas Legal Services Board of Directors on Saturday, February 26, 1994 at 9:00 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, West Tower, Dallas Ft. Worth Airport. The public is invited to attend.

### Services and Repairs

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**SOUTH PLAINS COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION, INC. IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.**

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A complete copy of the proposed rate change application is on file with the Public Utility Commission of Texas and at the headquarters of Brazos Electric, 2404 La Salle Avenue, Waco, Texas.  
Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission's Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256, or (512) 458-0221 for text telephone. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is March 24, 1994, 45 days after February 7, 1994, the date the application was filed with the commission.

**BRAZOS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**



**Obituaries**

**Larry King Haynes II**

Funeral services for Larry King Haynes II, 16, were held Saturday, February 12, 1994 at the First Baptist Church. Dr. Steve McMeans of the Oak Street Baptist Church in Graham officiated.

Burial was in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Haynes died Friday, February 11, 1994 at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born November 23, 1977 in Slaton to Elizabeth Martinez and Larry King Haynes. He was a sophomore at Post High School where he was a member of the

National Honor Society, participated in UIL, baseball and track. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his parents, Larry and Elizabeth Haynes of Post; three sisters, Lisa Haynes, Cynthia Haynes and Katrina Haynes; grandparents, Estelle Haynes; and Andrew and Margaret Martinez, all of Post. He was preceded in death by a sister, Samantha Nicole Haynes on September 29, 1989.

Pallbearers were Bodie Simpson, Justin Terry, Bryan Justice, David Perez, Tori Harper and Doug Flanigan.

**Billy Ray Freeman**

Graveside services for Billy Ray Freeman, 64, were held at Terrace Cemetery on February 15, 1994. Dick McCreight of the New Life Tabernacle in Lubbock officiated.

Burial was in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Freeman died February 12, 1994 at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born September 30, 1994 in Finley, Oklahoma to Elizabeth Standridge and Ebb Freeman. He married Barbara Dunn February 4, 1950 in Roswell, New Mexico. He was a member of the New Life

Fellowship in Lubbock and had been resident of Post since 1985.

Survivors include his wife Barbara; mother, Elizabeth Freeman of Oletha, Kansas; two daughters, Sherry Ward of Ransom Canyon and Janet Heaton of Lubbock; one son, Billy Gene Freeman of Snyder; one sister, Mary Antela of Pennsylvania; five brothers, James Freeman of Topeka, KS; Elgie Dee Freeman of Phoenix, AZ; Lloyd Freeman and Charles Ray, both of Oletha, KS; Ebben Leon Freeman of Rotan; 18 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.



THE Christian group Brother will be performing in concert in Post Friday, Feb. 18

**Christian group to perform concert in Post Feb. 18**

Brother, a contemporary Christian singing group from Orlando, Florida will be singing in concert at the Caprock Christian Fellowship Friday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m.

The unique sound and natural blend of their voices is explained by the fact, that they are indeed brothers. Jeff, Joe and Doug Bankson, having grown up ministering with their father, Roger Bankson, are now fulfilling God's call for their lives. Their experience includes extensive national and international travel, numerous recordings, radio and television appearances.

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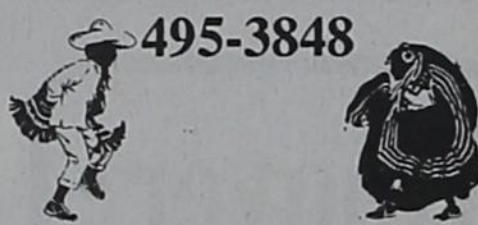
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Pleasant Home Baptist Church ..... E. 14th & N ave F, Post  
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Templo Bautista ..... 315 W. Main, Post 495-2416  
Trinity Baptist Church ..... 915 N ave O, Post 495-3038  
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**Catholic**

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**Christian Church of Christ**

First Christian Church ..... 812 W 13th, Post 495-3716

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**Church of God**

Church of God of Prophecy ..... 602 W 14th, Post 495-3644  
Power House Church of God and Christ ..... Pine Ave, Post  
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**Non-Denominational**

Caprock Christian Fellowship ..... 220 E. Main, Post 495-2765

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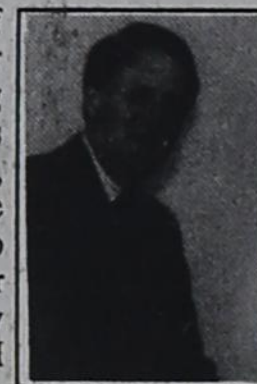
**From the Pulpit Using God's name**

This is a public confession. I have come to realize, to no one else's surprise, that I am a gadget addict. I love gadgets—especially the clever ones that do not require batteries. At times, I wonder what God thinks of this collection. I know there's a limit as to how many I should buy. I would love to have God's approval and say that God directed me to buy the ones I already have—but that would be using God's name wrongfully. That's one example of how using God's name in vain takes in more territory than some people think.

The commandment, "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain" (Exodus 20:7) warns against more than just its use in magic, swearing, or profanity. One writer has said that the use of God's name is just as important to God as any human being's name is to the person who bears it. In other words, we don't want our name linked with gossip, hurtful talk, or unworthy causes—and we shouldn't use God's name in those ways either. The purpose of the commandment is to keep God's name respected in the community by reserving its use in praise and prayers.

How do we avoid the improper use of God's name in our lives? Profanity is easy enough to spot, but what about the frequent use of God's name in a particular cause—politics for example? As a politician, are we deliberately trying to get votes by appearing religious? Or do we sincerely believe that we are honoring God's name by mentioning it over and over? Either way, if people are repelled by our overuse of "God" and "Lord", then it's time to reconsider. God's name should not become "old hat."

There is perhaps an even greater danger in the use of God's name. All of us want to be validated—to be thought of as having something



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important to say. If what we say or what we are asking can be seen as coming from God, then people will be more likely to listen. For example, I may have an idea that I want to get across, but feel insecure in presenting it. I want something more than just the idea itself. If we can claim my idea as "the Lord's leading," then maybe people will give it strong consideration. After all, who's going to oppose an idea from the Lord! We need to be careful about such practice. It's one thing to pray about an idea; it's another to claim a direct link from God in proposing it to others. It is true that God is in every good idea, but God's name is wrongfully used when presented with every idea we have. If we claim that our idea comes from God and the idea proves worthless, then where is the honor for God? We should simply let an idea get by on its own steam. If the idea proves worthwhile, then let others proclaim it as "God's leading." In other words, if we are seen as using God's name to further personal causes, we need to back off. The danger is that God's name will get dragged down to our own level.

When we think of the commandments, many of us find it more comfortable to avoid personal application. We focus instead on how they should apply to others. In the last analysis, we should think of ourselves and our own relationship with God. Judging others is not a smart move. Suppose you are a passenger in a small car and an eighteen-wheeler swerves out in front of you. Your driver yells out "Good Lord!" Now—was that short prayer acknowledging dependence upon God, or a sudden cry of profanity? It's best to make your own prayer, and let God worry about the driver's.

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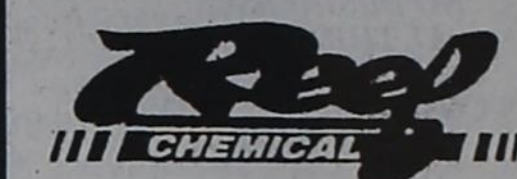
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