



1995 PHS Sweetheart Nikki Pollard (fourth from left) is joined on stage by sweetheart candidates and their escorts (left to right) Eric Hanna, Sonya Harp, Chris Ashley, Sweetheart Nikki Pollard, B.J. Hart, Jill Stelzer, Josh Grisham,

Talina Bird, David Norman and Natalie Pollard. Jill Stelzer was first runner-up and Sonya Harp was second runner-up. The pageant was held Tuesday, February 14 at the Elementary School auditorium. (Photo by Becky Warren)

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## Post Notes

### MOPH meets March 4 in Lubbock

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

### Commodities distribution Feb. 24

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

### Old Mill Trade Days March 3-5

The next Old Mill Trade Days will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 3-5.

### Grassland church youth set fund raising

The youth of the Grassland Community Church of the Nazarene are selling certificates for a 10X13 color portrait as a fund raiser to attend the Nazarene Youth Congress in Phoenix this July. The congress is held every four years. The certificates are \$5 each. Portraits will be taken Saturday, March 4 at the Grassland Nazarene Church. For more information call 806-327-5656.

### Willy Awards show set March 11

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

### OS Museum features 'Places & Faces'

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

### Heirloom Egg Auction March 31

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

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

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

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

## 'Rapunzel' brings '90s music to students here tomorrow

"Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let down your golden hair!" The words are from a fairy tale written 200 years ago, but Rapunzel is definitely a band for the '90s. Their incendiary live show is legendary among the 52,265 young people who have seen them in action... and tomorrow Post High School and Post Middle School students will find out why.

The band will appear at the Post Elementary School auditorium at 3:15 p.m., courtesy of the Post ISD and the Community Recovery Center of Garza County.

Rapunzel is no ordinary rock band. A group of talented and innovative musicians, the four members also care a great deal about their audience. "We see the pressures and problems kids face today and we want to be there for them," said Scott Faris, the group's guitarist and founder. Since 1989, Rapunzel has toured public schools in this region imparting a crucial message: it's cool to be drug-free.

"This is something we believe in. We're not here to criticize someone who uses alcohol or drugs, but when someone wants help, we provide it," Scott says. The band maintains a hotline with the Community Recovery Center here. People seeking help need only call 495-3173. Band members correspond with fans all over the state, and meet with students personally to get to know them. It's not uncommon for band members to drive 90 miles to meet with one student.

Shunning the stereotype associated with most rock bands, Rapunzel members and crew do not use drugs, alcohol or even cigarettes. "We believe you can play heavy metal and still be clean and sober," keyboardist Amy Faris adds.

Rapunzel's intense musical style can be heard on its self-titled EP, available at record stores in Lubbock. From the driving "Something Higher," to the ballad "As the Fire Dies," Rapunzel delivers precise musicianship and haunting melodies.

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## Family Dollar Stores plans opening in old Winn's building

Family Dollar Stores of Charlotte, N.C. plans to open a retail outlet in Post in mid to late March, using the old Winn's building on East Main Street. The company was represented by Johnathan Pylant of Anthony Sign Co. at the February 13 meeting of the Post zoning board. A company representative in

Charlotte confirmed to The Post Dispatch this week its plan to open the store tentatively on March 22.

Pylant had appeared at the zoning board to request a variance on the sign to be placed on the building. The standard Family Dollar Store sign is five feet by 32 feet, exceeding the Texas Main Street Project and city sign ordinance allowed size. The building front is 76 square feet and a sign, under the current ordinance, may not exceed the frontage size.

After a lengthy discussion, board member Arnold Fry entered a motion to grant a variance to install a sign not to exceed 96 square feet, with the sign to be placed one foot from the top and two feet from the canopy of the building.

All board members present at the meeting approved the motion, which was seconded by Johnnie Johnson.

Attending the meeting were board members Harold Lucas, Fry, Jim Voss, Johnson, Lanny Fluitt, Delbert Rudd and Barbara Hardin.

## Difficulties with delinquent tax collection aired at joint meeting

by Wes Burnett

Although all Garza County government units were represented at a joint meeting last Wednesday evening, most complaints about delinquent tax collections came from Post ISD and Garza County Appraisal District. Post ISD superintendent, Dr. Bobby Bain, questioned delinquent tax attorney Shelly Veselka on a series of questions, summed up at the close of the meeting as "a major problem in communication."

Garza County Judge Giles Dalby opened the meeting and asked Dr Bain to present the complaints.

Dr Bain pointed out that one of the most difficult problems has been communicating directly with Veselka, including failure to return telephone calls. "We must be able to reach you when we have a question or need advice," Dr Bain emphasized.

Veselka was also criticized for the lack of follow through on judgments related to delinquent tax cases and for settling claims without coordinating with taxing authorities.

Veselka admitted that there had been problems in communication, "but I think we have shown improvement on responding."

Veselka also explained that filing law suits for collection of delinquent taxes is expensive, and that his firm has taken into consideration the costs related to the sale of property. "You certainly don't want to spend thousands of dollars for litigation and end up selling property for less than what it costs to go the sale," he explained.

Dr Bain and school board trustee Mark Kirkpatrick responded by insisting that legal action becomes necessary when a taxpayer absolutely refuses to work out a payment schedule. Kirkpatrick pointed out that several mineral royalty owners are continuing to receive royalty payments while delinquent taxes continue to increase on the property.

Dr Bain also reminded Veselka that more than a year and a half ago at a similar meeting, Veselka had promised to work with a local joint government committee to take court action to clear up delinquent tax problems related to the Barnham property near Justiceburg. Veselka pointed to a stack of paperwork on a table and announced that the case was ready to bring to the court.

"The committee has never met and we have not been informed about your progress," Dr Bain added. Veselka said that since that meeting no action could be taken until now.

Dr Bain recommended that each government unit provide a representative to the committee and that Veselka meet with the committee in the near future to establish guidelines for legal action and communication. "The appraisal district works for us, and you must keep those people informed, so we can be informed," Dr Bain emphasized.

The meeting closed with a clearer understanding that delinquent taxes will be more aggressively pursued. Veselka said he believed he understood what his

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## Conservation family to be named at Chamber of Commerce banquet

Saturday's 1995 Post Chamber of Commerce banquet will include awards to citizen and business of the year, three teacher of the year awards, one for each campus, the Garza County Cowboy Hall of Fame induction and a Conservation Family of the Year award.

Doors at the community center open at 6:30 p.m. with a 7 p.m. buffet served meal. Post High School National Honor Society members will be assisting. Decorations for the evening are provided by members of the Post Chamber of Commerce Women's Division.

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

Chamber of Commerce president Jim Plummer will serve as master of ceremonies for the event.

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

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

## Abuse program gets name change to reflect its treatment focus

by Doug Stone

The advisory board of the Garza County and City of Post chemical dependency recovery center has voted to change the facility's name. The former City/County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program is now officially, the Community Recovery Center.

As executive director of the center, I believe the name change is necessary to keep up with changes in the addiction counseling field. Specifically, the field is expanding its services, not only for substance abusers, but for other disorders such as compulsive gambling, eating disorders, co-dependence and sex addiction.

Last year I received a specialty certification as a compulsive gambler counselor and now screen and provide assessments for compulsive gamblers. It is possible that this could bring in future revenue for the center as some grant funding is available through the Texas Council on Problem and Compulsive Gambling.

Another factor affecting the name change is the need to facilitate better professional relationships with those we network and do business with. Those unfamiliar with Post and the Recovery Center had difficulty remembering its name, due to the length.

Finally, within the last several years, the criminal justice system and others have begun attempts to move away from punitive measures for reform and toward a treatment model. Therefore, changing the name to focus on recovery from

addictions rather than abuse seemed appropriate at this time.

Clients we see have enough stacked against them from the start. This doesn't need to be compounded by them having more shame about being associated with the facility where they are trying to get help.

We tell our clients to focus on the solution, rather than the problem. We are just trying to catch up with them and practice what we preach.

## Threat, thefts and recovered property top law enforcement action

Garza County Sheriff's deputies recovered 100 percent of items reported stolen in recent burglaries, including a television set from the Sioux Lodge. All the items reported stolen by Jack Morris have been returned to him.

Deputies also arrested Larry Joe Hair on February 9, charging him with issuing a terroristic threat concerning a complaint filed by Tammie Skelton. The case was filed in Municipal Court.

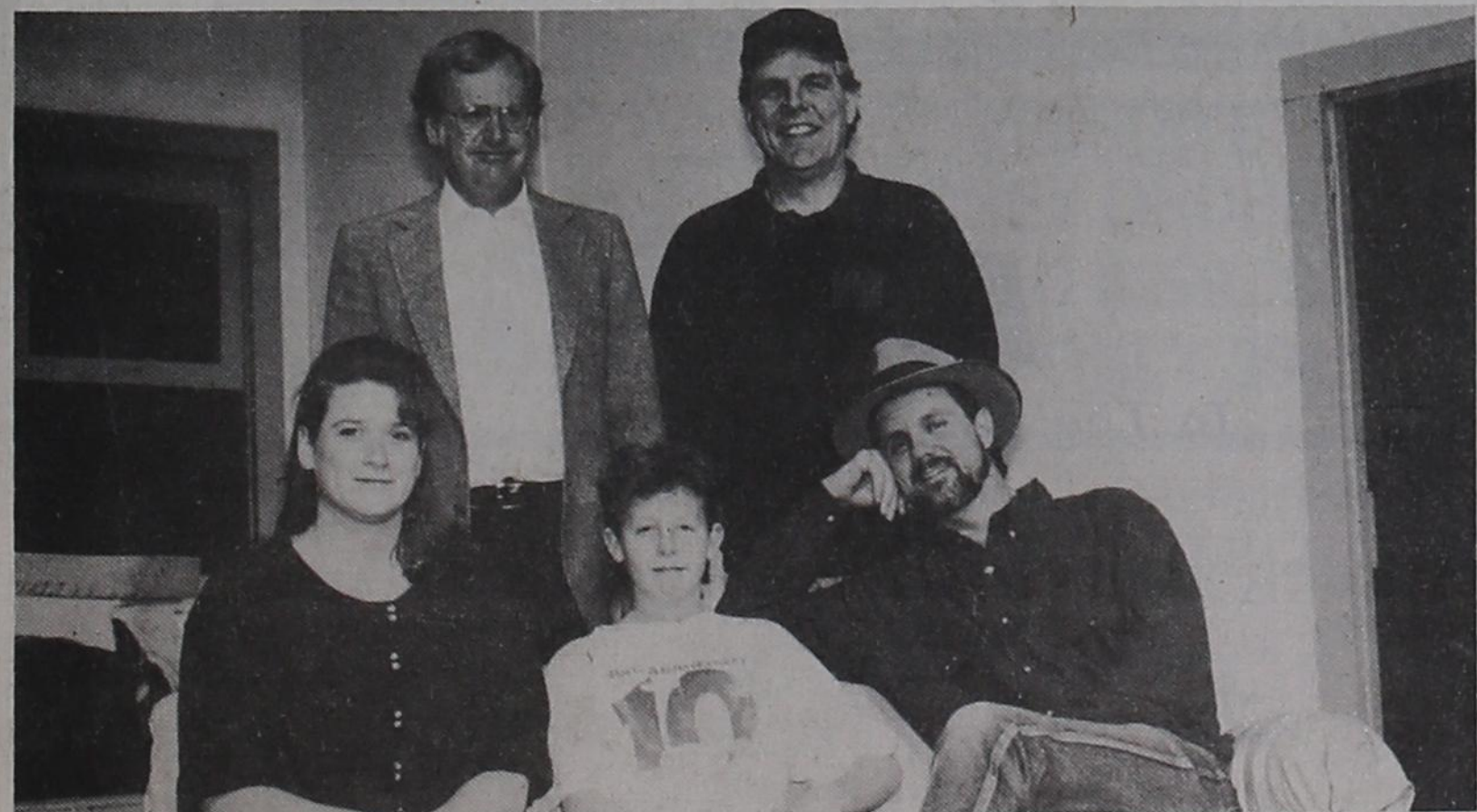
On February 19 Rojelio Acosta was arrested and charged with Class B assault related to a family disturbance. He posted a \$1,500 bond in county court.

The color television set reported stolen from the Sioux Lodge was recovered from a house in Post and a juvenile was charged with the theft.

Other burglaries involved money taken from a dryer at Sawyers Washateria and a large black cast iron wash pot removed from a resident's home. A pair of tennis shoes was reported stolen from a vehicle and \$90 was allegedly stolen from a woman's pocket in her home.

The Amarillo Road Company filed a complaint February 13 of several items missing from the plant building located 11 miles northwest of Post. Discovered missing were a swivel chair/stool, hard hat, telephone cord and micro-motion remote flow transmitter, valued at \$2,200.

The burglaries are still under investigation.





Getting ready to open "A Thousand Clowns" Friday at the Garza Theatre are cast members (back row, left to right) Don Brooks, Rick Gilbert, (front row) Virginia Rector, Josh Fay and Steve Sever. The comedy, by Herb Gardner, is directed by Jane Prince Jones. (Photo by Charles Wallace)

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## Emily Smith shows first place steer at Ft Worth

Emily Smith of Garza County 4-H showed a first place steer in the Junior Light Weight American Crossbred Division of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show. Emily is the daughter of Perry and Kelly Smith of Post.

This outstanding event was judged by Randy Daniel of Colbert, Georgia. The Stock Show's Junior Division posted a record 8,171 entries by the youth of Texas as the culmination of year-long agricultural educational projects in various areas of livestock production. Junior Show premiums

exceeded \$56,600.

The Junior entry list is part of the overall count of more than 18,000 head of cattle, sheep, swine, horses, mules, donkeys, llamas, goats, poultry, pigeons, and rabbits.

Total prize and premium money at this year's show was in excess of \$650,000. In conjunction with the livestock events, the schedule also included 28 performances of the World's Original Indoor Rodeo, featuring a record 730 cowboy champions and challengers in the five major rodeo events.



Emily Smith

### Amber Little earns TTU Dean's List

Amber Little, a 1994 PHS graduate and daughter of Sandra Little of Post, was named to the Texas Tech University Dean's List for her academic achievement in the fall 1994 semester.

She is an occupational therapy major and posted a 3.88 grade point average.

### Esker Stone celebrates 90th birthday

Esker Stone celebrated her 90th birthday on Sunday, Jan. 22, 1995. Hosting the celebration were her son Bill Stone of San Antonio, and her daughter Anita Bilberry with husband "Topper" of San Angelo.

Punch and coffee were served to the guests. Esker had beautiful roses and a cake decorated with a piano and musical notes. She has always loved music and especially the piano and accordion. Lots of pictures were taken.

Cousins from California called to wish her a good day as did a granddaughter Marilyn DuBose. Bill's wife Melba and a granddaughter Julie Johnson from San Antonio called and sang Happy Birthday. Grandchildren present were Jay Stone of San Antonio, Donita Haynes and Jeri Bilberry both of San Angelo. Great-grandchildren Michea and Jeremiah Daniel Haynes were also here.

A special honored guest was Esker's sister Dorothy Cowdrey. Family and friends visited in the afternoon in her home.



### Jamie Hawkins, Aaron Davis announce engagement

Kyran Bratcher of Post and Micheal Hawkins of Denison, Texas are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Kay to Airman Aaron Lynn Davis, son of Leslie and Linda Davis of Post. The wedding will take place June 3, 1995 at the First United Methodist church in Post, Texas.

Jamie is a 1994 graduate of Post High School and attends WTAMU. Davis is a 1992 graduate of Post High School and is currently serving in the United States Navy in Bremerton, Wash. aboard the USS Nimitz.

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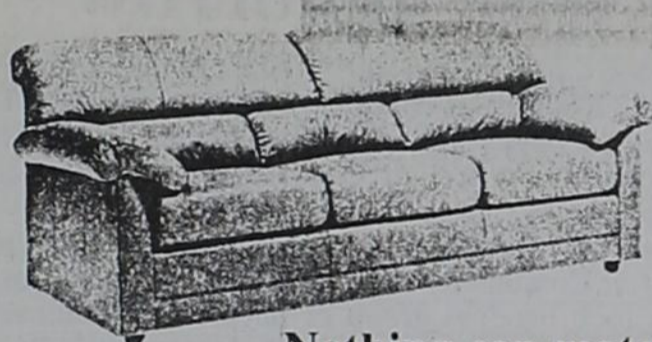


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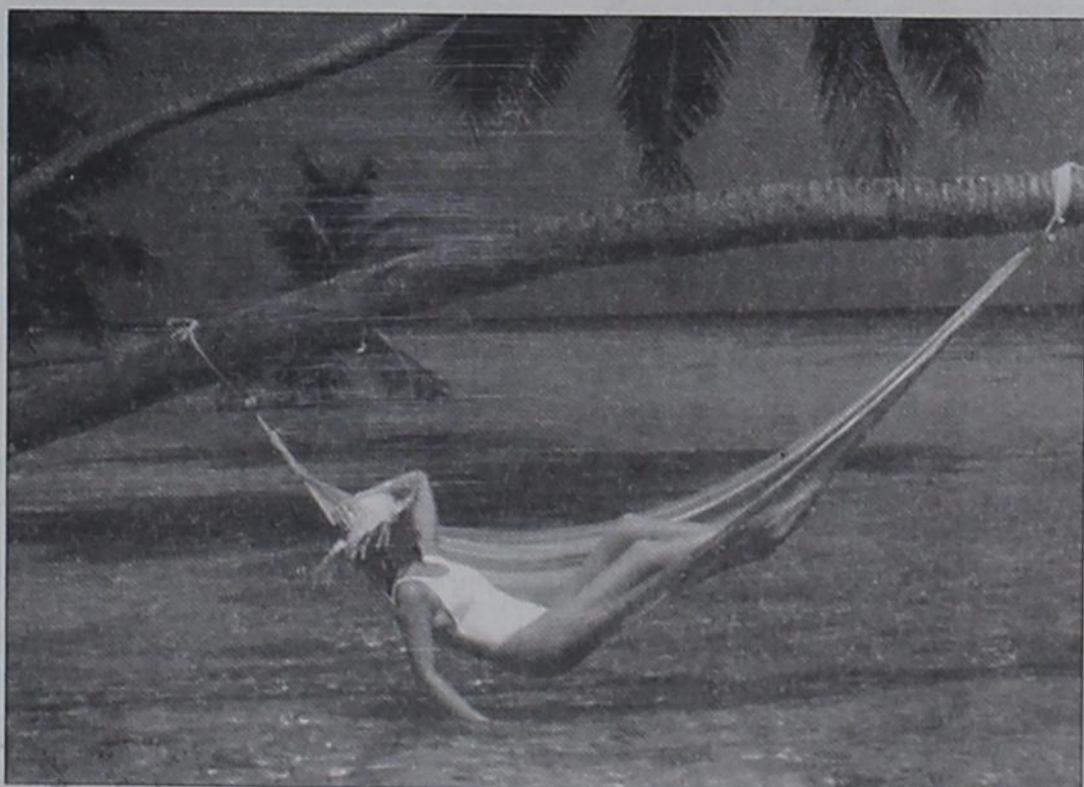
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## Mike Sanchez honored with surprise retirement dinner

A surprise retirement dinner honoring Mike Sanchez was held Saturday, Feb. 18 in the home of Johnny and Linda Collazo.

Those accompanying him were: Mary Ann and Angie Swinford of Hobbs; Irene, Ollie, Jeremy, and Solomon Abraham; Gonzalo Raymundo; Luis, Gloria, and Jason Abraham; Mary DeLeon; Elvira and Jr. Sanchez; Richard Sanchez; Dora and Benji Vargas.

Also attending were Li'l Johnny, Mikey, Jamie and Regina Collazo; Ted and Carmen Brannon; Eva and Alana Zuba.

Mike started with the City of Post in 1967 as a mechanic. He was then transferred to the dump ground to dig

pits for the sanitary landfill. From there, he was sent back into town to be put in the street department and on the Sanitation department.

In 1982 when Pete Maddox quit Mike acted as City Manager for nearly 2 years. Becky King was later hired as the new Post City Manager. Mike was then promoted to Water Superintendent, as well as Director of Public Works, and Plumbing Inspector, Herbicide Applicator Supervisor.

At one time he held double B Certificates, B water and B in waste water. Mike also held licenses in plumbing, inspector, and herbicide applicator. Mike is now taking time off to be with his family and enjoying his retirement.



A special party was held last week honoring Mike Sanchez, who recently retired as City of Post public works superintendent following 28 years of service. Joining him in the celebration are his daughters Irene Abraham (left of right), Linda Collazo and Mary Ann Swinford (right).

## Post ISD recognized for outstanding safety program

Mr. Bobby Bain, Superintendent of the Post Independent School District was recently honored for outstanding employee safety by the North Texas Educational Insurance Association at its annual meeting conducted in Austin, Texas.

The Association consists of 121 participating school districts located throughout northern and central Texas. The district is a member of a uniquely designed partially self-funded

workers' compensation program developed by Hibbs-Hallmark and Company and administered by Claims Administrative Services, Inc., both located in Tyler.

The purpose of the meeting was to recognize those districts that have held both the number and severity of employee accidents to a very low level. The combined savings during the 1993-94 school year, for all participating districts, was over \$2.4 million when compared to the costs of fully insured programs. The total savings for all districts since inception of the programs in 1991 exceed \$13 million.

The Post Independent School District was a Diamond award recipient with the actual losses from employee accidents equaling less than 10 percent of the fund set aside by the district for claims expenses. The actual savings to the school district was \$63,216.

Claims Administrative Services, Inc. President, Barry Jones, stated "Safety in the workplace is such an important issue and the administrators who have achieved such a high level of success in the area of employee safety deserve this special recognition. The taxpayers

should also be pleased to know that the Board of Trustees and the administrative staff of the Post Independent School District is doing everything possible to insure a safe working environment for its employees while reducing the cost of workers' compensation insurance," continued Jones.



Dr. Bobby Bain

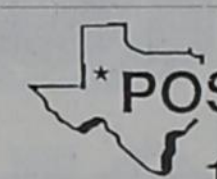
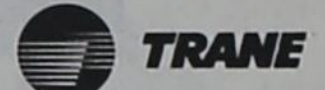
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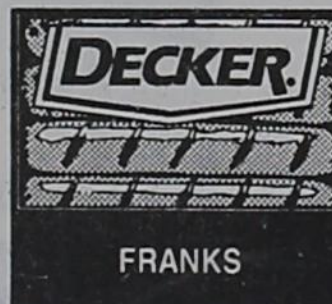
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## Births

### Dakota Lynn Holly

Starlyn Havens and Riley Holly are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Dakota Lynn Holly.

She was born Feb. 14, 1995 in Methodist Hospital in Levelland. Dakota weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. She is welcomed home by her 15 month old sister Destinee Maree Wilson.

Maternal grandparents are William and Lois Havens of Little River, Tx. and Warren "Butch" and Tammye Griffin of Bruceville, Tx. Paternal grandfather is LeeRoy Holly of Post.

Maternal great grandparents are Steve and Helen Rogers of Tuscola, Tx. Paternal great grandparents are Helen and Wayne Thomas of Post and Bill and Joy Holly of Post. Godparents are Dr. Jeff and Syan Young of Levelland.

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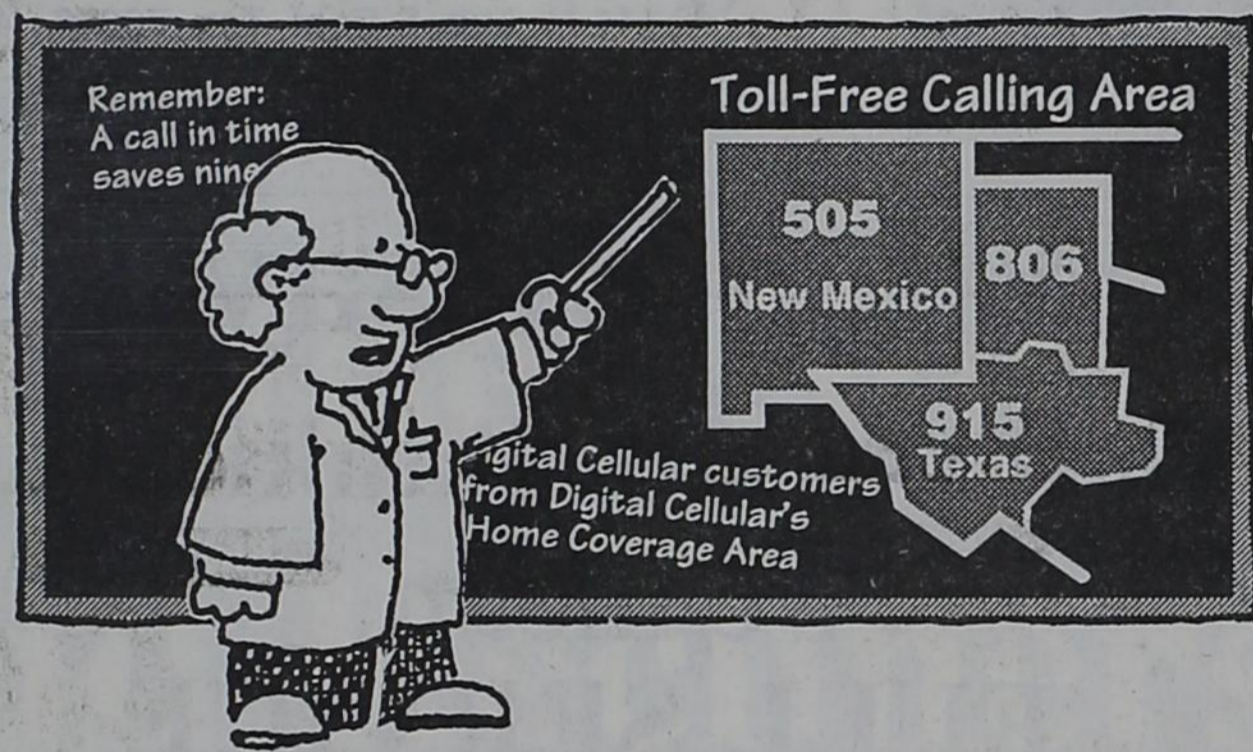
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## Up and down Main Street

By Wanda Mitchell

I received a copy of a new book in the mail this morning written by Helen Mangum Fields who grew up west of Post in Garza county. She moved here in 1919 and her book is about growing up in this small farm community and the way of life during her years in and around Post. I haven't had time to read the book but flipping through it looked very interesting. I will give you a follow up after I have read it and let you know when exactly she will be in Post for a book signing. The name of the book is "Walking Backward in the Wind" and was published by the TCU press.

The Chamber banquet is THIS Saturday night. I have lived here so long that I can remember when this was one of the biggest events of the year. We hope to once again make it a memorable evening and one you will actually look forward to another year. There are some surprises in store like all the recognition awards and who will be the lucky person that takes home the Dallas Cowboys autographed football. It can't be you if you haven't bought a ticket so see some of the directors or come by the office and purchase a few. Reminds me of the joke about the guy that prayed every night that he would win the Lottery. Finally one night God answered him by saying, "Buy a ticket"! You sure can't win if you don't have a ticket.

The Post Elementary School third grade musical last Friday was just great. All the kids did a great job and the music was lively and very enjoyable. It is always amazing to me what talents these teachers find in our kids. It was well rehearsed and very professionally done.

We won't have an empty space much longer where Winns used to be. Family Dollar Stores will be opening in late March. They called and asked that the water be turned on by March 2nd. They were here last week to meet with the zoning board about their signage and to get approval. They were cooperative about the size of their sign in the historical downtown area and we really appreciate that. We always thought the Winns sign was much too large and a distraction so I am really glad they were interested in doing what is best for the community appearance.

Can you believe this weather? It is much too pretty to be indoors on days like today. We can look for some bad weather though because it is track season and you always have cold windy weather at track meets. It is also golf, tennis and baseball time. More sports to choose from in the spring of the year so just pick your favorite and go out and support it.

We have not gotten all the Chamber dues in for 1995 and I urge you to get this done. The new Buyers Guide will not have you listed if you are not a member of the Post Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is working on so many projects for this year including downtown promotions and we know you, as a business person, would want to be involved. A letter went out to everyone on the old list as well as all our new businesses. The response, while very good, is not complete. One of our directors will probably be contacting you in the near future in regard to membership and service.

That's all for this week. Take advantage of this weather and get out and shop Post. Until next time — TAKE PRIDE AND TAKE PART IN POST!!!!!!

## Post native writes first book, a narrative of West Texas life

Walking backwards against the wind was often child's play. But in West Texas, whether you were child or grownup, it was a method of moving ahead by backing through the legendary windstorms which covered the land, the people and their homes with a thick veneer of dust.

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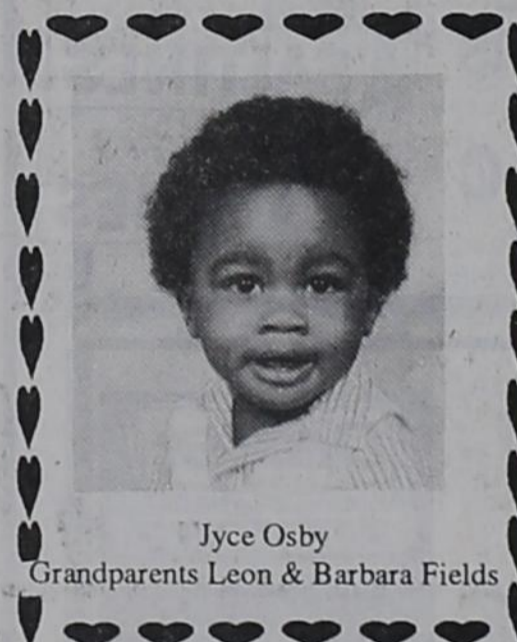
Social life was often restricted to school, church, Saturday trips to town, and holiday gatherings. Life was filled with hard work — in the fields and at home — but community spirit and cooperation flourished under the shadow of constant adversities like bad weather, sickness and fire.

This vivid account is told from childhood memories — a time in life when nothing is overlooked. The attention to detail creates a three-dimensional picture of a life that no longer exists.

Helen Mangum Fields grew up on a farm near Post, Texas, in Garza County. She has made her home in Fayetteville, Arkansas, since 1949. This is her first book.

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Post High School baseball team members warmed up during practice Monday, in preparation for the season opener here. The team hosts Floydada in the afternoon contest. Coach Fred Postell says, "we are ready to get started and excited about this year's season."

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### 8th grade girls edge Sundown

"The girls concluded the season with a very tough win over Sundown," coach Bill Gordon says about the 8th grade girls' basketball team's 45-40 win February 6.

"These girls had a great year and I expect great things from them in the future. It has been a real pleasure coaching them this year," the coach adds.

Kasey Hardin led the team with 12 points in the final game. Rachele Jones hit for nine, Becca Stelzer scored eight points, Jennifer Strawn and Kendle Jefferson each got seven and Kristen Webb was credited with two points.

Other team members were Hannah Jefferson, Pam Chapman, Tasha Gilbert and Rachel Reiter.

### J.V. girls post 24-2 record

The Post junior varsity girls' basketball team closed out the season February 7 with a 44-33 win over Crosbyton, posting 11 wins and one loss in district play. For the season, the team won 24 games, losing only two.

"I enjoyed the year," coach Kim Snodgrass said. "The girls were fun to coach and I'm proud of their hard work and effort."

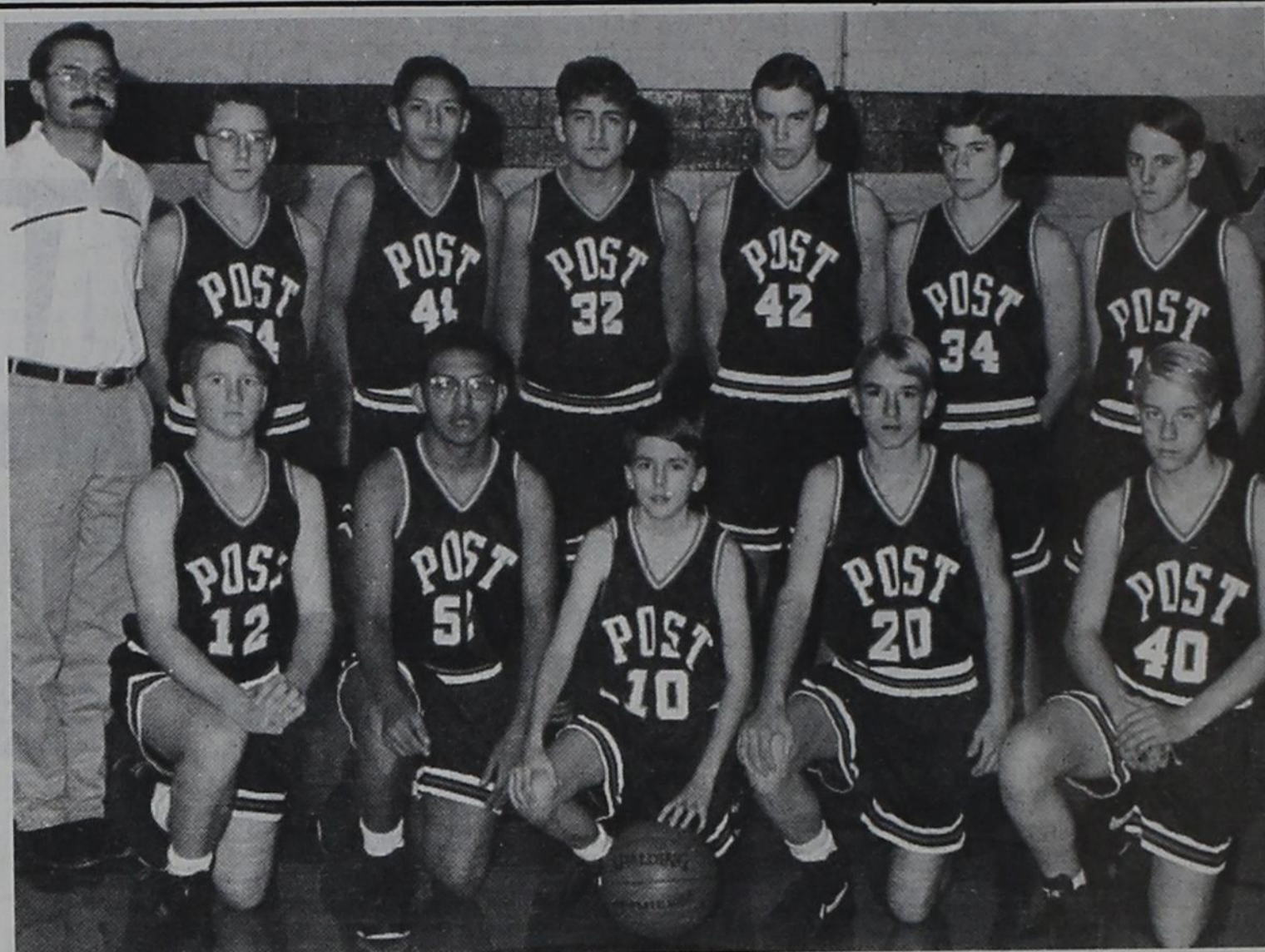
In the Crosbyton contest Natalie Pollard led with 11 points, followed by Cassie Short and Army Gradine with nine points each. Decjé Estep was credited with eight points, Macee Mills scored five and Jody Hawkins picked up two.

Other team members were Bobbie Davis, Erica Gomez, Tammy Mathies, Andrea Rodriguez, April Leary and Jody Gregory.

### Mitchell honored at Baylor U.

James Warren Mitchell IV was named to the Deans' Academic Honor List for the fall 1994 semester at Baylor University. James is the son of Jimmy and Cindy Mitchell of Post.

To be named to the Deans' List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.



### 9th Grade Boys

(back row, left to right) Coach Fred Postell, Sam Woods, John Paul Perez, Jamie Hernandez, Brandon Patschke, Russ Moore, Tye Haney, (front row) Jerry Graham, Anthony Flores, Cameron Miller, Slade Bevers and Chad McDougal.



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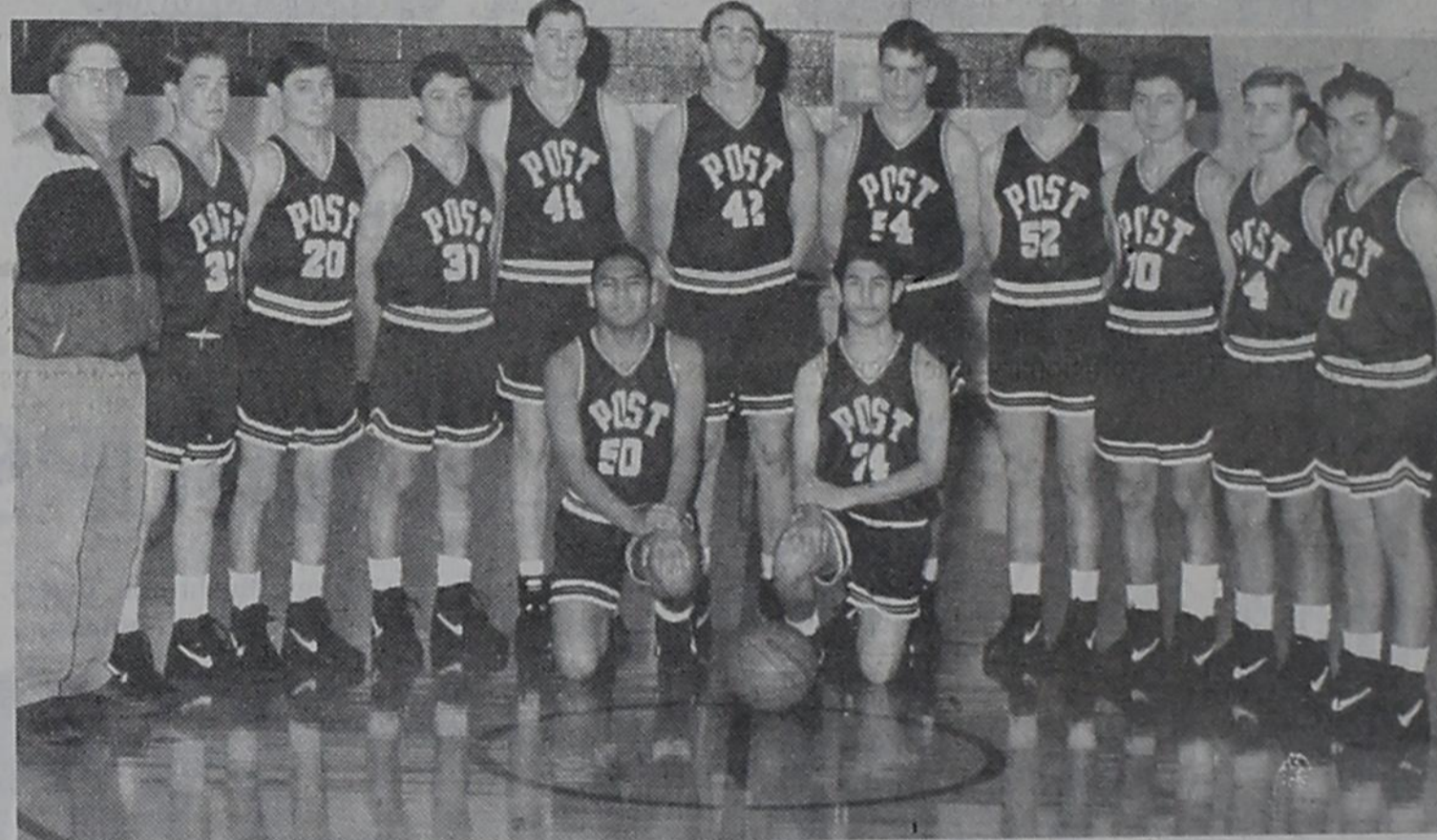
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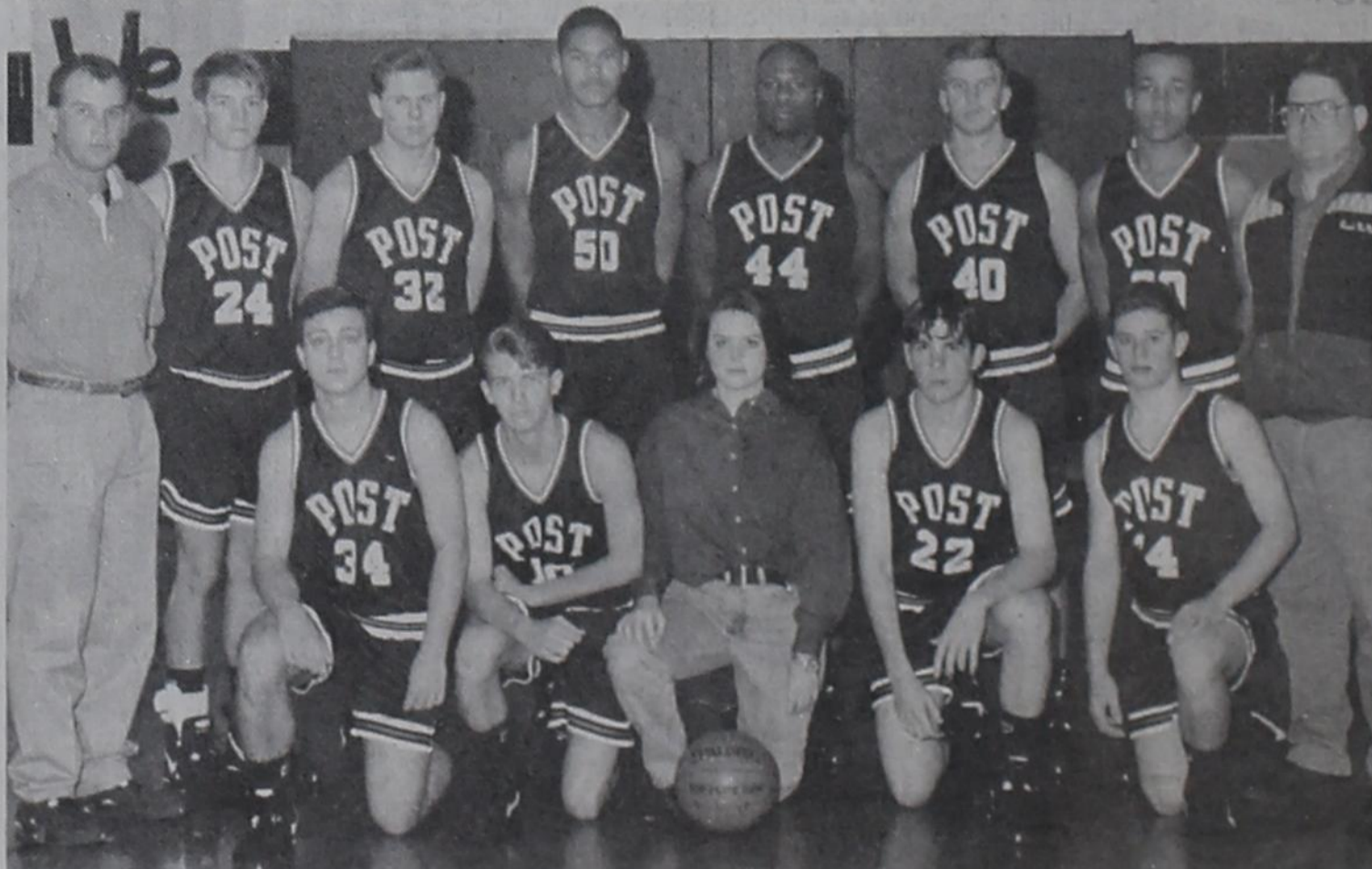
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# Opinions



## When the police violate your rights, but reasonably

by Stephen Chapman

Ever wonder what would happen if the Bill of Rights came up for a vote? You don't have to wonder anymore. The text of the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution, which forbids the government to conduct "unreasonable searches and seizures," was offered on the House floor last week. It promptly went down in flames, with 303 members recoiling in disgust and only 121 daring to embrace the proposition that the American people should be secure in their persons and their homes from overzealous police.

The House was debating a bill to "reform" the exclusionary rule, which forbids the courtroom use of evidence that the authorities got by breaking the law. The bill says that federal courts shall politely ignore mere constitutional violations as long as the good constable was acting on "an objectively reasonable belief" that he was not trampling on anyone's rights.

North Carolina Democrat Melvin Watt proposed to delete the heart of the measure and replace it with the text of the Fourth Amendment. Republicans were not amused. Bill McCollum of Florida informed his colleagues that if they want to "get more evidence in search and seizure cases and get more convictions and get away from technicalities letting people who have committed crimes off the hook, then you need to vote against" Watt's version. That apparently is exactly what his fellow House members wanted.

Watt's suggestion, and McCollum's objection, served the useful purpose of reminding us that the real enemy here is not the exclusionary rule but the constitutional protection. The exclusionary rule does not put restrictions on what the police can do in fighting crime — the restrictions all come from the Fourth Amendment. The exclusionary rule merely provides a remedy for people whose rights are violated. By doing that, it encourages cops to respect the Constitution.

Before the exclusionary rule, they didn't. A few years after the Supreme Court imposed it on the states in 1961, the deputy police commissioner of New York City admitted that the decision was "a shock to us. We had to reorganize our thinking, frankly. Before this, nobody bothered to take our search warrants. Although the U.S. Constitution requires warrants in most cases, the Supreme Court had ruled that that evidence obtained without a warrant — illegally, if you will — was admissible in state courts. So the feeling was, why bother?"

The Fourth Amendment has been around for 172 years, but University of Michigan law professor Yale Kamisar has said that "many in law enforcement responded to the adoption of the exclusionary rule as if the guarantees against unreasonable search and seizure had just been written."

In a sense, they had. Before the exclusionary rule, the police had a lot to gain and nothing to lose by ignoring the Constitution. Afterward, they had a lot to lose and little to gain. Suddenly, they began acting as if the rights of individuals mattered. They stopped frisking people without probable cause. They started getting warrants before ransacking homes.

Republicans have long opposed this policy because they think it allows hordes of dangerous criminals to go free. In fact, the exclusionary rule affects evidence in only 1.3 percent of federal criminal cases, and it causes lost convictions even more seldom.

Never mind the facts: The new majority dislikes the rule and is determined to weaken or dismantle it. In 1984, the Supreme Court carved out an exception to the exclusionary rule, decreeing that if a police officer relied on a search warrant that later proved to be defective, the evidence could be used anyway. Now the House wants to widen the loophole to include searches and seizures that don't involve a warrant, allowing evidence as long as the officer acted "reasonably."

But officers who conduct reasonable searches have nothing to fear anyway: The Fourth Amendment prohibits only unreasonable ones. The House is in the strange position of saying that cops are perfectly free to violate the Constitution as long as they don't know they are violating the Constitution. As University of Chicago law professor Albert Alschuler wrote of the 1984 "good faith" decision, this bill is a triumph of Orwellian newspeak, proclaiming that "a law enforcement officer could believe reasonably in the reasonableness of an unreasonable action."

The exclusionary rule protects us all from police intrusions by insisting that the government may not profit from ignoring its constitutional obligations. The House measure endangers the privacy of every American by saying that if the police are going to be effective in fighting crime, they have to be allowed to break the law.

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*Editor's Note: Our 13th Congressional District representative, Congressman William M. "Mac" Thornberry voted for this measure. The next time you get pulled over for a traffic violation, don't be surprised if the kindly officer drags you out of your vehicle and frisks you for drugs and rips the inside of your vehicle to find contraband. With this law, you will have no Constitutional protection. Warrantless "knock-downs" will be justified by "reasonable" suspicion. I hope the congressman doesn't become a victim of this tyranny himself someday.*

## What do chickens make you think of?

by Robert Fulghum

What comes to mind when you think of chickens?

Chickens seem to play a larger role in my life than I ever anticipated. For example, on the wall of the space where I write and think, I have hung a large poster of a black-and-white photograph of a chicken, held upside down by its legs.

A man in a butcher's coat is holding a knife at the ready. The chicken is about to be slaughtered. Underneath the photograph are these words: "Sometimes things are just as bad as they seem."

Alongside the poster, pinned to the wall by a cord tied to its back legs, is a rubber chicken. A featherless, yellow, gape-mouthed rubber rooster. This ubiquitous classic comic's prop is available in every joke-and-novelty store as standard gag material. Rubber chickens are absurd, ludicrous and funny.

A third image exists in my mind's eye: It's Ralph the Rooster, a pet chicken I had for several years in childhood. Ralph, the wonder chicken, who followed me around like a dog wherever I went and sat quietly in my arms like a contented cat.

Take the image of the chicken about to die, the rubber chicken and the memory of Ralph — and throw in the tale of Chicken Little, for whom the sky was always falling, the story of the Little Red Hen, healing properties of chicken soup, the metaphors we attach to eggs and all the chicken jokes you know.

Pretty soon, you've got enough material for a kind of philosophy of life based on chickens.

Recently, I've spent a lot of time with chickens. When I take my small granddaughters to the zoo, they go straight to the petting pen. They are city and mingle with a flock of friendly fowl — Rhode Island reds. These can get in girls, and chickens are exotic birds to them.

Once, I gave them a rubber chicken. They gave me a puzzled look. Rubber chickens make me laugh, and I always carry one with me in my briefcase. As for the little girls, they don't get it. And it made me wonder, too. What is it with rubber chickens? Why are they funny — and only to adults?

So, I went on a quest.

All arrows pointed to a guy who would know: Gene Rose, the owner of Loftus

Novelty and Magic Company in Salt Lake City, Utah. You might not expect Salt Lake to be the rubber-chicken capital of the universe, but it's true. Gene and his wholesale company have more or less cornered the market — buying out manufacturers in other countries and developing a rubber chicken that looks great, lasts a long time and is reasonably priced. It's the best-selling rubber chicken in the world.

I went to visit him, he and his wife gave me a tour of their warehouse and took me to lunch — fine folks.

Loftus makes the chickens in a factory near Oxnard, Calif. A hinged mold is sprayed inside with a secret latex formula, producing a carcass that looks just ghastly. Each chicken is hand-sprayed yellow, and its feet and comb are dipped in a vat of orange-red paint.

Mr Rose wouldn't divulge his numbers, but given the stack of crates of chickens I saw in his warehouse, he's moving a lot of chickens. And has been for a long time. He's tried rubber pigs, alligators, spiders, worms, snakes, ducks and turkeys. Only the chickens steadily, consistently, reliably sell. And they have been an item for more than 100 years for sure, maybe longer. Worldwide. Whenever I travel abroad, I look for rubber chickens. So far, I've always found them — in England, France, Greece, the Czech Republic and Japan, to name a few.

Why?

Mr Rose doesn't know. No novelty store owner or comic or magician I've talked to knows where the rubber chicken originated or why it has universal appeal. I could cobble up a theory. Or make up something. And a psychiatrist might have some thoughts.

But somebody out there must have the real story.

Readers of this column are invited to contribute to this cultural vacuum. What do you know about the history of rubber chickens? And why are they funny? Write me if you know. If you don't know, convincing fiction is welcome.

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## Why do we listen to fools?

by Walter E. Williams

Jim Peron of The Free Market Foundation of South Africa has a book aptly titled "Exploding Population Myths." It catalogs the lies and distortions used by the environmental movement to frighten us. Fear is the tactic environmentalists use to get us to give them more control in the name of saving us. Let's look at it.

Dr Paul Ehrlich wrote "Population Bomb," widely read on college campuses during the late '60s. Ehrlich predicted there'd be a major food shortage in the United States and "in the 1970s ... hundreds of millions of people are going to starve to death." He forecast that 65 million Americans would die of starvation between 1980 and 1989, and by 1999, the U.S. population would decline to 22.6 million. Ehrlich's predictions about England were worse: "If I were a gambler, I would take even money that England will not exist in the year 2000."

In 1972, a report was written for the Club of Rome warning that the world would run out of gold by 1981, mercury and silver by 1985, tin by 1987 and petroleum, copper, lead and natural gas by 1992. Gordon Taylor, in his 1970 work titled "The Domsday Book," said Americans were using 50 percent of the world's resources and "by 2000, they (Americans) will, if permitted, be using all of them."

It's not just these recent doomsayers who have been wrong — doomsayers

support an even greater population. Even if the Earth's entire population moved to the United States, it would make our population density 1,531 people per square mile. That's a lower density than now exists in New York City (11,480), Los Angeles (9,126) and Houston (7,512).

What some call overpopulation problems result from socialistic government practices that reduce the capacity of people to educate, clothe, house and feed themselves. Poor countries are rife with farm controls, export and import restrictions, restrictive licensing, price controls and gross human rights violations that encourage their most productive people to emigrate. The true anti-poverty lesson for poor countries is that the most promising route from poverty to greater wealth is personal liberty.

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## Congress moving in right direction for a change

by Congressman William M. "Mac" Thornberry

With a legislative agenda as ambitious as the Contract With America, I knew this session of Congress would get off to a fast start. But who would have believed that, less than 40 days after the session began, the 104th Congress would have already recorded its 100th vote?

That statistic may be meaningless until one understands that, from 1981 to 1993, Congress recorded an average of 10 votes in its first month. Given the unpopular and harmful legislation passed in the 103rd Congress, many Americans may actually prefer a less-active Congress. But this year is proving to be dramatically different, as the new majority has kept its promises to pass legislation that Americans overwhelmingly support.

Since the first week of January, the House of Representatives has passed bills barring unfunded federal mandates on cities and states, requiring a balanced federal budget and offering the president a line-item veto to strip pork-barrel projects from spending bills. These much-needed reforms have been proposed in past sessions but never quite garnered enough votes for passage.

With a new breeze blowing through Washington, this time around was the charm. Despite stiff opposition and delaying tactics in floor debates, Congress has voted for the reforms opinion polls show most Americans support.

I believe our early success proves that the Contract With America wasn't a political gimmick, but rather a serious attempt to restore Americans' confidence in Congress through a legislative agenda that helps — not hurts — working families. The common theme in the Contract With America bills is common sense — a return to ideas that work rather than the failed liberal solutions of the past 30 years.

For example, the House passed this week a number of bills that offer non-nonsense solutions to Americans' greatest fear: crime. I joined my colleagues in passing a bill curtailing the endless death-row appeals of federal prisoners through the habeas corpus process. As it stands now, prisoners can spend an almost limitless amount of time and money appealing their death sentences. The bill we passed requires death-row inmates to appeal their sentences in federal court within one year of their state appeal.

I also voted for a bill that ensures that crime victims of a federal crime have a legal right to obtain restitution from the perpetrator of that crime, and for one that provides federal grants to help states enact "truth in sentencing" laws" build more prisons so that violent criminals will not walk the streets.

These bills are part of the "Taking Back Our Streets Act," which was one of the 10 items I pledged in the Contract to bring to a vote in the first 100 days of Congress. Other parts of the act I will support will eliminate some of the "feel-good" social spending contained in the 1994 crime bill and offer block grants instead to the states to fight crime as they best determine.

Common sense pervades the "Taking Back Our Streets Act." Most Americans are outraged that criminals go free because police failed to comply with all of the technicalities involved in searches and seizures. It's just good common sense that prisoners should not have the legal power to hamstring entire state prison systems based on grievances about their housing conditions. Likewise, most Americans realize that states and communities should make the decisions about how they fight crime, rather than bureaucrats in Washington.

It's my hope that Congress will stay on the fast course it has set. We must become a vehicle for positive change rather than destructive tinkering. Even past the first 100 days, Congress must stay in touch with the real world and not slip into Beltway thinking.

I'm optimistic that will happen. Polls already indicate rising confidence in Congress' approval rating. That can only be because we have kept our promises and worked hard on an agenda Americans support. I believe this trend will continue and we will accomplish more in the first 100 days of this Congress than we have in the past few several years.

*Editor's Note: We appreciate Congressman Thornberry's attempt to change things in Congress, but we take issue with his reflection of "opinion polls." What Americans feel or say on opinion polls do not necessarily reflect what people in Garza County feel or say. What we want is a congressman who keeps in touch with us personally, not through opinion pollsters.*

### Wisdom

About the Constitution, Daniel Webster said, "...even though I should see it fall, I will still, with a voice feeble, perhaps, but earnest as ever issued from human lips, and with fidelity and zeal which nothing shall extinguish, call on the people to come to its rescue."

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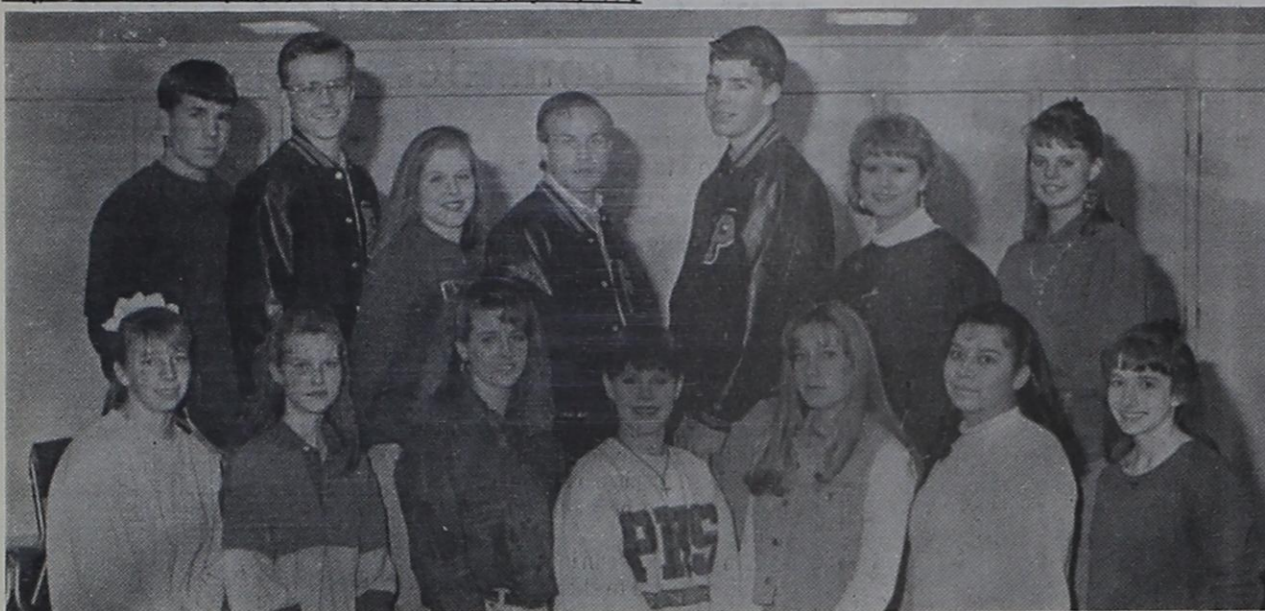
#### Article 10

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

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Spelling, accounting and journalism PHS competitors in the Motley County U.I.L. contest were (back row, left to right) Eric Hanna, Kenneth Shronk, Sonya Harp, Jason Fry, Jay Childers, Alisha Nelson, Kathy Gerner, (front row) Cassie Short, Amanda Hair, Holly Hardin, Tonya Harp, Jill Stelzer, Melanie Valdez and Macee Mills.



Competing in the recent Motley County U.I.L. literary competition were PHS students (back row, left to right) James Cahill, Jayson Fry, Jay Childers, Mike McDougal, (front row) Sharla Cruse, Amanda Bush, Amy Mason, Nichole Cruse, Salli Bush and Nikki Pollard.



PHS District Cross Ex debate team members competing in the Motley County U.I.L. meet were (back row, left to right) Arimya Gradine, Cassie Short, Amanda Bush, Jeff Redman, (front row) April Leary, Erica Gomez, Nikki Pollard and Jill Stelzer.

CITY OF POST

THE CITY OF POST HAS BEEN AWARDED A HOME GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000 TO ASSIST LOW AND VERY LOW INCOME OWNER-OCCUPIED PERSONS AND FAMILIES.

THE HOME PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR HOMEOWNERS OF SUBSTANDARD HOUSING WHO HAVE LIVED WITHIN THE CITY'S DESIGNATED CITY LIMITS FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

QUALIFICATIONS:

THE APPLICANTS GROSS ANNUAL INCOME CANNOT EXCEED THE FOLLOWING INCOME LIMITS:

FAMILY SIZE	FAMILY INCOME
1	\$1,337per month/\$16,050per year
2	\$1,529per month/\$18,350per year
3	\$1,720per month/\$20,650per year
4	\$1,912per month/\$22,950per year
5	\$2,066per month/\$24,800per year
6	\$2,220per month/\$26,650per year
7	\$2,370per month/\$28,450per year
8	\$2,525per month/\$30,300per year

WHAT TYPES OF REPAIRS CAN BE MADE?

HOUSING REHABILITATION GRANTS UNDER THIS PROGRAM ARE DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE HOUSING CODE VIOLATIONS. THE TYPES OF REPAIRS INCLUDE

ENERGY SAVINGS IMPROVEMENTS, SUCH AS ATTIC INSULATION, AND WEATHER-STRIPPING OF DOORS AND WINDOWS.

WHAT IS MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF MONEY AVAILABLE PER HOME?

THE GRANT AWARDED IS LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF \$12,500. THE HOME MUST BE BROUGHT UP TO THE CITY'S MINIMUM HOUSING CODE STANDARDS AND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) SECTION 8 HOUSING QUALITY STANDARDS.

WHO WILL DO THE WORK ON MY HOME?

AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR APPROVED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS MUST PERFORM THE WORK ON YOUR HOME.

HOW CAN I BE SURE THAT ALL NECESSARY REPAIRS WILL BE PROPERLY DONE?

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HOME PROGRAM ARE AVAILABLE AT NO COST TO HOMEOWNERS FOR INSPECTION. THEY WILL COMPLETE A WRITTEN ESTIMATE DETAILING THE NECESSARY HOME REPAIRS.

WILL THE CITY TAKE OUT A LIEN ON MY HOME? YES.

THE PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE CONDITIONAL GRANTS OF UP TO \$12,500 PER DWELLING TO LOW/VERY LOW INCOME OWNER-OCCUPIED OF SUBSTANDARD HOUSING. RECIPIENTS OF THIS ASSISTANCE WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A LIEN TO THE CITY WHICH WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY RELEASED AT THE END OF 5 YEARS (SELF-AMORTIZED AT THE RATE OF 1/5 OF THE REHAB COST PER YEAR.) IF A RECIPIENT SELL THE REHABILITATED PROPERTY BEFORE 5 YEARS HAVE PASSED, THE VALUE OF THE CITY'S LIEN WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE PROCEEDS OF SALE PRO-RATED AND RETURNED TO TDHCA.

IF INTERESTED IN THE PROGRAM, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

CALL THE CITY'S HOME PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES DELBERT RUDD OR PEGGY BROCK AT (806)495-2811. WE WILL ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS AD.

APPLICATION PERIOD

APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE FOR THE HOME PROGRAM MAY BE PICKED UP AT POST CITY HALL, 105 EAST MAIN, POST, TEXAS. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. FROM FEBRUARY 27, 1995 UNTIL MARCH 27, 1995. ALL APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE MUST BE RETURNED WITH THE REQUESTED DOCUMENTATION BY APRIL 10, 1995. APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN SPANISH

POST'S HOME PROGRAM DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST INTERESTED PARTIES BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY, MARITAL STATUS, PARENTHOOD OR AGE.

PHS students compete in two U.I.L. contests

Lorena Voss, Salli Bush and Kathy Gerner won first place in the recent Motley County U.I.L. competition. Voss competed in poetry, Bush in persuasive speaking and Gerner in spelling.

Other results included second place for Amanda Bush in informative speaking, Jayson Fry for number sense and Alisha Nelson in spelling.

Earning third place were Macee Mills in spelling, Amanda Bush in literary criticism and Jane Cahill for current events. Nikki Pollard placed fourth in number sense.

Competing at O'Donnell, PHS students took first place in five categories. Earning first place were Cahill for current events, Stelzer in feature writing, Nikki Pollard with

literary criticism, Natalie Pollard for poetry and Kenneth Shronk in headline writing.

Fourth place went to Jeff Redman for persuasive speaking, Sonya Harp in headline writing and Eric Hanna in editorial writing.

Placing fifth were Cahill in science, Michael McDougal in math and Jill Stelzer for news writing.

Taking sixth place in the competition were Holly Hardin in headline writing, Fry in calculator, Kathy Gerner for spelling and Cassie Short for ready writing.

prose, Sonya Harp in news writing and Salli Bush for persuasive speaking.

Bringing home second place were Amanda Bush for informative speaking, Jason Fry in editorial writing, Bitt Simms and Fry tied in math and Lorena Voss for poetry.

Earning third place were Fry in number sense, Nichole Cruse for

Rapunzel

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Rapunzel members cite such musical influences as King's X, Eric Johnson, Dream Theatre and Living Colour. In concert, Rapunzel will play a variety of music, including original compositions and current rock, country and heavy metal tunes.

Band members, along with manager Glenda Cameron, established a non-profit corporation in 1991 to support innovative solutions to the problems kids face today. R.A.D.A.R. Tower Inc. (The Rock Alliance for Drug Awareness and Resistance) was born.

Since that time, the corporation has received seven grants from local and state agencies to provide anti-drug programs across the South Plains.

Rapunzel is currently funded by the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission and the Terry County Juvenile Probation Office.

Tax collections

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"marching orders" would be. Committee members representing government units are David Nichols, Garza Memorial Hospital; Wyvonne Kennedy, City of Post; Chita Hataway, Garza County; Mark Kirkpatrick, Post ISD. Southland ISD was not represented because Veselka does not represent the district.

Veselka has been representing local government units concerning collection of delinquent taxes since 1989.

Attending the meeting at the courthouse were Judge Dalby, commissioners Mason McClellan, Royce Josey, Lee Norman and John Valdez, tax assessor Chita Hataway and clerk Sonny Gossett; Dr Bain and Post ISD trustees Kirkpatrick, Barbara Hardin, Jeff Lot, Rex Cash and Gary Workman; Mayor Jim Jackson, Post city council members Bill Pool, Juanita Pantoja, Archie Gill and Dan Lamb, city manager Rick Hanna and secretary Wyvonne Kennedy; Garza Memorial Hospital administrator Maritta Reed and directors David Tyler, David Nichols and Becky Warren; Appraisal District director Billie Windham and employees Shirley Smith and Irene Fry.

The universe is true for all of us and different for each of us. —Marcel Proust



PHS students competing in the Motley County U.I.L. informative persuasion, prose and poetry competition were (back row, left to right) Nikki Pollard, Arimya Gradine, Jennifer Hubble, (front row) Charity Williams, Lorena Voss, Amanda Bush and Salli Bush.

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# Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by John Senter, CEA-AG  
4-Hers put Garza County on major show map

If you have been around the major livestock show trail then you know that mid-February indicates the half-way point of the major stock show season. To this point in time, Garza County 4-Hers have done their part to put our 4-H program on the map of major stock shows.

The season started in Fort Worth with a bang. Emily Smith exhibited her 1,050 pound Brahman cross steer named "Hooch" to first place honors in the light weight class of American Cross division. Just one day later, Kevin and Kelci Hart followed her lead with two second place finishes in the junior barrow show. Kevin exhibited the second place heavy weight Chester White barrow and Kelci exhibited the second place light weight Berkshire hog.

Other 4-Hers exhibiting animals in the show were: Jarrett and Jeremy Bland, Justin Norman, Barrett Scrivner and Laci Williams.

The San Antonio show was the site for yet more recognition of county 4-H members. J.C. "Studley" Stelzer exhibited the tenth place finewool cross lamb named "pee-wee" in a class of 210 lambs! Clay Ashley followed suit by placing his heavyweight finewool lamb in fourteenth place and earned a trip through the premium sale. Braden Conner earned his trip through the premium sale when he placed eighth in the heavyweight Limousin steer class. Justin Norman led his lightweight Chianina steer to sixth place honors and a spot in the premium sale. Chad McDougal rounded out the trio in the sale when he showed the fifth place heavyweight shorthorn steer. Also placing steers in the show were Christy Reiter - 8th place middleweight Charolais and Laci Williams - tenth place heavyweight Charolais.

Other members who exhibited animals in the San Antonio show were: Brooks Conner, Wayne Line, Leonard Rodela, Raelye Taylor, Kipp Wilks, Melissa and Chelissa Williams and Ryan Wulfjen.

If figures serve me correct, through two major stock shows, Garza County 4-H members have gathered just over \$11,000 of premium monies. That doesn't leave much to the imagination about the quality of kids, parents and

**John Senter**  
Garza  
County  
Extension  
Agent



livestock this county can boast. The best part may be yet to come as several members load stock and trailers and travel to Houston and San Angelo shows in the next two weeks. Regardless of the outcome, Garza County has a bunch of folks that have done us proud and all of the members that worked so hard to represent us deserve a great big pat on the back - make sure you "pay-up" when you see them.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

## Channel 31 schedule

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

- Wednesday, Feb. 22**  
8 a.m. - Gospel Music  
10 a.m. - Commissioners Court  
Noon - First Baptist Church  
2 p.m. - Sweetheart Contest  
4 p.m. - School Board Meeting  
6 p.m. - Gospel Music  
8 p.m. - Post City Council  
10 p.m. - Nazarene Church
- Thursday, Feb. 23**  
8 a.m. - Gospel Music  
10 a.m. - Joint govt. meeting  
Noon - Voice of Salvation  
2 p.m. - Varsity Boys' basketball  
4 p.m. - Woman's Culture Club  
6 p.m. - Gospel Music  
8 p.m. - Jr. High Basketball  
10 p.m. - First Baptist Church
- Friday, Feb. 24**  
8 a.m. - Gospel Music  
10 a.m. - Post ISD trustees  
Noon - Woman's Culture Club  
2 p.m. - Awards Ceremony  
4 p.m. - Kite Flying  
6 p.m. - Gospel Music  
8 p.m. - Post on Patrol  
10 p.m. - Lighthouse Christian Center



Fidlin Tina Turner brought out the foot stompers at last Saturday's Tower Theater "Music of the 70s" Don Caldwell show. Turner's rendition of "The Orange Blossom Special" was an obvious crowd pleaser.

- Saturday, Feb. 25**  
8 a.m. - Gospel Music  
10 a.m. - Tower Theatre  
Noon - Pikes Peak Country  
2 p.m. - Bicycle Safety  
4 p.m. - Magic Show  
6 p.m. - Gospel Music  
8 p.m. - Varsity Golf  
10 p.m. - City Council meeting
- Sunday, Feb. 26**  
8 a.m. - Gospel Music  
1 p.m. - Church of Christ  
2 p.m. - Nazarene Church  
3 p.m. - Voice of Salvation  
4 p.m. - First Baptist Church  
5 p.m. - Lighthouse Christian  
6 p.m. - Gospel Music  
8 p.m. - Post on Patrol  
10 p.m. - Gospel Music
- Monday, Feb. 27**  
8 a.m. - Gospel Music  
10 a.m. - Bluebonnet Reading Awards  
Noon - Nazarene Church  
2 p.m. - Joint Govt. entity meeting  
4 p.m. - Post City Council  
6 p.m. - Gospel Music  
8 p.m. - Post ISD trustees  
10 p.m. - Church of Christ
- Tuesday, Feb. 28**  
8 a.m. - Gospel Music  
10 a.m. - Tower Theatre  
Noon - Church of Christ  
1 p.m. - Lighthouse Christian Center



Travis Williams was a popular singer at the Tower Theater last Saturday evening... especially with his Elvis Presley songs.

## January oil and gas completions

In January 1995 operators reported 306 gas, 315 oil, and 13 injection and other completions, compared to 294 gas, 377 oil, and 23 injection and other completions during the same period of last year.

Operators reported 880 holes plugged and 125 dry holes in January, compared to 964 holes plugged and 209 dry holes reported during the same period last year.

# Gardening in Garza requires special considerations

by Bebe Boren  
Certified Master Gardener

A word for the Soil: Those of you who are serious gardeners have taken advantage of these wonderfully warm winter days to dig, till, and feed your flower beds, lawns, and garden plots with composted "brown gold" from your compost pile. Those like myself are behind and planning to go to the garden center for mulch or to The Back to Earth composting industry for a load of the already made "good stuff" to put into our gardens. When we do these things we help the soil remain healthy.

Healthy soil is not an inert substance; it is alive with millions of micro-organisms. These microscopic plants and animals make nitrogen available to higher plants. They also move air and water through the soil. All of these activities are essential for healthy plant life.

There are "good" traditional gardeners who may have actually killed the soil by being very conscientious. These gardeners apply pre-emergents every spring and spray every time an insect or a brown spot appears on the lawn, little realizing that toxic pesticides, fungicides, and herbicides kill these important microbes outright along with the few we consider pests. Fertilizers high in nitrogen also suppress these microbes until they become greatly reduced in number and are unable to function. As soil dies the gardener finds he is buying even more chemicals to control pests and encourage his grass to grow, and the soil itself becomes hardened. How sad!

It's exciting to know, however, that we are entering an era of environmental awareness and that scientists are studying ways for our advances in chemicals to complement nature for



**Bebe Boren**  
Certified  
Master  
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Texas Agricultural  
Extension Service

man and earth's protection. To promote environmental awareness, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service has implemented the EARTH-KIND program. This program combines the best known organic and traditional gardening principles to create new guidelines based on real-world effectiveness and environmental responsibility. As you may have guessed, one of the keys to successful EARTH-KIND vegetable gardening is adding organic matter to the soil.

(E-K) When adding organic matter to soil, at least 1/3 of the final soil mix should be organic material. To accomplish this, spread a 2 to 4 inch layer of organic material over the garden and till it to a depth of at least 6 to 10 inches. Apply the recommended rate of fertilizer over the garden at the same time, and till it in along with the organic material.

Soil testing kits are available at the Extension Office in the courthouse for \$10.00 to help you know what and how much fertilizer to use. Rene Dubos summed up my thoughts with this, "When we deal gently with the earth—even when we have thoughtlessly damaged it - we can repair our friendship with it."

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COUNTY OF GARZA

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Cause No.	Styling	Legal Description
94-01-04965-CV	SOUTHLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT V. JACKIE NED MYERS, DECEASED	1. A 3.82 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW/4) OF SECTION 1267, ABSTRACT 308 OF THE J.H. GIBSON SURVEY IN GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS.

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 O'clock A.M. on the 7TH DAY OF MARCH, 1995, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the EAST door of the Courthouse of GARZA County, in the City of POST, Texas.

Levied on the 6TH day of FEBRUARY, 1995, as the property of said defendants,

to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction.

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

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

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### Miscellaneous for Sale

Garza County, The City of Post, and Post Economic Development Corp. will hold an Auction of surplus equipment, autos, furniture, and miscellaneous items on Tuesday March 21 at 10 a.m. in the large metal barn on 5th street between Ave. H, and the railroad tracks. For more information call 495-2521.

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

Applications will be accepted from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the City/Hall, 105 East Main in Post, Texas.

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Job Training Partnership Act  
PY95 Title IIA, Title IIC, Title III  
Title III: The Private Industry Council Inc. (JobSource+), acting as the Administrative Entity for Lubbock and Garza counties Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) funds, intends to operate a Title III Economic Dislocation and Worker Adjustment Assistance (EDWAA) program with Job Training Partnership Act funds. The 1995 allocation will be approximately \$600,000.

The program period will be July 1, 1995, through June 30, 1996. Program activities will include, but are not limited to: Job Search Workshop, Job Club, Classroom Training, On-the-Job Training (OJT), and GED preparation.

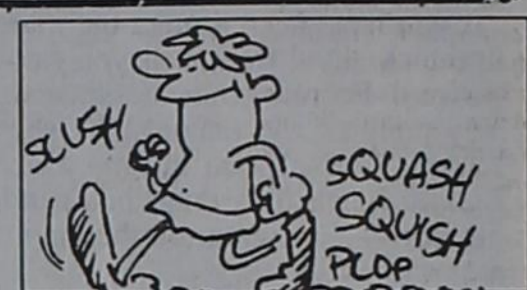
Title IIA and Title IIC: The Private Industry Council Inc. (JobSource+), acting as the Administrative Entity for Lubbock and Garza counties Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) funds, intends to operate Title IIA and Title IIC programs for program year 1995. The combined 1995 allocation for the two programs is approximately \$900,000.

The program period will be July 1, 1995, through June 30, 1996. Program activities may include, but are not limited to: On-the-Job Training (OJT), Job Search Workshop, Vocational Classroom Training, Basic Education, and Job Placement.

The final plans for Title III, Title IIA, and Title IIC will be available to the general public for review and comment after April 7, 1995, in the JobSource+ office, 1218 14th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79401.

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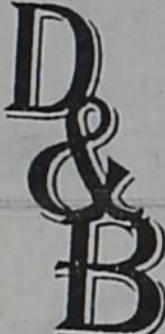
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## Obituaries

### Mary Stone

Funeral services were held Feb. 19, 1995 at the Post Church of Christ for Mary Stone, who died February 16 at her home. Her brothers and grandson officiated the services. Burial was at Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mrs Stone was born May 27, 1915 in Lott, Tex. to Frank and Minnie (Beauchamp) Stanley. She lived in Fisher County before moving to Garza County in 1921 with her family. She completed school at Graham Chapel in 1933. She married James Stone June 17, 1933. Since their marriage they had farmed in Lynn and Garza Counties. She was a homemaker and member of the Church of Christ.

Mrs Stone is survived by her husband, son Jerrel of Tucson, Ariz.; daughters Nona Eblen of Slaton, Leta McClendon of Crane, Kathy Dean of Capitan, N.M.; Mary Ann Brady of Abilene; brothers Ruben Stanley of San Angelo, F.I. Stanley of Roger, Ark., G.B. Stanley of Placentia, Calif., Bill Stanley of Waco; sister Imogene Krizan of Kingsland; 18 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. Her grandsons served as pallbearers.

### Alicia Rodriguez

Funeral services were held February 21 for Alicia Rodriguez, who died at her home Feb. 18, 1995. Services were officiated by Fr Lawrence Hemp at the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Post. Burial was at Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mrs Rodriguez was born May 4, 1922 in Mexico. Her father was Aldolfo Rivas. She had become a U.S. citizen and married Gregorio Rodriguez, who preceded her in death in 1970. She was also preceded in death by her son Jesse Rodriguez, who died in 1986.

Mrs Rodriguez is survived by her daughters Sally Paiz of Post and Carmen Palos of Lubbock; sons Greg Rodriguez and Joe Louis Rodriguez of Post, John Rodriguez of Slaton, Johnny Hernandez and Edward Gutierrez of Post; sisters Sofia Esparza of Eagle Pass, Susan Olivera and Mary Olivera of California; 13 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

### L.F. (Smiley) Welch

Services were held February 17 at Hudman Funeral Home Chapel for L.F. (Smiley) Welch, who died in Austin Feb. 14, 1995. Mr Welch had been hospitalized at Austin's Seaton N.W. Hospital. Rev. Darryl Smith, First Baptist Church of Post, conducted the services. Burial was at Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mr Welch was born Jan. 11, 1923 in Shawmut, Ala. to Florence (Monk) and Clifford Welch. He married Agnes McGill Sept. 28, 1946 in West Point, Ga. She preceded him in death July 27, 1993. Mr Welch was superintendent of the Postex spinning room and had lived in Post 40 years.

He was a member of the VFW and a World War II veteran. Mr Welch is survived by his sons Richard of Austin, Jerry of Las Vegas, Nev.; brother Edward Welch of Seminole; sisters Sara Ault of Post and Georgia Carter of Valley, Ga.; six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Archie Gill, Bobby Terry, Bill Thomas, Hans Hudman, Eric Welch and Troy Dandrea.

## Menus

### Trail Blazers

Thursday February 23

Braised beef tips, hominy brussel sprouts, carrot sticks, cornbread, apple cobbler, choice of beverage.

Friday, February 24

Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, white gravy, harvard beets, bran muffin, pineapple chunks, choice of beverage.

Monday, February 27

Beef tacos, refried pinto beans, stewed tomatoes, lettuce, onions, cheese, picante, choice of beverage.

Tuesday, February 28

Polish sausage, bbq sauce, baked potato, turnip greens, tossed salad, cornbread, peaches, choice of beverage.

Wednesday, March 1

Chicken corn chowder, egg salad, carrot sticks, cornbread, pineapple cobbler, choice of beverage.

### Post I.S.D.

Thursday, February 23

Breakfast: Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, 1/2 pint milk.  
Lunch: Tacos w/sauce, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato, sliced peaches, corn bread, 1/2 pint milk.

Friday, February 24

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, peanut butter 'n jelly, fruit, 1/2 pint milk.  
Lunch: Cheeseburger, french fries, h.b. salad, ice cream cup, 1/2 pint milk.

Monday, February 27

Breakfast: Cereal, toast 'n jelly, fruit, 1/2 pint milk.  
Lunch: Bar-b-que on-a bun, blackeyed peas, mixed greens, juice bar, 1/2 pint milk.

Tuesday, February 28

Breakfast: French toast, syrup, fruit, 1/2 pint milk.  
Lunch: Taco salad, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato, cake, 1/2 pint milk.

Wednesday, March 1

Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit, 1/2 pint milk.  
Lunch: Chili cheese burger, onion rings, buttered corn, fruit cocktail, 1/2 pint milk.

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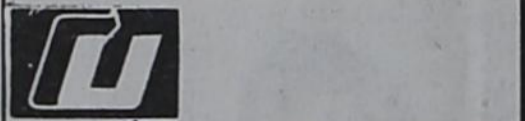


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## Forgiveness

by Paul D. Jones

Do we want to go to heaven? That may seem like a foolish question, but it isn't. Let's reword the question: "Is our desire to go to heaven strong enough that we are willing to live according to God's directions as given in the Bible?" We have gone from a desire to a desire that is governed by another. There are many statements in the Bible that make demands on us and even make the demands a part of our going to heaven. Forgiveness is one such demand. Let's look at it.

"And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your father also who is in heaven may forgive you your transgressions (Mark 11:25). "And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, "I repent," forgive him (Luke 17:4). "And be ye kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you (Ephesians 4:32). "Bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone, just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you (Colossians 3:13).

Did we see the connection between our forgiving others with the Lord forgiving us? As we have been forgiven, we are to forgive. In fact, the Lord makes it more plain to us, if we need it.

"For IF you forgive men for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you (Matthew 6:14). So, we ask the question again that we started with. "Do we want to go to heaven?" Is our desire strong enough to cause us to FORGIVE those that have sinned against us? If not, forget heaven!

Look at forgiveness from another angle. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us of our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (I John 1:9). If we confess, God forgives us. Since we are to be imitators of God (Eph. 5:1), we should be forgiving people. Are we?

Holding on to our pride and not forgiving another will cause us to spend eternity with folks just like us... unforgiving, hateful and bitter. I want to spend eternity with GOD, JESUS, the HOLY SPIRIT and all those that are kind, loving and forgiving. But to do that, I MUST BECOME A FORGIVING PERSON. So do you. May our desire to go to heaven overcome our pride and selfishness and cause us to forgive others as God has forgiven us.

Think of the changes that would come about if we would only obey the Lord. Families, friends, communities and even countries could see peace restored. It all begins with ME, and YOU. I hope to see you in heaven.

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