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## No more prayer at athletic events No prayer at games

by Sheri Lewis  
Post Independent School District trustees, in compliance with a recent court decision banning prayer from school-sponsored events, voted Friday to end the pregame prayer tradition long observed at local athletic activities.

Board members wrapped up a 40-minute executive session with the school district's attorney to conduct a brief open session in which the motion to ban pregame prayers was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

"I regretfully move that the Post Independent School District comply with the 5th Circuit Court ruling and discontinue school-sponsored prayer at athletic events until such time that the ruling is overturned," said trustee Mark Kirkpatrick in making the motion. "We do not appreciate the fact that said court denies us the ability to act in the best interest of our community."

"We encourage everyone to exercise his or her constitutional right to pray individually or in groups at every opportunity. In addition, I move that we observe a moment of silence prior to the beginning of athletic events."

Kirkpatrick's motion was seconded by trustee Jeff Lott and earned approval across the board.

Following the vote, board members sounded off about the action they said they felt forced to take.

"Everyone in here totally opposes the motion," Kirkpatrick said. "But we can't ask the students to comply with our rules and policies if we don't follow the laws of the U.S. Constitution."

"It was not a decision we arrived at lightly," said trustee Alexa Collier. "We would like for the people to know we did not vote against prayer. We voted to uphold the law."

Lott predicted that prayer at local athletic events will continue, but without formal organization by school officials.

"More than likely there's going to be a huge prayer in the stands," he said.

During the board's special noon meeting, members were presented with a number of petitions signed by local students. The petitions, which carried about 200 signatures collected through the MAD DADS program, asked for "prayer before we go into battle" — the continued option to pray prior to football games.

District officials said students can offer student-led prayers on campus but not at a school function.

"Kids can gather and pray on the field, but the coaches can't be with them," Collier said. "There can't be any appearance that the coaches are leading the prayer."

The lone exception to the newly-created no-prayer mandate, according to the court decision, will be at the annual high school graduation ceremony.

The school board's action followed an Aug. 4 correspondence from the ACLU's executive director, who outlined his organization's interpretation of the legal aspects of the court decision.

"...We read the latest court decisions to stand for the proposition that the only prayer that is authorized in public schools is at a high school graduation," Jacobson's letter states. "Anything beyond this, including school-sponsored prayers at sports or social events, runs afoul... and we will feel obligated to represent parents and students who believe that their rights have been violated."

Jacobson's letter explains that the appeals court decision, which resulted from a case brought by the ACLU on behalf of a group of parents, holds that "both the school district's practice of saying prayers at football games and a policy of ignoring the non-sectarian, nonproselytizing requirement for graduation prayer, even when student initiated and led, violated the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment."

Kirkpatrick said the Post ISD will file a 'friend of the court' brief stating the board's opinion on the February court ruling. This effort will be handled by the Texas Association of School Boards' legal division, but the move will not be made until at least late in the football season.



### Grocery winners

Post Rotary Club president Leslie Acker (left) and United Supermarket manager Gary Shifflett (center) present a \$100 gift certificate to Earl and Mary Grider of Tahoka. James Mitchell (second from left) accepted a \$50 gift certificate on behalf of his wife, Irene. Doraid Alomari was not present to receive his \$25 gift certificate. The project was a Post Rotary Club fund raising event.

## Hospital district approves budget, sticks with last year's tax rate

by Wes Burnett  
The Garza County Hospital District approved its 1999/2000 budget at last Thursday's meeting (9/2/99), sticking with the current tax rate of \$1.65 per \$100 valuation. The vote split 3-2, with new board members Charles Propst and Carol Tobias challenging the \$300,000 payment to Covenant Health Systems. "We could have a significant tax cut if we just followed the law," Tobias commented during the debate.

As in previous meetings, majority board members Zoe Kirkpatrick, Mike Travis and David Tyler opposed the minority board members' motions to abide by the establishing legislation.

The new budget will generate \$434,651 in taxes and will be augmented by \$123,459 in other revenues for a total of \$558,110. The expense side of the budget totals \$854,958 for a negative balance of \$296,848. Starting with a fund balance of \$201,406, the district will be short \$95,441 at the end of the 1999/2000 fiscal year. The budget includes a four percent increase for employees of the district.

"Of course, just because we budget the expenses doesn't mean we have to spend it," Travis explained.

Propst and Tobias complained that the budget discussion should be postponed, because the board had not had an opportunity to study it before the meeting began. "We've had no input into this process," Tobias said. In response to the complaint, Travis began a line item discussion of the budget, which effectively turned the meeting into an approximate two hour budget workshop.

During the debate Tobias and Propst pointed out that there is no authority for the district to spend tax funds for the purchase of an ambulance nor for the operating of a clinic. Tobias read from the Texas Supreme Court decision she introduced at the August meeting, emphasizing that the district must abide strictly by the specific authority in its establishing legislation.

In a related matter, the board voted 3-2, rejecting Tobias' motion to advertise for bids to lease the old hospital building as a hospital. After the vote, Tobias introduced another motion to request an inspection by the Texas Department of Health to determine what would be needed to bring the building into compliance to be used as a hospital. That motion was approved unanimously.

Propst pointed out that poor management and poor oversight by the previous hospital district board resulted in the closing of the hospital. He used the Lynn County hospital as an example of what could be done in small counties with proper management.

Travis called for a motion to continue the current contract with Covenant, which was entered by David Tyler. Travis voted with Kirkpatrick and Tyler to break the 2-2 tie. During the discussion Tobias asked the three majority board members, "How can you ignore this clearly worded Supreme Court decision?" Kirkpatrick said that the former board had legal advice saying it was okay and Travis declared that "until it comes to a court judgment, we're going to continue" the contract.

Administrator Steve Holmes reported that the district has spent between \$36,000 and \$40,000 on indigent care during the current

fiscal year, which ends September 30. Following discussion of accounts payables, Tobias entered a motion to pay all bills with the exception of the attorney and Covenant Health Systems. The motion was defeated again on 3-2, with Travis voting to break the tie. A motion then to approve payment of all the bills was approved, again 3-2. Tobias and Propst argued that attorney Cal Huffaker had prepared work in advance of approval by the board, and that the district has no legal authority to pay Covenant to operate a clinic.

Kirkpatrick took the floor and criticized local news media, saying that a recent newspaper article was aimed at her. She referred to a letter to the editor in The Post Dispatch. Travis added to the comments by saying, "We get slanted news coverage in this town."

Tobias requested detailed information about the Post Hospital Foundation, specifically seeking evidence of deposits from the foundation to the hospital district. "Where's the record of deposits showing donations from this foundation?" she asked. None of the board members had an answer, but Travis recommended Tobias check with former board member Jack Alexander.

## Post ISD trustees issue statement regarding prayer

Post Independent School District officials offered the following pregame statement instead of the usual prayer at Friday night's game at Antelope Stadium:

'As many of you have probably heard, Post ISD, as well as every other independent school district in Texas, is subject to a ruling handed down recently by the United States 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. To summarize very briefly how this affects us, we are no longer allowed to hold a "school-sponsored" prayer at athletic events, or at any event for that matter, with the exception of the graduation ceremony....

"The board of trustees... has regretfully decided to comply with this ruling; however, we have joined the appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn this regretful decision. We individually hope and pray daily that this decision will be overturned.

"We ask that you take a moment to consider, in your own way, the safety of the players and other participants in this contest, the sportsmanship that will be displayed tonight, and the hope that our visitors return home safely. Please join us in this moment of silence...."

Dr. Bobby Bain, superintendent, said that following the brief silence observed at the stadium, quiet recitations of "The Lord's Prayer" could be heard in at least one area.

## Post Notes

### Barrel Racing Futurity

The Slaton Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the first annual South Plains Barrel Racing Futurity on September 9-11 at the Fossil Creek Ranch located in Slaton. For more information call Sue Barrington at 795-3616.

### Chennault featured at program

The regular meeting of the Algerita Arts Center on September 13 will feature artist Bob Chennault. Reservations for the program should be made by calling 495-3493.

### Energy assistance program

South Plains Community Action Association Inc. (SPCAA) has received additional funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP). The funds are available to respond to energy needs affecting low-income households. Priority will be given to eligible household with one or more persons age 60 or older, a handicapped person and families with young children under the age of six. Call Billie Williams or Ysabel Overton at 495-2329, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Founders Day booths downtown

The Founders Day committee is devoted to making this year's celebration a community-wide event, including the reviving of a downtown tradition. Outside and inside booths downtown are available for interested organizations. The committee is seeking arts, crafts or food booths to fill Main Street. Booths are \$10 with no electricity and \$15 with electricity. Call Judy at 495-2816. Deadline for reserving space is September 20.

### Crazy Quilts of Autumn

The Algerita Arts Center will host "Crazy Quilts of Autumn" from September 28 through October 5. Entries will be accepted at the center on Tuesday, September 21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Resource Fair Sept. 21

The Family and Consumer Sciences Committee of the Garza County Extension Program Council, is sponsoring a Resource Fair September 21 at the Post Community Center from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. This will be a great opportunity to let the community see what your organizations do, whom they help, or how they can help. For more information on the Resource Fair, read Kelly Ahrens regular column in today's paper, or call Kelly at 495-4400.

### PHS '49 & '50 class reunion

Post High School classes of 1949 and 1950 will hold a reunion on Saturday, October 9 at the Hotel Garza Bed & Breakfast. Class members will be visiting between 2 and 6:30 p.m. A dinner for class members will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. This is the 50 year reunion for the 1949 class. For more information contact LaNelle Clary at 495-3161 (1949) and Robert Craig at 495-3429 (1950).

### Community Birthday Calendars

Community Birthday Calendars, prepared by Pride of Post Band booster club members, are now available from any band member or booster club member at \$5 each. Business owners interested in advertising in the calendar should contact Jaquita Blevins at 495-2517.

### Methodists help with Make-A-Wish

The First United Methodist Church is working with Z102 Radio during September in collecting donations for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The purpose of the foundation is to grant wishes to children ages two and one half to 18 who suffer life-threatening illnesses. Make-A-Wish does not receive government funding or United Way. For more information contact the church at 495-2942 or call Pizie Grisham at 495-4154.

### Founders Day BBQ Cookoff

The First Annual Post, Texas Founders Day BBQ Cookoff will be held Saturday, October 9, including a free street dance Friday night. The event is WTBA sanctioned. Call Danny Cooper at 495-1252 or Wanda Mitchell at 495-4157 for more information.

### Band booster meeting Sept 13

The Post band boosters will meet Monday, September 13 at 7 p.m. in the band hall. The meeting is open to anyone interested in promoting the school band program.

### Girl Scout Ice Cream Social

If there are any girls who did not get to come to the Sundae Ice Cream Social at the park to register but still would like to be in Girl Scouts, please call 495-3057. Any girl ages 5 to 18 may register at any time.

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## Read, Fannon wed in Aug. 14 ceremony

Brandy Lin Read and James Clyde Fannon, both of Post, were married Saturday, Aug. 14, 1999, in the First Baptist Church of Shallowater with Brother Mitch Wilson officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Lin and Sue Warren of Post. The groom is the son of Weldon and Gloria Fannon of Floydada.

The ceremony took place under an arch decorated with greenery and satin bows, flanked by candelabras entwined with greenery.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin gown with a full skirt adorned with lace and pearls. Her veil, which trailed the length of the gown, was attached to a headpiece decorated with white flowers and pearls.

The bride carried a cascade bouquet with lavender roses, greenery and white tiger lilies and wore a blue garter complete with strands of pearls handmade by her grandmother, Henrietta Thomas.

Leanna Ellzey served as her best friend's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Nicole Benton, niece of the bride, and J'Lynn Burns, the bride's cousin.

The bride's daughter, Taylor, and the groom's son, Jace, served as ringbearers. The groom's daughters, Victoria and Rebecca, and his niece, Kara, served as flower girls.

Best man was Ricky Benton. Groomsmen were Jace Fannon and Allan Burns. Ushers were Dillon and Dakota Duncan, nephews of the bride.

As the couple lit the unity candle as a symbol of their love, the song "From This Moment On" by Shanya Twaine and Bryan White was played. After the two were pronounced man and wife, they walked down the aisle to the song "Love of My Life" by Sammy Kershaw.

Following the reception, the couple honeymooned in Laughlin, Nevada. Upon their return, they will reside in Post.



Mr and Mrs James Fannon

## Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

For those of you who did not make it out to Old Mill Trade Day's this weekend, you missed a really big crowd.

It has been awhile since I had seen that many people out there. I think everyone enjoyed the entire event.

### Future Plans??

I had a message via fax machine from one of my favorite people, Rev. Jose Payano. He wanted to let me know that their daughter, Wendy and her husband Reggie, had been for a visit from North Carolina.

The whole family took a trip to San Antonio and they had a wonderful time visiting Sea World and the River Walk.

I get the strong message that Rev. Payano is putting in orders for a grandchild in the coming year, so we will all hang tight and see if Wendy complies!!!!

### Special Message

This is a special message to Margie Carpenter! You just go girl!!!!

### Get Well's

I hear that Charles Adams is feeling under the weather, just wanted him to know that he is in my thoughts and prayers, and hope is feeling much better, really soon.

Also heard from Mary Martin, and she is still having a tough time. You get well soon Mary, you also are in my prayers.

### Welcome Home

Sid and Lil Conners are flying high this week. Their son, Rusty and his wife LaNae are here for a two week visit. Actually they will be in and out, attending a wedding and visiting everyone.

I know one sister in particular that is really excited about them being here, so welcome home Rusty and LaNae!

### Houseful

Opal and Johnny Ray had another houseful this weekend. Their daughter, Maudie Rose and granddaughters Donna Fay Reavis and Melody Eich and great grandchildren Lacey and J.C. were all here from Oklahoma.

Joining in on the fun was Jerry and Mary Ray with Barry, from Slaton; Janet and Bobby Dean, Sandra and Russell Benham with Quinton, Brad, Wyatt and Hayden, Tammy and Eathan and R.C. Ray all of Post.

Opal reports that Johnny is feeling much better and that they all had a wonderful time.

### Birthdays this Week

Thursday, Sept. 9; Ron Jenkins, Kathy Nelson, Kim Mills, Lori Parker, Peggy Ashley, Tristan Read and Bill Fumagalli; Anniversaries; Arturo and April Torres and Bobby and Cindee Sherman; Friday, Sept. 10; Amber Massey, Josephine Poe, Linda Self and Amanda Morris; Saturday, Sept. 11; Jamie Hernandez, Rene Quintana, Paige Crispin (my granddaughter) and Dalton Holly; Sunday, September 12; no birthdays

Monday, Sept. 13; Bobbie Davis, Shellee Odom, Thomas Rivera, Roquel Britton and T.J. Waite-Jaquess; Anniversary; Jim and Mona Boles; Tuesday, Sept. 14; Jessica Putman, Janey Morris McMillan, Stephanie Smith, Lometa Epley and Loveta Josey; Wednesday, Sept. 15; Kyle Thompson, Alisha Reiter, Mack Ledbetter, Earline Bagby and Diana Poe. Anniversary; James and Lavern Aten.

### Nice Job

Gerry Wilks, who serves on the board of the Assisted Living Center in Artesia, New Mexico, recently attended a retreat to sharpen their skills in helping volunteers and adult students.

Gerry is the wife of Ben E. Wilks who is temporarily living in Post at Golden Plains Care Center.

### House Guests

Bonnie Taylor was thrilled to have her kids down for a week. Karen and Mark Greenlaw and children Sydney, L'Shey and Brett from Alphartha, Georgia (thank goodness Bonnie spelled that) spent a week here in Post.

L'Shey also got to visit with her other grandparents, Neil and LaNell Clary.

I know the two houses were really quite after they went home.

### Till Next Week

We keep hearing the promise of cooler weather, do you think it might soon be here? I surely am ready for it.

I hope all of you have a great weekend, take care and may God bless each of you.

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## Births

### L'nae Daijah Lee

Kristian Lee is excited to announce that wishes do come true.

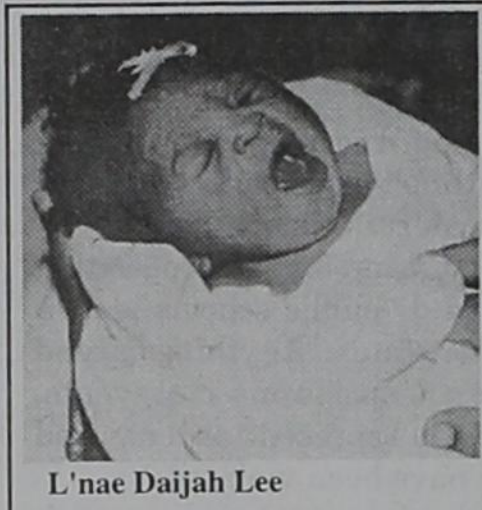
Her baby sister was born August, "Friday the 13th" at 4:18 am.

L'nae's 3 year old brother, Zech was not as excited about the arrival but has since grown to love her.

Proud parents are Lannie and Danielle Lee. Maternal grandparents are Maude Cade and great grandmother, Mary Cade.

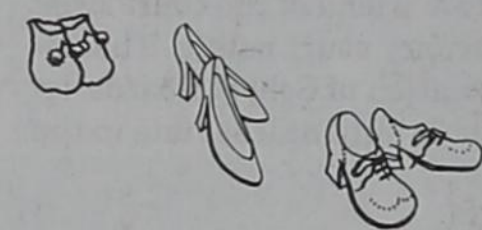
Paternal grandparents are Melvin and Bessie Lee.

L'nae is also welcomed by many surprised aunts and uncles.



L'nae Daijah Lee

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Timothy Leo Gaydos Jr graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center at Cape May, N.J. on August 20. Seaman Apprentice Gaydos is now stationed at Galveston aboard the U.S. Coast Guard cutter The Clump. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Tim Gaydos of Post and is a 1998 Post High School graduate.

## Free trees from NADF

Ten free trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during September 1999.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will include the American Redbud, White Pine, Sugar Maple, White Flowering Dogwood, Pin Oak, Red Maple, Birch, Silver Maple, Red Oak and the Colorado Blue Spruce.

"These trees were selected to provide benefits every season of the year — lovely spring flowers, cool summer shade, spectacular autumn colors and winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds," said John Rosenow, the foundation's president.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10, with enclosed planting instructions. The six- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day," and "The Tree Book," with information about tree planting and care.

To receive the 10 free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410 by Sept. 30.

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September 15  
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## One Easy Recipe Will Win Pillsbury's \$1 Million Prize

(NAPS)—You don't have to be an expert cook to win \$1 million at the Pillsbury BAKE-OFF® Contest. You just need a delicious recipe that's quick and easy. Here are some helpful tips:

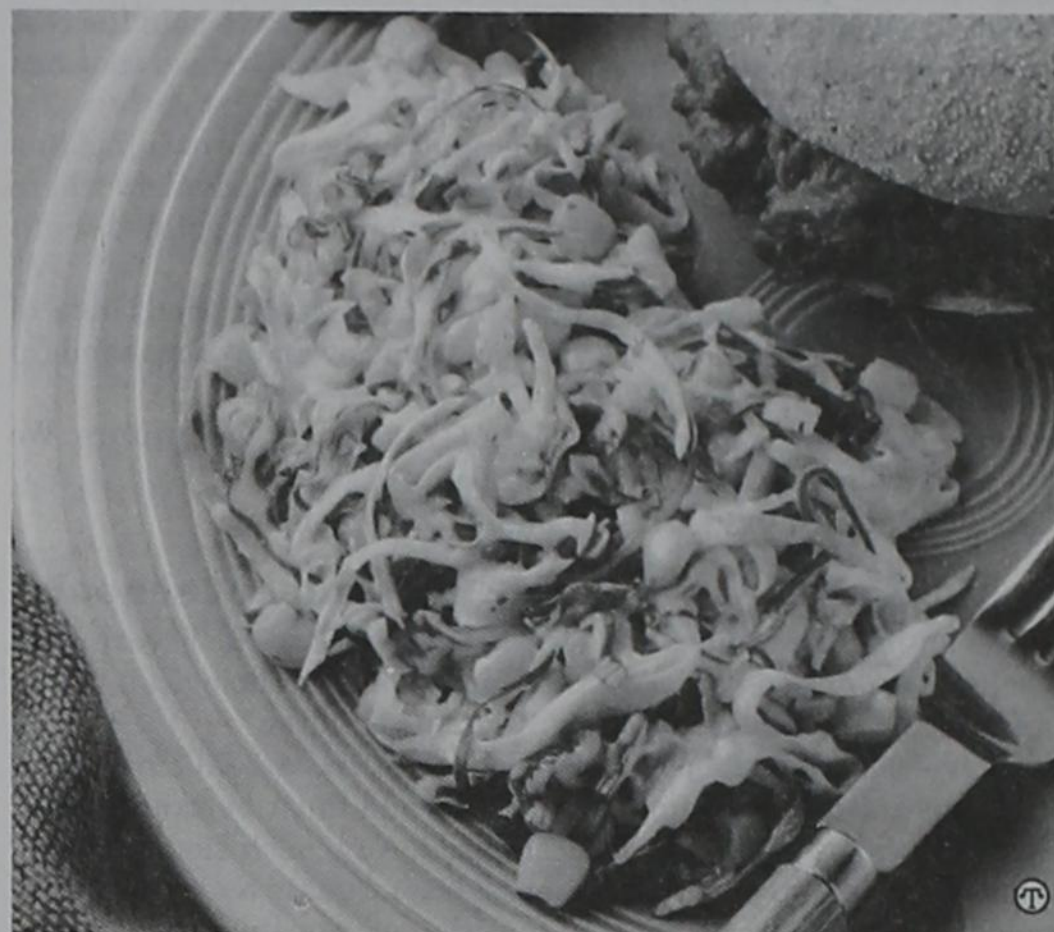
**Do your homework.** Review the contest's entry blank to be sure you know the qualifying categories and which products are eligible. Combine your favorite ingredients with a new twist.

**Think fast flavor.** Practice using tasty convenience products, such as salsa and seasoning blends, for an unexpected punch.

**Start a step ahead.** Convenience products can shorten preparation times, too. Use refrigerated biscuits or crusts to eliminate making dough from scratch.

The four recipe categories for the competition in San Francisco, Calif., Feb. 26-29, 2000, call for quick and easy cooking. For an entry blank, call 1-800-306-1111 through Sept. 30, 1999, or visit the contest Web site at [www.bakeoff.com](http://www.bakeoff.com). You can enter your recipe via the Web site, too. Entries must be submitted by Oct. 18, 1999, but see the complete rules for details.

Here's a refreshing example of a winning recipe from the last BAKE-OFF® Contest. The creator streamlined this slaw by incorporating pre-chopped vegetables, shredded cheese and purchased salad dressing.



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### SALAD

- 4 cups shredded green cabbage.
- 1 cup shredded red cabbage
- 1/4 cup chopped red onion
- 2 jalapeño chiles, seeded, finely chopped\*
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 (11-oz.) can Green Giant® Mexicorn® Whole Kernel Corn, Red and Green Peppers, drained
- 4 oz. (1 cup) shredded Cheddar cheese
- Fresh cilantro sprigs

### DRESSING

- 3/4 cup purchased ranch salad dressing
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 1 teaspoon cumin

In large bowl, combine all salad ingredients except cilantro sprigs; mix well.

In small bowl, combine all dressing ingredients; blend well. Pour over salad; toss to coat. Serve immediately or refrigerate until serving time. Garnish with cilantro.

8 (1-cup) servings

\* When handling jalapeño chiles, wear plastic or rubber gloves to protect hands. Do not touch face or eyes.

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An early photo of "downtown" Post shows the beginnings of our town in 1907. The unknown photographer was facing south, with the Handy Hardware building on the left. The building on the right

currently houses The Norman Agency and Caprock Boots. The photo was brought to The Post Dispatch by a friend who wishes to remain anonymous.

## health hints

### Getting Rid Of Indoor Allergens

(NAPS)—More sneezing and less sneezing. That's what many people are enjoying after they rid their bedrooms of allergy triggers.

More than 50 million Americans have allergies, and for these individuals, comfort often begins by getting rid of or significantly reducing the indoor allergens, which linger in the home year-round.

A new brochure, published by the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) and DuPont Sleep Products, offers tips to help keep the bedroom free of common allergens, including dust mites, animal dander, mold, mildew and cockroaches.

- Pillows, mattresses and box springs should be covered in allergen-proof encasings. To effectively get rid of dust mites, pillows and linens should be washed weekly in hot water. In fact, it is important to replace pillows every three years with ones that can be washed on a regular basis.

- Install a HEPA or electrostatic filter in your home's heating, cooling and ventilation system or use a free standing air cleaner with a HEPA filter if your home doesn't have a central air and heating system. These help cut down on the movement of airborne allergens. Never place air cleaners directly on carpet, because they will stir up allergens instead of removing them from the air.

- Use a dehumidifier during the spring, summer and fall months, keeping the humidity level at 25 to 50 percent. Clean the unit regularly to prevent mold growth.

- Replace traditional stuffed toys with washable versions.

### Hot Spots for Indoor Allergens

**Dust Mites**—Bedding (including pillows, comforters and mattress pads), carpeting, stuffed toys and upholstered furniture.

**Animal Dander**—Everything from floors to ceilings to clothing and upholstered furniture cushions.

**Mold & Mildew**—Showers, basements and under carpet laid over concrete, and anywhere there has been flooding, leaking or chronic dampness.

**Cockroaches**—Cockroach eggs, droppings and dead bodies are common allergens that are difficult to eliminate, particularly in apartments and attached dwellings.

- Vacuum frequently with a vacuum with a HEPA filter. If you have allergies try to have someone else vacuum, or wear a mask to reduce your exposure to dust mites and replace vacuum bags often. After vacuuming, allow dust to settle, then wipe all surfaces clean with a damp cloth.

- Replace heavy drapes with washable drapery, mini-blinds, shades or lightweight curtains.
- Plants and soil can collect dust and grow mold, so check houseplants frequently.

For a free copy of the brochure *Controlling Your Allergies: The Bedroom is Your First Line of Defense*, write to AAFA, 1125 15th Street, NW, Suite 502, Washington, DC 20005 or call 800-7-ASTHMA.

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## Tax 'n Facts

by Terri Cash  
 When Junior Graduates

When your child graduates from college - when tuition bills end and the young adult gets a job - what happens taxwise? Who gets the personal exemption?

If the child is under 24 at the end of the year and was a full-time student for at least five months of that year, the parent can keep the deduction no matter how much Junior earns. (And the IRS isn't too demanding; partial months will do - even January after winter break until graduation in early May.) But a student older than 24 doesn't qualify for a parental exemption unless they provided more than half the child's support and Junior's gross income was less than the exemption amount, \$2,750 this year.

The young graduate who is not claimed as a dependent by his or her parents may claim a standard deduction for 1999 of \$4,300. A dependent may claim the greater of \$700 or earned income plus \$250, but no more than \$4,300.

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# Letters to the Editor

**Letters to the Editor Policy:** We require all letters to be signed, however, names may be withheld from publication by request. Letters may be edited for brevity, grammar and punctuation.

## Post ISD sends deaf student to Lubbock

On August 28 I had the opportunity of meeting a very special child. During our LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens) state board meeting in Lubbock. The little girl, Misty Ayala, is from Post. She is being sent to a regional school in Lubbock to learn. She makes that long trip every school day because Post ISD does not want to hire an aide for children like Misty. You see, our little sister can not hear sounds like other children. Misty is unable to hear because, she is deaf.

Several of our Hispanic/African-American children with some kind of handicap are being sent to other communities to learn. Why should the minority handicap children be sent to other places when they could go to school right where they live?

LULAC has been supporting Misty on a legal challenge of her situation for the past three years. During that time Post ISD has spent thousands of dollars in court costs. Post ISD could have paid the cost of an aide for Misty and other children with all the money that has been spent defending the district in court.

Misty leaves her home at dawn and comes home in the evening. She does not have to time to play like other children. I asked Misty where did she want to go to school, she replied, "at home" and pointed south toward U.S. Hwy 84.

Post ISD will tell taxpayers that they are cutting thousands of dollars in the budget, but they won't mention how many thousands of dollars are being spent in legal costs on this one case.

Post will be hearing more from LULAC in the very near future. We have a court date set for September 10.

Cornelio Saldivar Jr., LULAC Council 281 president

## Should Christians abandon government schools?

Here's an important question for Christians: Does the government school system provide an acceptable spiritual, psychological, social, academic and physical environment for our children?

To answer that question logically, each of the five "areas of influence" noted above, must be examined in depth and must be examined in light of known, fixed and proven standards. Any conclusion not based on known, fixed and proven standards, has no value and is therefore absolutely worthless and without question extremely misleading.

The attributes within each of the five areas of influence define and determine all aspects of the child's life. For that reason these areas become extremely important to most parents when considering where and how to educate their children.

Recognizing the importance of the five areas of influence, we have chosen the oldest, the most durable, and the most proven standard known to mankind, The Holy Scriptures, as our standard of choice upon which to base our comparison of the five areas of influence.

When parents review our comparison they will be able to judge with

accurate information whether to abandon the government school system in favor of private Christian school or home school for their children.

This is a critically important step for parents who are concerned about the spiritual, psychological, social, academic and physical environment for their children.

This brief introduction will be followed by a series of articles addressing, in turn and in detail, each of the five areas of influence noted above. We will show evidence in these articles to prove that the federal government is deliberately targeting "all" American children, Christian and non-Christian alike, with anti-Christian influences.

Here's just one example, to comply with the requirements of the World Health Organization (WHO), which is subordinate to the United Nations, a teacher's training manual from the National Training Institute for Applied Behavioral Science, contains the following:

"Although they (the children) appear to behave appropriately and seem normal by most cultural standards, they may actually be in need of mental health care in order to help them change, adapt and conform to the planned society in which there will be no conflict of attitudes or beliefs."

In other words, all children must be "mentally cloned" to ensure that there will be "no conflict of attitudes or beliefs." Is this what we want for our children? Do we want our children to be little robots parroting the dictates of the United Nations?

This writer urges all readers to clip and save this introduction and all follow-up articles because the information presented, represents years of information research, analysis and documentation. We urge you to share this information with your friends and neighbors and especially your local school district officials.

All follow-up articles can be viewed on the TCAN web site at <http://www.vvm.com/~ctomlin>

Rev. "Curt" Tomlin, Killeen

## Not happy with editorial on prayer

Last week I made the mistake of picking up The Post Dispatch to see what kind of cheap shot the editor would take at the school prayer situation. I knew it would be too tempting for the editor to concern himself with making a positive comment about our community's school.

This self-proclaimed "Christian" loves to sit on the sidelines and make derogatory remarks after the fact. He considers the board members' sleepless nights and countless hours of discussion and debate on solutions to maintaining prayer before the games without breaking the law as "fooling around."

Well, he may view our time searching for a solution as "fooling around," but I applaud and appreciate all the time and effort my fellow board members have invested in this situation. Of course, none of us would do it if the pay wasn't so good!

Now, let's take a look at the editor's brilliant, self-centered solution. He says just quit! He wants to take his ball and go home because he's not getting his way! Let the churches educate our youth, let anybody else do it, just don't ask him to pay for it, seems to be his response.

Yeah, the self-centered "Christian" in his last paragraph wants to be rid of public schools, and once again I quote, "By eliminating the forced payment through taxation, real competition will set the pace for those providing educational services. That's the American way." No, that is his self-centered, selfish way, but then again I forget, he is a "Christian."

proposed amendment would clarify current law by specifically allowing home equity loans on all or part of urban homesteads of up to ten acres and subject such loans to the same requirement that the refinanced or new loan not overburden the homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment increasing the maximum size of an urban homestead to 10 acres, prescribing permissible uses of urban homesteads, and preventing the overburdening of a homestead."

### PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 16 - HJR 16 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that if an employee is delinquent in paying court-ordered spousal maintenance, a portion of that employee's wages may be withheld to pay the spousal maintenance. Current law allows such withholding, or garnishment, only for payment of delinquent court-ordered child support.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing garnishment of wages for the enforcement of court-ordered spousal maintenance."

### PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 95 - HJR 95 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that the adjutant general, who is appointed by the Governor and who serves as the governing officer of the state military forces, serves as long as the Governor wishes the appointed person to serve in that capacity rather than serving a specific two-year term set by the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that the adjutant general serves at the pleasure of the governor."

### PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 10 - SJR 10 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to create a judicial compensation committee to make recommendations for salaries for the justices and judges of the Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals, the Courts of Appeals, and the District Courts. The amendment would mandate that the recommendations become law if neither the Senate nor the House of Representatives rejects them by majority vote.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to create a judicial compensation committee."

### PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 74 - HJR 74 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that the commissioner of health and human services, who is appointed by the Governor, serves as long as the Governor wishes the appointed person to serve in that capacity rather than serving a specific two-year term set by the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that the commissioner of health and human services serves at the pleasure of the governor."

### PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 69 - HJR 69 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize a county, city, town, or other political subdivision to

spend public funds or extend credit to purchase nonassessable property or casualty insurance from a mutual insurance company authorized to do business in Texas. Under current law, a political subdivision is generally prohibited from spending public funds or extending credit to become a stockholder in a corporation but is permitted to purchase nonassessable life, health or accident insurance policies from a mutual insurance company authorized to do business in Texas. This amendment would authorize a political subdivision to also obtain non-assessable property and casualty insurance from such a company.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting a political subdivision to purchase nonassessable property and casualty insurance from an authorized mutual insurance company in the same manner that the political subdivision purchases life, health, and accident insurance."

### PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 21 - SJR 21 proposes a constitutional amendment that would exempt from ad valorem taxation a leased motor vehicle that is not used by the lessee primarily to produce income. The amendment would provide that the legislature also may limit the ability of a political subdivision to subject such a vehicle to taxation.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation leased motor vehicles not held by the lessee primarily to produce income."

### PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 16 - SJR 16 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to allow the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue and sell general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$400 million in order to finance educational loans to students. The amendment also would authorize the Legislature to limit the amount of interest the bonds can bear and establish procedures for the investment of the bond proceeds. The proposed amendment would specify the method of repaying the bonds.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$400 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students."

### PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 29 - HJR 29 proposes a constitutional amendment which would authorize the Legislature to require the board of regents of the state university and boards of trustees or managers of the educational, charitable, and penal institutions of the state, whose members serve six year terms, to be composed of an odd number of three or more board members (for example, 5, 7, or 9 members). The proposed amendment would allow approximately one-third of members of boards whose membership is not evenly divisible by three to be elected or appointed every two years. The amendment also would allow the Legislature to set the composition of constitutionally required boards, whose members serve for a term of six years, to a number divisible by three so that exactly one-third of the board members may be elected or appointed every two years.

### PROPOSITION NO. 15 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 36 - HJR 36 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow spouses, by an agreement in writing, to convert all or part of their separate property into community property. Separate property is primarily the property owned or claimed by the spouse before marriage and the property acquired by the spouse during the marriage by gift or inheritance. Community property consists of the property, other than separate property, acquired by either spouse during marriage.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting spouses to agree to convert separate property to community property."

### PROPOSITION NO. 16 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 71 - HJR 71 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow a county with a population of 50,000 or more, rather than 30,000 or more, to be divided into four to eight justice of the peace and constable precincts. The amendment also would allow a county with a population between 18,000 and 50,000 to have two to eight justice of the peace and constable precincts, rather than the current maximum of five precincts. Furthermore, the amendment would limit Randall County to not less than two and not more than six precincts. Finally, the amendment would set a minimum of four precincts for any county that as of November 2, 1999, is divided into four or more precincts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that certain counties shall be divided into a specific number of precincts."

HJR 58 - HJR 58 proposes a constitutional amendment which would require the board of regents of the University of Texas System to manage investments of the permanent university fund (PUF) according to the standards of a prudent investor. Generally, earnings from the PUF are distributed to the available university fund (AUF) and then ultimately distributed to the public university systems of Texas. Under the amendment, the amount distributed to the AUF would consist of distributions, as determined by the University of Texas System board of regents, from the total return on all investment assets of the PUF, instead of consisting only of the dividends, interest, and other income of the PUF minus administrative expenses. The amendment also would provide guidelines for minimum and maximum amounts to be distributed to the AUF, and require that the board of regents manage distributions to the AUF in a manner that will provide the AUF with a stable and predictable stream of annual distributions and maintain the purchasing power of the PUF investments and annual distributions to the AUF.

Let me explain. He says, just have real competition, which means all private schools and you pay your own way to go or you can opt to home school. That sounds great until you get to the people that cannot afford to pay for their children's education or have the skills to home school them. Oh well, tough luck, it's the "American Way."

Pick your favorite child and pay for their education since you can't afford to pay for all your children. Whatever you do, don't tax the editor or send him a bill for the other's education because that "Christian" isn't interested in helping the needy get an equal and decent education.

Maybe you could send them to one of those bargain basement schools and get them a GED. Oh well, that's your problem, not the editor's. It's the American and Christian Way!!

So, let's take a quick review of this editor's world. He doesn't want to have to obey speed limits, because that's not fair; he wants to retain the right to burn the American flag any time he chooses, because that is his right; he doesn't want to be taxed to pay for children's education; he doesn't want to be taxed for indigent and needy health care, that's not his problem either!

So, help me out here a little bit. What exactly is it that you contribute to the community, state or country? If the answer is nothing, then why should anyone care about what you want?

Sleep well, Christian, the rest of us will stay up looking for solutions that hopefully will benefit, serve and protect all!

Jeff S. Lott

## Attempt to wreck a home didn't work

This letter is written to the person that the devil used to try to wreck my home. It didn't work, so now Satan, you have to flee, in the name of Jesus.

You see, my home and everyone in it, are covered with the blood of Jesus. The Holy Spirit abounds freely and the angels camp around us. The Bible says, "Those among you without sin, cast the first stone." And believe me, if you think you are perfect, try walking on the water.

It would have been much better, if instead of causing more problems, you would have come over and offered to help with the grandchildren. I was not in the hospital, I was layed up at home because I had been bitten by a fiddler spider.

You know, it's sad, Noah and I both were born in Slaton and raised in Post. Yet, when we were down and out, not one person dropped by to see if we needed help. But that's alright, God will provide. If you can look at yourself in the mirror and not feel shame, then let it be between you and your God, may he have mercy on your poor soul.

God, please help us all to remember your words, "Do unto others, as you would have them do unto you." Thank you Lord Jesus, we give you the praise and the glory, for you are worthy to be praised. Amen.

Brenda Sweeten

## Supports EMTs but not illegally

At the last meeting of the Garza Hospital District Board, there was considerable discussion of the district's support of our ambulance service. The district has for some time contributed toward the purchase of ambulances.

In light of what has been discovered lately, it now appears to be illegal for the district to do so. Because there is the possibility for confusion on this matter, I wanted to clarify my position concerning our ambulance service.

While I wholeheartedly support our ambulance service, I do not feel it is legal for Garza Hospital District to provide funds to the ambulance service. There is nothing in our enabling legislation which authorizes the district to spend tax funds for an ambulance service.

According to the Texas Attorney General's Opinion JM-258 and the Supreme Court decision which is used to back up that opinion, it is not legal for us to do anything that is not "expressly authorized in our legislation" as a function of the district.

We are authorized, however, to spend tax funds for medical services for the indigent. Therefore, we could and should pay for ambulance service for someone who is indigent. Payments of this type to our ambulance service or any other provider would be completely legal.

Now, I realize that to keep our ambulance service going, it is necessary to maintain and sometimes replace our ambulances. Of course, that requires considerable money. I do not in any way suggest that this is not needed. I want to see our ambulance service stay available for everyone who needs it.

To be legal, however, it will be necessary for the ambulance service to obtain their funding from the city and county only, or solicit donations. I realize that the people who decided to support our ambulance service with hospital tax funds meant well and had no idea that it wasn't legal.

Now that we know that it is not legal, however, we must make adjustments in the ambulance service funding to correct this oversight.

Carol Tobias

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

#### Special Election

#### NOVEMBER 2, 1999

### PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 44 - HJR 44 proposes a constitutional amendment that would ensure a clear succession in event of vacancies in the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Specifically, the amendment would provide that if after qualifying for the office, the Governor is temporarily unable to serve, the Lieutenant Governor shall act as Governor until the Governor is able to serve; but if the Governor is permanently unable to serve, the Lieutenant Governor shall become the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term. The amendment would require a Lieutenant Governor who becomes Governor to forfeit the office of Lieutenant Governor. The amendment would also provide similar succession procedures when a vacancy occurs in the office of Governor before the newly elected Governor qualifies for office, and when the newly elected Governor is temporarily unable to take office. The amendment also would provide that if there is a temporary vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate will fill the position; but if there is a permanent vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate shall serve as Lieutenant Governor only until such time as the whole senate can convene to elect one of its members to perform the duties of Lieutenant Governor. Finally, the amendment would provide that if the Lieutenant Governor, while temporarily exercising the powers of the Governor, becomes temporarily disabled or unable to serve, the President pro tempore of the senate shall exercise the powers and authority of the office of the Governor until such time as the Governor or Lieutenant Governor resumes those powers and duties.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to revise the provisions for the filling of a vacancy in the office of governor or lieutenant governor."

### PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 12 - SJR 12 proposes a constitutional amendment that would resolve conflicts between the Texas Constitution and federal law relating to the definition, rules, and procedures of reverse mortgages. The amendment would define "reverse mortgage" in part as an extension of credit made against the homestead of a person who is 62 years or older, or whose spouse is 62 years or older. It would expand the list of circumstances under which payment of principal and interest become due and the procedures involved in foreclosure, and would require certain advances to be made according to specific terms in loan documents, including advances by the lender, on behalf of the borrower for payments necessary to protect the lender's interest. Finally, the amendment would require the Texas Supreme Court to promulgate rules of civil procedure expediting court-ordered foreclosures of reverse mortgage liens.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the making of advances under a reverse mortgage and payment of a reverse mortgage."

### PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 62 - HJR 62 proposes a constitutional

amendment that would simplify and clarify the language of the Texas Constitution. The amendment would make no substantive changes, but would eliminate duplicative, expired, out-of-date, and ineffective terms.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to eliminate duplicative, executed, obsolete, archaic, and ineffective provisions of the Texas Constitution."

### PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 4 - HJR 4 proposes a constitutional amendment that would broaden the definition of charitable organizations. The amendment would exempt from ad valorem taxation the property of any organization engaged primarily in public charitable functions, and it would allow such an organization to conduct additional activities to support its charitable functions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt property owned by institutions engaged primarily in public charitable functions from ad valorem taxation."

### PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 26 - SJR 26 proposes an amendment that would remove the restriction prohibiting state employees who receive all or part of their compensation from the state from serving as members of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district unless the state employee receives no salary for such service. The amendment would allow state employees to receive compensation from the governing bodies of which they are members.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing state employees to receive compensation for serving as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district."

### PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 22 - SJR 22 proposes a constitutional amendment that would increase the maximum size of an urban homestead, which is a homestead in a city, town, or village, from one acre to ten acres and require the urban homestead to be composed of either a single lot or several lots that are adjacent to one another. The amendment also would provide that the urban homestead must be used as a home or as both a home and place of business, whereas current law does not require that an urban homestead that is used as a place of business be used also as a home.

Current law further allows a person to secure a home equity loan on their homestead, provided that the loan does not overburden the homestead. That is, the principal amount of the home equity loan, when added to the total of the outstanding principal balances of all other indebtedness secured against the homestead, does not exceed 80 percent of the fair market value of the homestead on the date the extension of credit is made. The

proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to increase the maximum size of an urban homestead, which is a homestead in a city, town, or village, from one acre to ten acres and require the urban homestead to be composed of either a single lot or several lots that are adjacent to one another. The amendment also would provide that the urban homestead must be used as a home or as both a home and place of business, whereas current law does not require that an urban homestead that is used as a place of business be used also as a home."

### PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to increase the maximum size of an urban homestead, which is a homestead in a city, town, or village, from one acre to ten acres and require the urban homestead to be composed of either a single lot or several lots that are adjacent to one another. The amendment also would provide that the urban homestead must be used as a home or as both a home and place of business, whereas current law does not require that an urban homestead that is used as a place of business be used also as a home."

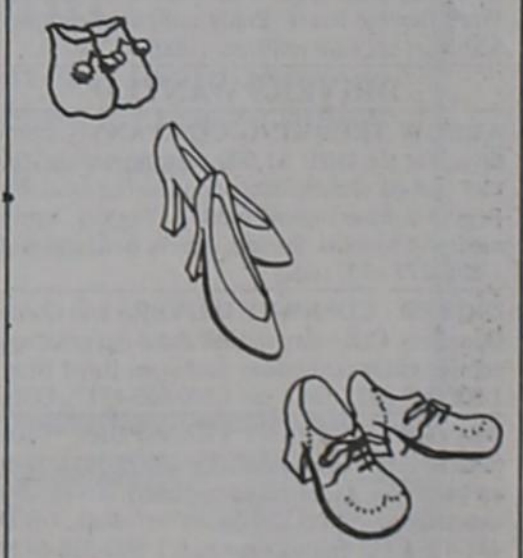
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## Class of '64 celebrates reunion at Hotel Garza

by Margie Maestas  
The Post High School Class of 1964 celebrated its 35th reunion Saturday, July 3, at the Hotel Garza.

The hotel was decorated in black and gold posters framed by homecoming mums. The posters displayed photos and clippings of class members, beginning with the first grade. A special memorial poster paid tribute to deceased classmates Jimmy Sharp, Wayne Brincefield and Romelia Solis.

At 2 p.m., former classmates gathered for a "come and go" registration, followed by a reception at 5 p.m. and a dinner. The class will be read by Betty Jo Hill Sharp, and "Blasts from the Past," as taken from the school page of The Post Dispatch, were read by Mary Beth Ford Stalcup and Linda McMahon Chapin.

How strange it was that most of us couldn't remember all those incidents that we swore "we'd never forget the time" recaptured in this historical saga.

Curtis Hudman served as master of ceremonies. Nila Wilson Jackson received the award for coming the farthest, having traveled from Stamford, Conn.

Following the dinner and the program, classmates and guests gathered in the courtyard for visiting, with some visiting for the remainder of the night, and morning breakfast.

Classmates and guests attending were Kenneth and Brenda Barnes of Fort Worth; Susie Jo Schmidt Bebee

of Clifton; John and Shirley Bostick Bland of Post; Linda McMahon Chapin of Las Vegas, Nevada; Pat Cornell of Cedar Hill; Carol Ann Smith Evans of Galveston; Linda Joann Rogers Foreman of Post; Brenda Foster Fowler of Woodward, Okla.; Diane Maxey Graves of Post; Richard and Lillie Hart of Post; Curtis and Julie Hudman of Post; Don and Nita Wilson Jackson of Stamford, Conn.; Robert and Marilyn Johnson of Canyon Lake; and Diane Kiker and guest, Joe Polina, of Granbury.

Also, Ricky and Betty Little of Jal, N.M.; Margie Harrison Maestas of Post; Johnny, Sarah and Whitney Mayfield of Hoover, Ala.; Shirley Sappington McInroe of Tahoka; Alex and Beatriz Salinas Mesa of Post; Ruth Mena Montes of Katy; Danny Richardson of Post; Ernest and Linda Pennell Riley of Melrose, N.M.; Betty Jo Hill Sharp of Austin; Linda Cowley Shaw of Fremont, Calif.; Jim and Marilyn Minor Snider of Houston; Mary Beth Ford Stalcup of Lubbock; Jerry and Lynette Potts Thuet of Post; and John and Dianna Barron Truett, Plainview.

Special guests included former teachers Jack Alexander and his wife, Sandra; Bill Bennett and wife, Ruth, of Crosbyton; Mrs. N.R. Post; and Coach Glynn Gregg and wife, Sydney, of Lubbock.

Former roommothers Mrs. Dorace Wilson and Mrs. Sue Maxey also attended.

## Lunch Menus

### Trail Blazer

**Friday, September 10, 1999**  
Catfish, navy beans, carrot salad, fruit, cornbread and peanut butter cookies.

**Monday, September 13, 1999**  
Liver and onions, chicken strips, scalloped potatoes, spinach, biscuit and berry cobbler.

**Tuesday, September 14, 1999**  
Beef enchilada, red beans, zucchini, tossed salad, tortilla chips and peaches.

**Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1999**  
Hamburger steak, brown gravy, rice, squash, wheatroll and jello salad.

**Thursday, September 16, 1999**  
BBQ chicken, butter beans, greens, coleslaw, cornbread and raisin bread pudding.

### Post ISD

**Friday, September 10, 1999**  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast and honey, fruit and milk.  
Lunch: Fish, macaroni and cheese, carrot sticks, peas, hushpuppies, cantaloupes and choice of milk.

**Monday, September 13, 1999**  
Breakfast: Muffin, sausage links, fruit and milk.  
Lunch: Corn dog, mixed veggies, French fries, sliced peaches and choice of milk.

**Tuesday, September 14, 1999**  
Breakfast: Biscuit and gravy, ham, fruit and milk.  
Lunch: Nachos supreme, pork'n beans, salad, pears, cornbread and choice of milk.

**Wednesday, September 15, 1999**  
Breakfast: French toast, sausage links, fruit, orange juice and milk.  
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, jello with topping and choice of milk.

**Thursday, September 16, 1999**

Breakfast: Oatmeal, bacon, fruit, toast and milk.

Lunch: Burrito with sauce, salad, carrots, cobbler and choice of milk.

### Southland ISD

**Friday, September 10, 1999**  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice and milk.  
Lunch: Cheeseburgers, fries, hamburger fixings, ice cream and milk.

**Monday, Sept. 13, 1999**  
Breakfast: Cereal, graham crackers and milk.  
Lunch: Meatloaf, beans, creamed potatoes, cookie and milk.

**Tuesday, Sept. 14, 1999**  
Breakfast: Egg, sausage, juice and milk.  
Lunch: Fish sticks, cole slaw, macaroni and cheese, fruit and milk.

**Wednesday, September 15, 1999**  
Breakfast: Waffles, bacon, fruit and milk.  
Lunch: Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, corn, peach cobbler and milk.

**Thursday, September 16, 1999**  
Breakfast: Ham, toast, fruit and milk.  
Lunch: Fajitas, peppers and onions, refried beans, orange and milk.

## Pequeño attends parent learning conference

Reyes Pequeño of Post/Parent Learning Network joined educators, parents, social workers and school counselors Sept. 2-3 in San Antonio at the Parent Learning Network Texas Conference, sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards.

More than 400 participants from across the state attended the 1 1/2-day conference, which provided a wealth of ideas and practical tools to help children succeed in school and life.

Peter Alsop of Topanga, Calif., was the featured speaker at the Thursday opening general session. Alsop is a nationally-known singer-songwriter, educator and humorist with a doctorate in educational psychology. He facilitated a workshop on experiential sculpting, a powerful way to connect children, learning and parents.

Featured speaker at Friday morning's keynote session was Glenda Hatchett. Her presentation, "There's a Desperate Cry in the Land Among Our Children," addressed the critical need for the community's

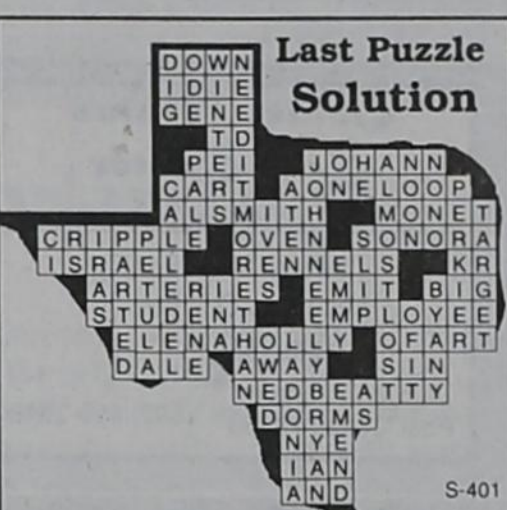
involvement in the lives of its children. Hatchett is Georgia's first African-American presiding state court judge and is the department head of one of the country's largest juvenile court systems.

In addition, the conference featured 40 breakout sessions on topics such as brain research and learning, parent-teacher conferences, crisis prevention and management, and making the jump into middle school and junior high years. Also scheduled were in-depth sessions that explored parenting skills, effective techniques for attention deficit children, and techniques using music and rhythm to enhance learning.

"Participants at this conference came away with ground-breaking ideas to start the school year off right," said Kendella Baker, director of the Parent Learning Network. "And throughout the year, this group and other individuals in the network will continue to work together in communities across Texas to get parents actively involved in their children's lives."

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## Lupus attacks like a wolf in the night

by Suzie Bjork

October is lupus awareness month. This is a short story I wrote when Lindsey had her last hospitalization. Feel free to contact the Lupus Foundation of America, West Texas Chapter, 1717 Ave. K, Suite 127, Lubbock, Texas 79401, 806-744-6666 for upcoming events in October.

### The Night of the Wolf

It's late, it's getting very dark. What were beautiful, tall evergreen trees with birds vivaciously frolicking along are now turning gloomy and cold. Their branches now appear as if they could reach out and seize me. They are tall and mighty but yet dark and dim.

I can hear the creaking under my feet as my body trembles with fright. The moon should offer some light, but tonight it too is dark. The owls offer no sense of peace as they flutter away, as if startled by some belligerent soul.

Now, the winds have shifted. The nice gentle warm breeze is revolving into an ice cold face, as the trees start to become angry. It's causing turmoil inside of me. My emotions are saturating my body.

Just when I am about to lose control and began to wail I hear something. It's an anguishing cry nearby. I stop and listen. My fear soars when I see the small fragile child lying just over the hill. She's curled up as if to protect herself.

From the distance I can perceive her terror. She's crying out. She's in agonizing pain. The wind is driving spears through her delicate soul, but she can't yell for help.

Above her stands the fury of a giant wolf. Blood dripping from his every fang. Her frail body looks like a tiny shadow next to his enormous existence. He's angry, fierce and unmerciful. His mane is deranged, there's dried mud on his feet, and fire strikes out of his demon eyes. There's a shattering sound as the thunder roars.

The lightning strikes down, he pauses just long enough to look at me. The flame in his eyes taunting me because he knows I'm no match for his cruel, calloused, rigorous soul.

Helplessly I start to run. For what, I'm not sure, but I recall seeing huts before. They were beneath the trees. Made of straw, they had been damaged some time ago from the weather. The wind amplifies, whipping through my hair, but I can not stop.

I must find help, there must be someone. I find the huts and start to climb. I yell out for help, but it makes the wolf angry and the child cries louder. Quietly I climb to the top as the rain starts to fall. At last someone! I don't say a word, he already knows.

We begin to descend to the child. Walking silently and cautiously because any sound will disturb the wolf and make the child weep. The icy cold wind is stabbing through my soul now. I know we have to stop this wolf, he's destroying my angel.

I can't think clearly, as we approach through the mud and splattering rain I realize that even the two of us together are no contest for the fury

that the wolf possess. I can't stop! Not now!

The hail comes pouring down hard and furious, it strikes deep into the bottom of my soul. I feel myself dying as the little girl cries out for mercy, "Please, God, just take me!" But I know deep inside that letting her go is not an option. The wolf must perish.

I assemble my weapons and approach this demon from hell, with God at my side I look him in the eye. There is no fear just unrelentless hate. Hate for what he is doing to this sweet, innocent child. Hate for the fear and the pain he causes.

Suddenly, the wolf lunges. He lunges away from the child and into the cold bitter night, hiding away in the shadows of the trees. Waiting for the opportunity to attack this child again, and again, until she can no longer fight. His patience and strength are much greater than the medicine and treatments.

As she lies beneath the weather beaten trees, the rain pouring down I realize she is weak. She fought hard, but the wolf won. She can't speak, so I gently stroke her finger to let her know I'm here. The stroke causes pain. The damage that he has

caused is not visible.

It's inside of her. So when she cries out at the gentle stroke of a finger, I know he has wounded her bad this time. After awhile she opens her eyes and with the softest, weakest whisper says, "Mom, I would rather go live with the angels than to live like this." Part of me dies at the sound of these words, but her misery is immense. I don't feel the pain that the wolf inflicts. It crushes me every time he invades her and non one but no one can keep him away.

He waits patiently behind the dark trees and when I least expect him he's there. Right in my face, he takes every ounce of energy from my baby and jeers in my face with mockery because he knows I can't stop him. I can't protect her.

So everyday I hold my breath... waiting for the next blow. This is life when you have a child with lupus.

Suzie is the mother of 7-year-old lupus victim, Lindsey. (This is the reflection of the dream I had repeatedly with Lindsey's last flare.)

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Love and miss you so much  
The Old Man

# Obituaries

## J.M. Murrell Brown

Graveside services for J.M. Murrell Brown, 82, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, 1999, at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with the Rev. Bobby Broyles of the First Baptist Church of Earth officiating. The Ellis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He died Sept. 2 at Golden Plains Care Center. Born Aug. 21, 1917, in Coghill, Tenn., he married Doris Wharton in Clovis, N.M., on Jan. 1, 1941. She died March 27, 1973. He had lived in Muleshoe since 1944, moving from Oklahoma Lane, Texas. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and a York Consistory 26th Degree Mason. He had been a school business manager for the Muleshoe Independent School District for 20 years and was a member of the Muleshoe Jaycees, having served as the group's president.

Survivors include three daughters, Merle Katherine Claypool of Logan, N.M., Sheryl Lynn Welch of Muleshoe and Carol Ann Hester of Post; two brothers, Dee and F.L. (Jackie) Brown, both of Muleshoe; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family has requested memorials be made to the Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, P.O. Box 373, Muleshoe, Texas 79347 or to the donor's favorite charity.

## Jimmie Reed

Services for Jimmie Reed, 52, of Post were held Tuesday, Sept. 7, 1999, at 2 p.m. in the Post Church of Christ with Paul Jones officiating, assisted by Silas Short of the Throckmorton Church of Christ. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Monday, Sept. 6, at the Golden Plains Care Center. Born in Slaton Oct. 8, 1946, he graduated from Jayton High School and was a resident of Justiceburg for most of his life. He also worked with his father on a ranch in the Jayton area. He was a long time volunteer at Golden Plains Care Center.

Survivors include two uncles, Leonard Reed of Slaton and Lester Baldree of Post. Pallbearers included Jay Strawn, Jody Stanland, Eddie Morales, Bill Aten, Everett Windham and Dennis Mason.

## Early Detection Of Children's Vision Problems

(NAPS)—Most parents take their children's eyesight for granted believing that young eyes are perfect eyes. In many scenarios, that is not the case, as one in four school-age children has an undetected vision problem.



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The following are signs a parent can watch out for:

- A child who:
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- Squints and complains of headaches after reading or watching television.
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- Experiences poor eye/hand coordination.

If you notice your child is experiencing one or more of these signs, schedule an appointment for him or her to see an eye doctor. Your pediatrician can refer you to an eye-care professional who possesses the knowledge and background to conduct a variety of eye

exams at each stage of your child's development. Learning more about your children's eyes will benefit both you and your child.

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Truth or Flattery?  
by Jose Payano, United Church of God of Prophecy  
Luke 27:54 - "... Truly this was the Son of God."  
These were the words of the centurion who, upon viewing the occurrences at the time of Jesus' death, was filled with fear. He was able to come to this conclusion based upon the events surrounding the crucifixion of Christ. Despite their mistreatment of Him, never did Jesus rebuke them or lash out at them. Never did he protest or ask for mercy. Never did He curse them, but rather He asked God to forgive them. What an example to follow. The centurion, realized, a little too late, that this "King of the Jews" was not any common man, but the Son of God.  
What do people say about us? Are we living lives that demonstrate God's love and mercy? Are we living lives that exemplify all that is good and pure as Christ did? Who do others compare us to? I have lived in Post for several years, and I have seen believers and unbelievers alike pass away. It saddens me to see that their families seek individuals to say flattering words and give their loved ones attributes they never had. Will that be our fate? Will people have to hunt for good things to say or will our lives leave a godly legacy behind?  
Friend, what would you like to have said at your funeral -- Truth or Flattery? It's in your hands. If you are an unbeliever, accept Christ as your Savior and live for Him today. Believers, affirm yourself in Christ, live your life as God would have you to. Give the example of Christian living to all that surround you and when your time comes, all will be able to say, "Truly, this was a child of God."

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Head lice are tiny parasitic insects about the size of a sesame seed that feed on blood. They are usually found behind the ears and the nape of the neck. Also, their eggs called nits, about the size of a poppy seed and white in color maybe found attached to the hair shaft. Symptoms of infestation are tickling and itching of the scalp, sometimes with some minor skin irritation due to the itching.  
If you suspect head lice follow your medical providers recommendation for treatment. This will include a close inspection of the scalp, a special (over the counter) shampoo, and a special comb to remove the nits or lice and retreatment in 1-2 weeks.  
Along with the person, the household needs treatment to avoid repeat infestation. Wash all washable cloths and linens touched by the infected person during the two days before the treatment, use hot water and dry the cloths on the hot cycle.  
Dry-clean the items that are not washable. Stuffed animals, comforters, etc, that cannot be washed or dry-cleaned should be sealed in a plastic bag for two weeks. Reduce your exposure to lice by never borrowing combs, brushes, hats or clothing. Also avoid hanging scarves, coats or hats next to those owned by others.  
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# Opinions

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## America, land of restricted opportunity

by Walter E. Williams

Let's set the background with a sampling of sentiments of yesteryear. Supreme Court Justices considered trash by most of today's justices, legal scholars, legislators and politicians in general.

Justice Joseph P. Bradley in the Slaughter-Case cases (1873) said, "For the preservation, exercise, and enjoyment of these rights the individual citizens, as a necessity, must be left free to adopt such a calling, profession, or trade as may seem to him most conducive to that end. ..."

The right to choose one's calling is an essential part of that liberty which is the object of government to protect; and a calling, when chosen, is a man's property and right. Liberty and property are not protected where these rights are arbitrarily assailed."

Justice Rufus W. Peckman in Dent v. West Virginia (1888) said, "The liberty mentioned in that Amendment (Fourteenth) means ... to earn his livelihood by any lawful calling; to pursue any livelihood or avocation." Justice William O. Douglas in Borsari v. Board of Regents of New York (1954) said, "The right to work, I had assumed, was the most precious liberty that man possesses. Man has indeed as much right to work as he has to live, to be free, to own property. ..."

The great values of freedom are in the opportunities afforded man to press to new horizons, to pit his strength against the forces of nature, to match skills with his fellow man."

Contrast these sentiments to today's reality. In Las Vegas, John West applied for a license to operate his limousine. After having spent \$15,000 and failing to prove that his business would "not unreasonably and adversely affect other carriers," his application was turned down.

Nevada's established limousine operators get politicians to keep new entrants out so they can get away with charging higher prices. In New York, there's been a running battle between "dollar" commuter vans and the city's Taxi and Limousine Commission. Dollar vans emerged in 1980 during the city's transit strike.



They operate along fixed routes providing badly needed services in Brooklyn and Queens. But they compete with the city's decrepit bus service. The riding public wants the vans but the Taxi Cab and Limousine Commission, acting on the behalf of New York's Transit Authority and transit workers union, wants them out of business.

Then there are African style hair braiders who operate out of their homes and small shops in predominantly black neighborhoods. Given the style's popularity, hair braiders can earn a good income. However, the cosmetology establishment wants them to complete 1,600 hours of study at state-certified schools at a cost of \$5,000 to \$7,000.

Licensed cosmetologists fear loss of business and cosmetology schools fear the loss of students. They both use government to stifle competition with hair braiders. Many of these fledgling entrepreneurs are black people who are trying to move up the economic ladder.

The good news is that the state-sponsored siege against them is being broken. It's not black politicians and civil rights groups coming to the rescue. They tend to side with the establishment. Instead, it's the Washington, D.C.-based Institute for Justice.

The Institute has produced an excellent record of success. In New York, they've sued successfully on the behalf of the dollar vans. In cities such as Denver and Indianapolis, they've broken long-standing taxi monopolies.

Just last week, the Institute won their California challenge where a U.S. District Court found the state's enforcement action against hair braiders unconstitutional. Similar successes have also been won in Washington, D.C., Michigan and Maryland.

It would be great if the Institute for Justice ultimately beats back protectionist economic regulation. But in the meanwhile, we should all give moral encouragement to any person who tries to earn an honest, albeit illegal, living.

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## Are we really free to assert our rights?

by Vin Suprynowicz

In early 1943, when the Jews of the Warsaw ghetto finally learned where the trains were going and decided to fight back, did they go to their oppressors and say "Remember a few years back, when we obeyed the law and turned in our firearms? Well, we've changed our minds. We'd rather die fighting, now, than go like sheep to the death camps. So, please, can we have our weapons back?"

Of course not. It doesn't work that way. If you want your grandchildren to have the means to successfully resist foreign invasion or domestic tyranny, you must exercise our firearms rights today — keeping up the rifle skills only you can pass down to them (you thought they still had a shooting coach down at the high school?) along with the hardware itself. Once you've allowed such a right to evaporate through disuse, you can't "ask for it back."

Folks back East imagine there couldn't be a better place to live — when it comes to shooting — than the desert West. After all, drive half an hour from almost any point in Las Vegas and you can be away in the naked desert.

But that's not the way Metro and the Clark County Commission look at things. In recent years, more and more of the Las Vegas Valley has been progressively ruled off limits to shooting. In the past year alone the wash at the north end of Jones (an area where I was first taken shooting by a county enforcement official) has been posted off limits.

It was also about a year ago that I was barred from a remote box canyon off Lee Canyon Road — a place that had been used for target shooting so long that the rusted cases of the spent Russian cartridges crunched underfoot — by a BLM ranger in a truck so big I could only have climbed into the cab with the aid of a stepladder. The officer informed me that target shooting at this isolated locale is now banned (though hunting is still legal — go figure) because it now lies within the expanded boundaries of the "Red Rock Conservation Area" — 20 miles and two highways north of anywhere a tourist ever went to gaze at the Red Rocks.

So, when I and a friend (a churchgoer and Boy Scout leader) decided to go target shooting last weekend, the bulk of our first conversation was devoted simply to figuring out a place that was safe, still legal, and unlikely to produce any unpleasant confrontation with the Boys in Beige.

(No, there are no outdoor ranges generally open to the public here, despite widespread reports to the contrary. I tried to join that Desert Sportsman's outfit a couple of years back, but they sent back my money when I refused to join the NRA, America's largest gun control organization.)

We finally decided to leave the Vegas Valley entirely, crossing to the other side of Mount Potosi at Mountain Spring, and driving a ways out the Sandy Valley Road — itself a dirt thoroughfare — before turning off to an old dump where we could shoot away from the road, into a hillside, miles from any occupied building.

We spent an hour or two, we 50-ish white guys, testing our pistols and attempting to sight in a French rifle I've nicknamed Pat Buchanan, it shoots so far to the right.

Finally, the sun sinking low, we packed to leave. At which point our should drive up but a Metro cop in a white van, shining his spotlight in our eyes despite the fact it was still daylight.

"I don't have any problem with you fellas target shooting out here, but I just have to make sure nothing else is going on," the officer stated. "Mind if I look in your car?"

"Actually, no, I do not consent to any search of my car," I replied, politely but firmly.

Now the officer became visibly irritated. "I don't need your permission to search your vehicle if you're out here shooting on BLM land," the deputy said

as he patted us down — an interpretation of the Fourth Amendment which would surely come as a surprise to many members of the current U.S. Supreme Court.

The deputy then made a point of approaching my car and peering in the open passenger-side door.

"So, you've got something in here you don't want me to see, like a fully automatic weapon," the officer said. (No, we didn't.)

Growing bolder now that he was between us and our vehicle, the officer then proceeded to lecture me that "I don't need any wise-ass answers when I'm out here," referring to my calm statement that I would not waive the right which protects all Americans against warrantless searches.

Is this now official Metro police policy? That an officer "doesn't need your permission" to search without a warrant, when he has seen no indication of a proximate crime? That politely stating "I do not consent to any search" constitutes a "wise-ass answer"? That refusing consent for a search is grounds for an officer to conclude you must be hiding illegal contraband — even though the courts have specifically ruled that such a refusal does not constitute probable cause to presume any crime?

Is this, perhaps, what happened when Metro Officer Bruce Gentner stopped unarmed pedestrian John Perrin, 32, late in the evening of April 12, and demanded that Mr. Perrin drop his basketball and raise his hands? Did Mr. Perrin, perhaps, give the "wise-ass answer" that he was not going to waive the rights that protected him from a warrantless search? Is that why Officer Gentner found it necessary to empty his 14-round magazine at the unarmed pedestrian, killing him with six hits, several in the buttocks?

In Austin, Texas, Colorado City attorney Pat Barber was charged with violating the Texas Highway Beautification Act this spring when he put up an 8-by-16-foot billboard urging motorists to "just say no" to police vehicle searches.

Barber said he erected the sign — with a phone number to access information about the constitutional right to resist warrantless searches — "in response to the unprecedented numbers of interstate travelers being pressured into searches of their vehicles by state police officers."

Since numerous other non-compliant signs are never cited, attorney Barber thinks he knows the real reason authorities don't like his. And Judge Suzanne Covington of Austin apparently agrees, having ruled Barber is likely to win his case on grounds the statute "is an unconstitutional infringement of his rights of free speech."

There seem to be two Americas developing, today. There's the make-believe America imagined by our ivory-tower judges, where we still have at least some of the constitutional rights guaranteed by the founders; where the courts instruct us we have a right not to consent to warrantless searches, a right to turn and walk away rather than answer police questions (unless we've been formally placed under arrest); where we don't even have to sit and wait in our cars under the threat that "we'll send for the sniffer dogs if you don't consent" — that we're in fact free to tell the officer we'll hang around only as long as it should take him to write up the average traffic ticket, at which point we're free to drive away (and he can sit there and wait for his damned dogs as long as he likes.)

But does that world described by our courts still match the real world, as supervised by our real police? Will Metro's officers publicly acknowledge all these rights? Or do we now stand a good chance of being shot dead (or strangled in our homes, like the late Charles Bush) for giving "wise-ass answers," should we assert them?

Some of us would like to know.

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## Ignoring the law does not make the law disappear

by Wes Burnett

Although the majority of Garza County Hospital District board members refuse to recognize the restrictions of the law regarding use of the district's facilities, their decision does not negate the law.

Majority opinion does not change the law, nor the Texas Supreme Court decision emphasizing the limits of authority such districts must follow. The majority may rule, but it doesn't make it right. It appears the only option left for taxpayers at this time is to mount a court challenge to the illegal behavior of the majority.

The law which regulates the hospital district is its establishing legislation. That statute went into effect in 1969 when voters here approved creation of the district. It was created to operate a hospital for the purpose of providing health and hospital services for the indigent and needy (financially needy) of this county.

So, when the former board voted to close the hospital in 1996, had they paid attention to the limits of their authority and the law, they would have done one of three things: (1) lease the facilities for hospital operation, (2) sell the facilities or (3) transfer ownership to Garza County.

That's all the authority that is vested in the hospital district. It can not, by law, use the former Garza Memorial Hospital building or any of its facilities for any purpose other than for the operation of a hospital. That's the law, plain and simple ... and that explanation has the backing of the Texas Attorney General and the Texas Supreme Court (as we have pointed out in some detail in previous editions of this newspaper).

What went wrong? When the former board studied what to do about the continuing decline in patient use of the old hospital, they sought legal advice. Apparently, either they did not follow the legal advice they were given, or the legal advice they were given did not include the restrictions clearly stated in the law.

Either way, former board members made a decision which has resulted in the continued misappropriation of tax funds, to the tune of more than \$300,000 per year since closing the hospital in 1996. As new board member Charles Propst pointed out at recent meetings, that's a fairly sizable financial liability for individual board members if taxpayers mount a court challenge.

And that may be what it will take to bring this hospital district into compliance with the law. The board president declared at last Thursday's meeting that the district would continue its current policy of paying private physicians (Covenant Health Systems) to operate a clinic here until some court orders them to cease.

Course, there's another election coming up in May 2000. Could be taxpayers will then elect two candidates who will actually obey the law.

## So they did lie...

We can't help but remind our readers that during the past six years from time to time we have consistently held that federal government agents involved in the massacre of innocent children and adults at the McClellan County home of the Branch Davidians were lying.

Recent revelations about this horrific murder at the hands of federal agents ... the BATF, the FBI, the U.S. military and the State of Texas National Guard... are stark reminders to Americans that liberty is at best fleeting, and can be ripped to shreds by tyrants who could care less about the restrictions of law and our constitutions.

But we also have to put some blame at the feet of our elected officials, who can not hide behind their sanctimonious whining, when they themselves routinely violate their oaths of office and ignore the limits of their authority in the name of necessity.

When it's convenient to their cause, elected officials set the tone for government by shamefully ignoring their constitutional duty and their pitiful defense of our individual rights.

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## Property owners urged caution on abandoned wells

The Garza County Underground and Fresh Water Conservation District reminds landowners and operators of the hazards presented by abandoned wells.

In addition to the danger of someone falling in an abandoned well, there is the problem of contaminants entering the aquifer through abandoned well sites.

And abandoned well is a direct conduit from the surface to the aquifer below. Contaminants that enter the well are introduced directly into the aquifer with no opportunity for natural filtration by soils or geologic materials.

If the contamination incident occurs with a concentrated chemical, the potential for health-threatening levels in the underlying aquifer is

high. This puts other wells in the aquifer at risk, particularly those wells on the same property or those that are close to the abandoned well.

Just one gallon of 2,4-D herbicide can contaminate about three to four million gallons of water. In terms of ground water, approximately that much water would be held in the upper three feet of an aquifer over a 20 acre area.

The Garza County U & FWCD strongly urges anyone with an abandoned well on their property to take steps to permanently close such wells, thus eliminating these hazards.

Information as to the proper closing of abandoned wells may be obtained at the district office in the Garza County courthouse at 300 W. Main Street or call (806) 495-4425.

## Hospital district holds marathon meeting, extended debate

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"When we questioned the use of tax funds for scholarship payments, Mrs Kirkpatrick said that those scholarships were paid for by the Post Hospital Foundation," Tobias said. "If that is the case, then there should be a record of income of some sort from the foundation to the district. I just want to see some evidence." Kirkpatrick responded by saying that "it's been so long we haven't had any activity." No action was taken on the request.

Travis reported that the interview committee had gotten good response to advertising for a hospital administrator, and that the committee would have a recommendation at the October meeting.

Travis also appointed a finance committee to receive "confidential" reports from Covenant Health Systems on the clinic operation. Tyler and Tobias accepted appointment to the committee, which will also include the hospital district administrator.

Holmes reported that the district now has 16 residents being served as indigents.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5 at 6 p.m. in the Citizens Bank community room.

## Flu shots recommended to keep families healthy

As influenza season approaches, the American Lung Association reminds all Texans to get their flu shots before flu season begins.

Influenza is a potentially life-threatening contagious lung disease that can be prevented with an annual vaccination.

"An influenza vaccination is about 70 percent effective in preventing influenza and reducing its severity, and it's safe," said Robert D. Crider, director of the Immunization Division at the Texas Department of Health.

Together, influenza and pneumonia are the fifth leading causes of death among Americans over 65 and the sixth leading cause of death among all Americans. Anyone can be a flu victim; however, high-risk groups are the most vulnerable and include anyone suffering from a chronic health condition, such as asthma, emphysema or chronic bronchitis and people over the age of 65. Anyone who wishes to avoid taking sick time off from work or school should also get a flu shot.

"The success of flu immunizations in the last eight years is very encouraging," said Dr. Charles Bryan, Texas Thoracic Society president and professor of medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio. "In 1989, 33 percent of individuals ages 65 and older were immunized against the flu. In 1997, the numbers doubled."

"I am worried there will be a shortage of flu shots available this

year. Last year, we had just enough vaccines to meet the demand and this year, the quantity and cost of the shots escalated. However, at \$10 a shot, it's still an excellent bargain. An average one hour of wages will often save you several days of missed work. Make getting flu shots for the whole family an annual tradition."

Rates of infection are highest among children. As a result, there is now a greater push to immunize children. Currently, only 30 percent of all children get a flu shot. One child from 18 months to 11 years usually infects two or three additional children, who, in turn, take it home to their families, friends and neighbors.

"If more than 50 percent of our children were immunized against the flu, we would see a dramatic decline in the number of cases," said Dr. Paul Glezen, professor of pediatrics at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

The prime time to get a flu shot is between Oct. 1 and Nov. 15 before the flu season begins. In Texas, some physicians begin providing shots in early September and may continue offering the services through late November. Flu shots are available at doctors' offices, Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) and most other health care facilities. In addition, Medicare and Medicaid cover flu shots.

Most people experience little or no reaction to the vaccine; however, one in four people might have a swollen, red, tender area where the shot is delivered.

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## On The Web

Web Site Answers Questions On Outpatient Surgery

(NAPS)—If you or someone you know is having surgery, there is a helpful Web site that offers answers to your questions about outpatient surgery, also called ambulatory surgery. Ambulatory surgery is when you are released from a hospital the same day that your operation took place. No hospital stay is required.

The Web site, from the Society for Ambulatory Anesthesia (SAMBA), features a Patient Information Center. There, visitors can obtain information and answers to frequently asked questions as well as submit their own questions.

Sixty-five percent of American surgical procedures are now done on an outpatient basis, according to SAMBA. Advances in anesthesia techniques have made this lower-cost and faster-recovery method possible.

The site also shows patient education videos and documentary footage. This includes a video shot at the first outpatient surgical center founded in 1972 by Dr. Wallace Reed, an anesthesiologist.

The Web site informs visitors that it was an anesthesiologist



Outpatient surgery is growing in popularity and a Web site is devoted to educating the public about this type of treatment.

who developed this form of outpatient surgery for procedures that were deemed safe to perform in an ambulatory setting outside the hospital. Anesthesiologists are highly trained physicians with at least 12 years of professional medical training.

The SAMBA Web site features a list of some of the many surgical procedures done on an ambulatory basis either in a hospital outpatient center, a surgery center or an office setting.

The Web site can be found at [www.sambahq.org](http://www.sambahq.org).

Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.

—Thomas Jefferson

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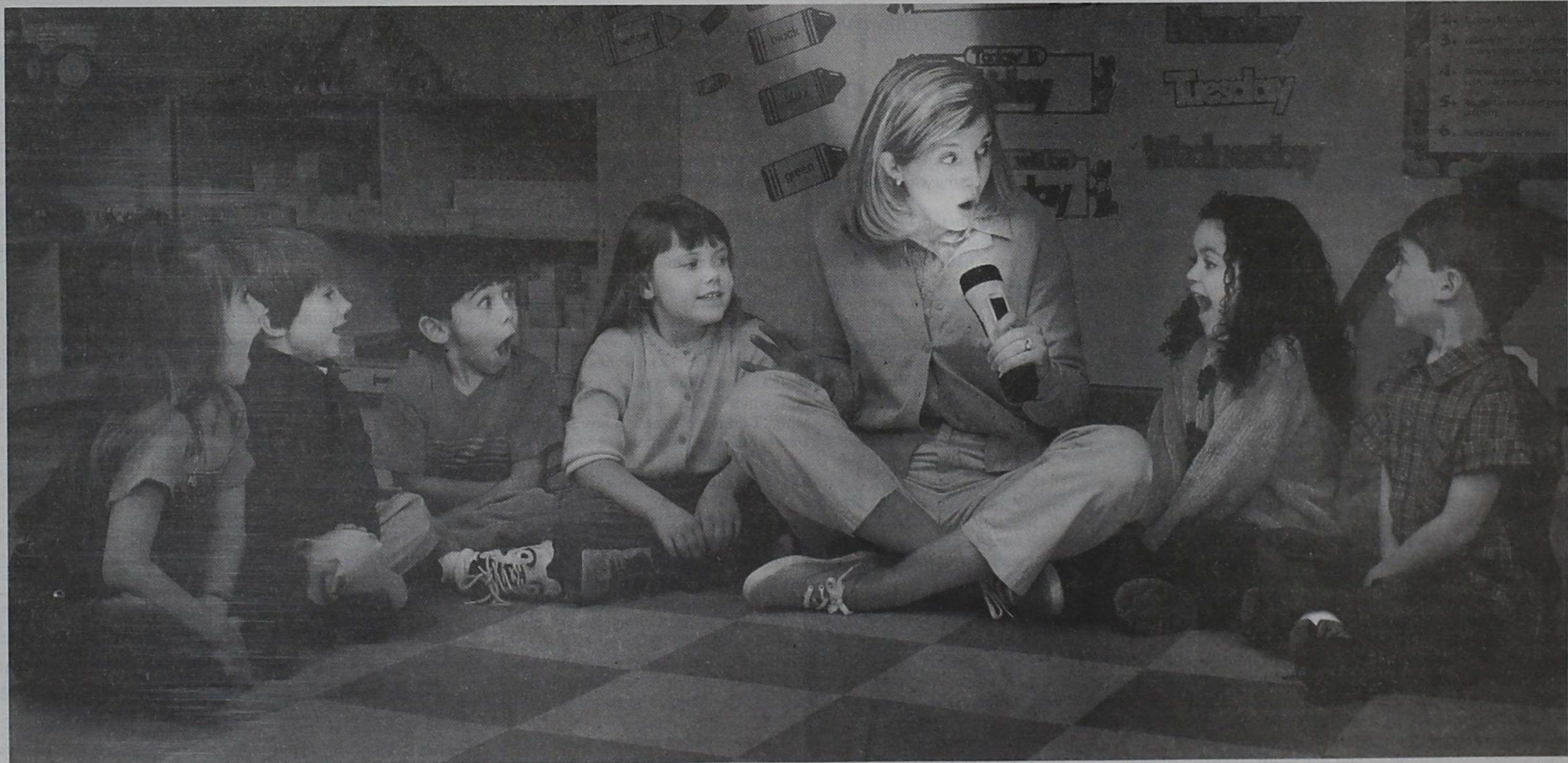
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# Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

## September 7, 1989 10 Years Ago

Lyndsay Sue Stanford of Waco is happy to announce the birth of her baby sister, Chelsea Blake, on Thursday, August 10, 1989. She weighed seven pounds and eight ounces and was 19 inches long.

Parents are Wade and Marla Stanford.

Brook W. Capps has been officially accepted into the U.S. Military Academy's Corps of Cadets as a new member of the Class of 1993 during the annual acceptance parade.

A belated "Welcome to Post" to Della and Wes Cockrell and their children, Mallory and Darcy, who moved here from Temple.

A lot of Post people will be saddened to hear of the recent death of Mack Hardy in Alexander City, Alabama. The Hardys and their sons, John and Charles, lived in Post for several years.

## September 6, 1979 20 Years Ago

Rodney Compton, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Compton, has assumed his duties as full-time minister of youth and music at the Retta Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

Rosemary Rogers, local chairman of the Jerry Lewis telethon for muscular dystrophy, reported that Post and Garza County residents contributed \$1,255.77 to the cause.

Barbara Lucas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lucas, has been named cashier of the First National Bank and Trust Company of Stillwater.

The Post Antelopes open the

1979 football season Friday with a game against the Lockney Longhorns in Antelope Stadium.

Dr. James Robert (Jimmy) Kemp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kemp received a degree in veterinary medicine from Texas A&M and will practice at a veterinary clinic in Motara, California.

## September 11, 1969 30 Years Ago

Descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Smith met at the City-County Park for an outing last Friday evening. Those attending were:

Terry Smith was 10 years old Sunday and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Smith, entertained with a swimming party in her honor at their residence.

Birthday cake, ice cream and Kool-Aid were served to the following:

Tianna and Larisa Shiver, Donna Gayle Josey, Kelly Mitchell, Peggy Jackson, Cindy Kirkpatrick, Missy Carter, Nancy Clary, Peggy Howell, Karla Kennedy, Stephanie Slater and Gina Birkes, and the honoree.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Roy Carter celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 4 and were commemorated with a dinner in Lubbock.

## September 10, 1959 40 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Bevers and children spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Hagood of Post.

Mr. Herb Ausburn of Long Beach, Calif., spent the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Barnes and her sister, Mrs. Agnes Rinker.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. McCullough visited Sunday in Brownfield with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Cowan.

Miss Pam McCrary lectured about the Hawaiian Islands for 35 seventh grade students Tuesday. The entire 7A Section and girls of the 7D Section were in the group, as Social Studies students of Mrs. Mary Lee Wristen.

## September 8, 1949 50 Years Ago

Piggly Wiggly has several back to school specials, including a pound of Folger's Coffee for 49-cents; cheese, 43-cents a pound; picnic hams, 39-cents a pound; steak, 67-cents a pound; and Thompson's seedless grapes, seven and one-half cents a pound.

Mrs. J. E. Parker spent last Thursday and Friday in Lamona visiting relatives, who included her oldest sister, Mrs. A. A. Zeek of Wichita Falls, who was visiting there.

Ann Wharton of Tahoka arrived here last Friday to visit her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Morrell, for several days. She started to school in Tahoka today.

Judy Puckett, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brode Puckett of Lubbock and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Puckett, modeled for Dunlap's Department Store in the Children's Style Show sponsored by St. Elizabeth's Church in Lubbock last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Macy of Kansas City, Mo., arrived last weekend to spend several weeks with Mrs. Macy's mother, Mrs. Mamie Lott, and other relatives. Their son, Bobby, who has been spending the summer with his grandmother will accompany them home.

## ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "he can strut sitting" (arrogant)
- 5 song: "Texas When \_\_\_\_\_"
- 6 TX Roddenberry or TX Tierney ex-Cowboy RB Tony (init.)
- 8 Dallas city hall architect I.M. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Gutenberg or Bach golf bag toter
- 16 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ man" (good roper)
- 18 in '28, this Dem. didn't carry TX.
- 20 impressionist painter Claude \_\_\_\_\_
- 22 old west town: \_\_\_\_\_ Creek, CO
- 27 TXism: "got a bun in the \_\_\_\_\_" (pregnant)
- 28 seat of Sutton Co. independent state in southwest Asia
- 29 manager of Muleshoe's TV 6
- 32 SMU Kyle in NFL Hall of Fame (init.)
- 33 routes from the heart
- 36 send out
- 37 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ biscuit in the pan" (boss)
- 38 UT enrollee
- 39 TXism: "hireling"
- 41 TX Buddy's wife: Maria \_\_\_\_\_
- 44 Dallas Museum \_\_\_\_\_
- 45 TX actress Evans \_\_\_\_\_

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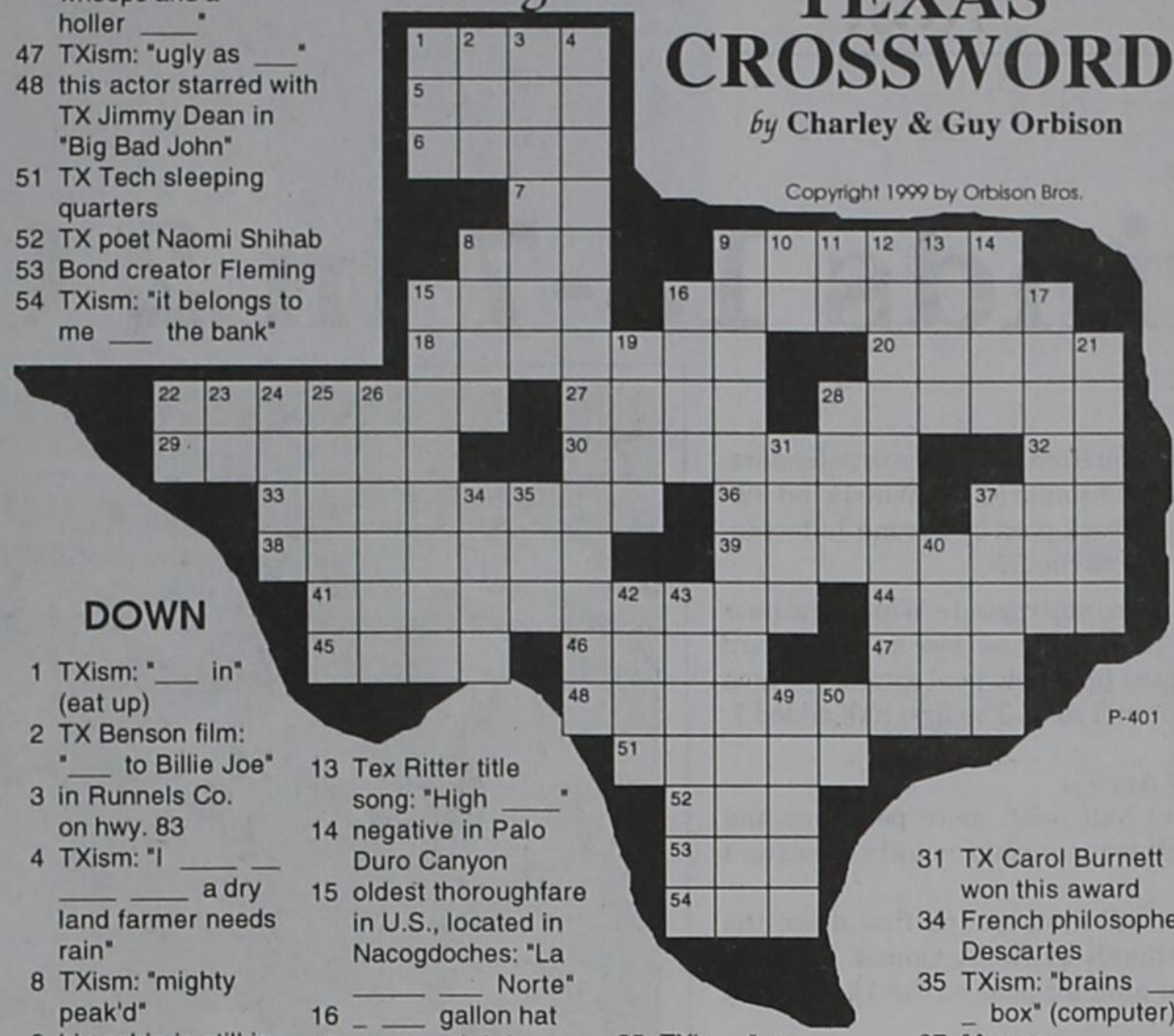
- 1 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ in" (eat up)
- 2 TX Benson film: "\_\_\_\_\_ to Billie Joe"
- 3 in Rannels Co. on hwy. 83
- 4 TXism: "I \_\_\_\_\_ a dry land farmer needs rain"
- 8 TXism: "mighty peak'd"
- 9 his cabin is still in downtown Dallas
- 10 TXism: "fits like hide \_\_\_\_\_ a horse"
- 11 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ don't give didly squat"
- 12 TX Ivory Joe Hunter's "I \_\_\_\_\_ My Mind"
- 13 Tex Ritter title song: "High \_\_\_\_\_"
- 14 negative in Palo Duro Canyon
- 15 oldest thoroughfare in U.S., located in Nacogdoches: "La \_\_\_\_\_ Norte"
- 16 \_\_\_\_\_ gallon hat
- 17 more sprightly
- 19 UT has large collection of folk songs of this Burl \_\_\_\_\_
- 21 it's in your sights
- 22 101 in old Rome
- 23 ex-Cowboy
- 24 "dodger" QB (init.)
- 24 nest eggs (abbr.)

## The Original

# TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- 31 TX Carol Burnett won this award
- 34 French philosopher Descartes
- 35 TXism: "brains \_\_\_\_\_ box" (computer)
- 37 "A rose \_\_\_\_\_ other name \_\_\_\_\_"
- 40 TXism: "got the hang \_\_\_\_\_"
- 42 indebted
- 43 in Fannin Co. on 34
- 49 to correct text
- 50 TXism: "fat \_\_\_\_\_ a boardinghouse cat"

Sideburns got their name from General Amrose Everett Burnside, who was easily identified by his mutton-chop whiskers. This style was first known as burn-sides.

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## THE SCOTCHMAN IS KNOWN FROM HERE TO WASHINGTON, D. C.

# Pioneer Post Man Is Written Up As Top West Texan

George Samson was featured as the "Top West Texan" in the August issue of West Texas Today. The article, which was written by Evelyn Boyd, said in part:

The Scotchman who came to Post in 1907 and, as a capable stone mason, was an important character in the building of the town, is truly an outstanding West Texan.

George Samson, affectionately known as "The Scotchman" or "Scotty," wherever he goes -- from Texas to Washington, D.C. -- is by profession a builder of buildings. By hobby, he is also a builder: first, of character in boys and, second, of an exalted reputation for West Texas.

This month, at the District 4-H Encampment in Lubbock, he received the Texas Extension Service's standard district award for most outstanding service in 4-H work—a Holland Spurclip with the 4-H clover emblem. The only other man in his district holding this honor is A. B. Davis, veteran Lubbock Chamber of Commerce manager who, like Samson, had devoted many years to the 4-H cause as an unpaid worker.

**More and Better Grasses**  
In the 4-H field, George Samson's major interest at present is grass identification, a subject which he tried unsuccessfully to push 30 years ago. He was penalized for trying to include grasses in his Garza County fair exhibits at the State Fair as far back as 23 years ago. He never quit trying to interest Texans in their native grasses, and he frequently included them in his exhibits for various fairs. People laughed at his stubbornness, but his Garza County exhibits have been consistent first place winners through the years at fairs in Amarillo, Lubbock, Wichita Falls, Fort Worth, Abilene, and Dallas.

Now grass identification is the talk of all fairs. It will be included in the Agricultural Division of the Panhandle-South Plains Fair in Lubbock this fall and George Samson will be the superintendent.

The new department will include range grasses and irrigated pasture grasses and, probably, noxious weeds. The fair program also will include grass identification contests for Future Farmers, 4-H youths and adults.

**Background**  
The Scotchman's father, the late John Robinson Samson of Forfar, Scotland, a stone mason by trade, was an amateur gardener and one of the leading showmen in his country. He was a great believer in the type of exhibitions which his son later used to bring fame to Garza County.

When George was an 11-year-old boy in Forfar, he entered his first exhibit in a show. It was on wild grasses. He didn't win anything. He tried again the following year and won first place with his wild grasses.

Next he began showing bouquets of wild flowers—and winning first places. The prizes were not much, usually ribbons, but

the honor of winning, meant much to the Scotchman, who is somewhat saddened by the present-day commercial aspects of prize winning. He looks upon exhibits for their educational value to the exhibitor, and not as a means of winning a jackpot of money or merchandise.

By the time he was 21 years old, Samson and his wife, and daughter, Jeanne,—now an employe of the Lubbock County Extension Service office—were on their way to a new life in the United States. They first went to Pittsburgh, Pa., where Samson worked for two years then they came to the town of Post, which was just being founded.

**A Builder of Post**  
Samson helped build the brown stone houses and business buildings which made the little town a picturesque place from its beginning. After working endless hours, there was little to do in a social way and he spent his time gathering wild grasses, which he sent to his father.

In those days, it looked like all of West Texas was covered with tall sand drop seed grass, but he found many other varieties. At one time he collected about 60 varieties and had them framed for Walter Roy and the late Jay Slaughter to hang at their respective ranch headquarters in Garza County.

One day recently, Samson and Garza County Agricultural Agent Lewis Herron collected 67 varieties which will be exhibited in the Panhandle-South Plains Fair this fall.

Because of his life-long interest in grass identification and despite the lack of encouragement that he received in the exhibit would, he recognized an ally in the Texas Extension Service and, through the years, has worked closely with the A. and M. specialists in that field. He says he is greatly indebted, too, to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce for encouragement and help that it, with the Extension Service, has given him in his work.

Such contacts have caused Dr. Sperry and Dr. Young at Texas A&M College to bring students of their range classes to Garza County each fall for several years to study the varieties of range grass in a county which is half on the plains and half in the breaks.

The grass identification contest which is now sponsored each year in the 4-H Clubs of Texas was suggested to Dr. Young by the Scotchman a number of years ago, and, thru Young's interest and promotion, it became a regular feature of the state's widespread 4-H program.

**Away Back When**  
Garza County was strictly a ranching country at the time it was organized, and it was after some of the land was broken out for cultivation that Samson was called up by the Post Chamber of Commerce to arrange an agricultural exhibit for the South Plains Fair.

The exhibit won the last prize that year. This was enough to

inspire Samson to do better the next year—when the Garza County exhibit won second place. After this Samson began showing agricultural exhibits at the State Fair, and it was after the third try that he finally won first place in the state. After that, it was easy. The Scotchman had mastered the art of exhibiting agricultural products.

Samson learned a lot through these exhibition experiences that has helped him in the guiding of 4-H boys and making winners of them. Nine years ago he turned the Garza County exhibiting over to the younger fellows of the Post Chamber of Commerce and started judging the agricultural exhibits in the various fairs of West Texas. In this capacity, he has been in a position to give valuable advice to young exhibitors from all over the South Plains area. Many of these young men, such as Dan Thorn-ton of Hereford breeding fame, have now reached success in agricultural and ranching fields.

During the war when county agricultural agents were scarce, Samson was called upon by District Extension Service Agent W. N. Williamson of Lubbock to keep the Garza County 4-H work going. He did, as his contribution to the war effort, and received no salary. Among the boys who started their 4-H work under his guidance were Alvin Davis, who won the national 4-H award for leadership last year, and Carter Gene White and E. P. Wicker, Jr., who have each won trips to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago.

**National Recognition**  
After the war, Samson continued to help and advise the 4-H boys and this summer he accompanied the Garza County 4-H grass identification team to the state Round-Up at College Station. While the boys did not place, they were able to see and admire the respect and recognition which their able leader received from all of the national and state specialists at the conference. Everyone seemed to know the Scotchman.

Samson's interest in the West Texas range problems and his knowledge of grasses brought him an invitation from the United States Department of Agriculture 10 or 12 years ago to make a broadcast over NBC on the subject. He was accompanied to Washington by Walter Roy, who also appeared on the program. This was at the beginning of the nation's awakening to the importance of grasses as seen by the Scotchman when he was 11 years old.

Advising this writer of the Holland Spurclip award which the Extension Service presented to Samson, District Agent Williamson wrote that "Scotty has been a friend to me and to A&M College and particularly the Extension Service. He is considered one of the authorities on West Texas grasses. Everyone in our service, especially the beef cattle man and range specialists, knows and treasures him."

J. W. Potts, assistant Texas Extension Service editor, also wrote a letter of appreciation for the Scotchman. "I have known Scotty since—well, at least 30 years. He is one of the finest characters I have ever known. He has done as much for agriculture in West Texas as any man that I know of. He made a reputation as a showman at fairs all over Texas, and he certainly put Garza County on the map. He has never been too busy to help a friend and this is especially true of the youth.

**Model Program**  
"During the time that I was county agent in Garza County, Scotty and I and the committees that we worked through developed what was considered by many in high positions to be the best range program in the nation. The AAA repeatedly sent men from Washington to Post to study our program. The work that has been done under this program is a monument to the thoroughness with which he did his job. The tanks and lakes built in that county are among the best you'll find anywhere. Our method of building fire-guards was widely copied but above all the methods we used to get the ranchers interested in this work was probably the most outstanding phase of this program. Scotty never left a ranch until the rancher knew what the program was all about.

"Scotty never slowed up. He was in the field long before daylight and many times until late at night. He has brought into Garza County many new varieties of crops and plants. In addition to his assistance as an authority on grasses and plants and for his contributions to agriculture too numerous to mention, I was grateful for his assistance on the REA system that was organized and started while I was county agent there. His advice and help were invaluable in getting the system properly launched."

Most of the background for this article was gleaned from the writer's memory and that of Scotty's friends. Samson, who is naturally modest, does not consider that he has done anything that wasn't the duty of every citizen in West Texas.

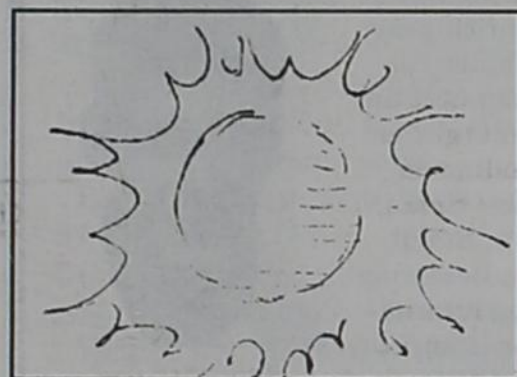
"When I first came to Garza County," he says, "everybody was hospitable and good to me. They made me feel at home, like one of the natives. If I have done anything for them or their children, it's nothing more than I owed them."



In music, the term *rubato* means "with a freedom of tempo."



The term flagstone comes from the Norse word *flagga*, which means to flake. True flagstone is a hard stone that is flaked into flat pieces for paving.



The hottest place on earth is Dallol, Ethiopia, with an annual mean temperature of 94 degrees.



**IN TRAINING**  
Airman Bernie D. Eckert, son of Mrs. Norma L. Eckert of Southland has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio. He has been assigned to Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, for training as a medical services specialist.

From The Post Dispatch, September 11, 1969



MRS. FRED R. MYERS (Anita Stephenson)

Anita Stevenson married to Fred R. Myers in Big Lake September 10, 1959



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Miss Janice Lynn Gordon and Steve Lisemby were married Aug. 22 at the First Baptist Church in New Home.

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# Sports

## 'Lopes edge Whirlwinds 13-7 in 2 OT

by Mark Odom

If you made it to the Post Bold Gold game last Friday at Floydada and felt the sprinkle of rain, you probably also saw the hail storm of yellow flags on the football field. Although Floydada made the most costly penalty of the opening game for both teams, the Antelopes overcame their multitude of mistakes to win 13-7 in double overtime.

The Whirlwinds took the opening kickoff, but coughed up the football on second down at their own 18 yard line. Penalties stymied the 'Lopes, who were set back and turned the ball over after a failed field goal attempt from the 26.

Floydada wasn't able to move the ball on their next possession, with tough defensive plays by Jeremy Baker, Rocky Gomez and Matt McCallister. The Whirlwinds punted from their own 38 yard line after losing ground on a penalty.

Post got the ball at their own 10 yard line, ran three plays netting one yard then punted a 50 yarder from the end zone. Floydada took over at its own 46 and the 'Lope defense took charge. The Whirlwinds managed to reach the 'Lopes 24 when the first quarter ended.

On first and 10 at the 24, Floydada got a penalty, moving the ball back to the 29. The swift Whirlwinds ripped off a run to the eight, where Johnny Jefferson brought the runner to the ground. One play later Floydada took the lead with an option play around right end to the end zone. With the extra point, the Whirlwinds got their only points of the night and led 7-0 with 9:59 left in the first half.

Storming right back, the Antelopes scored on their next possession, and tied the ball game with 2:50 left in the half. The drive featured runs by Huff, Baker and Raymond Jefferson. Baker burst out from the Post 39 to the 50, followed by Raymond on a rip through Whirlwind defenders to the 44. Baker cut loose for a 17 yard gainer and then again to the 25. Baker took the pitchout around the right end to the 12 and Johnny Jefferson took the ball to the end zone, getting hit at the eight but maintaining his balance.

Floydada's next possession met stiff opposition from the Antelope defenders ... and Luke Williams recovered a Whirlwind fumble at the Whirlwind 39. The Antelope threat was snuffed when a halfback pass by Tyrone Jefferson was intercepted at the 14, and was returned to the 27.

Turn about was fair play, as Tyrone Jefferson intercepted a Whirlwind pass at the 47 and returned it to the Floydada 25. Getting as close as the 10 yard line, with time running out, the 'Lopes opted for a field goal attempt, which hit the goal post and bounced back into the end zone. The first half ended 7-7.

### Second Half Action

It was a defensive game in the second half, with more penalties and miscues cutting short Antelope drives. Neither team could mount a consistent offensive effort.

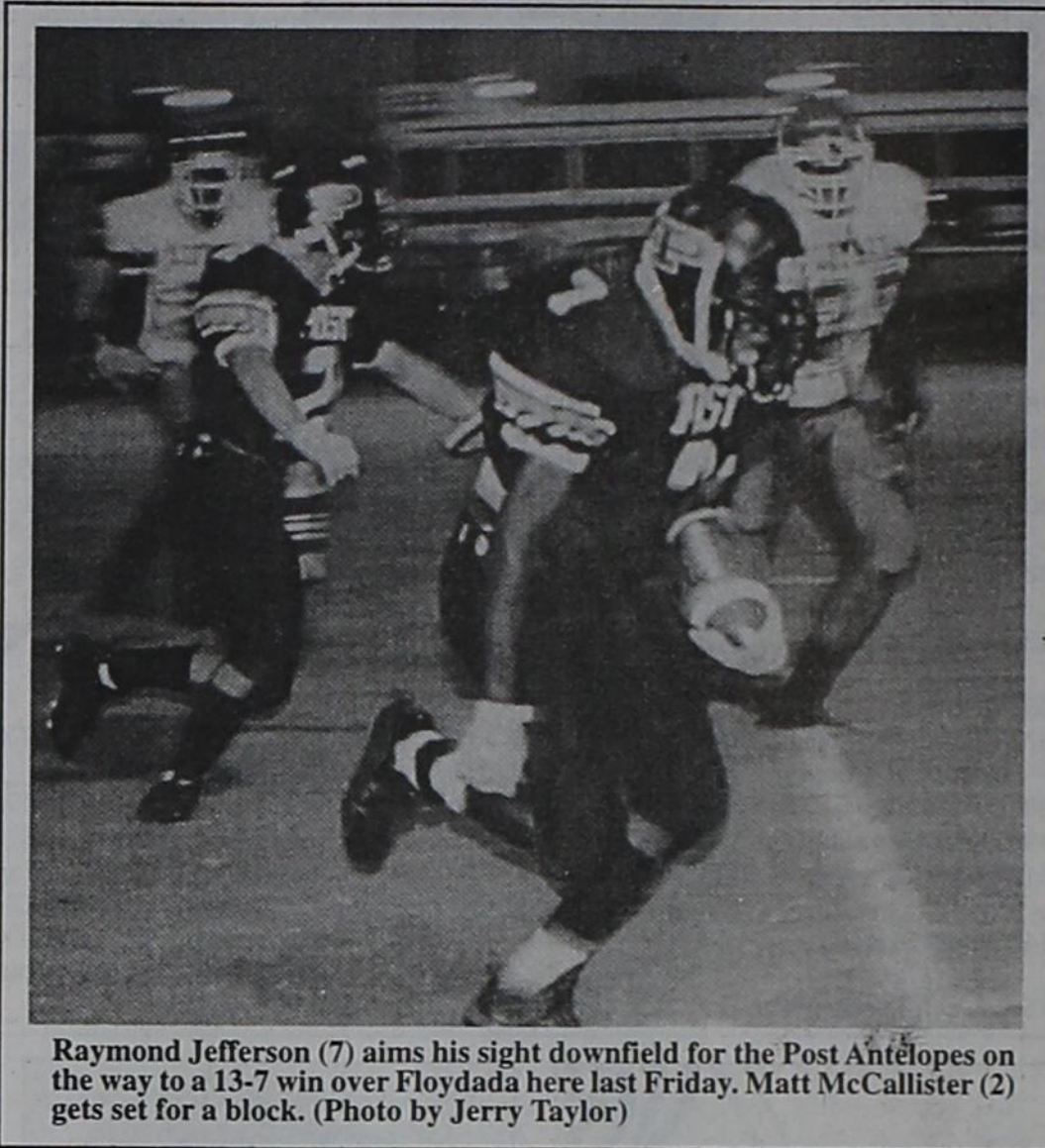
In the first overtime, Floydada got the ball first, and on first down the attempted pass was intercepted out of bounds by Rocky Gomez. Then on third down Johnny Jefferson intercepted another pass at the 11 and Post took its turn.

After two plays being called back on penalties, the 'Lopes tried another field goal, this one from 32 yards out which sailed wide.

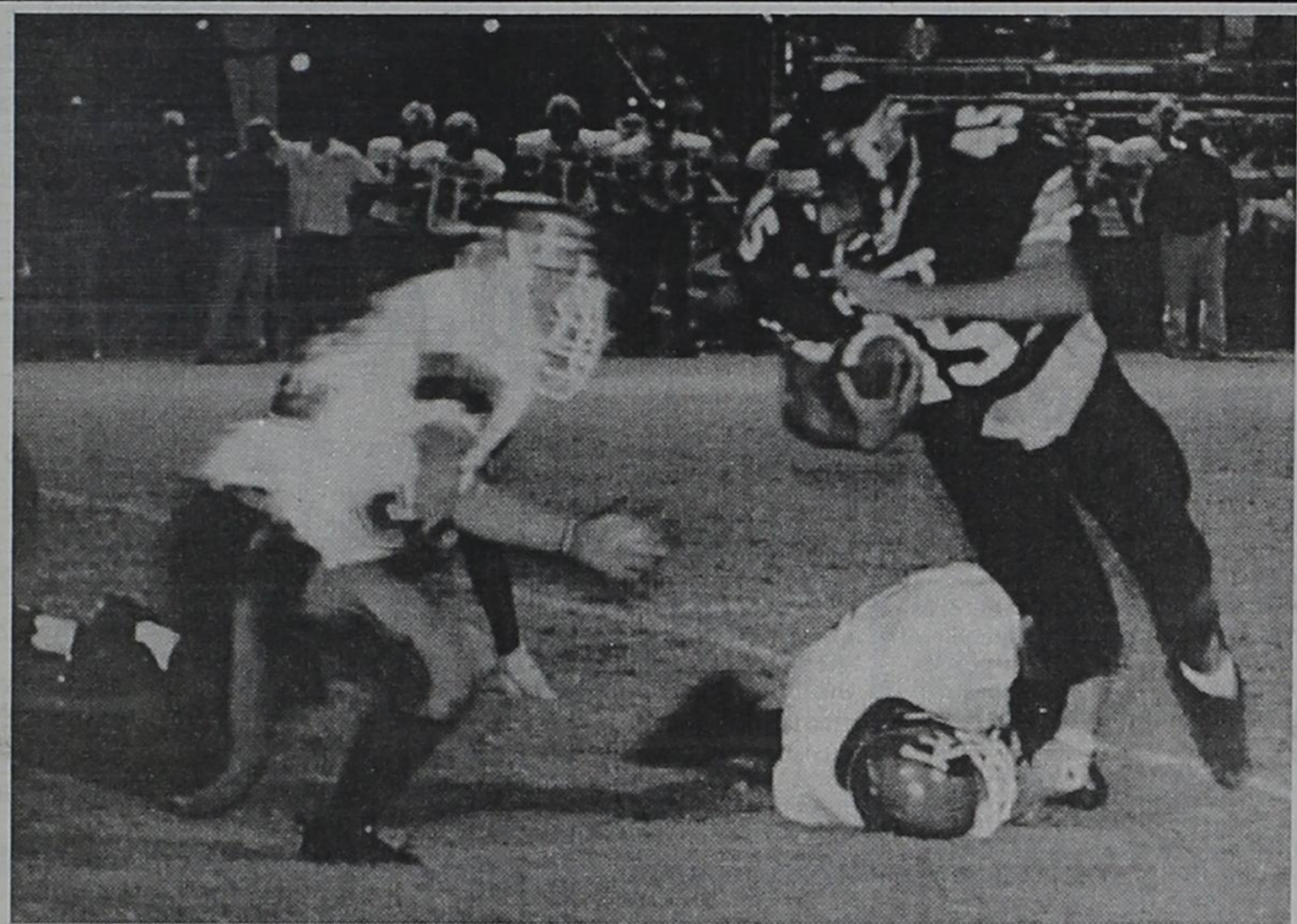
In the second overtime, Post took possession, with Billy Crawford ramming to the 16, fumbling the ball, then recovering it himself. On third down he scored, but the play was called back on a holding penalty. On the next play Floydada got flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct, setting up the 'Lopes with a first and 10 at the 12. Then the 'Lopes were backed up for an illegal procedure. Crawford finally crashed into the end zone two plays later. The point after failed and the 'Lopes took the lead at 13-7.

Floydada's final attempt was snuffed by the Antelope defense, preserving the victory.

The 'Lopes travel to Hale Center Friday for their second non-district game. See ya' there!



Raymond Jefferson (7) aims his sight downfield for the Post Antelopes on the way to a 13-7 win over Floydada here last Friday. Matt McCallister (2) gets set for a block. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



C.J. Sims (45) blasts over Floydada defenders toward the end zone during the opening game here Friday. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

### Chris Belongia on championship team

Post's Chris Belongia made the All-Tournament Team during national playoffs Sept. 4-5 at the Las Cruces USSSA Midwest Class D National Championship.

Belongia, whose position is third base, plays for the Texas Lawn Dogs, coached by Robert Houston of Slaton. He and two of his teammates were tapped for the all-tourney squad.

Belongia's team finished in the runner-up position in the 18-team tournament. The Lawn Dogs logged an impressive tournament run, including a 16-11 win over the New Mexico state champions, The Tribe; a 10-9 win over the El Patio Dirt Dogs of Las Cruces; a 15-4 win over the Las Cruces Dukes; a 10-9 win over the Albuquerque G-Men; a 15-4 win over the Las Cruces Scorpions; an 11-8 win over The Tribe; a 23-13 win over the El Patio Dirt Dogs; a 9-6 victory in the first championship

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All of the Post Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank Post and folks from the surrounding area that contributed to the boot for MDA at Old Mill Trade Days this past weekend.

Because of your donations we were able to raise \$950.

Thanks to Darrell Reece and Delbert Rudd for taking the donations to Lubbock and representing our fire department, also to all of the firemen that came out in the heat to pass "the boot"

Once again thanks to everyone!!  
Mark Short

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The following information is applicable to the advertisement for proposals from qualified developers to develop a Historic Courthouse Master Plan for the Garza County Courthouse and for all things necessary thereto. Said proposals shall be received, on behalf of the Garza County Commissioners Court by Giles W. Dalby, Garza County Judge, 806-495-4405, 300 W. Main Street, Post, Texas 79356, by September 17, 1999 - 5:00 p.m. Responses hereto shall be made in writing and will be a part of the project records and available to interest parties in accordance with state law.

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Patterson Petroleum, Inc., P.O. Box 1416, Snyder, Texas 79550 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 Spraberry (Lime) formation, John Unit Waterflood (68117) lease, Well Number 19, 20, 21, 22, & 23. The proposed injection well is located 13 miles South of Post, Texas in the Happy (Spraberry Lime) Field, in Garza County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4870 to 5060 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 Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).



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## Reduce pollution, allergens, costs with use of homemade cleaners

There is no new water under the sun.

"We're drinking the same water the dinosaurs drank," said Julie Massey, Galveston County marine agent with the Texas Agriculture Extension Service.

That's why Extension developed the Mix It Yourself brochure. By using materials like baking soda, mineral oil and vinegar to make household cleaners, people can help reduce the amount of pollutants going back into their water via sinks, commodes, tubs and lawns.

"Even though that water will be treated, you want the highest quality water going back into the water supply," Massey said.

Reducing the number of chemicals used in the home has other benefits. "One of our county agents counted the number of cleaning products she

had in her home — more than 50," said Massey. "By using these alternative cleaners, you cut down on the number of cleaners you have to buy so it's cheaper too."

The main ingredients for Mix It Yourself include baking soda, liquid detergent, mineral oil, white vinegar and lemon juice.

"I think these work really well in the home, especially if you have small children or pets," she said.

According to Massey, response to Mix It Yourself has been very high in the Galveston area and for a reason she never expected.

"What was amazing to us was that people were having allergic reactions to over-the-counter cleaners."

Mix It Yourself cleansers are easy to make. To make an all-purpose household cleanser, dissolve four tablespoons of baking soda into one quart of warm water and pour into a spray bottle. Spray surface, wipe with a sponge and rinse with clean water. Solution strength can be increased by adding more baking soda.

"Use this to clean and deodorize kitchen surfaces, chrome-plated fixtures and faucets, refrigerators and freezers," Massey said.

Use 1/4 cup of white vinegar, a 1/4 cup of baking soda and a gallon of warm water as a floor cleaner. Mop, rinse and dry.

To clean a commode, sprinkle baking soda into the bowl, drizzle with vinegar and scrub with a toilet brush.

"Combine one quart of water with 1/4 cup of white vinegar to make a

glass cleaner," she said. "Spray or wipe off with newspaper."

A mixture of a half cup of baking soda and a half cup of vinegar can be used to unclog drains. Put the baking soda and vinegar in the drain, cover tightly and let sit for 15 minutes. Pour two quarts of boiling water down the drain. If the clog is severe, follow with a plunger.

There are other uses for baking soda in the home, Massey said. Make a paste by mixing equal parts of baking soda with warm water to polish silverware and to clean lawn furniture, fiberglass tubs, car trip bumpers and hub caps.

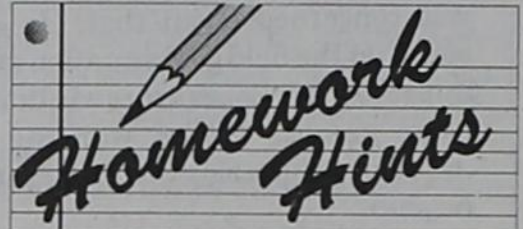
When sprinkled directly onto a damp sponge or surface, baking soda also cleans stainless steel sinks and clothes hampers and removes scuff marks on floors and crayon marks on walls.

Other Mix It Yourself ideas include mixing three tablespoons of mineral oil with one tablespoon of olive oil and a drop of lemon juice to make furniture polish.

Lime and mineral deposits can be removed by soaking a cloth in vinegar and leaving the cloth on the stain for about an hour. The deposit will soften and can be removed easily, Massey said.

Metal polish can be made by mixing 1/2 teaspoon of salt with a half cup of vinegar and enough flour to make a paste. Apply the paste and lean on for 15-30 minutes. Rinse well and dry.

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• **Discover your learning style.** There are visual (seeing), auditory (hearing), and haptic (doing) learners. If you work in your style, you will spend less time spinning your wheels and more time being effective. Consider other factors like lighting, temperature, and noise levels.

• **Keep your old tests and homework.** Find a file cabinet to store old chapters and units. Many comprehensive tests will use questions directly from tests you've already taken.

• **Work ahead on big projects.** Get a large calendar for your desk area and set short timelines for steps of the project so they don't get left to the last minute.

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