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## Drug suspect evades arrest, search continues

by Wes Burnett

A cache of suspected cocaine and marijuana, along with a nifty painted two-door Chevy Cavalier were confiscated by the Garza County Sheriff's department Monday night... but the man driving the vehicle is on the loose.

Evading capture since late Monday afternoon, the man is described by law enforcement officials as a "young Hispanic male, five feet, six inches tall, weighing about 120 pounds. He was wearing a blue, green and black checkered flannel shirt and blue jeans, last seen racing across the open country, headed northeast from near the Post city sewage treatment plant.

Deputy Memo Ortiz had stopped the vehicle for speeding, just south of Post near the entrance to the Double U Ranch headquarters on the southbound side of U.S. Highway 84 at approximately 3:55 p.m.

Ortiz said he became suspicious when he smelled alcohol and asked the driver to exit the vehicle. After a few questions, Ortiz' suspicions increased, especially as the driver appeared very nervous and told Ortiz he was headed for Amarillo.

Ortiz then began a field sobriety test and began a search of the man for weapons... finding instead a packet of suspected marijuana in the right pants pocket. "I asked him, 'what's this?'" Ortiz reported. The man mumbled something and took off running across the median and into the fields, headed northeast.

Ortiz ran after him, but stopped momentarily to radio in the situation.

A full search began shortly thereafter and continued through the night.

The suspected cocaine recovered from the vehicle is in the form of a brick approximately 10 to 12 inches long, and five to six inches deep and wide. The materials are being tested by law enforcement authorities to determine its content.

The vehicle is registered in Iowa and its owners have not been located. It has not been determined if the vehicle is stolen.



Garza County youth getting ready for this week's stock show were busy at the show barn last Saturday morning with trimming and shearing. The show begins tomorrow evening with the swine show. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

## 31st annual GCJLA stock show and sale opens tomorrow

A total of 97 Garza County exhibitors will show off their prize animals beginning tomorrow evening as the 31st annual Garza County Junior Livestock Show, Sale and Fair gets underway at the 4-H show barn north of town just off U.S. Highway 84.

After months of feeding, grooming and spending hours of attention to their projects, 52 Garza County 4-H members, 42 Post FFA members and 11 Southland FFA members will parade their finished products around the ring as judges size up the quality of the animals and the presentation by the youth.

There are 148 hogs, 56 lambs, 24 steers and eight rabbits entered for a total of 236 entries. There is one rabbit in the 4-H Clover Kid Show.

Weigh-in started yesterday for steers, this afternoon swine and sheep will be weighed and check-in for rabbits will be conducted Friday from 4 to 5 p.m.

The swine show begins at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, with Dirk Aaron, Bexar County Extension Agent-Agriculture, to serve as show judge.

The lamb show, to be judged by Charles Walton of Slaton, will begin Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday opens with the heifer and steer show at 9:30 a.m., followed by the rabbit show at 10:30 a.m. Beef cattle show judge will be Nolan County

Extension Agent-Ag Jeff Howard. Jennifer Beckham of Plains will judge the rabbit show.

The event concludes with the special awards ceremony at 1:15 p.m. Saturday and the show sale at 1:30 p.m.

A highlight for visitors to the show and sale is the excellent food served at the concession stand. The sale Saturday afternoon is a much anticipated event for the youth, each hoping to raise enough money to cover the cost of their projects. Syd Conner will serve as announcer and Rafe Foreman will perform auctioneer duties.

The concession stand will be open each day with Southland FFA in charge Wednesday, Post FFA Thursday, Garza County 4-H Friday and Catholic Ladies Auxiliary on Saturday.

The Garza County Junior Livestock Association, a non-profit organization founded in 1964, conducted its first stock show in 1965. There are currently 66 members in the association. Officers include president Steve Cooper, vice president Milton Williams, recording secretary Royce Hart and Diane Graves serving as corresponding secretary.

## Superintendent's contract extended, Post ISD trustees set election date

by Wes Burnett

Following an executive session during the regular Post ISD meeting January 11, trustees approved a one year contract extension to superintendent Dr Bobby Bain.

Trustees also set May 6 as the election date, with voters to make choices for places one, four and five. Place one, currently held by appointee Alexa Collier, is an unexpired two year term. Place four is vacant due to the resignation of S. Rafe Foreman who has moved and Place five is held by Jeff Lott.

Candidates may begin to apply for a place on the ballot beginning February 20. The deadline to file an application for a place on the ballot is March 22. March 31 is the deadline for write-in candidacy and early voting begins April 17. May 2 is the final day for early voting.

A leave of absence due to illness for the remainder of the year was approved for fourth grade teacher Patricia Hammonds. Trustees approved the addition of Sue Diggs and Deborah Worthington as substitute teachers and accepted the resignation of high school geometry and algebra teacher Tammy Ramsey. The board approved the hiring of Malea Mullins to teach high school math for the remainder of the school year.

Board members approved a policy update from the Texas Association of School Boards, approved payment of bills and the financial reports.

Trustees attending the meeting were Barbara Hardin, Gary Workman, Rex Cash, Mark Kirkpatrick, Jeff Lott and Alexa Collier.

## Legislature considers postponing emissions testing

by Senator John Whitmire

Last week, on January 1st, millions of Texas residents were made the victims of yet another unnecessary, inefficient, and ill conceived bureaucratic nuisance: mandatory emissions testing for their automobiles.

Under this program, each and every car owner in designated urban areas will be required to submit to an exhaust emissions test before being allowed to renew their license plates. In Harris and surrounding counties, that process will entail going to one of 27 privately owned emissions testing facilities, waiting in line, paying \$23 for the exhaust test, and then being liable for \$150 in repair costs in the event of test failure.

Waivers are available for those who qualify, who are willing to gather up the necessary waiver forms and notarized affidavits, and who are then willing to take them to one of five waiver "referee stations," and prove their need for a waiver to an often unsympathetic employee of Tejas Testing Technologies, a California company.

Nobody is against cleaner air and a healthier environment. I have supported and will continue to support all reasonable legislative measures intended to achieve those goals. The current emissions testing program, however, is not reasonable, is unduly burdensome, is too expensive, and will not accomplish its stated goal of cleaner air. I filed legislation in Austin last week to suspend the program for two years.

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## Two arrested in drug raid

Garza County Sheriff's deputies knocked on the door of a house at 906 W. 6th St in Post shortly after midnight last Friday morning and arrested Mickaela Rosas and Juan Carlos Ramon, charging the two with possession of a controlled substance over one gram. The two are currently being held in the Garza County jail.

Justice of the Peace Sheila Melton set bond at \$50,000 for Rosas and \$100,000 for Ramon. Ramon, who had been charged earlier in a similar case was out of jail on a previously posted \$50,000 bond.

Sheriff Kenny Ratke reports that after a probable cause for the search and arrest warrant was secured from Judge Melton, officers knocked on the door and were allowed inside without resistance. After searching the house, investigators found suspected cocaine under the carpet in several places. The two are to be tried in the 106th District Court. Ratke said he is recommending a trial, and has told District Attorney Ricky Smith, "please, no plea bargains, we need to get this to trial."

Deputies Memo Ortiz, Maurice Herridge and Clint Schoonover assisted the sheriff, along with reserve deputies Bobby Dean and Sandy Guthrie.

## Pickup rollover injures Colorado man

A 1993 GMC Sierra pickup rolled over and landed in a ditch off U.S. Highway 84 three miles northwest of Post last Saturday morning, leaving a passenger with minor injuries.

Texas DPS investigators report that John Scott Martin of Fort Collins, Colo. received lacerations in the mishap. Catharine Williams Brown of Georgetown, Tex. was not injured and was cited for unsafe speed for road conditions.

Both were properly seat belted as the driver lost control and the vehicle slammed into a fence.

## Post Notes

### Band boosters meet January 23

All Post band boosters and band parents are urged to attend the Monday, January 23 meeting. Activities begin at 7 p.m. in the band hall and are expected to end at 8 p.m.

### Service officer available Saturday

The Garza County Service officer will be available Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the courthouse. Appointments may be made by calling Ann Stelzer at 327-5301 after 6 p.m. The service officer visits Post the third Saturday every month.

### Girl Scouts selling cookies

Post Girl Scouts are continuing their annual cookie sale this week. Orders are being sought by Girl Scouts through this week.

### Commodities distribution Feb. 27

The commodities distribution will be held Friday, Feb. 27 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. 26.

### Justice of Peace Melton office moved

Precinct One Justice of the Peace Sheila Melton has moved her office to the main courthouse. Her office is now located on the second floor, in the west wing opposite the county judge's office.

### Historical consultant to visit Post

Dennis Chapman, field consultant for the Texas Historical Commission, will conduct a workshop on cataloging at the Garza County Historical Museum Friday, February 3.

The workshop begins at 9 a.m. and is designed to teach volunteers proper procedures for cataloging historical artifacts at the museum. For more information call Brenda Brown at 495-2207 or 495-4076.

### Billy Snow hospitalized

Billy P. Snow, brother-in-law of Emmett Shed of Post, has been hospitalized and is in serious condition at Abilene's Hendrix Medical Center. The family suggests cards and prayers for Mr Snow. Cards may be addressed to Snow at Hendrix Medical Center, 1242 N. 19th St., Room 5715, Abilene, Texas 79601.

## Music lovers get ready for 'Music of the 70s' Saturday at the Tower Theatre

The Tower Theatre will present Don Caldwell's "Music of the 70s" Saturday, Jan. 21, with the show to begin at 7 p.m., featuring popular songs by the Eagles, Rolling Stones and other great performers of the 1970s.

Highlighting the stage will be Whitney Vanderdasson, J.R. Quilantan, Rex Thomas, Terri and Todd Caldwell and Lubbock Texas Rhythm Machine.

The show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale at Lily Dale's, Citizens Bank, Norwest Bank, the Hotel Garza and at the door.

Reservations may be obtained by calling 495-3461 or 495-3854. Admission for the show is \$7.50.

Other shows scheduled at the Tower Theatre include Cecil Caldwell's "Country Review" February 4, Don Caldwell's "Music of the 60s" on February 18, Cecil Caldwell's "Country Review" on March 4 and "Country Classics" by Don Caldwell March 18.



Opening Friday at the Garza Theatre are cast members (front row, left to right) Amy Jones with "Lady", Brandi Jones, Kyzandre Harper, Erica Shepard, (back row, left to right) Mitchell Britton, Bill Lyon,

Cherry Brooks, Jeramy Danial, Christy Morris, Alison Hoefler and Glenn Polk. The play continues on weekends through February 5. (Photo by Charles Wallace)

## Mattie and Bob Collier celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Mattie and Bob Collier of Post are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Jan. 22 with an open house at their home. The event is hosted by their children, Mr and Mrs Don Collier of Dallas and Ms DiAnna Collier of Post. Bob Collier and the former Mattie Stone, both children of pioneer families, were married Jan. 22, 1945 at the First Methodist Church in Post. The couple were born and raised in Post, only 11 days apart in age. The romance began when she played Martha to his George Washington in the second grade. Both are graduates of Post High School, Class of '41.

During World War II, Technical Sergeant Collier served with the Medical Corps in Mississippi and Georgia while Mattie worked in transportation at a German prisoner of war camp in Mississippi. After World War II, the couple returned to Texas for Bob to complete his pharmaceutical degree at the University of Texas at Austin.

The Colliers have owned and operated Collier Drug in Post since 1948. The business was established in 1907 by R.H. Collier Sr., making it Post's oldest family owned merchant.

The couple have two grandchildren, Don W. "Will" Collier Jr and Mattie Katherine "Kate" Collier of Dallas.



Mattie and Bob Collier

## Up and down Main Street

By Wanda Mitchell

Will Lubbock get the Multi-purpose Arena???? That is the big question facing the people of Lubbock this week. I have been reading all the arguments for both sides. One thing that really caught my attention is that Lubbock folks believe that tourism dollars will pay at least 40% of the tax.

I wouldn't be surprised if that is not a very conservative figure. We could perform a little experiment by keeping the dollar amount that each of us spent in Lubbock for a month for various things. Include food, medical, clothing, entertainment etc.

I'll bet we would all be astonished when we add these up at the end of the month. When we multiply these dollars spent by 1% (that would be the sales tax if the arena passes—1/2% if it does not) we could see exactly what our individual contribution is to the Lubbock economy.

If this tax passes they will be 1% higher than Post. The moral of this story is - buy as much as you can at home and you will save money.

Thanks to all the businesses and individuals who have already gotten their Chamber of Commerce dues paid. We appreciate you being so prompt and the interest that is being shown. If you haven't got around to mailing in your dues remember to do this before the 31st of January so that you will be listed in the new Buyers Guide that will be published soon.

This is going to be a good week at our house because our children from Greenwood, S.C. are here for a visit. They were glad to get away from the rain they have been having not to mention the tornados. David works for Greenwood Mills, the company that is manufacturing the cotton insulation that was started here in Post.

Greenwood has an option on most of the United States to manufacture and distribute the insulation. There is a demand for this product that is unbelievable and they will be starting plants in other areas of the United States in the next few months.

Don't forget the Tower Theatre this weekend. Saturday night Don Caldwell will be presenting "Music of the 70's." The show will be featuring: Whitney Vanderdasson, Kyle Abernathie, Rex Thomas, J.R. Quilantan, Terri & Todd Caldwell and the Lubbock Texas Rythym Machine doing sounds of the Eagles, Rolling Stones and other great performers of the 70's.

You may buy tickets at Lily Dale's, Hotel Garza Bed and Breakfast, Citizens Bank, Norwest Bank or at the door.

The Garza Theatre production of "The Miracle Worker" also starts this Friday night. You cannot say there is nothing to do in Post.

Until next week—don't forget to TAKE PRIDE AND TAKE PART IN POST!!!!

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### Staci Sims graduates with TTUHSC honors

Stacy Carol Sims, daughter of W.D. and Debra Sims of Slaton (formerly of Post) and niece of Steve and Janice Mason of Post, graduated last month from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center with a Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders with an emphasis in speech-language pathology.

She earned an overall 3.876 grade point average (GPA) and was Magna Cum Laude graduate, the highest GPA in the Allied Health graduating class.

She is a 1990 Slaton High School graduate.

While at Tech Ms Sims was active in Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Lambda Delta honor society, Cardinal Key honor society, Golden Key honor society, National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association and South Plains Speech-Language Hearing Association.

She plans to attend graduate school in the fall to pursue a master's degree in speech-language pathology.



Staci Carol Sims

### Tobias gets honor at OU

Mario David Tobias, a graduate of Post High School, has been named to the University of Oklahoma Norman campus honor roll for the fall 1994 semester.

He earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average during the semester.

Tobias is the son of Mr and Mrs Frank Tobias of Post.

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## City of Post hosts TML workplace safety program

The City of Post hosted a Texas Municipal League (TML) sponsored public works-safety in the workplace training program last week at the Post Community Center.

The program was provided by the TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool and speaker was Les Horne, assistant loss prevention manager for the pool.

The topics covered at the workshop included safety equipment and clothing, workshop rules, traffic control, placement of warning devices, trenching, confined space, equipment and safety and back injury prevention.

In addition to staff members from Post, representatives from Canyon, Levelland, Big Spring, Slaton, Hale Center, Idalou, Floydada, Morton, Shallowater, Sweetwater, Brownfield, Abilene and Seagraves attended the event.

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Every man feels instinctively that all the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action.

— James Russell Lowell

## Financial aid program set for Monday at PHS

Larrisa Loyd of Schreiner College will present a program on financial aid for college students Monday, Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Post High School library.

The program will provide information concerning free application for federal student aid, public school funding, private school funding and where to look for scholarships, grants and other forms of financial aid.

Ms Loyd will also compare the costs of attending public schools and private schools.

All parents of PHS students are invited to attend the meeting. "As the spring semester moves on," Daisy Breedlove comments, "it becomes more important for our students to have financial aid in place for those schools they choose to attend."

## HSU honors

Sara S. Hodges, a graduate of Post High School, has been selected for the Hardin-Simmons University honor roll for the fall 1994 semester.

She earned the honor by maintaining a grade point average of 3.6 or better while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours.

She is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Dan Hodges of Post.



A pet needs love and care long after the holiday season is over.

## Garden Club

by Margaret Barley

Have you ever been a few minutes late to a group meeting and when you entered there was absolute - total quiet? No "Hi's"—no "glad you could make it"—no nothing. My seat had barely met its place to sit, when the president said, "now that Margaret's here, we can start the program". Talk about wanting to evaporate on the spot!

Actually, after I thought about it a little, I decided that never before in my life had anyone cared whether I was there when the program started, so I shall consider it my "moment of fame" which we are all supposed to have once in our lifetime. Couldn't happen with a better group.

The program we "went on" with was by Micki Miller and was just great. If you've heard her at the Tower, she was every bit as wonderful in Irene Mitchell's home. She sang "Back in Baby's Arms", "If I Had Only Known", "The Very Best Is You", and "Jesus Loves Me". I'm certainly glad they didn't start earlier because it would have been a shame to miss this wonderful treat.

Annie Laura Francis co-hosted with Irene and they did themselves proud serving to this "eating" group: Cybil Cockrum, Thelma Epley, Alma Williams, Gladys Blair, Marion Wheatley, Ida Jones, Edna Owen, Micki Miller and myself. We can always count on something special the second Thursday of each month.

By the way, according to Gladys Blair, it wasn't the apple in the tree that caused the trouble in the Garden of Eden, it was that "pair" on the ground.

## Post Art Guild

The Post Art Guild met Monday, January 9th at the Algerita Arts Center for their regular monthly meeting.

Jean Davenport, hostess served the group with a barbecue supper and a dessert of "yummie" candy.

During the business session it was announced that non-members are encouraged to exhibit their works in the regular gallery hours. Details may be obtained at the Center office.

## Births

### Shelby Quinn Odom

Billy and Laurie Odom of Post announce the birth of their son, Shelby Quinn, who was born Jan. 6, 1995 at Methodist Hospital in Levelland.

The baby weighed nine pounds, 15 ounces.

He is joined at home by his brother, Riley James.

Grandparents are of Post, Geneva Belongia, BoBo and Claudia Odom. Great grandparents are Pete and Fleeta Walls of Post and from Seminole Truman and Dorothy Goss.

### Benjamin and Calvin Giddens

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Benjamin weighed four pounds, 11 ounces and Calvin weighed four pounds and seven ounces.

Grandparents are Joe and Doris Giddens of Post and Frank and Tempe Gemgross of Wall.

### Hallie Kay Burt

Kathy and Jon Burt of Kaufman announce the birth of their daughter, Hallie Kay. She was born January 6, 1995 at Presbyterian Hospital of Kaufman at 4:11 p.m. She weighed eight pounds and was 21 inches long.

Hallie has one brother, Stoker Griffin Burt, of Kaufman.

Grandparents are Patty and K.W. Kirkpatrick of Post and Mary and Don Burt of Rosser.

Maternal great-grandparents are John Lott of Lubbock and Ruby Stoker Kirkpatrick of Post.

Paternal great-grandparents are Jessie Mae Burt of Crandall and Irene Griffin of Rosser.

## Around Town

Clubs and organizations in and around Garza county

### Amity Study Club

Sue Shydes and Joyce Strubhart were hostesses for the Amity Study Club meeting on January 10.

Ida Mae Wilks gave a book review on Taylor Caldwell's "Dear and Glorious Physician". Other members present were Margaret Bull, Joy Pool, Ginger Carlisle, Boo Olson, Suzanne Hudman, Barbara Babb, Marion Wheatley, Barbara Reece, Joy Dickson, Janey Middleton, Kathy Rankin, Edna Owen, Iva Hudman, Carolyn Sawyers, Janie Davis, Sandra Alexander, and Ruth Ann Young.

The next meeting will be on January 24th, in the home of Joy Pool.

### Tax 'n Facts

by Terri S. Cash, CPA

#### Investment Expenses You Can Deduct

You can deduct certain investment expenses as miscellaneous expenses to the extent that they exceed two percent of your adjusted gross income. Among them are:

- Professional fees of lawyers, accountants or investment advisory services for investment-related services.
- Investment books and periodicals.
- Safe-deposit-box rent (if used to store taxable securities) and fees paid to custodians of securities.
- Management fees for collecting interest and dividends, or rent if not deducted on Schedule E
- Travel cost to consult with your broker, or to look after investment property—but not to attend stockholder meetings.
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**Hallie Kay Burt**  
Kathy and Jon Burt of Kaufman announce the birth of their daughter, Hallie Kay. She was born January 6, 1995 at Presbyterian Hospital of Kaufman at 4:11 p.m. She weighed eight pounds and was 21 inches long. Hallie has one brother, Stoker Griffin Burt, of Kaufman. Grandparents are Patty and K.W. Kirkpatrick of Post and Mary and Don Burt of Rosser. Maternal great-grandparents are John Lott of Lubbock and Ruby Stoker Kirkpatrick of Post. Paternal great-grandparents are Jessie Mae Burt of Crandall and Irene Griffin of Rosser.

**Lewis Earl elected as NARFE delegate**

Lewis Earl of Post has been elected as the delegate to represent the South Plains Chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) at the March 1995 state convention. Earl's election took place at the January 10 meeting in Slaton of the organization. The meeting featured presentations by Amonario Ramon and Bill West, Lubbock County Juvenile Center probation officers.

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9 a.m.

**Rabbit Show - 10:30 a.m.**  
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11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
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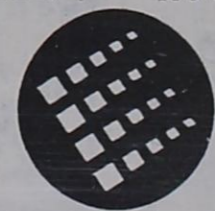
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Grandchildren

We would like to take this opportunity to say a grateful thank you to a very special man, John Bland. We have no words that can express our true feelings for John. Thank you is such a small word and yet we know no others. Thank you John Bland for being there. Thanks to you our baby Brian is home and doing well.  
God Bless you & your family  
Ricky, Kim & Brian Ferguson

Thank you all for making my birthday so wonderful.  
So many friends and family came to see me, and we had such good times together. I love you all.  
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### Personals

**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 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.

**Post Independent School District** invites the Senior Citizens of the district to come by the Superintendent's office and receive a gift of a complimentary general admissions pass that will admit you to all school functions. (You will be asked to present identification so that a pass can be issued in your name).

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The person responsible for coordinating this organization's nondiscrimination compliance efforts is Jimmy Whitefield, Executive Vice-President and General Manager. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with this organization; or the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250; or the Administrator, Rural Electrification Administration, Washington, D.C. 20250. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

### NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JEWELL PENNELL LONG

Notice to all persons is hereby given that the original letters testamentary upon the estate of JEWELL PENNELL LONG, deceased, were issued to the undersigned on the 13th day of January, 1995, in the proceeding indicated below our signatures hereto, which is still pending, and that we now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, the county below named, are hereby required to present the same to us respectively, at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time required by law. CARROLL JEAN LONG LIGHT may be notified c/o Preston Poole, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 296, Post, Texas 79356. Dated: January 18, 1995  
CARROLL JEAN LONG LIGHT, Independent Executrix Estate of Jewell Pennell Long, Garza County, Texas.

The City of Post, Texas will accept sealed bids at the office of the City Manager, 105 E. Main, Post, Texas 79356 until Friday, February 3, 1995. These bids will be opened and reviewed during the February 7th council meeting. This bid will be for a 1995 diesel truck equipped with a 29 yard sideload packer body. A complete list of specifications and requirements may be obtained by contacting city hall at (806) 495-2811. The City Council of Post reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

The City of Post, Texas will accept sealed bids for a computer system (software and hardware) at the office of the City Manager, 105 E. Main, Post, Texas 79356 until 5:00 p.m. Monday, February 6, 1995. These bids will be opened and reviewed during the February 7th council meeting. A complete list of specifications and requirements may be obtained by contacting City Hall at (806) 495-2811. The City Council of Post reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

The City of Post will be receiving applications from construction contracts to participate in a program for housing rehabilitation assistance funded by Texas Community Development Program through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Contractors will be required to submit along with the application their qualifications, references, certificate of insurance and a credit report. Applications may be obtained upon request from the City Secretary, City of Post, 105 East Main, Post, Texas, 79356, (806)495-2811.

Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on February 17, 1995 at the City Hall, 105 East Main in Post, Texas.

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### Notice To All Persons Having Claims Against the Estate of Charles K. Pierce

Notice to all persons is hereby given that the original letters testamentary upon the estate of CHARLES K. PIERCE, deceased, were issued to me the undersigned on the 13th day of January, 1995, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, the county below named, are hereby required to present the same to me respectively, at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time required by law. IVA ANN PIERCE may be notified c/o Preston Poole, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 296, Post, Texas 79356. Dated: January 18, 1995.  
Iva Ann Pierce, Independent Executor Estate of Charles K. Pierce, Garza County, Texas

**Notice of Application**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Applicant, MIDPAR L.P., P.O. Box 3178, MIDLAND, TX 79702-3178, has made application for a spacing exception per-

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under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the distance to nearest well in lease requirement to drill Well No. T513-S, North Huntley Unit, 691.279 Acres, Section 2, C.W. Post U.S.F. 8369 Survey, A-1168, Huntley (3400) Field(s), Garza County, being 2.5 miles northeast from Close City, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

330' from the north line and 1050' from the west line of lease.

330' from the north line and 50' from the west line of survey.

Field rules for the Huntley (3400) field are 330/660, 20 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 3900 feet.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Rule 37 (h) (2) (A), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Kevin O. Butler, at (915) 682-1178. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6718.

If you wish to request a hearing on this application, you must fill out, sign and mail or deliver to the Austin office of the Railroad Commission of Texas the enclosed notice of intent to appear in protest. A copy of the intent to appear in protest must also be mailed or delivered on the same date to applicant at the address shown above. This intent to appear in protest must be received in the Railroad Commission's Austin office by February 22, 1995. If no protest is received within such time, the requested permit will be granted administratively, to be effective the day following the termination of such three-week-period.

**Statement of Nondiscrimination**  
Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. is the recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture which provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or handicap shall be excluded from participation in, admission or access to, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's nondiscrimination compliance efforts is Wilton J. Payne, General Manager. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with this organization; or the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250; or the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Washington, D.C. 20250. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

### Notice of Application

Notice is hereby given that the Applicant, Kevin O. Butler and Associates, Inc., 500 W. Texas, Ste. 955, Midland, TX 79701, has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the distance to nearest lease line requirement to drill Well No. 1, Showwhite, 160 acres, Section 7, Block 2, T&NO RR Co. Survey, A-243, Happy (Spraberry Lime) Field(s), Garza County, being 9 miles Southwest from Justiceburg, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

467' From the west line and 200' from the south line of lease and survey, field rules for the Happy (Spraberry Lime) field are 467/933, 40 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 5100 feet.

Pursuant to the terms of Rule 37 (h) (2) (A), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest to the application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the

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### Notice of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

Primrose Operating Co., P.O. Box 1319, Wichita Falls, TX 76707 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres and Glorieta formation, Dorward Oil Unit #4 LEASE, Well Number 3. The proposed injection well is located 7 miles southeast of Justiceburg in the Dorward Field, in Garza County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 1916 to 2504 feet.

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

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

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## Notice of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

Primrose Operating Co., P.O. Box 1319, Wichita Falls, Texas 76307 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres and Glorieta formation, Fuller Dorward Lease, Well Number M. The proposed injection well is located 7 1/2 miles southeast of Justiceburg in the Dorward Field, in Garza County.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 1 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

## Notice of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

Primrose Operating Co., P.O. Box 1319, Wichita Falls, Texas 76307 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres and Glorieta formation, Dorward Oil Unit #8 Lease, Well Number 4. The proposed injection well is located 7 miles southeast of Justiceburg in the Dorward Field, in Garza County.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 1 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

## State Capital



## HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Wall-to-wall crowds in the newly-restored Capitol greeted lawmakers last week as the Texas Legislature's 74th session got under way.

It was standing room only in both the House and Senate galleries as family members and political supporters came to watch their legislators take office.

Closed-circuit telecasts around the Capitol complex drew overflow crowds as well. Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Houston, until Tuesday a House member, brought 600 constituents to watch him take the oath of office.

But lawmakers managed to do some work before adjourning following the second day of the session.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock was surprised when Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, quickly persuaded all 31 senators to co-sponsor a bill that would impose a three-month moratorium on vehicle emissions testing in the state's four largest metropolitan areas.

Bullock said the bill, which has strong support in the House, could pass in a matter of days. The testing began Jan. 2.

Speaker Laney Re-elected On the House side, the first order of business was the re-election of James E. "Pete" Laney, D-Hale Center, as the 71st Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.

Laney pledged to help remove any barriers preventing people from contributing their talents and ideas to the legislative process. "Every person should be able to make their voice heard in this chamber," Laney said.

He noted that any citizen with a home computer can have access to the legislative information systems to track the progress of legislation.

"I want the people of Texas to be a part of this process more than ever before," Laney said.

Laney, 51, who was first elected speaker in January 1993, also pledged to balance the state budget without increasing state taxes.

Tort Reform Bills Filed Lt. Gov. Bullock and four state senators aim to put a stop to Texas' growing reputation as a hotbed of economic development crippling lawsuit abuse.

Bulllock and Sens. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo; John Montford, D-Lubbock; David Sibley, R-Waco; and Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, trotted out a package of bills that would limit the liability of a company where more than one business is to blame and restrict lawsuits filed under the Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

In a news conference last week Bullock implored Sibley to "put these bills on the front burner."

Richard Weekley of the pro-business group, Texans for Lawsuit Reform, praised the introduction of the Senate bills, but mentioned an 11-point program his group is working on that would be more comprehensive.

However, Bill Whitehurst of the Trial Lawyers Association told the Houston Chronicle he thought the legislation is "over-reaching." "They're saying we need to do this to the consumers of Texas because we're losing jobs and business, and that's just not true," he commented.

The Senate bills propose to:

- Cap punitive damages and make them harder to win.
Exempt professionals such as accountants, lawyers and real estate agents from the Deceptive Trade Practices Act.
Require damage suits to be filed in the county in which the action occurred.

Allow a plaintiff to collect damages only when a defendant is at least 50 percent to blame.

## MHMR Waiting List Grows

More than 40,000 Texans are on waiting lists for services from the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, according to a report which will be released by the agency later this month.

The latest figures, up from 30,500 in 1992, include 28,000 persons with a mental illness and 12,000 with mental retardation.

Some people have been on the waiting list for more than four years.

Ann K. Utley, chairman of the MHMR board, said the waiting list needs cannot be met because of funding limitations. She estimates more than \$150 million per year is necessary to meet the needs of the individuals on the waiting lists.

## Return Those Donations

The owners of Houston's race track have asked officeholders and candidates to whom they made political donations to return the money because the contributions apparently were illegal.

Spokespeople for Gov. Ann Richards and Attorney General Dan Morales, both of whom received \$10,000, said they would comply.

Sam Houston Race Park director Byron Wade said he was initially advised that the contributions were legal but recently learned that the Texas Ethics Commission had ruled that a partnership, such as Sam Houston, that includes one or more corporate partners is prohibited from making campaign donations.

## Other Highlights

Quote of the Week: "Let this

## Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett
10 Years Ago
January 16, 1985
Victor Cisneros, Julie Edmondson, Ricardo Rivera and Deanna Stanley of Post have been named to the Deans Honor Roll List at South Plains College for the 1984 fall semester.

Brenda Angerer was selected as "Employee of the Week" at Garza Memorial Hospital.

Mildred Stewart and Pat Kitchens played the piano and sang for the residents at the Golden Plains Care Center.

20 Years Ago
January 16, 1975
Mr. and Miss PHS for 1975 are Tina McAlister and Tony Connor.

Curtis Hudman received his license as a mortician here last week.

A family gathering for the children of the late Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Morris was enjoyed Jan. 12 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orvell Morris.

30 years ago
January 21, 1965
The Post High School Does, the girls basketball team, received new blazers recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hudman attended a dealer's meeting Monday night in Lubbock. A feature of the showing was demonstration of a 21 inch color television set.

50 years ago
January 18, 1945
Delores Basinger, sixteen month old daughter of the Hayward Basingers, fell in the lily pond.

After a night in the hospital she came home none the worse from her water-filled lungs.

Dan E. Cockrum observed his fifth birthday with a party on Saturday, January 13.

Bruce Payton home after 20 months overseas. While here he visited the Dispatch to give the latest news of Eddie Warren. They were stationed together in the New Herbrides Islands for about a year.

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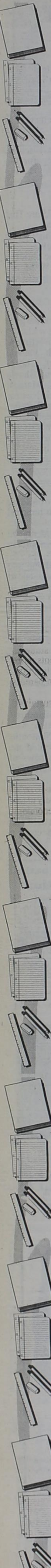
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9 jail bar cutters
17 TXism: "beller"
19 TXism: "move 'em into \_\_\_" (bury)
21 Yo \_\_\_ Digo Creek
22 TXism: "skinny as a \_\_\_"
23 a cowboy's bolo
24 TXism: "got \_\_\_ as big as Texas" (kind)
30 TXism: "if he says giddyup, go" (mean hombre)
34 Dallas from Houston
35 this TX Fawcett was an "Angel"
36 TXism: "a \_\_\_ knocker" (scary)
37 football \_\_\_-toss
39 TXism: "never \_\_\_" (unseen)
43 TX actress Sharon who was a victim of the Manson "family"
44 \_\_\_ beef
45 TX Strait's "Yo Look \_\_\_ Good in Love"
46 TXism: "\_\_\_ in his ways" (stubborn)
47 TX Kenny's "Love \_\_\_ Will \_\_\_ You Around"
48 LBJ's TX ally. Gen. Ramsey (nit).
50 TXism: "come \_\_\_ the seams"
53 '92 Miss TX: \_\_\_ Parker
54 Travis: "I shall never surrender \_\_\_ retreat"
55 minstrel instruments at TX Renaissance Festival
56 Boerne's Agricultural Heritage Center has antique farm \_\_\_
59 TX Bush's national security adviser Scowcroft
60 Grand \_\_\_ Opry
61 the "ugly king" of Fiesta San Antonio: Rey \_\_\_
63 C & W music cable network
DOWN
1 TXism: "can ride \_\_\_ and dance \_\_\_ all night" (stamina)
2 Cascade Caverns are near this town
3 TAAS test is given \_\_\_ to Texas school students
4 eleven Cowboys or five Spurs
9 TX \_\_\_ McArdle painted "Dawn at the Alamo"
10 TX King Vidor's \_\_\_ "Tree"
11 TX chief Iron Jacket wore \_\_\_ of mail into battle
12 do needle work
13 '90s Cowboys are a \_\_\_ group
14 higher learning in Amarillo (abbr.)
15 TXism: "he'd have to study up to be a half \_\_\_" (dumb)
16 seat of Hutchinson Co.
18 TX B.J. Thomas' "New \_\_\_ An Old Lover" ('85)
20 Cowtown: "Foat \_\_\_ Wuth, I Luv \_\_\_"
24 Spindletop driller: Capt. \_\_\_ Lucas
25 TX \_\_\_ Ketchum sang "Small Town Saturday Night"
26 USS Texas period: Dreadnaught \_\_\_
27 "Boot Scootin' \_\_\_ Boogie" label ('92)
28 radioactive element
29 West TX is a little on \_\_\_ side
31 numero \_\_\_
32 Dublin's pro Hogan
33 chicken cooker
38 TX Henley Eagles' "Take \_\_\_"
40 TXism: "a hankerin'"
41 first TX forest ('24): \_\_\_ Sieck
42 TXism: "plain as the \_\_\_ of an eye chart"
49 Crystal Beach hosts "TX \_\_\_ Festival"
51 uncle's "better half"
52 6¢ through the panhandle (abbr.)
57 TXs Seals & \_\_\_
58 TX Crystal Bernard role on "Wings"

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Emily Smith  
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4th Grade  
Byron Mason

A Honor Roll  
1st Grade  
Adrian Lopez  
Byron Smith

2nd Grade  
Brice Feagin  
Josh Hair  
Jake Lott  
Hilary Smith  
Lyndee Strawn  
Colton Valdez

4th Grade  
Paige Lott

5th Grade  
Vic Patel

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A-B Honor Roll  
1st Grade  
Adrian Lopez

4th Grade  
Byron Mason

5th Grade  
Waylon Strawn

A Honor Roll  
1st Grade  
Byron Smith

2nd Grade  
Brice Feagin  
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Hilary Smith  
Lyndee Strawn  
Colton Valdez

4th Grade  
Paige Lott

5th Grade  
Vic Patel  
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Third Six Weeks

A-Honor Roll  
9th Grade  
Suzanne Davenport

11th Grade  
Amber Basinger  
Ashley Basinger  
Amy Lopez

12th Grade  
Lucy Collazo  
Jennifer Lewis  
Terika Rodriguez  
Amy Schoonover

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6th Grade  
Joseph Bell  
Cristy Hubbard  
Corina Rodriguez  
Tina Vasquez

7th Grade  
Marsha Applewhite  
Carolyn Lewis  
Stephen Sadler

8th Grade  
William Bell  
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Steven Johnston  
J.J. Jones

Holly Patterson  
Priscilla Vasquez

9th Grade  
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Tammy Lewis  
Lora Olive

10th Grade  
Candi Aguilar  
Renee Flores  
Tricia Ford

11th Grade  
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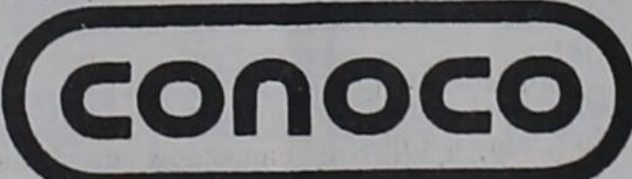
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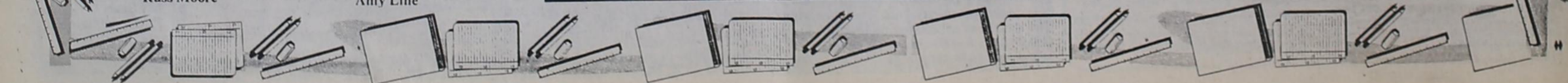
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# Opinions

## Texas should postpone emission testing while Congress debates issue

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The emissions testing program is the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission's response to the 1990 Federal Clean Air Act. The Act requires certain specific reductions in air pollutants and gives time lines for achieving such reductions. All emissions reduction goals set by TNCRCC are based on standards and penalties laid out in that same Clean Air Act.

Within the past month, Congressional leaders have gone on record saying that they intend to change Clean Air Act standards. The Environmental Protection Agency has gone on record saying that they will be flexible on the issue of enforcing the corresponding Clean Air Act penalties.

Several major cities have taken advantage of the mixed signals coming from Washington, D.C., to delay or halt implementation of the same type of programs now being forced on the Houston, Galveston, Beaumont, El Paso and Dallas-Ft Worth areas. The Texas Natural Resources and Conservation Commission and Texas Testing Technologies seem bound and determined to go forward against all common sense, apparently oblivious to recent Congressional election results and EPA's record of flexibility on enforcement.

What could possibly explain this enthusiastic rush to burden each and every car owner in those cities and their surrounding counties with this unnecessary hardship? After all, preliminary data show that a minimum of four out of five cars will pass the test, and there is no proof whatsoever that this sort of comprehensive testing will markedly improve air quality.

The single largest force behind continued and unnecessary auto emissions testing is Tejas Testing Technology, LC., a California company with the exclusive right to conduct emissions tests in the Houston, Beaumont and Dallas areas. Tejas Testing stands to make millions of dollars from its exclusive franchise rights. That money will come directly out of the pockets of taxpaying Texans with only one choice: either you pay your money to Tejas Testing or you don't get a renewed license plate.

Tejas has retained some of the most powerful lawyers and lobbyists in the state to argue their case for them. Who could blame them? What's a few hundred thousand dollars in fees paid to Austin lobbyists and downtown lawyers when millions of dollars of guaranteed return are at stake?

Lobbyists for Tejas are quick to suggest that, under Clean Air Act guidelines, the business community will have to make up for any air pollution reductions not achieved by private auto owners, thus incurring crippling expenses to industry and small businesses. This suggestion is both alarmist and false. As noted above, the entire Clean Air Act is being reconsidered by Congress. In any event, the EPA has demonstrated flexibility in the Act's enforcement. Business owners, like car owners, will benefit from more reasonable EPA enforcement measures.

Tejas Testing has mobilized a public relations campaign emphasizing their friendly service and their politically correct minority hiring practices. I applaud their hiring practices, but I'm more concerned about the hundreds of thousands of hard working minority taxpayers burdened with this unreasonable, unnecessary and unduly expensive program.

Tejas has threatened the state with contractual liability for Tejas' capital investment in emissions testing facilities. The contract between Tejas and the Natural Resources Conservation Commission says otherwise. If the Legislature takes appropriate action, no liability can result from cessation of testing. Tejas Testing is a group of speculators trying to cash in at the expense of hard working Texans. They failed to deliver a good product and should not be rewarded.

### Legislature Must Act

The Texas Legislature should take immediate action to halt the ill-conceived, inconvenient and expensive emissions testing program now mandatory for millions of Texas auto owners. The current system is a classic example of the cure being worse than the disease.

Everyone agrees that cleaner air is our common goal. Most Texans support reasonable measures toward that end. The auto emissions testing program now in effect is an unreasonable, money driven, and ineffective means to achieve the goal of cleaner air.

Texas is the only state in the country to implement emissions testing pursuant to the Clean Air Act. I think it's time for Texas to stand up to Washington and find a better way. If you agree, I urge you to call your state representative and state senator. Tell them that you are a Texan in favor of cleaner air, but you're also in favor of common sense.

## When immigrants go on welfare

by Stephen Chapman

Choi-Ling Hom, who immigrated to the United States from Hong Kong, is an elderly woman living in a middle class suburb of San Francisco with her daughter, an accountant, and her son-in-law, who works for a household furnishing business.

They have a comfortable life, for which American taxpayers can take partial credit: Hom (not her real name) is not a citizen of the United States, but she is on welfare, collecting a monthly check from the Supplemental Security Income program. When she recently met another immigrant, her first question was, "Have you applied for your welfare benefits yet?"

Anti-immigration sentiment is strong in California, as shown in the recent success of Proposition 187 at the polls. The initiative's critics blame it on racism and xenophobia, but perhaps a bigger factor is the resentment of natives that many foreigners who come here, sometimes in violation of the law, expect not only to be accepted but supported.

Proposition 187 didn't propose to expel anyone. It merely stipulated that immigrants who come here illegally should expect no help from law-abiding taxpayers. These interlopers would no longer be eligible for such social services as Medicaid and public schooling. The proposal was badly flawed and has been blocked in court, but behind it lay a sensible impulse: that taxpayers should not have to bear the cost of providing a safety net for foreigners who choose to come here.

That conviction underlies one provision of the Republican "Contract with America," which would bar welfare not only to illegal immigrants but to legal ones who are not citizens. This has been taken by some commentators as more immigrant-bashing, proof that beneath Newt Gingrich's callous exterior lies a callous interior.

The Republicans are hardly alone, though, in wanting to get foreigners off the dole. President Clinton's own welfare reform bill unveiled last year would bar all non-citizens from welfare for at least five years and many of them permanently. Both parties have responded to the common-sense view that while Americans have some responsibility to help out other Americans who have fallen into poverty, they have no such duty to outsiders admitted as guests. The problem is real. Between 1982 and 1993, the number of elderly non-

citizens collecting SSI benefits rose from 92,000 to 416,000. They now account for 28 percent of the old people on SSI. Norman Matloff, a computer science professor at the University of California at Davis, who has done extensive research in the Chinese immigrant community, has discovered that in California, 55 percent of elderly ethnic Chinese immigrants are on welfare. That compares with only nine percent of elderly natives.

SSI is not the only welfare program that serves non-citizens. Food stamps, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Medicaid and others also do, and about 2.8 million of the slots on the rolls are occupied by foreigners (some of whom get more than one benefit, meaning that fewer than 2.8 million individuals are covered). House Republicans think the total bill adds up to at least \$9 billion a year.

Current federal law has some limits on such aid, but not enough. To gain admission, immigrants need an American sponsor (usually a relative), and the sponsor often must pledge to support the immigrant, if necessary, for at least five years. But that pledge often goes unenforced, and after the obligation ends, the newcomer becomes eligible for government aid on the basis of need.

The GOP proposal errs, if anything, on the side of generosity. Refugees — who unlike ordinary immigrants are allowed to come here only to escape persecution — would be eligible for public aid if they are over 75. Other non-citizens would be barred for five years instead of the three years commonly required under welfare rules now. The Clinton administration, by contrast, proposed to extend that prohibition indefinitely for any immigrant whose sponsor has a household income above the national average (about \$40,000) — unless the immigrant became a citizen.

That's a good idea. Another is requiring sponsors to provide the support they promised — as proposed last year by a bipartisan commission on immigration chaired by former Rep. Barbara Jordan of Texas. If these steps wouldn't eliminate abuse, they would curb it considerably.

Immigrants are a vital part of America, and they should be allowed to continue coming here to better their lives and enrich our society. But those who come should expect only an opportunity to make their own way. Democrats and Republicans agree that America is the land of opportunity for the enterprising and ambitious, not the soup kitchen for the world.

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## Keeping that bottle closed is a tough job

by Robert Fulghum

A man I know keeps a bottle of vodka in his bathroom. Every morning as he begins his shaving routine, he takes the bottle out of the medicine cabinet and puts it on the glass shelf just below the mirror. As he lathers his face, he considers himself in the mirror. And contemplates the bottle of vodka.

He uses an old-fashioned, straight-edged razor. As he shaves under his chin, he considers how dangerous the blade is, but he never cuts himself. When he has finished shaving, he replaces his razor, the soap and the bottle in the medicine cabinet and goes about his life.

The man's morning routine has become a sacred ritual that exorcises demons and binds him to life as surely as if he had gone to his knees in prayer.

That bottle of vodka is half empty. There is a line drawn in indelible ink confirming the level, and it is dated Jan. 17, 1985. The top was screwed down tight on the bottle that morning. The bottle has never opened since. There are little marks alongside the date — the kind used to indicate the passage of time. Four straight lines with a slash across them count five, plus for more make nine. A slash will be made across those last four lines a few days from now — equaling 10.

Ten years ago, as he tilted the vodka bottle to his lips for the first of his frequent secret nips during the day, he saw in the mirror that the bathroom door behind him had opened a crack. The eyes of his only child met his. Those eyes were brimming with tears.

Time stood still. Nothing was said. The door softly closed. And the only eyes he had to look into were his own, reflected in the mirror. Bloodshot and puffy. In a face veined and aged beyond his years.

For the first time in a long time, he really considered the image before him. A stranger stared back. He was appalled. He wished he was dead.

Later that day, he called a friend who was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. That night, he went to his first of many AA meetings and stooped up to say, "My

name is Ed, and I'm an alcoholic." When he got home, he threw away all his hidden bottles of booze. Except one. As he screwed down the top on the bottle of vodka in the bathroom, he made a promise to himself: "Never again, so help me, God."

This is a tough road to walk. It's never been easy. Many's the time he's locked the bathroom door behind him and considered taking just one more drink and then replacing the missing alcohol with water to restore the level. He's even looked at the razor as a solution to more than the problem of needing a shave.

But he has prevailed — keeping faith with his God, his friends, his family and himself. How I wish I could be there in the bathroom with him on January 17. Along with a brass band, speeches, gifts, family and friends. Hurray! Thank God!

But these anniversary occasions are often solitary events, celebrated alone in the chapel of one's soul. It may be enough for him to draw that line marking 10 years. And face the man in the mirror with respect.

The good news is that there will be many such secret celebrations this month. Many vows and resolutions are made in January.

For all of us who don't live up to our best intentions, there are those who succeed. Their names will not be in the newspaper. No certificates, formal receptions or parties will mark their successes. But their numbers are large. And they might be surprised at how many of the rest of us know about what they have done.

To all those who have kept their promises to themselves — who have managed to defeat destructive demons of many kinds, large and small — let it be known that the rest of us celebrate you. We think of you as heroes. Because of you, we take heart for our own struggles.

Happy anniversary from all of us. Press on.

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## Leviathan run amok

by Walter E. Williams

The Kansas City Journal's (11/24/94) lead article told part of the story behind the Republican midterm election sweep. There's a lot of well-justified anger resulting from stupid laws written by a wicked Congress enforce by evil, power-hungry bureaucrats. Look at just some of them.

Regulators ordered a Kansas City bank to install a Braille keypad, costing \$5,000, on its drive-through automatic teller machine. Steve Mauer, the bank's lawyer, emphasized, "Keep in mind this is a drive-through we're talking about." As I see it, they only way this regulation makes sense is if it's a police entrapment scheme to arrest blind drivers.

The Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) fined a Boise, Idaho, plumbing company \$7,875 when company workers rescued a fellow worker. They didn't shore up the collapsed trench or don hard hats before pulling him to safety. OSHA was forced to rescind the fine in the face of public outrage.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) ordered Chicago-based Daniel Lamp Co. to pay \$123,000 in back pay to black workers who applied for jobs but were not hired. Located in a predominantly Hispanic neighborhood, the company employed 21 Hispanics and five blacks. EEOC maintained that, given the area's population mix, the company should have employed 8.45 black workers.

Thousands of regulations mandate how we conduct virtually every aspect of our lives. The Code of Federal Regulations totals 131,803 pages, while the Federal Register listing proposed regulations totals 69,688 pages. With the full implementation of the Americans With Disabilities (1990), Nutrition Labeling and Education (1990), Civil Rights Restoration (1991) and the Clean Air (1990) Acts, there'll be thousands of additional pages of regulations.

You say, "There you go again, Williams, carrying water for businesses and not caring about little people." Let's look at it. Conservative estimates put regulatory compliance costs at about \$1 trillion a year. Here's the question for you: If regulation raises the cost of business, who pays that cost? If you said ultimately consumers, you're half right. It's workers as well.

As a result of regulations, jobs that would exist do not. If Washington makes it costly to get into business or expand an existing one, it is natural to expect less of either. This is one of the reasons this economic recovery is the puniest, in terms of job creation, since World War II. Because of regulations, it's cheaper for many companies that wish to increase output to pay worker overtime and have part-timers rather than full-time employees.

Any catastrophe attracts vultures to feed off carcasses. In the case of regulations, it's consultants, lawyers and accountants. Businessmen know about business, but they know little about all the government mandates that can destroy their business. In come the vultures to advise and counsel them at the tune of thousands of dollars a day. Again, who pays? And again, it's consumers and workers.

Republicans should take a hard look at Washington's regulatory apparatus. One criterion for abolishing regulatory laws is to ask first whether they are constitutional: Do they violate the Tenth Amendment? The second is cost-benefit analysis to see whether the regulatory benefit equals the real-world cost. If Republicans don't help us, then we should do just as the founders did in response to King George's edicts — disobey them.

"Williams," you say, "are you advocating disregard of these laws?" Yes, I am. There is no moral obligation for any of us to obey immoral or unconstitutional laws. But if you're caught, be prepared to pay the price.

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## Letters to the Editor

An open letter to parents

by Richard W. Wiley  
U.S. Secretary of Education

Very few things are more important to our children's future or to America's future than the quality education of our children. We believe that the concerted efforts of entire communities to create and sustain disciplined learning environments, where our children can be challenged to meet high academic and occupational skill standards, are what will provide our children — and America — with a strong future.

All across America, there are communities which are pulling together to strengthen education. Parents, teachers, community leaders, business leaders, and educators in every part of our country are starting to work together to improve teaching and learning and to improve student achievement.

I believe that all parents, regardless of income or occupation, have the capacity and the obligation to teach their children not only a love of learning, but also other critical American values such as responsibility, respect, and hard work. Research shows that all families, whatever their income or education level, can take concrete steps that significantly help children learn. And yet families are often the missing link in American education.

Many parent, education, community and religious organizations are coming together to promote greater family involvement in learning, and I, as the U.S. Secretary of Education, encourage such efforts right at home — in every neighborhood and community. As we work to increase strong family-school partnerships, we all need to be mindful of the pressures parents face and the escalating demands on their time. But I believe we, as a nation, must recognize something else as well: parents, when they can, need to slow down their lives and help their children grow.

As I travel around the country, I meet many parents who are trying hard to do the right thing by their children. They are being responsible, juggling jobs, trying to squeeze more hours into the day. They are worrying about their children's safety and doing all they can to keep their families together.

Yet, some 40 percent of parents themselves believe they are not devoting enough time to their children's education. Almost three-quarters of students between the ages of 10 and 13 say they would like to talk to their parents more about schoolwork. A survey taken last year showed that teachers believe the most important issue in educational policy is strengthening the role of parents in children's schooling.

Successful family involvement is not a sporadic activity. It is a sustained commitment to instill the habits of learning and to set high expectations. It is making connections to teachers and schools not only when trouble arises, but as part of the everyday process of children's schooling.

Parents are children's first and most influential teachers. By reading to children or having them read to us... by making sure homework is done... by monitoring television use... by knowing how children spend their time, parents can have a powerfully positive effect on their children's learning.

Parents can also help children by participating in local and state efforts to raise educational standards. And we can urge schools to offer and enroll many more students in the challenging courses which prepare them for post-secondary education and/or a promising occupation.

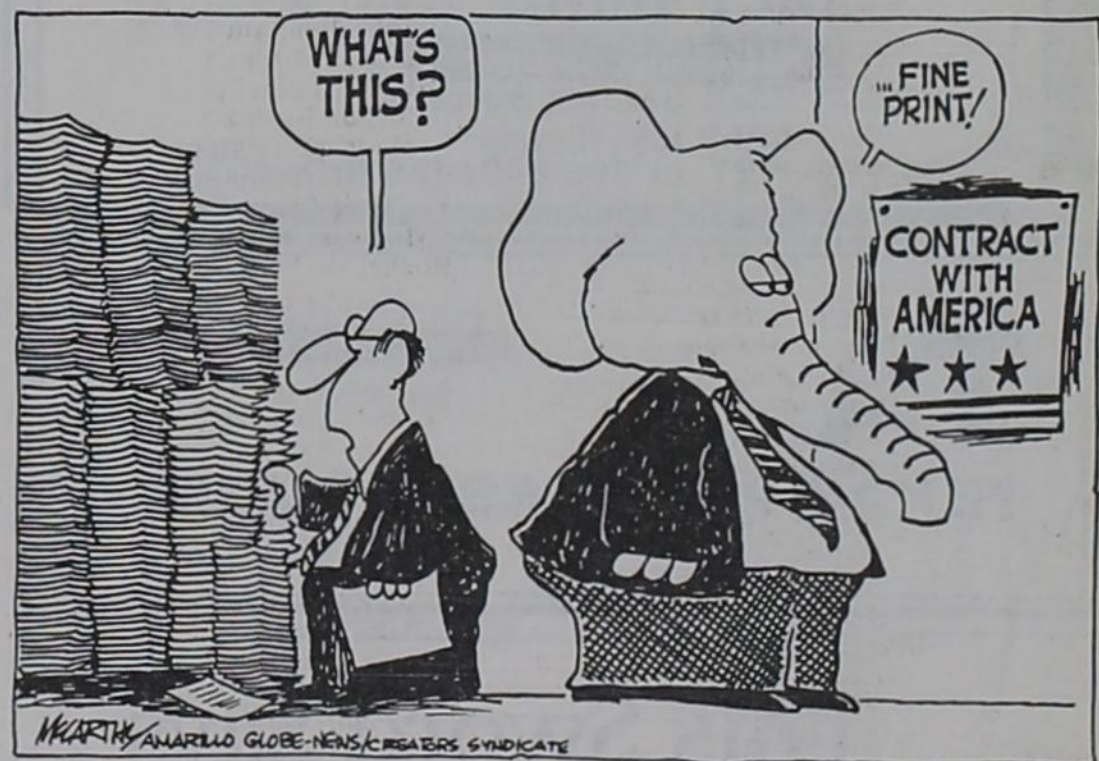
At the same time, we know that the responsibility for expanding and deepening family involvement extends well beyond families. Schools, communities, and businesses can all be part of a network of support for families and students.

Schools can reach out to families at convenient hours and promote family and community involvement in helping all students to reach high standards. Communities can help to make schools safe and drug-free, provide support services for parents, and encourage volunteers to serve as mentors. Businesses can adopt "family-friendly" policies, such as child care or flexible leave, that would make it easier for parents to visit or volunteer in schools.

Working together, we can reinforce the central role of the family in education — and bring out the best in every child. We need your help.

Editor's Note: This letter was brought to our attention by Post ISD superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain. The article was brought to his attention by Post High School principal Joe Giddens. Wiley's message was first published in the January 1995 issue of the National Association of Secondary School Principals' (NAASP) Journal.

Letters to the editor are encouraged and solicited from our readers. Letters will be edited for brevity, spelling, grammatical errors and legal considerations. Letters must be signed, but names may be withheld from publishing if requested.



## Wisdom

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# Obituaries

**Alda Mae "Rogers" Robinson**  
Funeral services for Alda Mae "Rogers" Robinson of Mincola and formerly of Post, will be held Wednesday, January 18 at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Post. Rev. Darryl Smith will conduct the services with interment at Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mrs. Robinson died January 15, 1995 in Lindale, Texas after a lengthy illness. She was born May 13, 1901 in Neodesha, Kansas to Henry McFerrin and Mary Gertrude Pitzer Toomey. She had been a resident of Mincola since February 1988, having moved there from Post.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Post and was a life time member of the Social Order of Beauceant #20 of Arkansas City, Kansas.

Mrs. Robinson was preceded in death by her parents and two husbands, James E. Rogers Sr in 1960 and Dean A. Robinson in 1977.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Winnie Rogers of Mincola and Ralph and Lillian Rogers of Toledo, Ohio; stepdaughters Mary "Dickie" Adrian of Athens, Tex. and Billie Sweatman of Albany, La.; sister Thelma Smith of Stillwater, Okla.; eight grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

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**Wayne Parrish**

Funeral services were held January 17 for Wayne Parrish, formerly of Post, at the San Jacinto Memorial Funeral Home chapel in Houston. Rev. Virgil Brown, First Baptist Church, Jacinto City, conducted the services, with burial under the direction of San Jacinto Memorial Funeral Home at the San Jacinto Memorial Park cemetery.

Mr. Parrish was 58 years old and had lived in Houston for 35 years. He was an operator for Arco Chemical Co. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Minnie, of Houston; son Jay Wayne Parrish of Slaton; daughters Donna Lynn Darline of Lubbock and Vicki Staudenraus of Houston; his parents Ambers and Jewell Parrish of Post; brothers and sisters-in-law Jimmie and Nettie Parrish of Lubbock, Byron and Mary Parrish of Huntsville, Ala.; Dee Parrish of Colorado; Ronnie and Ruby Parrish of Post; 12 grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

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—Charles Franklin Kettering

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Breakfast: Blueberry Muffins, fruit, 1/2 pint milk  
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**Monday, January 23**  
Breakfast: Malt-O-meal, toast and jelly, fruit, 1/2 pint milk  
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets and cream gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, pudding, hot roll, 1/2 pint milk

**Tuesday, January 24**  
Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, fruit, 1/2 pint milk  
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**Wednesday, January 25**  
Breakfast: Oatmeal, sausage, fruit, 1/2 pint milk  
Lunch: Nachos Supreme, Pork 'n beans, salad, cherry cobbler, 1/2 pint milk

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**Thursday, January 19**  
Baked chicken with mushroom sauce, corn cobbets, peas and carrots, tossed salad, thousand island dressing, bran muffin, lemon cake, choice of beverage.

**Friday, January 20**  
Roast, mashed potatoes, zucchini, tossed salad, french dressing, cornbread, carrot cake, choice of beverage.

**Monday, January 23**  
Stuffed pepper casserole, spinach, tossed salad, french dressing, cornbread, chocolate cake, choice of beverage.

**Tuesday, January 24**  
Baked ham, sweet potato, green beans, wheat roll, tossed salad, french dressing, cherry or plum cobbler, choice of beverage.

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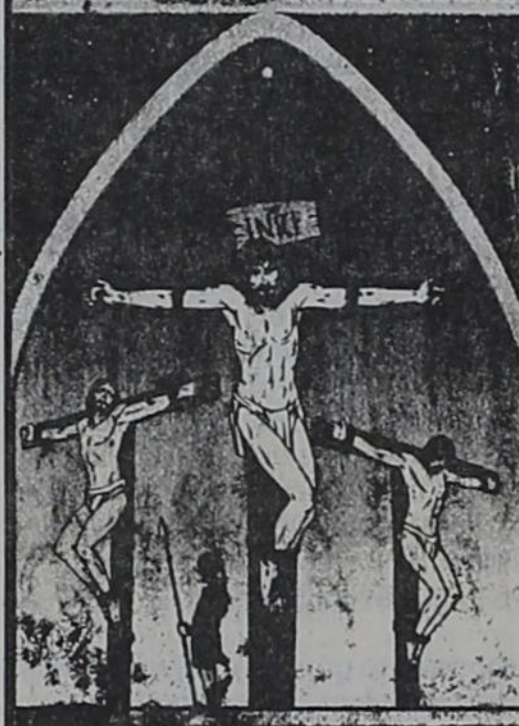
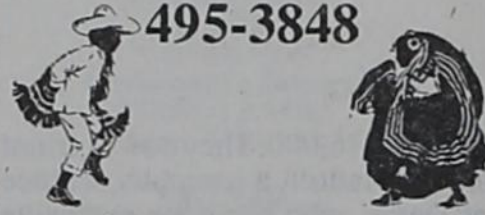
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**What we do to our children**

By Bob Greene

One day last week I read two articles in the Lubbock paper which represents an all too common occurrence in our society today. One was about a fourteen yr. old girl who lured a sixteen yr. old into a house where four teenagers between the ages of twelve and seventeen were waiting to have their way with her in some kind of gang activity or initiation. The second article referred to the ongoing scandal in a small town not unlike Post. The local school is plagued with teenage boy's sexual harassment and abuse of other boys during and after school hours. There was also a news report on the radio about a government sponsored "Sexual Activity" survey conducted by the Home Economics department in various Jr. High Schools. The survey queried students about their sexual attitudes, activities, their parents attitudes and practices, and their knowledge of sexual information, and paraphernalia etc. By the way this survey showed that a disturbing percentage of twelve yr. olds were sexually active. Condom distribution with written and pictorial instructions are common place in high schools, jr. high's and in more and more elementary level schools. The recent Attorney General of the U.S. advocated more explicit sex education in public schools including masturbation as an alternative sexual active youth. Most Sit-Coms on T.V. approach sexual activity outside marriage for teenagers and adults alike as socially acceptable and the norm. The nudity and sexual explicitly seen in most movies and many T.V. programs today would have been considered X-rated in the fifties and early sixties. Even the lyrics of most songs allude, with varying degrees of explicitness, to sexual activities as well as adulterous and pre-marriage sexual involvement.

Stories or reports of politicians' exploits in sex scandals are becoming more and more frequent, and to a horrifying extent, accepted as normal activity. Only in the last election did the attitude that "Character" should not be an issue when electing potential public leaders come to surface.

And I am not sure that our churches are doing all that much better. I read an editorial in Sunday's paper about a mainline church's statement on sexuality encouraging the use of contraceptives since kids are going to be sexually active anyway. Apparently there was not a word about abstinence or the moral aspects involved.

We wonder what this "younger generation" is coming to, what has happened to cause such a change in activity and attitude of our young people. I wonder what else could we expect. Not one of us would say to our children that "free" sex is a proper lifestyle, or that people are only to be used for our pleasure and convenience, or that the only standard that is important is what feels good at the time. None of us would say that life has no value, especially a life which we personally do not want, and that only the productive should live. Yet we will not only allow but condone the wholesale slaughter of unborn infants, or talk of the uselessness of the aged and consider euthanasia as if it is a available alternative because life loses its quality when age comes. No wonder our younger generations do not revere life or sexual intimacy as sacred possessions, gifts from God to be cherished and guarded with the utmost reverence and respect. Children have an uncanny way of learning what they are taught, whether we know we are teaching or not, for the most effective learning is by example not words.

Proverbs 22:6 says "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." The key word in this statement is the word "Train". It implies show, exemplify, live. Showing by example is the most effective way to train anyone, and it takes repetitive examples to be properly learned. It's virtually impossible to teach a child that they should not smoke with a cigarette hanging out of your mouth, or of the evils of alcohol if they see their parents abusing alcohol themselves. It's hard to teach a child that drugs are death if we depend on drugs to go to sleep, wake up, think straight, feel good, or every other problem we have. It is nearly impossible to teach a child responsibility when we are blaming every one including the government for our failures or hard luck. We can't teach children to make decisions, if we make them for them, or try to shield them from the consequences of the decisions they do make. How can a child learn properly at school if we do not support that school and blame the teacher for every mistake the child makes. It's no wonder young people have no use for the church if its members are no better, or different than those outside the church, or for God if their parents never give Him the worship He deserves. They are surely not going to put God and His word as their ultimate authority if their parents, and those they respect do not. How can a child learn that regular attendance at church is important if the parents, especially the father, does not attend. It's no wonder that young children believe that football is more important than God if that's what they are taught by example.

If our children's morals are all out of kilter, I'm not sure it's the child's fault. I also do not believe that the solution is a simple one, but I do believe that they learn best by example and personal training. We as parents can't teach our children everything they need in this world. But we can teach the important things like character, integrity, virtues, respect for self, others, property, honesty, pride, and a whole host of things essential for becoming responsible citizens.

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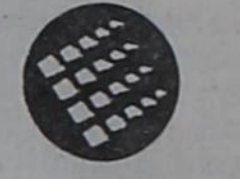
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Some lucky person will win this autographed Dallas Cowboy football at the Post Chamber of Commerce banquet February 28. Chamber of Commerce president Jim Plummer shows off the football. Tickets for the drawing are \$1 each and are available from any chamber director. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Les Horne presented a safety in the workplace workshop in Post last week, hosted by the City of Post. Representatives from several Texas cities attended the event, held at the Post community center. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

## Crop and livestock budgets

The new and updated 1995 crop and livestock enterprise budgets for the Texas High Plains are now available. The package consists of 42 crop and three livestock budgets for the 41 counties of the Texas High Plains.

Each budget includes estimates of production costs, operations performed and expected revenue. Since these budgets are for the region, they do not represent an individual operation and should be used for planning purposes only.

According to Dr. Steve Amosson, area Extension economist of Amarillo, this year's budget package includes a five year production history for corn, cotton, milo, and wheat by county for the High Plains.

Also included are figures for average county acreage planted, acreage harvested, total production and average yields are presented for these crops on a dryland and irrigated basis.

Amosson said area agricultural bankers also refer to these budgets when assisting farmers and ranchers with financing.

"Producers can keep this information as a ready reference, and most already consider it a useful planning tool," Amosson added.

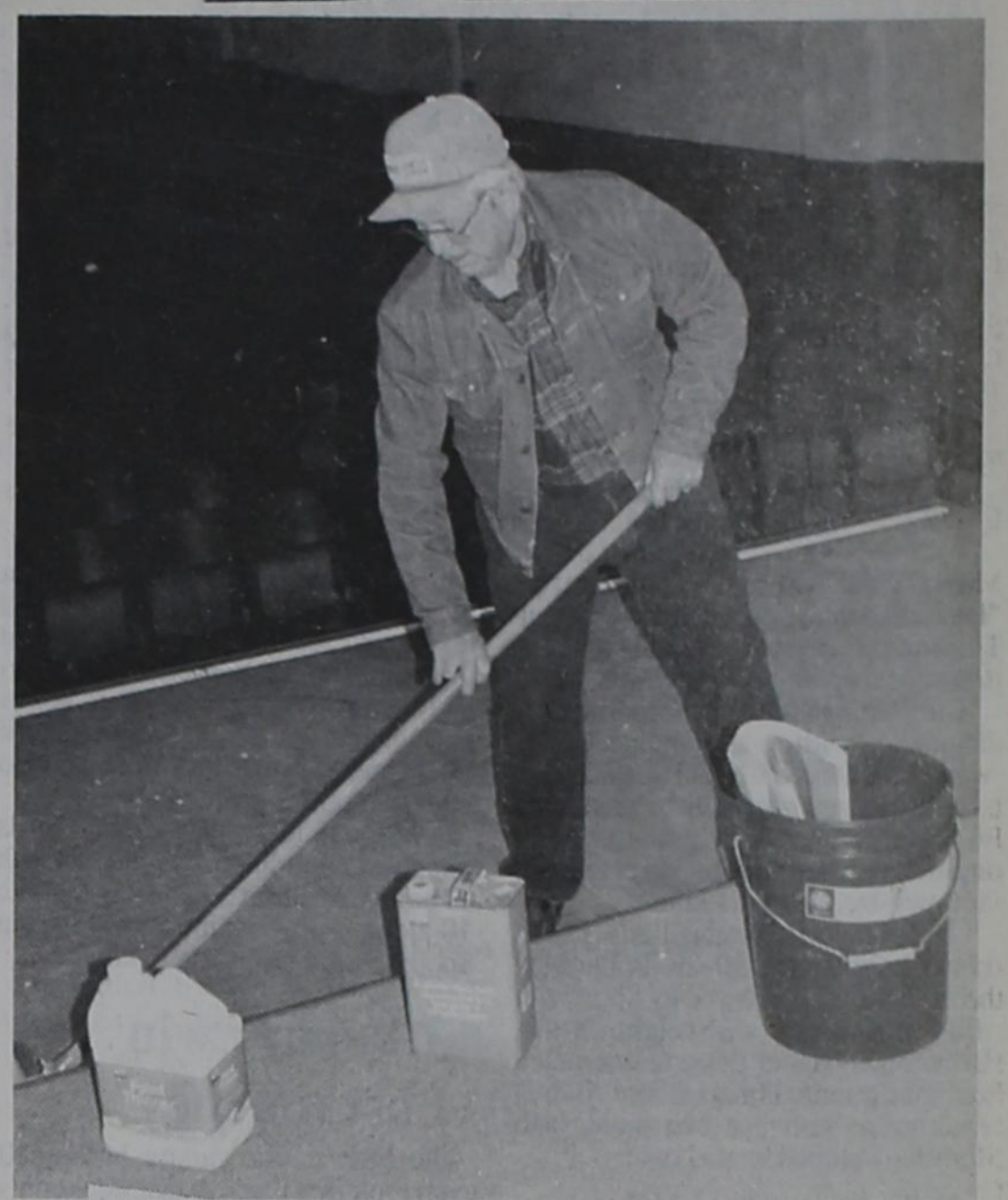
Budget packets are \$15 (\$10 for each additional copy) and can be ordered through Amosson at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo, Tx 79106. For more information, contact Amosson at (806) 359-5401 or your local county Extension agent.

## Bring Foreign Cultures Home

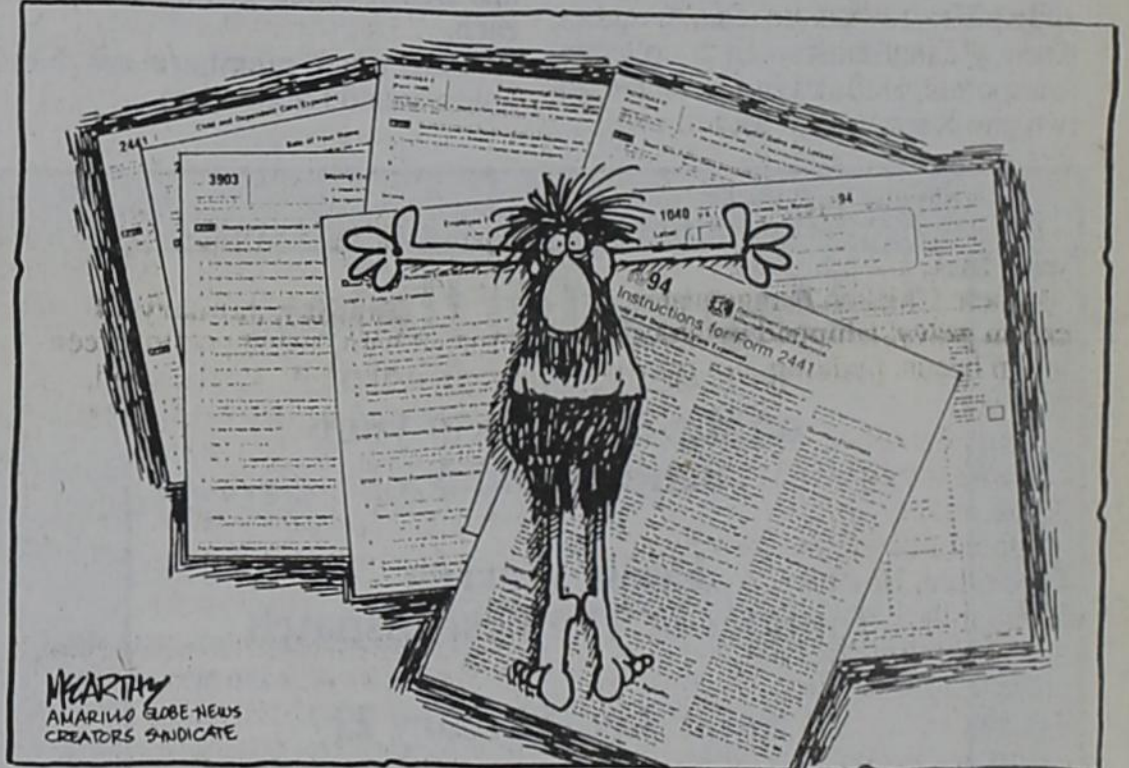
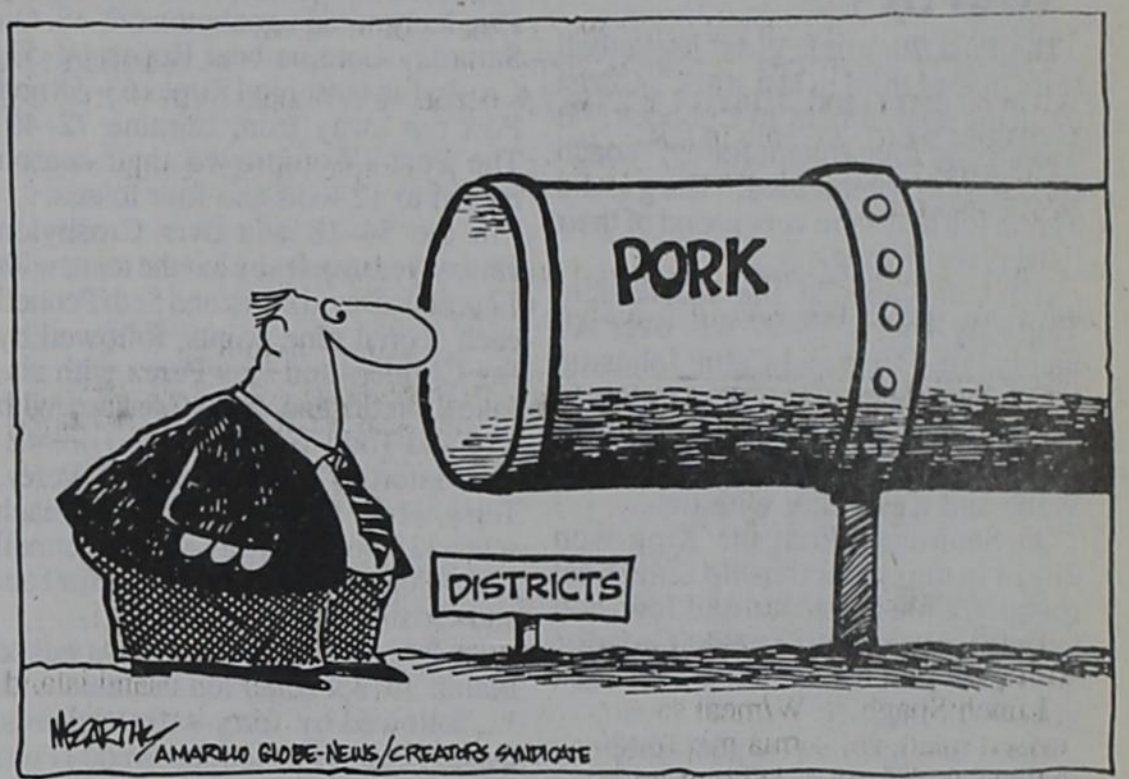
EF Foundation for foreign study is currently seeking an International Exchange Coordinator to work with foreign students. EF Foundation, established in 1979, is a non-profit organization committed to increasing international understanding through cultural exchange. EF Foundation students come from 26 countries and live with American host families while attending a local high school.

International Exchange Coordinators are enthusiastic individuals who are interested in foreign cultures and have an ability to get along with many different types of people including parents, students and school officials. Our nationwide network of representatives includes educators, homemakers, salespeople and retirees. We welcome anyone with an interest in contributing to global understanding!

EF Foundation provides comprehensive training on the local and national level as well as staff support throughout the program year. Expenses are fully reimbursed. There are also opportunities for travel in the United States and Europe. For more information on becoming an EF Foundation representative, please call your local Regional Coordinators, Ken and Marjorie Bell at (817) 329-0973.



A.C. Cash has a lot of jobs to do to get things ready at the Tower Theatre for next Saturday's "Music of the '70s" show.



## Libertarians challenge Republicans

The Libertarian Party has challenged the Republican Party to live up to its 1994 campaign promises, and "drastically reduce the size of the federal government."

In a strongly worded "Challenge to the Republicans"—hand delivered to the offices of Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole — Libertarian Party National Chair Steve Dasbach urged the GOP to immediately abolish 21 federal programs, agencies and policies.

"The ball is in the court of the Republican party now. The next six months will determine if Republicans can be trusted to start eliminating many of the federal programs and agencies that have no place in a free society," Dasbach said.

On the Libertarian Party's 21-item "hit list" were Amtrak, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the Civilian Marksmanship Program, Steamtown USA, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Selective Service, the Economic Development Administration, the Appalachian Regional Commission, Fossil Energy Research, the Davis Bacon Act, the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the National Service Program.

Also included were FCC controls on 900 lines and cable TV, subsidized grazing fees, the space station, the DC Domestic Partners regulation, shipping quotas and subsidies, the Overseas

Marketing Board, the semi-automatic weapons ban, several "War on Drugs" civil liberties violations and unnecessary NATO and UN military spending.

"This is not just some idle wish list," Dasbach stressed. "Legislation has previously been introduced in the House and Senate to abolish most of the items on the Libertarian list. In the past, these efforts have been defeated. Often, many Republican members of Congress failed to support attempts to abolish these wasteful and useless government programs. Now is the time to act!"

If fully implemented, the "Challenge" would produce immediate savings to the taxpayers of at least \$4.5 billion, and could ultimately reduce the federal budget by hundreds of billions of dollars.

"The eyes of the Libertarian Party — and the eyes of all American voters — will be on the Republicans. Will they carry out the mandate given them by the American voter last November? As America's third largest political party, we will be closely evaluating the job they do," Dasbach vowed.

## PHS gets praise from Meno on TAAS scores

Texas Commissioner of Education Lionel R. Meno has congratulated Post High School principal Joe Giddens for the 1994 TAAS scores.

"I have found that Post High School met the TAAS accountability indicator at the threshold of 65 percent or above," Meno said in his letter. "While your rating was not designated as recognized under the 1994 campus rating guidelines, it must be noted that this is a truly commendable level of performance."

"Your school community should be proud of their efforts to achieve excellence and equity for all students," Meno added. "This level of success did not come easily and I encourage you to continue your hard work. The dedication and commitment of the educators at your campus has served your students well and I encourage you to celebrate this success."

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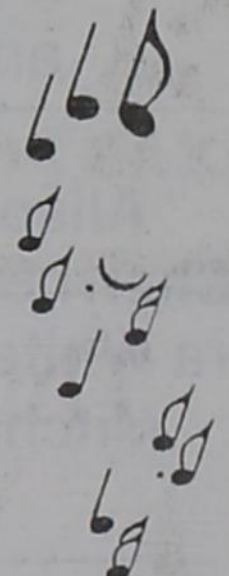
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### Crosbyton, Idalou trip Lady Lopes

The Post varsity girls' basketball team was outscored 65-62 by Crosbyton as the Post girls came off a slow start to get back in the game during the second half last Friday.

Amber Cooper led the team with 23 points, followed by Christie Oden with 13 and Angela Jefferson with 11. Holly Hardin hit for eight, Chelisa Williams picked up four points, Andrea Wallace got two and Falisha Jefferson scored one point.

On January 10 the team had difficulty shooting from the field in a 36-25 loss to Idalou. Cooper led with 11 points, Tracy Shumard got five, Angela Jefferson and Hardin got three each, Jill Stelzer picked up two and Oden was limited to one point.

### J.V. girls win Post tourney

The Post junior varsity girls' basketball team won all three of its games in last weekend's Post tournament, taking first place.

The Post girls opened the tournament Thursday with a convincing 39-29 win over Idalou. Nikki Pollard led with 11 points, followed by Deeje Estep with eight, seven each by Macee Mills and Cassie Short, four by Jody Hawkins and two by Arimy Gradine.

On Friday the young Lady Lopes blasted Crosbyton 50-28. Pollard led with 15 points, followed by Short with nine and Estep with eight. Mills, Bobbie Davis and Erica Gomez each got four points. Hawkins and Andrea Rodriguez both got two points and Tammy Mathies scored one.

### 7th grade girls place third in tourney

The Post 7th grade girls' basketball team placed third in last week's Christ the King tournament in Lubbock. "It was a good tournament for us," coach Bill Gordon commented. "The girls did a great job and were very proud of their third place trophy."

The team opened the tournament Thursday with a 29-27 win over All Saints. Amy Line and Callie Johnston led the team with eight points, followed by Courtney Bratcher with five, three each by Selicia Hernandez and Lauren Webb and Kelci Hart with two.

On Saturday Christ the King won 25-14 in the championship semi-final round. Camie Payne led and Johnston led with four points, as Erin Gregory, Amy Line and Stephanie Looney each got two points.

The Post girls swamped Lubbock Cooper 27-11 to take third place in the final contest Saturday. Bratcher scored eight points to lead the team. Gregory, Looney and Johnston each collected four points, Hart, Payne and Line got two and Kerry Cahill scored one.

In the final game Saturday Post overwhelmed Loraine 50-14. Pollard hit the nets for 19 points and Estep put nine more in the basket. Mills, Short and Arimy Gradine got four points each. Davis, Hawkins, Mathies, April Leary and Jody Gregory were credited with two points each.

In action January 10 the Post JV girls clipped Idalou 39-32. Estep led with 11 points, Mills hit double figures with 10 along with Gradine and Short put another eight points on the board.

### J.V. boys win Post tourney

The Post junior varsity basketball team took first place in last weekend's tournament here. Crosbyton placed second in the event.

In Thursday's action Crosbyton edged Loraine 55-50 and the Post JV outscored Post freshmen 37-15. Friday Post hammered Crosbyton 54-18. On Saturday Loraine beat Ropes 60-53, Crosbyton outscored Ropes 63-58 and Post ran away from Loraine 72-40. The Post JV improved their season record to 12 wins and four losses.

In the 54-18 win over Crosbyton Friday, Jeremy Josey led the team with 12 points. David Perez and Seth Pennell each scored nine points, followed by Jay Childers and Roy Perez with six, Jake Loreda and Josh Grisham with five and Todd Terry with two points.

In Saturday's action David Perez, Terry, Roy Perez and Loreda each scored 12 points, Josey got 10, Pennell picked up eight, Kip Wilks hit for four and Grisham got two points.

On Jan. 10 the Post JV boys edged Idalou 37-35. Josey led the team with 11, followed by Terry with 10 points. David Perez, Grisham and Freddy Pena each got four points with Roy Perez and Seth Pennell getting two points each.

Other team members are Noel Saldivar and Lance Goen.



Lady Lopes Angela Jefferson (background) and Jill Stelzer battle for the ball during the Crosbyton contest last Friday. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



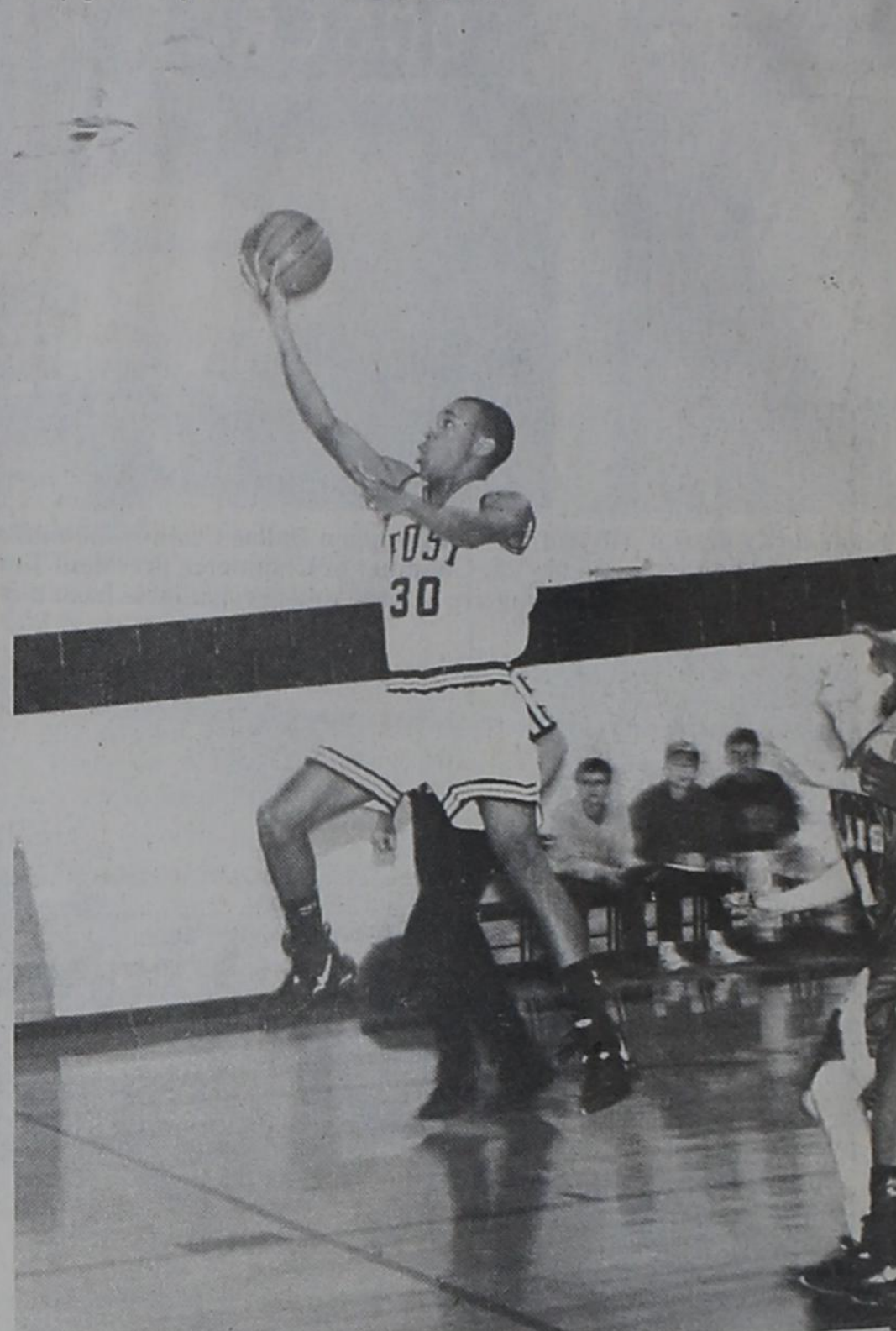
Amber Cooper takes a shot at the basket during action with Crosbyton last Friday. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

### Varsity 'Lopes stay in district race

The Post varsity boys' basketball team held off Crosbyton 63-57 last Friday, keeping their district hopes alive with a three wins and two loss record.

Cody Bain led the team with 17 points, followed by Brad Lawson with 13 and Eric Hanna with 11 points. Russ Bird put in seven points and Alvin Reed hit for six. Travis Hair was credited with four, B.J. Hart got three and Chris Ashley scored two points.

The Antelopes improved their district standing January 10 by taking a 51-44 win over Idalou. Bain hit for 18 points and Reed got another 16. Hart was credited with six and four points each went to Hanna and Lawson. Justin Terry got two points and Hair scored one.



Post Antelope Brad Lawson goes for a layup during the contest last Friday with Crosbyton. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Antelope varsity's Russ Bird rebounds for the 'Lopes during action with Crosbyton. Teammate Alvin Reed joins in the action. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Amber Cooper stretches out to grab the loose basketball during the Lady Lope contest with Crosbyton last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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