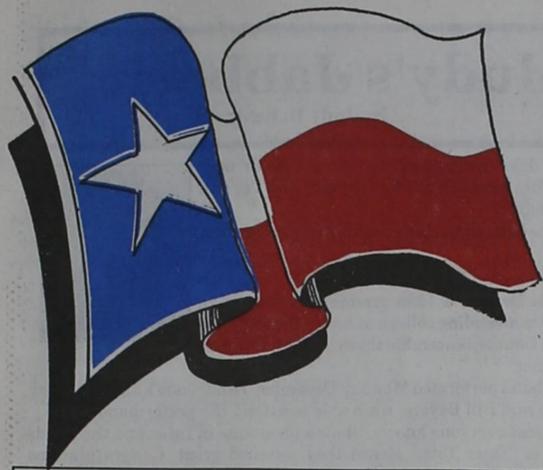


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# The Post Dispatch

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## Plan for prison hospital gets attention from county commissioners



### United Way Donation

Jerry Tyler (right) accepts a generous donation from Billy Dorner on behalf of The George R. Brown Partnership for the Garza County United Way campaign. Joining in the presentation are (left to right) Dennis Odom, Billy Williams and Debbie Mason. The combined donation from the Post and Houston offices was \$984.

The proposal to build a prison facility to house the state's senior inmates was again discussed during Monday's meeting of Garza County commissioners.

The court heard plans for an upcoming meeting between state criminal justice officials, representatives of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and other interested parties. Officials planned to meet Dec. 22 at the courthouse to discuss the viability of such a project, but as of late Tuesday that meeting had been postponed until after the first of the year.

County Judge Giles Dalby said the state has at least 2,000 "geriatric care" prisoners who traditionally require more medical attention than average inmates housed in Texas prison facilities. Interest has been expressed in creating a facility for these senior-aged prisoners, and it is the general consensus that such a unit would need to be built in close proximity to a health sciences training school. "We hope to be the first in line for such a project," Dalby said.

The judge said that in addition to the economic benefits such a facility would provide, it is also believed that it could help provide additional medical services to the community.

In other business, the commissioners court:

- Gave its approval to the joint ventures the county and City of Post regularly participate in each year (law enforcement, parks, airport, etc.).
- Authorized the county to go ahead and take the lead in the county/city/school district auction to be held in March.
- Received information from City Manager Rick Hanna about the new city/county landfill cell being built. The existing cell is expected to serve until the spring. The new cell will carry a price tag of about \$30,000.
- Voted to upgrade the county's telephone system at a cost of \$400 per month for 30 months.
- Approved a letter supporting the continuation of the 9-1-1 emergency system. The letter will be sent to the state's Sunset Advisory Commission.
- Discussed the city's and county's participation in an airport modernization project. The project, which will utilize a satellite to show every airport in the U.S., will cost each local entity \$1,700. The balance of the project's cost — \$27,000 — will be paid for through federal funds.
- Discussed Post Lake and agreed to work with city officials to get on the January agenda for the White River Water District's board of directors meeting to further discuss the project.

## Post ISD expands technology training

A new computer training program which could help ready local youths for jobs in technological fields earned the approval of the Post Independent School District board of trustees Dec. 8.

The board approved participation in Cisco Network Academics, an "innovative" program designed to teach students some of the networking skills required for work with computer applications, according to Dr. Bobby Bain, district superintendent. The four-semester course is designed to serve a limit of 6-10 students and is expected to carry a start-up cost of \$17,000.

Two district employees, Lance Dunn and James Easterling, will be trained to work with the students.

Upon completion of the course, participating students will be asked to pass a proficiency exam to earn certification. Once certification is achieved, these students might expect to enter jobs earning \$30,000-35,000 straight out of high school, according to information supplied to district officials.

The course is expected to begin in September 1999, Bain said.

The board also voted to modify the athletics and cheerleading drug and alcohol policies.

Trustees voted to change the suspension period to seven days for alcohol-related violations and 30 days for drug-related violations, Bain said. For example, an athletics student or cheerleader with an offense relating to alcohol would not be allowed to participate in

any event for seven days.

An additional violation within the same school year would prompt that student's removal from his or her extracurricular program for the remainder of the school year.

In other business, trustees:

- Agreed to stay with First Care for the provision of hospitalization insurance.
- Postponed action to begin accepting bids on the purchase of new buses. Trustees agreed to wait and see how the district's financial future looks before taking further action on this matter.
- Conducted an executive session which included a brief presentation on a student by Tammy Ayala and information on the superintendent's evaluation. No action was taken following the close of the executive session, Bain said.

## City council begins search for new manager

The search for a new city manager is under way following Rick Hanna's announcement last week that he intends to leave the post Jan. 31.

Hanna told city officials early Wednesday morning, Dec. 9, of his decision to resign to accept the same job with the City of Muleshoe. "We hate to lose him," said Mayor Jim Jackson. "We feel like our

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## GHD board seeks wider authority in law revision

A study undertaken to illustrate the financial impact the abolition of the local hospital district would have on other taxing entities was received by hospital district officials late Wednesday, Dec. 9, just hours before the group's regular 7 a.m. Dec. 10 session.

Consideration of the study was tabled on a motion by David Tyler and seconded by David Nichols to allow for further review by board members.

The study was ordered last month following a presentation by a Covenant Health Systems (formerly Methodist Hospital) official detailing the need to change the local 24-hour health care facility into a more "traditional" clinic. He cited the lack of use of the health care facility in the "after hours" time periods and the ongoing difficulties recruiting physicians for these periods as the primary motivators behind the proposal to reorganizing the facility's hours.

That same Covenant representative, Jason Markham, was on hand for this month's board meeting as well. Markham said Covenant is "committed to and entrenched" in the community but urged the board to realistically look at perceived need and real need. He noted that if the board agrees to an amendment to the present contract, reducing the clinic hours, another physician could be in place locally in a very short time.

Mike Mayo of the Golden Plains Care Center briefly addressed the board. Mayo said he had read in the local newspaper that changes in the hours of the clinic were being considered and that the board was looking at its viability within the community. He is not a resident of the county, he said, but has owned and operated a local business for more than 15 years and is a taxpayer. Mayo said he supports the hospital district and believes the district and its board to be a vehicle necessary for the provision of health care services to this community.

Some changes and improvements will be necessary to accomplish its goals but the district should not be abolished, he said. All available opportunities should be explored and Mayo offered his assistance to the board in its efforts to explore possible solutions to the health care problems facing Post and Garza County.

In other business, the board voted to approve a resolution prepared by the district's attorney, Calloway Huffaker, outlining the desired revisions to the hospital district's enabling legislation.

According to the resolution, the hospital district's directors are requesting that the state legislators allow the amendment of the district's enabling legislation to enable the hospital district to "accomplish its mandate for providing for the health care of the residents of Garza County..."

Recommended amendments include:

- That the name "Garza County Hospital District" be changed to the "Garza County Health Care District."
- That the enabling legislation allow for Garza County residents

to dissolve the health care district if so desired.

- That the election date for directors of the health care district be designed to coincide with the election date of the first Saturday in May in accordance with the Texas Election Code.
- That a write-in candidate for director must be declared prior to the election according to the terms and conditions of the Texas Election Code.
- That the district is not required to conduct an election if all candidates are unopposed and no proposition affecting the district appears on the ballot.
- That the district be authorized to levy taxes in an amount not to exceed 75 cents per \$100 valuation of all taxable property within the district.
- To increase the spending limit requirements for voter approval by the district directors.
- To increase the competitive bidding requirements of \$1,000 by the district to "reflect more accurately today's economy..."
- To have those provisions requiring a copy of the audit be sent to the comptroller of public accounts be deleted.
- That all references in the enabling legislation of the Garza County Hospital District referring to the hospital or hospital district or hospital system be amended to reflect the name of Garza County Health Care District.

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## Post Notes

### Grassland Church Cantata

The Grassland Church of the Nazarene will offer its Christmas cantata "Merry Christmas to You" on December 19 at 7 p.m. and December 20 at 6 p.m. The cantata is directed by Brenda McCleskey.

### Church plans taco dinner

The Women's Ministry of Church of God of Prophecy, 602 W. 14th, will sponsor a taco dinner Friday, December 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The \$5 plates are available at the church or by delivery. Call 495-3644 or 495-2006.

### Santa Claus at VFW Saturday

Parents are invited to bring their children to the VFW Saturday from 5-6 p.m. for a visit with Santa Claus. The special event is a community-wide service of the Post 6797 VFW and Ladies' Auxiliary.

### Helping hand for those in grief

There will be a support group meeting for those grieving the loss of a loved one through death, held each Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Recovery Center, 7th Street and Avenue C (behind the old Postex plant). Those who are able and willing to share their grieving experiences are urged to attend. Confidentiality is stressed for all the meetings. Call LaDell Miller at 495-2520 or the Recovery Center at 495-3173 for more information.

### Little Dribblers organizing now

There will be an organizational meeting of the Post Junior Basketball (Little Dribblers) Thursday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m. in the Norwest Bank Room. All interested individuals are urged to attend.

### Deadline for Santa letters is Dec. 18

The deadline for letters to Santa Claus, to be published later this month in The Post Dispatch, is Friday, Dec. 18. Letters will be accepted from children ages infant through third grade.

### United Way campaign seeks \$21,150

The Garza County United Way campaign is seeking a total of \$21,150 to fund 13 participating units. Donations may be made by mailing to Garza County United Way, P.O. Box 425, Post, Texas 79356. Last year the Garza County United Way was honored as one of the top units of its size in the nation.

### Free gift wrapping offered

A free gift wrapping services is being offered through Dec. 18 at "Da House" Teen Center. Boxes will be provided. Wrapping will be done from 7-10 p.m. nightly. Donations will be accepted and will go toward the Afterglow youth Mexico mission trip set for Dec. 19-23. For more information, call Mrs. Morris at 495-4195.

### • Weather in Post •

Date	High	Low	Precip
Dec. 9	51	26	—
Dec. 10	53	27	—
Dec. 11	53	27	—
Dec. 12	43	30	—
Dec. 13	57	29	—
Dec. 14	65	35	—
Dec. 15	67	34	—
December rainfall — 0.00			
Year-to-date rainfall — 9.861			
Records courtesy Garza County Sheriff's Dept.			

## Garza County United Way campaign report



United Way

Total contributions through December 15...

\$8,086.80

Goal this year:

\$21,150

## "Hoedown" musical involves 108 students



Post Elementary students offered a special Christmas show last week, under the direction of Karen Nichols. Among the students participating were (left to right) Jackie Hays, Rachel Gray, Jody Rutherford, Blake Nichols, D.J. Biaz and K'Nell Dalby.

The fourth and fifth grade music classes presented "Santa's Holiday Hoedown" Dec. 10.

The presentation was a musical about Santa's toyshop which is in danger of going bust because of no money or materials, so the gang goes to Branson, Missouri, to raise the needed funds with a down-home country music jamboree.

A total of 108 students were involved in the production, which was directed by Karen Nichols, elementary music teacher.

Special thanks go to the following individuals who helped make the production a success: Mr. Rankin and Mr. Self, Raeline Reece and Marinette Tyler, Ollie Abraham, Lupe Perez, Rosa Gonzales and Toni Ammons, Jody Ammons and Pearl Riley, Carol Payne and Linda Collazo, Lance Dunn and the FFA boys, Kay Postell, fourth grade teachers Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Lott, Mrs. Marts, Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Tatum and fifth grade teachers Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Courtney, Mrs. Gorman and Mrs. Gribble.

## Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

The days are passing faster and faster now. The 25th. looms in front of my face and I'm still not ready!

I sure hope that someone out there knows how I feel.



### Local Talent

Slade Bevers, a 1998 graduate of Post High School is attending college at South Plains. They have a Country ensemble there, and Slade is the drummer.

The band performed Monday, December 7 and Slade's mom and dad, Barbie and Bill Bevers, were able to attend the performance.

As most everyone knows, Slade's nickname is Tater and the bands name is "Tater Tots." Heard they sounded great. Congratulations Slade!

### Birthdays This Week

Birthdays for this week: Thursday 17; Cybil Workman, David Frausto, T.C. Kane, Garrett Chapman and Miles Gray. Anniversary; Frank and Carol Tobias: Friday 18; Melinda Carter Cowley, Ricky Pequeno, Joe Pennell and Bertha Fuentes: Saturday 19; Matt Holly: Sunday 20; D'Anne Bishop, Nikki Bevers, Rodney Gray and Michael Robertson, Sr: Monday 21; Dylan Bratcher, Christopher Martinez, Veronica Rae Soto and Jemmie Roges.

Tuesday 22; Bill Cole and Sonny Bevers: Wednesday 23; Ashlee Massey, Angie Quinonez and Shelly Tobias; Anniversary; John and Susan Boren.

For those of you who do not remember Melinda Carter Cowley, we go all the way back to the first grade. We have remained best friends for more years than she and I both want to think about.

Her mom, Wanda Orf, has always been like a second mom to me and I just wanted them to know they are remembered.

Happy birthday Melinda, remember I know how old you are!!

### School's Out!

Well I know all of the kids are looking forward to this long holiday vacation coming up.

Everyone remember that our kidos will be out and about and please drive carefully.

School dismisses at 2:30 on Friday and will resume Jan. 5th.

### Homecoming

Ricky and I are looking forward to this weekend. Amanda, our daughter from Norfolk will be coming in for Christmas along with husband Stephen and daughter Alison.

We can hardly wait to get our hands on that baby as we have not seen her in about nine months.

Now I know that many of you are expecting family in for Christmas, just remember to call so that we can share the news with everyone. There are lots of folks out there who look forward to reading about everyone's comings and goings, so remember to call me.

### Sad news

Before closing, I would like to let Boo Olsen's family know that our thoughts and prayers are with them.

The family here at the Dispatch were so saddened to hear of Boo's death. She was such a wonderful lady and will be remembered by so many people.

### Till Next Week

Guess that is all for this week. If you still have shopping to do, enjoy the nice weather days.

Have a great weekend and May God Bless each of you.

## Bertrand earns Tech degree

Shelly Nicole Bertrand will graduate magna cum laude Dec. 19 from Texas Tech University with a bachelor of business administration in accounting.

Bertrand will begin an internship Dec. 28 with Arthur-Anderson Accounting Firm, Dallas, and is expected to return to Lubbock in August to attend Tech's School of Law where she has received a full regent scholarship.

Bertrand is the daughter of Ronald and Betty Sue Bertrand of Lubbock and the granddaughter of Mozelle Hutchins of Post.



Shelly Nicole Bertrand



Happy 25th Mom and Dad!

## Birth

### Ericka Leslie Solis

Jimmy and Leslie Solis are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Ericka Leslie.

She was born December 5, 1998 at UMC in Lubbock.

Ericka weighed eight pounds and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Ricky and Eva Quinonez and Dale Walls.

Paternal grandparents are Ruben and Sheila Solis.

Maternal great-grandparents are Margarita Martinez and the late Andrew Martinez and Paul and Pat Quinonez and the late Loida Quinonez.

Paternal great-grandparents are Gene and Hilda Solis and Tom and Francille Saddler.



Suzanne Gordon

### Suzanne Gordon is LCU graduate

Suzanne J. Gordon, daughter of Jack and Mary Ann Gordon of Slaton and granddaughter of Jim and Bessie Strawn and Lorrene Gordon and the late Oscar Gordon of Post, graduated from Lubbock Christian University Saturday, Dec. 12.

She received a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies, secondary education.

While a student at LCU, Gordon was vice president and chaplain of Christliche Damen Social Club, the university's intramural director and employed by Ted L. Parker & Associates.

She is a 1993 graduate of McAllen Memorial High School.



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## Science fair winners at Post Middle School

The Post Middle School science fair was held in the school cafeteria Thursday, Dec. 10.

First place winners included Jacob Lott, Diana Ratke, Cole Easterling, Patricia Hester and Leslie Rutherford, and Kyle Kirkpatrick and Trent McDonald (sixth grade); Raven Moore and Amber Holly, Samantha Lawrence and Joseph Espinoza, Josh Payne and Brody Connor, Breann Heckaman and Ricky Reyna, Jerica Tyler and Mitchell Mills, Rosalinda Alaniz, Diana Zubia (seventh grade); and Tiffany Hair and Kyzandre Harper, and Nicole Gray, K'Leigh Babb and Joey Barrera (eighth grade).

Second place winners were Cody Bullard, Donae Dalby, Keitha Palmer, Courtney Short and Lacey White, Devin Hernandez, Chelsea Goodman and Nae Washington, Amanda Morris, Kaycee Gorman, Xane Mason, Quinton Odum and Josh Hair, Tiffanie Tuttle, Tony Apolinar, Martin Garcia and James Soto, Kayla Dunn, Callie Smith and Lyndee Strawn (sixth grade).

Also, Tayler Starkey and Sierra Reitner, Francisco Duran and Javen Abraham, Kyle Gunn and Mark McCallister, Mark Norman and Jay Cooper, Kristine Morris and Brittany Haynes, Zane Marts and Colt Vernon, Christopher Cruse (seventh grade); and Brice Easterling, Alex Moreno and Luis Zubia, Chase Miller, Tye Mason and Jessica Mason, Adam Nobles, Ronnie Parrish and Tyler Bennett, Brody Robertson, Amanda Workman and Pablo Perez, Paige Lott and Noah Gutierrez, and Russell Eaton, Tasha Smith and Kenny Ratke (eighth grade).



### Art Guild Fashion Show

Joy Dickson (left to right), Linda McLaughlin and Starlet Freeman were featured at last week's Post Art Guild Style Show. Fashions for the event were provided by La Posta. (Photo by Krishna Bush)

## Post City Limits

by Leslie C. Acker

The Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau will be presenting some special recognition awards at the annual bureau banquet in February. The Outstanding Garza County Businesses of the 20th Century will be honored and the help of local residents is needed in the selection of these businesses.

Following is a nomination ballot to be used. Please nominate a business, stating why you believe this business deserves this special recognition. We want to honor businesses which have been of longtime service to the community and have exhibited outstanding promotion of the City of Post through their owners and employees.

Don't be shy! If your business deserves such honor, then nominate it. Deadline for nominations is Feb. 1.

## Local students deliver holiday care packages

by Nicole Gray

Post Middle School delivered Christmas care boxes Wednesday, Dec. 16, to Post families. The effort was sponsored by the Student Council and STARS.

Students collected items for the boxes in Accelerated Reader classes. STARS had a Christmas dance Friday, Dec. 11. Cans were collected as admission and delivered to families in Post.

Rodney Tidwell drove the Christmas bus as students delivered the boxes. Christmas carols were sung to the families.

## Theta Eta Chapter meets in Lubbock

The Theta Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at the Lakeridge Country Club in Lubbock Dec. 5.

Presiding during the business meeting was Connie Flores, chapter president.

Special guest and program presenter was Deana Troub, a member of the Alpha Sigma Chapter. Her program theme was on "Contributions of the Arts/Curriculum Integration." A music workshop was conducted as part of the program presentation.

Members held a silent auction composed of members' baked goods and crafts to benefit the World Fellowship Fund. Fellowship and a brunch were enjoyed by all.

## Amity Study Club has holiday party

The Amity Study Club celebrated its annual Christmas party and gift exchange Tuesday night, Dec. 8, at Babb's Barbeque.

Barbara Babb and Suzanne Hudman, hostesses, served a baked ham dinner with all the trimmings, topped off with pumpkin cake.

Members drew for numbered gifts. The most unique gift was an angel made from an old hymnal, brought by Anne Sims.

Members turned in names and money collected to date for the annual Christmas greeting ad. Toys for Tots donations were also collected.

## GHD revisions...

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• That the enabling legislation be "amended in any manner necessary to provide more ad-

equately for the health care needs of the citizens of Garza County, Texas, in the next century."

Huffaker said he had talked with Rep. David Counts and learned that the legislative counsel can prepare the needed revisions which would save the district the expense of retaining a law firm. Counts agreed that he will see that the prepared bill is presented to the proper committee.

The board also approved the 1997-98 audit as presented by Ron Howell with Mason, Warner & Co., authorized a pair of indigent applications and paid the monthly bills.

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How silver-sweet sound lovers' tongues by night, like softest music to attending ears.

—William Shakespeare

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**Helping youth help themselves**  
by Rodney Tidwell  
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What influences you today? Is it something that is positive or negative? These are a few things that I gathered together during our National Convention in Miami, Fl. held last July.

In 1958 the number one influence on the children in America was the family, followed by church and education which were tied at #2. Then at #4 was radio-TV, with peer groups falling in at #6.

When we compare this to 1998 it falls in like this: radio and TV are at # 1, with peer groups at #3, family at #4, education at #5 and then church at # 10. This in my opinion is what is wrong with America as a whole. We spend a large amount of time watching TV or listening to "negative" music, which in turn has caused the crime rate to skyrocket.

With the influence being as they are, this is how much time we spend at different activities: 45,000 hours are spent watching TV or listening to the radio. We spend 10,000 hours in education. We spend 8,000 hours talking to our children, but 70% of that time is spent talking to our children before they are eight years old. This is why the family is not the #1 influence in the lives of young people today.

We as a society have also pushed God out of our everyday lives and have left ourselves opened for attack. Do we only look to God on Sunday morning, or do we look for his guidance everyday, every hour of everyday? This is a question that I have to ask myself all the time.

We can get caught up in our daily activities, (even activities that are benefiting several people), that we leave our Help and Creator out. All of us need to check our priorities and find out where we are in the plan that God has for us. It is not His plan for our country, or our community to be in the shape that it is in.

We must all, from the youngest child to the oldest adult, take time to check ourselves and ask these questions, "Am I really doing what God would have me do? Am I making a difference in the lives of people around me?"

We, as adults, are the examples for young people to follow. Would you want someone to follow and learn from you and your examples? "Lord help me to live the life that is pleasing to you and to be the example that you would have me be. Teach me Lord to know your will and to follow you were ever you would lead me. Thank you Jesus. Amen"

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to call or come by.

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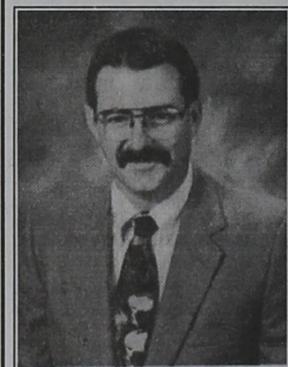
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## Sonic Drive-In Proudly Presents our Teacher of the Week



Meet:

**Lance Dunn**

Lance Dunn and his wife Tonya, are the parents of Kayla, Kari and Katie. Lance holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Education from Texas Tech University. He attended two years at South Plains College on livestock judging scholarship prior to entering Texas Tech.

Lance teaches agriculture at Post High School. "With three daughters, there isn't much time for hobbies," Lance emphasizes. "Most of my spare time in our home is spent with the family and enjoying the children. However, Kayla and I do manage to make it to Texas Tech baseball games on a regular basis."

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First Assembly of God (Spanish) 407 May St.

**Baptist**  
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First Baptist Church 402 W. Main, 495-3554  
First Baptist Church, Wilson 628-6333  
Pleasant Home Baptist Church E. 14th & N. Ave F  
Templo Bautista 315 W. Main, 495-2416  
Trinity Baptist Church 915 N. Ave O, 495-3038  
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Pleasant Valley Hwy 84 & North 399 - (806) 828-4174

**Catholic**  
Holy Cross Catholic Church Ave. K and Main St., 495-2791

**Disciples of Christ**  
First Christian Church 812 W. 13th, 495-3716

**Church of Christ**  
Church of Christ 108 N. Ave. M, 495-2326  
Graham Chapel Church of Christ 5 miles W. Hwy 380, 2 miles south

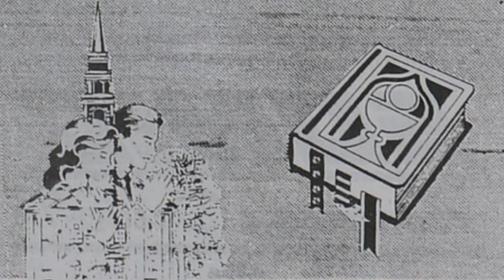
**Church of God**  
Church of God of Prophecy 602 W. 14th, 495-3644  
Power House Church of God and Christ Pine Ave.  
Lighthouse Christian Center Church of God 314 N. Ave I, 495-2237

**Church of the Nazarene**  
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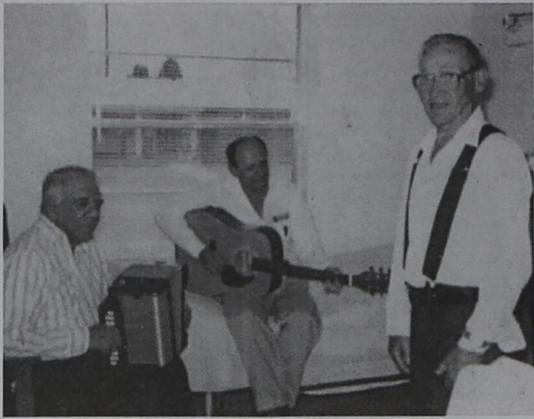
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Jazzing up Golden Plains Care Center last week were (left to right) Ascencio Sanchez, Danny Guthrie and Jim Taylor.



Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau Women's Division members visiting at Golden Plains Care Center last week were (left to right) Marie Neff, Ida Jones, Jan Acker, Louella Bilberry, Pauline Clinesmith, Gladys Blair, JoAnn Stelzer, Marie Davis and Judy Howard.

**News from Golden Plains Care Center**  
by Bunny Lynch

We're back and busier than ever. December has started with a bang! On Dec. 11, we had our Christmas shopping spree and would like to thank the Ladies Chamber of Commerce and Tourism for all the wonderful

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gifts they donated. Everyone enjoyed being able to shop for their families.

The other day I was walking down the hall and heard some real good music coming out of a room, so I just walked in and there was a room full of men just pickin' and a grinnin'. Danny Guthrie, our director of nursing, was playing his guitar and Ascencio Sanchez was playing his accordion and Jim Taylor was singing "Today I Started Loving You Again" and Domingo Villa, Dewey Chapman and Glenn Pruitt, were all tapping to the music.

On Wednesday, we definitely were in the Christmas spirit. At 8:30, the First Baptist Church Christian School was here to sing for us, then at 2:30 p.m. the fourth grade class stopped by and at 4 p.m. the Methodist Church and at 6:30 p.m. the First Baptist GAs and Acteens caroled for us. On Thursday at 10 a.m., the second grade class is to be here to carol. On Friday at 8:30 a.m., the First Baptist Church Christian School is coming to sing again. And then on Saturday, the Conner Family will be here to play fiddles and sing.

On Monday, Dec. 21, at 6:30 we will be having our Christmas party and on Dec. 23 the Calvary Baptist Church is going to carol for us.

We will be bringing in the New Year at our New Years Eve party on Dec. 31 at 3 p.m., with a countdown, party hats and noisemakers. Anyone who wants to help us bring in 1999 should feel free to stop by.

I had a lot of help decorating for December and would like to thank Heather, Keitha and Heath Palmer and Miranda Palmer for all their help. They did a wonderful job. Also, a big thanks to Bob and Debbie Palmer for the delicious candy canes and thanks to Patsy and Arnold Sanderson for the lovely poinsettia.

Our birthdays this month are Ruby Potts, Dec. 12, and Monico Guerrero, Dec. 14. Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW for the great birthday party which was Dec. 8.

Next month we are planning a talent show and the little cheerleaders will be performing for us.

Our deepest sympathies go out to the family of Ruel Maddox. She will be missed.

**Post Volunteer Fire Department stays busy**

by Mark Short

The month of December has been a busy one for Post Volunteer Fire Department representatives and thankfully, it has been due to social reasons. The annual Christmas party was held Monday, Dec. 7, at the community center. Current firefighters, their families and retired firefighters were invited to participate. The meal was catered by Danny's Hens and Fins and Santa made his yearly visit to the delight of the children and the rookies, who all had a chance to sit on St. Nick's lap and share their holiday wishes. Department rookies include Kelly Baker, Michael Self, Sam Zubia, Daniel Redman and Les Looney, and all seemed to enjoy visiting with Santa.

The department had its fourth annual chili supper Saturday night at the fire station. About 125 attended. The firefighters would like to extend their gratitude to everyone who came and to those who made donations to the department. A special thanks also goes to the local businesses who helped sponsor the event — Strawn Transport & Acid Co., Jenkins Bros. Electric, H&M Construction, Reef Chemical, Sonic Drive-In, Brady's Package Store and United Supermarket.

Saturday night was also the night the department held its drawing for \$150 worth of groceries from United. The benefit raffle was conducted for JoAnn Winters, an Oplin volunteer firefighter who was injured Oct. 14 while fighting a brush fire in Callahan County. A total of \$1,10 was raised to help with Winters' medical bills. Jane Terry of Post won the groceries.

In a telephone conversation with Dale Winters on Monday, department officials learned that JoAnn was transferred Friday from University Medical Center to Hendricks Rehab Center in Abilene. Dale sent his deepest gratitude to all who helped with the raffle and asked for prayers for the long road to recovery the Winters have ahead of them.

**Certified nurses aide classes begin at SPC**

Classes in Certified Nurse Aide and Phlebotomy begin Jan. 25 at South Plains College in Levelland. Classes end March 8.

The 80-hour course will meet 5:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the SPC Technical Arts Building, room 112. Clinical instruction will meet 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for three Saturdays at a location to be arranged. A total of 56 classroom hours and 24 hours of clinical instruction are included.

Tuition is \$250, plus a state exam fee of \$64.75.

Instructors will be Karen Cox Daniel, LVN, and Phillip Bray, LVN. The State of Texas Certified Nurse Aide Competency Exam is required on completion of the course.

A 42-hour course in phlebotomy will meet 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for four weeks in the Technical Arts Building, room 101. Required clinicals are scheduled 8-10 a.m. Monday through Thursdays for three weeks, followed by optional classes 10 a.m. to noon at a location to be arranged.

Cost is \$250 and instructors are Deborah Langwell, certified phlebotomist, and Jowana Beauchamp. Students taking either course must provide proof of immunization for MMR, tetanus and have a current TB test.

Class enrollment is limited. To obtain registration materials, contact the SPC Office of Continuing and Distance Education in Levelland at 806-894-9611, ext. 2341.

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**BURN PREVENTION**

Over the last two weeks we have covered some of the highlights of burn safety in the home. Two other items that are common burn hazards, especially for children are clothing irons and hair curlers left unattended. Of course, flammable fluid, such as gasoline, paint thinner or any other solvent and matches or lighters have no business in the hands of children.

No matter how safe we are, accidents do happen. In the case of a thermal burn - Stop the burning and remove the victim from the source. Cool the burn with cold water. Cover the burn with a sterile pad or clean sheet. DO NOT apply oils, sprays, or ointments to a serious burn.

In case of a chemical burn - Flush skin with water for at least 20 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing. If the eyes are involved, flush continuously with water until medical help can be obtained. Remove contact lenses.

Electrical burns - Do not touch the victim while they are in contact with electricity. Pull the plug at the wall or shut off the current if need be. As with all burns make sure the victim is breathing before treating the burn. A medical provider should see all electrical burns.

General considerations for burns - Remove rings, belts, shoes, and tight clothing before swelling occurs. If clothing is stuck to the burn DO NOT REMOVE IT. Carefully cut around stuck fabric. Burns on the face, hands and feet should be considered serious and receive medical attention.

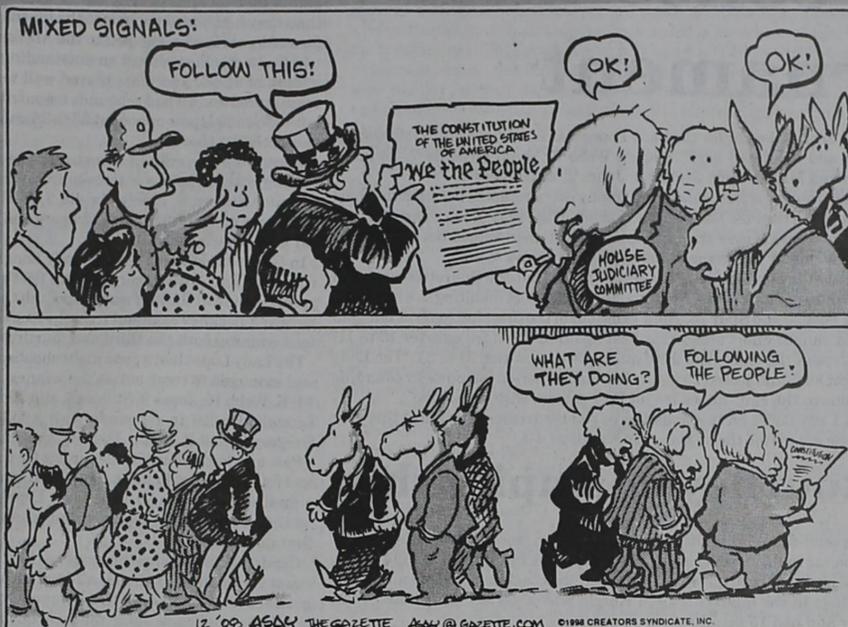
All burns should be considered Tetanus prone, so vaccines should be up dated. Above all, if there is any question or underlying medical condition, such as diabetes, see your medical provider.

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# Opinions



## A new Texas constitution has been adopted, with ratification process in 1999

by Wesley W. Burnett

I am pleased to announce that delegates to the Texas Constitutional Convention completed work last Saturday at the historic Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park with the formal adoption of Texas Constitution 2000 (TC2K). After more than two years of effort, it is now time for the next level of effort as we proceed with ratification plans.

I feel honored to have been among those delegates. Those who have read and studied this new constitution for Texas are highly complimentary of our work, and I am especially proud to have been associated with the handful of dedicated Texans who, against great odds, persevered through the difficult task of preparing this document.

Those of you who read it, may come away with the reaction that I most frequently hear ... "wow, who wrote this? Were there any lawyers as delegates? (The answer is no, but there were lawyers who helped behind the scenes.) This is simply amazing!"

It is most gratifying to hear these positive reactions. It is a reaffirmation that ordinary Texas citizens, outside of the control, support or direction of any government, could sit down together and hammer out such an outstanding document.

Some of us began working on this project in November 1996, and then when the convention was formally convened on July 4, 1997, many of those same folks continued meeting on a regular basis at various Texas locations.

At the end of each weekend session, we returned home tired but inspired at how such wide variety of opinions could be meshed together in a coherent manner. Not only that, the wording is in simple, plain English. This constitution leaves no doubt nor room for interpretation about our individual rights.

It also makes it unequivocally clear that any government agent who dares to violate the rights of an individual or exceed the limited authority of his or her office will be held accountable through our county court system.

Here's an example... say for instance that a government official pulls down his pants in front of an employee and demands some obscene service? In our new county court system, the victim of that abuse would simply write out a charge and present it to the county clerk of court. No matter what position the accused holds, there is no exemption.

The grand jury would be required to investigate the charges, without interference from any government agent. You and I and our neighbors, serving as grand jurors, chosen at random, will seek the evidence. If there is enough evidence to support a trial, then a trial will be held, regardless of the office held by the accused.

Everyone, every single person, will be held accountable for their actions. The jury will decide, and it will be a jury of Texas citizens chosen at random. No longer will jury tampering by lawyers and

judges be allowed in Texas courts.

This constitution is a powerful document for liberty. It is soundly based on the American Declaration of Independence, so brilliantly constructed by Thomas Jefferson. It goes beyond the feeble words of the U.S. Constitution, by clearly defining the meaning of such things as life, liberty and ownership of property. No longer will government agents twist and bend the meanings of our rights, such as defending oneself by owning and using arms for defense.

Perhaps the single most important ingredient of this new Texas constitution is the fundamental decision by delegates made early in the debates: that no part of the constitution could be in conflict with Articles 1, 2 or 3. That decision means that Articles 4 through 9 were written in direct support of the first three articles, and specifically Article 1, the Declaration of Rights.

We did not seek permission from anyone to undertake this historic attempt to right the abuses of government. Fortunately, our ancestors who wrote the 1876 Texas Constitution foresaw the eventual need for Article 1, Section 2 of that document, which we included as Article 1, Section 1 with slightly different wording:

*"All political power is inherent in the people, and all governments exist by the will of the people. The people of Texas retain the right of altering, reforming, or abolishing their government in any manner they believe proper, at any time."*

We believe this is the time for political change. Government abuse of our rights and its injustice to individuals has corrupted the moral character of this nation and all but destroyed our ability to survive economically.

Take a look at this new Texas constitution, and when you do, I am convinced you will join in the support of this historic document. When the county ratification convention is held next year, I urge you to be informed and vote for ratification.

### Limits on government

**Government shall never operate, own, control, nor fund any means of education not specifically related to performing the functions of government authorized by this constitution.**

Article 2, Section 11  
Texas Constitution 2000

Printed copies of the Texas Constitution 2000 are available at The Post Dispatch or order by mail to Texas Constitution 2000, P.O. Box 918, Post, Texas 79356. Cost is \$2.00 each, postage included or \$1 each for 10 copies or more. For a link to the entire constitution go to this web site: [www.trcf.com](http://www.trcf.com)

## And thereafter, advancing national decadence

by Walter E. Williams

Democrats were right in their claim that the House Judiciary Committee hearings haven't revealed anything new about Clinton's conduct in office. What the hearings have revealed is the advanced cancerous stage of American moral decadence.

Let's look at it. Americans watched a day-long questioning of Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr. Any objective viewer would have seen Starr as poised, dignified and responsive to committee members' questions. By contrast, the questioning by Democrat committee members like Maxine Waters, D-Calif.; Sheila Jackson, D-Texas; Barney Frank, D-Mass.; and Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., were rude and shameful.

Moreover, their questions had nothing to do with the subject of the hearings — the evidence presented and the president's behavior. Instead, they brazenly attacked the integrity of Starr. The fact they conducted themselves as agitated infants in need of a diaper change in and of itself is not very significant.

What is significant is the confidence they had that our national standards have sunk so low there'd be no outrage and political price to pay for their conduct. Within hours of Starr's testimony, Sam Dash, his legal advisor, publicly resigned because Starr rejected his advice not to accept Congress' request to testify about his impeachment referral.

The legal community, and other Clinton supporters, applauded Dash. If a lawyer in a civil or criminal case called a press conference to announce his resignation, saying his client is guilty, that lawyer would be in clear violation of legal ethics. Washington's Rules of Professional Ethics says, "A lawyer shall not intentionally prejudice or damage a client during the course of the professional relationship."

And, "The lawyer's obligation to preserve the client's confidences and secrets continues after the termination of the lawyer's employment." Dash felt confident that legal ethical standards have sunk so low that he could



damage his client with impunity. Last week, the House Judiciary Committee held hearings featuring convicted perjurers — people who lied under oath about sexual episodes.

Other witnesses were two high-ranking retired military officers who discussed the corrosive influence commander in chief Clinton's behavior was having on military morale and how a commander's integrity and truthfulness are vital to fighting units. The fact that jittery Republicans felt they had to call witnesses to say that the president should be held accountable to laws, and that a commander's integrity and truthfulness is important, is more evidence of our advanced moral decadence.

That a president should have honesty and integrity, and not be above the law is something that used to be taken for granted. Nobody can say the House Judiciary Committee didn't have witness balance. Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz told the committee that the real perjury problem in America are the police. Dershowitz had confidence that academic standards have declined so much that his colleagues won't criticize his asininity.

Former Judge Leon Higginbotham testified in reference to committee witnesses convicted for perjury, "What is the relevance of what they did to a president who got 49 percent of the vote?" Higginbotham added that the president did nothing more serious than lie about driving 5 mph over the speed limit. Higginbotham can still walk proudly among his colleagues. Have we become a nation where perjury, witness-tampering and obstruction of justice is OK — like driving 5 mph over the speed limit?

Or do we just grant our rulers immunity from the rule of law? I hope both answers are no. But just in case, I'll point out that a benefit of being 62 years-old is I won't be around when chaos and tyranny overcome the nation and people ask, "Where did it start?"

To find out more about Walter Williams, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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## Letters to the Editor

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## TC2K printed on hemp paper

Hemp paper is extremely difficult to find in Texas. That's what the commercial printer contracted to produce archival quality copies of the new Texas Constitution 2000 (TC2K) discovered after more than two months of searching for adequate supplies of hemp paper.

When first approached about the project, he laughed and said, "Hemp? Isn't that illegal?" Of course, most Americans have come to see hemp as part of the "drug problem," when in fact, hemp is one of the most versatile and environmentally sound plants in the world. "When I learned that most of our bibles are printed on hemp paper, and that hemp is not the same as marijuana, I began to realize the value of printing the constitution on hemp paper," the experienced printer adds.

He also discovered that the original American Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were printed on hemp paper, and those who have seen those documents on display marvel at the quality of preservation. "We decided we had to have our adopted and signed constitution on hemp paper," Texas Constitutional Convention chairman Don Henson of El Paso comments, "it was clearly the only choice." Henson points out that not only is hemp paper the absolute best for archival purposes, "using hemp paper makes a bold statement about how this new constitution will secure the right of farmers and the free market. No longer will government dictate to people what they can and can not grow on their own land."

The strength and durability of the fiber content in hemp makes it one of the premier plants in the world. In the United States, commercial hemp production was a major agricultural and industrial product until the 1930s, when Congress enacted its first ill-advised and dangerous "anti-drug" measure, basically destroying one of America's oldest and most respected products. When World War II cut off supplies of hemp from the far east, the federal government relaxed its rules and literally begged hemp farmers to get back in production for the "war effort."

"When we signed our names to the Texas Constitution 2000 at our formal adoption ceremony December 12," Henson adds, "we signed on hemp paper, produced in Texas by a Texas company. We propose a new beginning for industry and agriculture, one in which decisions of what to grow and what to produce are made by the owners and operators of businesses, unhindered by an economically, politically and morally bankrupt government."

The formal signing took place at the historic Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park when the 13th session of the Texas Constitutional Convention convened in the park's Education Center. Delegates to the convention, having met since July 4, 1997, signed 125 archival copies of the Texas Constitution 2000 in the formal ceremony.

Ratification of the new Texas constitution will be conducted through county ratification conventions.

## Thanks to Commerce and Tourism Bureau

The Pathfinders Class of First United Methodist Church wishes to thank the Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau, and the parade sponsors, for the \$500 first place prize we received for the Post Lighted Parade competition. Thanks also to all those worked on the float and those who rode on it. The prize money is being donated to MAD DADS INC., and to the Victims Assistance Program. Again, thank you for the opportunity to share the First Christmas with Post, Texas. Merry Christmas and may God bless you all. Alexia Collier

### Transportation, what does it mean?

Concerning the letter to the editor entitled, "No honor among thieves," published in The Post Dispatch, December 3rd 1998.

It's very simple. The code title provides the information for overall applicability ("Transportation" Code). The word "Transportation" is not defined in the code. But, it is defined in Black's Law Dictionary.

This book is not too difficult to find. Texas Tech Law Library, as well as most lawyers, would have this book on their shelves. Your local courthouse might even let curious citizens take a glance at their book.

Timothy W. Burnett, Glendale, Arizona

Editor's Note: We looked it up in our personal copy of "Black's Law Dictionary." It has to do with commercial traffic: "The movement of goods or persons from one place to another, by a carrier." Now, carrier: "Individual or organization engaged in transporting passengers or goods for hire."

Hmmm, since most of us are not involved in these commercial ventures, why are we targeted by highway revenue agents as if we are?

**"The right of travel is part of the Liberty which the citizen cannot be deprived without due process of law under the Fifth Amendment."**

U.S. Supreme Court decision  
Kent v. Dulles, 357 U.S. 116, 125

### Local Government Meetings

Monday, December 28

- Garza County Commissioners' Court, 9 a.m., 3rd floor courthouse.

Tuesday, January 5

- Post City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.

Tuesday, January 12

- Post ISD board of trustees, 7:30 p.m., administration bldg.

Monday, January 11

- Garza County Commissioners' Court, 9 a.m., 3rd floor courthouse.

Thursday, January 14

- Garza Hospital District board of directors, in the clinic building, 7 a.m. (Thursday after 10th of each month)

# Sports

## Lady 'Lopes win consolation at Floydada tournament

The Post Lady Lopes won the consolation trophy at the Floydada Classic Tournament played December 3rd - 5th. The Smyer Lady Cats barely won the first game of play with a score of 52-46.

Post led at half 25-24 but Smyer came back strong in the third quarter with 15 points to Post's 5 points which was the turning point of the game even though the Lady Lopes regrouped and made a fourth quarter charge, it wasn't quite enough to come out on top at the buzzer.

Turnovers hurt Post with a total of 33 for the game but they shot 35% from the floor and hit 52% of their free throws. Smyer out-rebounded the Ladies 33 to 25. Kristen Webb was high point for Post with 12 followed by Meagan Mills 9, Kenda Looney 8, Kasey Hardin 7, Rachelle Jones and Davida Gregory 3 each, Becca Stelzer and Erin Gregory 3 each.

In the second game of the tournament Post's swarming defense against the Kress Lady Roos resulted in a 60 to 26 win. The Lady Lopes held Kress to only 10 first half points as the Ladies led 26 to 10 at half time.

Post held their turnovers down to 12 in this game and had 41 rebounds as

a team. Scoring leader for the Lady Lopes was K. Webb with 13 followed by Hardin and Looney 9 each, Lauren Webb 8, Vondi Gradine 7, Jennifer Strawn and Mills 4 each, Stelzer 3, Jones 2, E. Gregory 1.

The third game for the consolation trophy was a rematch between the Spur Spurettes and the Post Lady Lopes. Earlier in the season the Spurettes won a one shot decision over the Lady Lopes. Post, determined not to have the same outcome in this game decisively beat Spur 54 to 46.

Post led at the end of the first quarter 12 to 6 but the Spurettes swarmed back with 10 points in the second quarter to 8 for Post resulting in a half-time score of Post 20 and Spur 16. Spur came out of the dressing room at half and put on a valiant effort outscoring Post again in the third quarter 15 to 11.

The score at the end of the third quarter was now tied 31 to 31. The Lady Lopes got busy and scored 23 points in the final period to Spur's 15 emerging victorious in the end. Jones led all Post scorers with 10 points.

All 11 Lady Lopes on this squad have given a tremendous effort this year and their record for the season now stands at 4-4.

## Lady Lopes take 4th at Lockney

The Lady Lopes finished fourth at the Lockney Classic Tournament this past week-end, December 10-12. The girls played hard and had some close games that could have gone either way, but came out placing a little lower than they had hoped going into the tournament. Kasey Hardin, 5'7" senior forward/guard, was selected to the All Tournament team.

In Game #1, Post played an outstanding game against Kress winning by a score of 63-36. The team played well together and every member of the team scored and all had rebounds to contribute to their win. The Lady Lopes out-rebounded their opponent 33 to 26 and shot 35% from the floor and 73% from the free shot line.

There were also only 13 team turnovers in the game. Becca Stelzer led in scoring with 14 points with help from Kristen Webb 10, Kenda Looney 9, Jennifer Strawn 8, Kasey Hardin 7, Rachelle Jones and Vondi Gradine 4 each, Lauren Webb 3, Davida Gregory and Meagan Mills 2 each. Stelzer also led in rebounds with 10.

In Game #2, Post played the Lady Longhorns from Lockney but Lockney was victorious with a score of 56 to Post's 45. The Lady Lopes were only 3 points behind at the half way mark with the score being Lockney 23, Post 20; however, Lockney came out from the locker room and never let Post have the lead winning both the third and fourth quarters.

The Lady Lopes had a good night shooting hitting 40% but Lockney hit 45% and managed to come out as the winner. Scorers were led by Looney with 14, K. Webb 10, Jones 9, Stelzer 6, and Hardin, D. Gregory, and Mills 2 each. Looney also led in rebounds with 8 followed by Stelzer 6, Mills and D. Gregory 2, and K. Webb, Hardin, and Jones 1 each.

Post and Petersburg battled it out for third and fourth places in the third and final game but Petersburg walked away with the third place trophy with a final score of 53 to 50. The Lady Lopes started the game with turnovers on their first three possessions but managed to lead 9 to 7 at the end of the first quarter.

Gradine was fouled at the buzzer at half time and made her two free throws count giving the Lady Lopes a 26 to 21 lead at half. Neither team had a very good shooting night as both only managed to hit 29% from their field goals but Petersburg came out in the third quarter outscoring Post by 7 points and now led going into the fourth quarter.

Jones hit two of her three-pointers in the fourth period but Petersburg answered. Jones and Looney led Post scorers with 9 each and others scoring included Hardin 8, K. Webb and E. Gregory 6, Stelzer 4, and Strawn, L. Webb, Gradine, and Mills 2 each.

Rebounds were led by Looney 7, D. Gregory 5, Stelzer and K. Webb 3, Hardin and E. Gregory 2, and Jones, L. Webb, Mills and Gradine 1 each. The Lady Lopes' free throw percentage continues to improve as they hit 16 of 19 free shots for 84%.

## 'Lopes fall short in Coyote tourney championship

The Post High School varsity boys basketball team had a successful showing at the Borden County Coyote Classic tournament Dec. 10-11 but fell just short of winning the tournament with a 79-63 championship game loss to Chapel. The squad won its first game in the tournament, a 59-34 romp over Hermleigh.

The 'Lopes jumped out to an early lead and led scoring in each of the game's four periods. Daniel Fluit and Marcus Sapp led scoring in the game with 10 points each, followed by Clell Knight with eight, Jay Gorman with seven, Tyrone Jefferson and Braden Conner with six each, Billy Crawford with four, Clinton Curtis with three points and Michael Ulm and Raul Ortiz with two points each. Justin Gorman added one point.

Sapp led rebounds with eight, followed by Jay Gorman with six. Jay Gorman led in assists with five, followed by Knight with three. "I thought it was neat that all 11 players scored during this game," said the coach. "We were a little cold shooting but we played well defensively and created a lot of turnovers by Hermleigh."

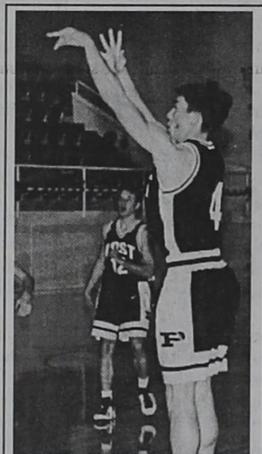
In the semi-final game, Post defeated Ralls by a score of 72-45. Post racked up 35 points in the first period of this game while limiting Ralls to 14. "This was the best first quarter we ever played," the coach said. "We made 14 out of 18 shots in the quarter.... Clell Knight was a perfect six for six in the quarter and had 15 points."

Michael Ulm had a great shooting night going six for seven. We played very well as a team and had a club record 24 assists." Knight and Conner led scoring with 16 points each, followed by Ulm with 13, Fluit with nine, Jay Gorman and Crawford with six each, and Sapp, Jefferson and Ortiz with two points each.

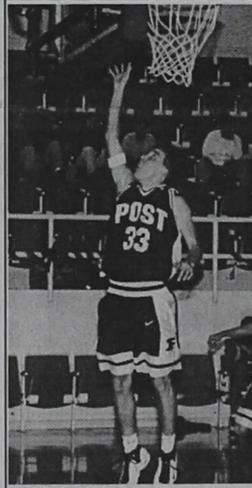
Knight led rebounds with nine, followed by Conner with eight and Crawford, six. Knight also led in the assists column, logging six in the game. Jay Gorman had five and Conner and Fluit each had four. In the championship game, Chapel jumped out to a 34-9 lead at the end of the first period, handing the 'Lopes a deficit they chipped away at but could never overcome.

"We did a lot of watching during the first quarter of this game," the coach said. "El Paso came out red hot in the first quarter and we didn't match their intensity. After the first quarter, we settled down and outscored them the rest of the way. "Our zone defense has improved and held a high-scoring Chapel team to 25 second-half points."

Braden Conner had an excellent game scoring a game-high 25 points and grabbed six rebounds. This was the best team we have faced this year and I think the guys learned a lot from this game." In addition to Conner's 25 points, Knight had 12 points, Fluit had nine points, Jefferson and Crawford each scored six points, Ulm had three and Sapp, two. Conner led rebounds with six while Sapp and Knight each had five. Knight led in assists with four, followed by Jefferson with three.



Clell Knight shoots from outside the circle for the Lopes against Ralls in the Coyote tourney. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Michael Ulm puts two points on the board for the 'Lopes during action at Coyote tourney. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

## Freshman boys take first victory

The freshman boys grabbed their first win of the season in the All Saints Tournament in Lubbock last Thursday, defeating Floydada 57-48 in the first round. Michael Huff led scoring with 11 while Roland Castaneda added eight and Hector Reyna, seven. Mikey Gonzales posted six while Allen Bell and Brandon Massey each added five points.

Wayland Strawn had four points. The team's next game will be Friday against Trinity as the All Saints Tournament continues. The team dropped their season opener against Tahoka, falling to the Bulldogs 47-34 earlier this month.

"The guys hustled," Coach Kelso said, "but we just couldn't put the ball in the basket. We have some areas that need work but overall, I am pleased with the effort." High scorer was Huff with 12, followed by Castaneda with eight points and Strawn with six. Gonzales, Reyna and Bell each added two points.

## 7th grade Lady 'Lopes drop one

Post Middle School's seventh grade girls team was overpowered by Tahoka Monday night 46-10 in what turned out to be a very physical game. Contributing were Crystal Crawford and Terri Curtis with four points each and Lisa Soto, two points.

Taylor Starkey had two rebounds and two steals, Jerica Tyler had a single rebound and Paula Voyles had one rebound and one steal. Starlett Greathouse, Jennifer Reiter, Bethany Haynes and Brittany Haynes each had one steal each. Also playing in the game were Breanna Heckaman and Tanna Starkey. The girls' next game will be at the Christ the King Tournament on Jan. 7.

## 8th grade girls fall to Tahoka

The eighth grade Lady 'Lopes had a great defensive game Monday but failed to pull out a win. Tahoka outscored the squad to win 24-18. Helping out with scoring were Neibes Marin with eight points, Regina Collazo with six points and Jessica Mason and Nicole Gray with two points each.

Also assisting in the effort were Tiffani Hair with three steals and one rebound, Paige Lott with two steals and one rebound, Martina Gibson with three rebounds, Amanda Workman with two rebounds and K'Leigh Babb with one rebound. Keila Rodriguez and Kyzandre Harper had good defensive games, as did the other members of the team. The girls' next game will be Jan. 7 against Coahoma in a home game.

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All 4-H families are urged to attend a county-wide 4-H Christmas Party and "Pot-Luck" supper on tonight, (December 17) at 6:00 p.m. at the show barn. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish. Each 4-H'er is asked to bring a canned food item and an ornament for a tree to be donated to a needy family. Each 4-H'er also is asked to bring a \$5 gift (for a boy or girl) for the Chinese gift game.

**Holiday Closing**

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25 for the Christmas Holidays. The staff would like to wish each and everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Marijuana keeps deputies busy

Half of the arrests made in Garza County last week involved alleged instances of possession of marijuana.

According to records from the Garza County Sheriff's Department, four of the eight individuals who were booked into the jail were charged with marijuana possession. On Dec. 11, two men, a 21-year-old and a 22-year-old, were booked into the jail for possession of under two ounces each (both were released the next day on \$1,500 bail bonds).

On Dec. 12, a 44-year-old male was picked up for possession of marijuana (released Dec. 14 on \$1,500 bond). A 40-year-old male was booked on possession of marijuana, Class B; tampering with a government document; and possession of a controlled substance. Other arrests made on that date include that of a 41-year-old male picked up for DWI (released the same day on \$1,500 bail bond); a 20-year-old male, weekend commitment (released Dec. 13 after serving fourth weekend of commitment); and an 18-year-old male and a 17-year-old male, both picked up for disorderly conduct (released after paying fines and court costs).

About 80 calls for service were received by sheriff's department dispatchers during the past week.

Calls included, on Dec. 8, reports of a criminal mischief in the 200 block of West 13th (juveniles throwing rocks at a house); a fire (possibly a bail of hay on fire) at the Boy Scout camp; a vehicle fire two miles south on 669; and the burglary of a coin-operated machine at a South Broadway business.

Dec. 9 calls included a report of an automobile accident at 4th and Avenue K; a theft on West 14th (a mitre saw was reportedly taken from a garage); an automobile accident in the parking lot of a South Broadway business; and a possible fire in a local warehouse.

A case of criminal mischief at the juvenile detention center was reported Jan. 10 (no further details recorded), as was an incident of a man with a gun walking down Broadway (no further details recorded on the incident report).

Calls recorded Dec. 11 include a domestic dispute in the 900 block of West Main and a request for an ambulance in the 300 block of West 13th (transport made to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock).

Calls received Dec. 12 include a report of a stolen dog in the 100 block of North Avenue Q (animal was later recovered); a gasoline drive-off at a North Broadway convenience store; a domestic dispute in the 100 block of East 6th; and a fight (no address given).

On Dec. 13, lawmen worked an automobile accident in the 100 block of North Avenue S.

On Dec. 14, authorities were called out to investigate an incident of criminal trespass in the 800 block of Caprock. Dispatchers also fielded a report of a 2-year-old child having consumed an undetermined amount of bleach (child was taken by ambulance to Lubbock for medical attention) and a request for an ambulance (no address given; transport made to Methodist Hospital).

## City manager...

(Continued from Page 1)

city is running smoothly and everything — the new jail facility, the housing project — is coming on line. He worked well with the council and we are going to miss him."

Jackson said the council plans to replace Hanna as soon as possible. "We're not going to drag our feet," the mayor said. "We want everything to continue to run just as it will. There are no problems that need solving right at this moment so I feel we can make this transition smoothly."

Advertisements announcing the open position have been placed with several professional publications and will be published in early January.

Hanna is expected to officially tender his resignation to the council at its next regular meeting Jan. 4. At that time, council members will conduct an executive session to discuss the effort to fill the city manager's position, Jackson said.

"We're going to get right to filling the vacancy," he said.

Hanna will assume his duties in Muleshoe February 1. It will be a position with essentially the same duties he is responsible for in Post with a "very attractive" compensation package, Hanna said.

"The City of Muleshoe contacted me sometime in mid-November and expressed interest and I really wasn't that interested at the time," Hanna said. "I was very content with Post. I think it is an outstanding city."

"Post is one of the best towns I've ever lived in. I have never seen so many progressive and good folks in one town in all my life, and it was really a tough call for me. I stayed up nights, walked the floor and even prayed about it. The city has treated me exceptionally well. The mayor and council have been very supportive. We've got a terrific staff inside and out... This was just a good opportunity for me."

The City of Muleshoe will offer Hanna, who came to Post from Lorenzo almost five years ago, an opportunity to work in a "home-rule city" as opposed to a "general law city" such as Post.

"Most of your larger towns are home-rule," Hanna said. "Home-rule (cities) are governed more so by city charter whereas Post is governed by Vernon's (Civil Statutes)."

Hanna said there have been numerous "community achievements" in Post since he and his wife, Sandy, moved here in 1994.

"A lot of it is behind the scenes and unknown to most people, but the biggest thing is acquiring this backup water system for Post to be utilized in early 2000. If the lake goes dry, Post will have water... and there's never been a backup water supply before."

This water project is still under way, but Hanna said the bulk of the preliminary work — the paperwork, finances and engineering — have been handled and the project is well on track.

Other positive changes Hanna said he is proudest of include:

- The introduction of expanded local calling, which allows toll-free calls between Post and Lubbock. This move not only had a significant economic impact on most local households and businesses, but it also opened the doors to broader access to the Internet by allowing local residents to log on without the restrictions imposed by long-distance calling charges.

- The reduction of municipal taxes in the past three years and the city's effort to maintain utility rates at "virtually the same" level.

- The financial condition of the city. Hanna said the city currently has more than \$2 million in reserve funds, or about four times what was in reserve when he assumed the city manager's position. "This money needs to be there for future infrastructure improvements," he said, noting that the reserve funds could be used to expand the city's water and/or sewer systems without a bond issue, a rate increase or a tax hike. "It allows the city to grow without growing pains."

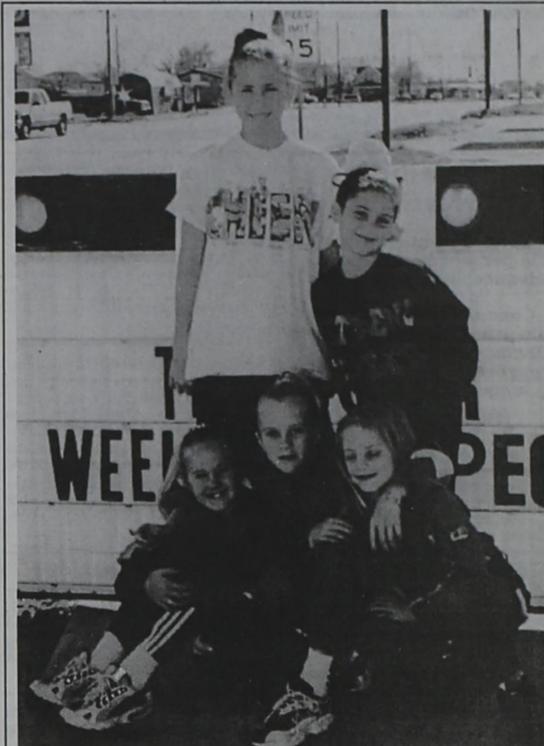
- The city's involvement in the county-led project in bringing the juvenile detention center and prison to Post.

"I'm glad to see the neat things happening in Post now," Hanna said. "Not that I'm responsible for them, but during my years here I've been proud to see Trade Days, a new bank, fast food restaurants, new convenience stores, the juvenile detention center, the prison and the county museum."

Hanna said he would like to extend a broad thank-you to the community for allowing him to work for the City of Post.

"I am truly very lucky because I actually love my job," he said. "The support has been excellent."

"I have no doubt that Post will continue in a positive, progressive mode. With the people who are here I have no doubt that it will continue as such... Post did just fine before I got here and it'll do just fine when I leave."



Attending the Tournament of Champions in Grand Prairie recently were (back row, left to right) Kaycee Gorman, Lacy Love Williams, (front row) Jenee Lott, Lyndee Strawn and Branda Stevens.

## Youth compete in Grand Prairie event

Five Post youths who are students of Extreme Cheer in Lubbock attended the Tournament of Champions in Grand Prairie Dec. 13.

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Eric, Jayta, Erica, Caitlin and Luke  
Bill, Paula and Taylor

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The Greathouse family

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# Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

Dec. 21, 1988  
10 Years Ago

This week the Yesteryears column will feature Santa letters from 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago. Hope they bring back some memories and that you enjoy!

Dear Santa,  
I think Christmas is about Jesus and that Santa Claus gives us presents. We also go to peoples houses and get presents. I want a trolpoline for Christmas and a Barbie play house.

Love,  
Candi Reed

Dear Santa,  
I am going to leave you a cake and a present on the table. Pleas bring me a bike and a big dog.

Love,  
Dominic Saucedo

Dear Santa,  
I think Christmas is a holiday and that Santa Claus is a man that brings gifts. I want a pink bike with a basket on it for Christmas.

Love,  
Eric Schooler

Dear Santa,  
I want a scooter and a bike for Christmas. I like the Barbie ice cream shop. My sister would like the same things.

Love,  
Jennifer Hodges

Dear Santa,  
I think Santa Claus is real and I like Christmas, because we get toys and we have a Christmas tree. I would like a soccer ball for Christmas.

Love,  
Kayla Huff

Dear Santa,  
I like presents. Please bring me a fast race car. I want cars and clothes and belts for Christmas. Please bring Mom a necklace and a bracelet.

Love,  
Loren Gribble

Dec. 21, 1978  
20 Years Ago

Will you bring me a star wars death star space station, and a star wars land speeder. Also a 15 inch Luke Skywalker.

Love,  
Jay Green

Dear Santa,  
I like to hear the night before Christmas. I got a book about it. I like to read the reindeer's names. I like to hear the story of Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer.

Love,  
Angie Cruse

Dear Santa,  
I want a rub-a-dub dolly for Christmas. How is Mrs. Claus. Is it still snowing in the North Pole? I bet you like going in your sled.

Love,  
Amanda Claborn

Dear Santa Claus,  
Do you like your reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? I want a Godzilla and a BB pistol. How are the elves?

Love,  
Cliff Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I think I have been very good this year. So please come visit me on Christmas.

I want a Dancerella Doll, some inflatable furniture, Barbie clothes and pool and a Harry Hippo Wee Water-fun.

Merry Christmas to You,  
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Dear Santa,  
I am just fine. How are you?

I want a mini bike and I can ride it. I love you,  
Richard

Dec. 19, 1968  
30 Years Ago

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a dump truck. I love you. Your friend,  
Carl Oden

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a doll. I want a telephone that talks. I want crayons.

Cristal Didway

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a Tippy Toes. I love you.

Melodie Willson

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a race set. My sister wants a doll. I want a J West Ranch, I want a Hot Wheels Set and a football. We have been good. Your friend,

Daniel Morrow

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a little doll named Tippy Toes, and I want knee high boots. I have been good. I am your friend.

Becky Scott

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me an Indian set and a loader that carries dirt. I want a dump truck. Your friend,

Kelly Mason

Dear Santa:  
I want a racer set, a bike and a football. My sisters want some dolls. Your friend,

Jack Morrison

Dec. 25, 1958  
40 Years Ago

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a bicycle.

Lillie Naroger

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a pump BB gun.

Love,  
Larry Shaw

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a wrist watch, a baton and some doll clothes.

Pamela Pixley

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a horse, a Brahma calf and a dog.

Roy Dixon

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a typewriter, a doll, a bicycle, a poodle dog, boots, and a record player.

Ruby York

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a Brahma calf and a bicycle.

Love,  
Jimmy Jones

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a .410 shotgun or a .22 rifle. Also I would like the scooter overhauled, a spitfire rifle, a roulette wheel, a bow and arrow and a pair of gloves.

Your friend,  
Curtis Hudman

Dec. 23, 1948  
50 Years Ago

Dear Santa Claus:  
I've been pretty good (except Mother says I don't stay very clean). I'll try to do better next year.

Please bring me a B-B gun, toy razor, truck and football, also candy, fruits, and nuts.

Please don't forget my big sister, Janice, and my baby brother, Barry, also Mother and Daddy.

Doodbye, Santa,  
Dale Gordon  
P.S. I'm 8 years old.

Dear Santa:  
We have tried to be good little girls this year, so we are asking you to bring us a doll with hair, and a little buggy, a set of dishes, a little iron and fill our stocking to the brim.

Please bring Maryann a doll and anything else you think she needs and don't forget Jerrel and Nona and Mother and Daddy.

Leta Jo Stone,  
Kathryn Nell Stone

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 3 years old. Please bring me a doll, miniature furniture, ironing board and blackboard, also candy and nuts. I hope you will be good to all the little boys and girls again.

Love,  
Linda Kay Reed,  
Route 3.

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me some new boots and a toy horse that I can ride.

Love,  
Danny Richardson

## Lunch Menus

### Trail Blazer

Friday, Dec. 18, 1998  
Fried chicken, corn, spinach, tossed salad/french dressing, hot roll and frosted spice cake.

Monday, Dec. 21, 1998  
Fried fish, limas, carrots, coleslaw, cornbread, oranges, bananas and tarter sauce.

Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1998  
Steak, rice, green beans, sliced tomatoes, wheat roll and chocolate cake.

Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1998  
Pork chops, butter bans, turnip greens, sliced tomatoes, green onions, cornbread, Rice Crispy treats.

Thursday, Dec. 24, 1998  
Holiday

### Post ISD

Friday, Dec. 18, 1998  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Fish, macaroni and cheese, peas, carrot sticks, hush puppies, fresh apple and choice of milk.

Monday, Dec. 21, 1998  
Holiday

Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1998  
Holiday

Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1998  
Holiday

Thursday, Dec. 24, 1998  
Holiday

### Southland ISD

Friday, Dec. 18, 1998  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice and milk.

Lunch: BBQ sandwich, French fries, pickle spears, ice cream and milk.

Monday, Dec. 21, 1998  
Holiday

Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1998  
Holiday

Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1998  
Holiday

Thursday, Dec. 24, 1998  
Holiday



MR. AND MRS. JACK KENNEDY

## Jack Kennedys to be honored on 50th

From The Post Dispatch, December 21, 1978

The Post Dispatch 495-2816

## Clean Used Cars

### 1993 Cadillac Deville

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## Spring '99 registration at SP College

South Plains College's spring 1999 registration begins Jan. 11-12 at the Reese Center campus, 9421 W. 4th Street in Lubbock.

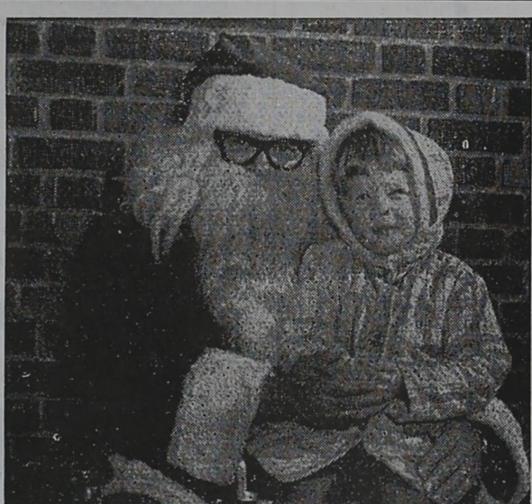
SPC Levelland, 1401 S. College Avenue, will have regular and evening spring registration Jan. 14. Financial Aid award day is set Jan. 13 for preregistered students receiving any type of financial aid.

SPC Lubbock, 1302 Main, will have returning student registration Jan. 13 and new student registration Jan. 14.

SPC's late registration begins Jan. 19.

To obtain a 1999 spring schedule of classes, contact SPC's Office of Admissions and Records at 806-894-9611, ext. 2374, 747-0576, ext. 4660, or the Reese Center at 747-0576, ext. 2902.

Medicine, to produce health, has to examine disease; and music, to create harmony, must examine discord. —Plutarch



### ONE OF MANY WHO SAW SANTA

Anne Louise Miller, 3 1/2-year-old daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. George L. Miller, has both hands full of candy after telling Santa Claus what she wants for Christmas at Saturday's Christmas opening here.

From The Post Dispatch, December 12, 1968



Sherry Custer, left, and Gayle Ann Parsons, now of Tahoka, were photographed with Santa Claus during his visit to downtown Post last Christmas. Eye. Sherry is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Custer and Gayle Ann is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conner Parsons. Santa will re- turn here again on December 24, at about 2 p.m. as a guest of the Post Volunteer Fire Department. He will distribute candy to the children and give away 10 turkeys. The turkeys will be furnished by the First National Bank, Plains Lumber Company, Mason and Company, Southwest- ern Public Service Company, Greenfield Hardware, Tom Power, Herring's, Post Dispatch, Collier Drug and the Connell Chevrolet Company. Tickets for the turkeys may be obtained at any of the above stores.  
Staff Photo

From The Post Dispatch, December 16, 1948

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Interested applicants should contact J. Terry Bartlett at (806) 495-2175 or Marta Williams at (806) 495-0266 between 8:00am & 5:00pm. Applications may be picked up at 130 East Main in Post or at the Garza County Regional Juvenile Center at 800 N. Avenue F in Post. Completed applications/resumes must be submitted to: Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility, P O Box 9000, Post, TX 79356 via mail; or (806) 495-3157 via FAX; or to [tbartlett@gte.net](mailto:tbartlett@gte.net) via E-mail.

EOE M/F/V/D



Santa Claus (also known as Rick Tucker) spread good tidings on Main Street in Post during the annual Lighted Parade downtown. Tucker is also known as a postal carrier.



### Internet Santa Tracker Lets Kids Monitor Christmas Eve Travels

(NAPS)—Have you ever wondered how many cookies Santa eats on Christmas Eve? Or how many stops he makes? You can find out this and more by monitoring his travels on Christmas Eve with Santa Tracker, located on the Internet at [www.CLAUS.COM](http://www.CLAUS.COM).



Santa Tracker is just one of the many features found at [CLAUS.COM](http://www.CLAUS.COM), a Christmas website which has been dubbed "The Merriest Place in Cyberspace." This unique Christmas experience was created by Pollak Levitt Chaiet Interactive in Atlanta, Georgia, for the enjoyment of kids worldwide.

Using Santa Tracker, children will know where Santa Claus is during the evening, and how close he is to their house. The caveat: children must be asleep for Santa to deliver presents. And, the Big Guy means business! A sneak peak at the instrument panel in Santa's sleigh will show a tally of all the houses Santa has temporarily passed over because children were still awake.

Santa Tracker also tallies the number of cookies and amount of milk Santa has consumed. Children can experience the sleigh's specialized detection devices. A high-tech radar helps Santa avoid the perils of airway travel by detecting hot fireplaces, narrow chimneys and icy roofs.

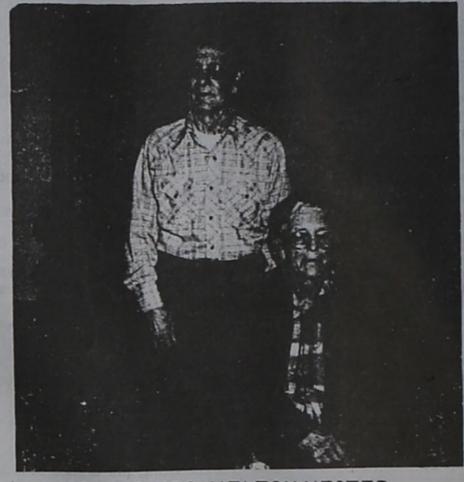
While visiting [CLAUS.COM](http://www.CLAUS.COM), children can also:

- Check their status on the Top Secret "Naughty or Nice List"
- Exchange E-mail with Santa
- Pick and name their personalized Elf Buddy
- Tap into holiday recipes from Mrs. Claus
- Attend Santa's Elf School with weekly holiday games
- Sing along to Holiday Karaoke
- Earn an Honorary Elf Diploma
- Access daily updates on North Pole activities

- Learn the origins of holiday traditions
  - See what Santa does in his spare time
- Last year [CLAUS.COM](http://www.CLAUS.COM) received over 18 million hits and 3.2 million page views in a five week period. The site was awarded the Top 5 Percent Badge from Lycos, one of the industry's leading reviewers of websites, and also ranked the #1 Santa site on the Web.

The 1997 site debuted on November 20 and is well on its way to the projected 50 million hits and 10 million page views. "In just 3 weeks the site has received over 4 million page views," said Bruce Levitt, President of Pollak Levitt Chaiet Interactive. "With the main part of the Christmas season still ahead, we expect to reach 10 million page views by Christmas."

Established in 1988, Pollak Levitt Chaiet Advertising is an integrated marketing communications agency based in Atlanta, Georgia. In addition to print and broadcast advertising, the agency provides specialized marketing communications services to its clients, including direct mail, package design, market research, public relations, sales and product promotions. A member of the American Association of Advertising Agencies and the Mutual Advertising Agency Network (MAAN), the agency has won numerous national business and advertising awards during its nine-year history.



MR. AND MRS. MELTON HESTER

### Surprise dinner for Hesters on their 65th

From The Post Dispatch, December 21, 1978

## Holiday Entertaining

### Making Christmas Cooking Magic

(NAPS)—Glittering lights, gold foil wrapping paper, glowing candles and an array of rich, delicious dishes are all part of the magic of the Christmas season.

That magic can be easy to create if you know what it takes. For example, using golden, delicious Imperial spread can add a crowning touch to such favorite family holiday dishes as creamy mashed potatoes, mouth-watering sweet potato casseroles, fragrantly seasoned vegetables and tempting Christmas breads and cookies.

Serving such a sumptuous feast richly improved with the flavor of Imperial spread can make your family feel like royalty and help create holiday memories to last a lifetime.

This recipe for melt-in-your-mouth white chocolate cranberry cookie bars may help create special memories this holiday season.

- White Chocolate Cranberry Cookie Bars**  
24 servings
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
  - 1 tsp. baking powder
  - 1 tsp. salt
  - 4 eggs
  - 1 3/4 cups sugar
  - 1 tsp. vanilla extract
  - 1 bag (12 oz.) white chocolate chips (2 cups)
  - 1/2 cup (1 stick) Imperial spread
  - 1 cup dried cranberries
- Preheat oven to 350°.



The memory of a richly-flavored holiday feast can last for a lifetime.

Grease 13 x 9-inch baking pan; set aside.

In medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt; set aside. In small bowl, with wire whisk, beat eggs, sugar and vanilla; set aside.

In medium saucepan, melt 1 cup white chocolate chips with Imperial spread over low heat, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat; let cool slightly. While stirring chocolate mixture, slowly stir in egg mixture, then flour mixture until blended. Stir in remaining 1 cup chips and cranberries. Pour into prepared pan.

Bake uncovered 40 minutes or until center springs back when lightly touched. On wire rack, cool completely. To serve, cut into bars.



FOOD SHOW WINNERS - Garza County 4-H members (top row, left to right) Salli Bush, Doug Flanigan, Lorrye Ledbetter, (front row, left to right) Ashley Francis, Jill Stetler, Arimya Gradine and Maggie Flanigan were awarded for their entries in the recent Food Show contest.

From The Post Dispatch, December 14, 1988

Do not shorten the morning by getting up late; look upon it as the quintessence of life, as to a certain extent sacred.

—Arthur Schopenhauer



### Williams JC All-American

From The Post Dispatch, December 18, 1958

## Let American State Bank make **YOUR** Agribusiness Loan!

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