

Hazing incident raises questions about initiation

by Wes Burnett

A group of angry and concerned Post Middle School parents and an aroused citizenry are demanding answers to why law enforcement officials here took no action during the May 25 hazing incident at the city park. And one young eighth grade student is recovering from a broken leg, following a scuffle in a low spot at the park, called "the pit" by students.

Unknown to parents and most of the eighth grade students, a group of PHS seniors had spent several hours May 25 preparing a concoction to pour into the shallow area on the south side of the park. "It had oil, cooking grease, wood ashes, cow and pig manure and urine," one senior student confided to The Post Dispatch.

Eye-witnesses to the hazing incident at the park told The Post Dispatch that several deputies were within less than 20 feet of the pit, and one is reported to have told the seniors that they were "not being rough enough." Chief Deputy Maurice Herridge has denied that any deputy made any such statement, and said that he personally interviewed "several eighth grade students," none of which mentioned any comment similar to that. Herridge admitted that none of

the seniors involved in the hazing have been interrogated.

Parents have told The Post Dispatch that some of the senior students lifted the younger in-coming freshmen above their heads and "body slammed them into that pit of slime."

"And all the deputies did was stand around and laugh at it, as if it was fun," one eye witness told The Post Dispatch.

Reserve Deputy Bobby Dean, who was at the scene, said that he, nor any of the other deputies saw any such behavior.

"When I found out there was oil in there, I told (deputy) J.W. Jolly that we needed to stop it right then," Dean emphasized.

In all the commotion, Joe Don Schoonover suffered a broken leg and was helped out of the quagmire by two other students. After hobbling past the deputies, he was placed on a picnic table bench, and later with his helpers, walked up the hill to the parking lot, where a family friend offered to give him a ride.

"They told me to get in there and wrestle," the young man said, "while I was standing up, they pushed or shoved two others into me. I fell down on my back, they landed on top of me, and rolled me over..." that's when he knew something was wrong. "I yelled out," Schoonover said, "get off, I think my leg is broke."

Screaming for help, Schoonover lay in the muck for a few minutes until one of the senior students came to his aid, as did a parent who was watching from approximately 25 feet south of the scene. "I was behind the deputies," the parent reports, and I ran past them to the pit, and I could hear Joe Don screaming. The deputies just stood there as if nothing was wrong."

Dean said that none of the deputies knew there was a problem, "if we had known one of those young people was injured we would have called immediately for an ambulance," Dean added.

The injured student's parents, Isaac and Teresa Schoonover, along with several family members and other concerned parents, attended Monday morning's Garza County Commissioners' Court to air their complaints about the failure of law enforcement officers to stop the hazing.

Sheriff Kenny Ratke stood before the parents and admitted that he failed to

enforce the law, and assured parents that in the future the law would be enforced. He explained that the tradition in Post has been so strong and has been consistently supported by parents, that he was following a policy which he felt was appropriate, "but I can see that this is wrong, and we will not allow this to happen in the future if we know about it."

Judge Giles Dalby also reminded parents that if any person is aware of any hazing or initiation, they should report it to the Sheriff. "The law is very clear on this," Dalby emphasized.

He was referring to the Texas Education Code (4.51 and 4.52) which outlines the offense of hazing or initiation. The law clearly forbids any form of hazing or initiation, whether on public or private property. The fact that students volunteer to participate does not mitigate the seriousness of the offense.

"We tried our best to talk our son out of going to that initiation," Mrs Schoonover said, "but he said he had to go. After seeing that he felt so much pressure, and his demand that we not be there, we finally agreed to take him. We wanted to stay, but he was embarrassed for us to be there, he didn't want us to see what was going to happen. So we left. As we were leaving the park we saw Kenny (Sheriff Ratke) driving by and I said to Isaac, 'Oh good, Kenny's here, I feel a lot better now.'"

According to Mr Dean and reports from eighth grade students, Post Middle School principal Marita Jackson announced four times during the day at school on the public address system that the initiation was going to be held, but that no student was required to attend. "She emphasized that students were not obligated to go to that," Dean repeated.

"What bothers us so much," Mrs Schoonover added, "is that according to eye-witnesses of friends who were there, the deputies stood by and laughed and basically ignored what was happening. I thought my child was safer because the officers were there, and they stood nearby and did nothing while he was being abused."

Chief Deputy Herridge told the Dispatch that, although he was not at the park during the incident, he believes that had officers stopped the hazing, "there would have been a riot, we would not have been able to control the crowd."

Herridge said that parents were there with video cameras and no one showed any signs of being bothered, "they were all having fun and enjoying it." One of the senior students told the Dispatch that preparations for the hazing began Friday at the vocational ag building, where seniors participated in an end of year bar-b-q and after lunch began gathering up the concoction. Someone went earlier in the morning and turned on the water at the park to create a bog in "the pit."

"We put about five gallons of used oil in a 50 gallon drum, then mixed in wood chips (sawdust), ashes from the bar-b-q, pig and cow manure and a 20 ounce bottle of urine," the senior reported.

He said there were no teachers or adults in the area of the school at the time of the preparations.

At about 1:30 the seniors took off in various personal vehicles to the park. One truck, driven by a sophomore student, pulled onto the grassy area near the bog and seniors then joined in pouring the concoction into the area.

About 2:30 to 2:45, according to the senior, eighth grade students began arriving after they had completed their graduation ceremony. "We took Joe Don home after the graduation," Mrs Schoonover said, "he changed clothes and we went to the park. We got there about 2:45 p.m."

Mr Dean and Deputy Herridge both said that deputies did not arrive at the park until well after the initiation began, "somewhere around 3:30," Herridge said. He also said that he didn't think there was a record of the time recorded by the dispatcher.

"I was there because several of the middle school students asked me to go," Dean said. "All day I had students asking me if I would be there, they said they felt safer with me there. I also told them they did not have to go."

Mrs Schoonover reported that the surgery and medical expenses for the hospital are more than \$7,000 and other doctor and associated costs have not been determined. "But it's not the cost to us that matters," she added, "the most important thing is to see that this sort of thing never happens again."

Editor's Note: We are exercising our First Amendment rights by not divulging the names of our sources for this story and have given our promise that we protect the identity of eye-witnesses who request such anonymity.



Hazing at the city park May 25 took on an ugly tone with eighth grade students sloshing in pool of toxic chemicals.

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Commissioners Court assures parents that county will enforce the law

by Wes Burnett

Garza County Judge Giles Dalby, speaking for the commissioners' court at its regular meeting Monday morning, assured a group of concerned citizens and parents that the education code forbidding hazing or initiation will be enforced.

The issue centered around the May 25 incident at the City Park, which is currently under operational control of the county. "We do not condone this behavior, and we were not aware of it," Dalby insisted.

Sheriff Kenny Ratke stepped forward to take the blame for not enforcing the law, and gave his personal assurance that "it will not happen next year."

In other action, commissioners authorized Dalby to seek a bid from Starkey Electric for laying conduit in the courthouse in preparation for the new AT&T telephone system. The court approved a proposal for installation of new wiring and equipment from AT&T at a lease purchase agreement which will cost approximately the same as currently expended for GTE services.

"This will allow us growth and ability to contract for less expensive long distance service," Dalby said. When installed the new system will change some telephone numbers for county offices, but not those for the Sheriff's department.

Sheriff Ratke presented a report on the rural survey for the 911 emergency update program. He introduced Alice Cruse, who has been coordinating the survey. "We are about 75 to 80 percent complete," the Sheriff said. Cruse explained a few problems related to people living outside the 806 exchange area and for those who are on long distance for calls to Post. Slaton and Snyder 911

services will be upgraded to transfer those calls to Post.

JoAnn Mock, representing the Caprock Cultural Association, presented a report on improvements at the County Museum and requested assistance with funding. She introduced museum director Linda Puckett, who explained about the renovations, painting and other improvements. No action was taken.

Commissioners agreed to eliminate the job of county director, following the retirement of Donald Windham. Commissioners Royce Josey and Lee Norman will study the job duties and consider recommendations for delegating to other employees or officials. The court authorized the community center board to hire a new director for that facility.

Judge Dalby reported that Corplan Inc. is proceeding with its juvenile detention center for Post. "They are projecting a \$4 million building cost," Dalby said, "and planning a 100 bed facility with a short term rate of \$65 and a long term rate of \$80 to participating agencies."

The court agreed to purchase a new copier for the second floor offices. "The machine up there is four years old and it is serving seven offices," treasurer Ruth Ann Young reported.

Wallace Lumber Co. won the low bid for a new window air conditioning unit. Attending the meeting were commissioners Royce Josey, John Valdez, Mason McClellan, Lee Norman, Judge Dalby, clerk Sonny Gossett and treasurer Ruth Ann Young.

Post ISD sees \$238,000 shortfall

by Wes Burnett

Although total estimated expenses remain below \$6 million for the 1995-96 school year, Post ISD trustees were told at the regular meeting Tuesday night that revenue will short approximately \$238,000. Superintendent Dr Bobby Bain informed the board that preliminary estimates indicate total revenue of \$5,744,293, compared to expenses of \$5,991,404.

"We have had another drop of \$20 million in mineral tax revenue," Dr Bain said. The mineral evaluation decrease, along with changes in state funding formulas, sets the stage for difficult budgeting decisions for the trustees.

After hearing that news, the board rejected bids for replacing stadium seating with aluminum, citing the almost \$100,000 cost too much at a time of questions about revenues. Instead, the board approved repairs to the wood at the stadium, "and we'll face this problem again next year," Dr Bain said.

Dr Bain reminded trustees that three years ago the mineral evaluation for Post ISD was \$140 million more than it is now. "We dropped \$20 million last year, and again this year," he reported.

Following an executive session, the board hired a new assistant girls' basketball coach, Shana Matthews; a new assistant band director, Erin Pederson and choir teacher Jacquelin Buchanan.

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Post Middle School students recently toured Washington, D.C. Students attending were (left to right) Jason Hair, Lacey Hodges, Bobby Reiter, Mikey Collazo, Chris Dawson, guide Dedra Adams, Flora Gomez, Jennifer Strawn, Rachel Reiter, Laticia Martin and Jennifer Josey. (See story on Page 8 of the Dispatch)

Post Notes

Don't dial "1" or "806" for Lubbock

Post residents should take care, beginning May 25, to only dial the seven digits for Lubbock calls. Dialing the "1" plus area code will result in a regular long distance charge. The expanded area calling to Lubbock is toll free from Lubbock to Post and to Lubbock from Post.

Methodist Church hosts famous artist

The First United Methodist Church will host famous artist Kenneth Wyatt of Tulia in a special showing at the community center June 15. Wyatt will appear with a showcasing of his paintings, sculptures, jewelry and cards.

Meeting with the artist and preview of art and sale begins at 6:30 p.m. From 6:30 to 7:30 there will be a supper and dessert buffet and a love offering will be greatly appreciated. A percentage of the sale will go toward the church's elevator fund.

Art Guild features photography

The Caprock Photographers will be featured exhibits through June 15 at the Post Art Guild in the Algerita Art Center. The public is invited to visit the exhibits Monday through Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m. and Friday and Saturday of Old Mill Trade Days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Christian School registration open

Registration is currently open for enrollment at the First Baptist Church Christian School for the 1995-96 school year. Pre-school classes are available to those children who will be four years old before September 1. The three year old pre-school class is tentative at this time.

Elementary classes are available for grades kindergarten through fifth and are filled on a first come, first served basis. Interested parents should call 495-3554 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for additional information. Registration and book fees are required at the time of enrollment for new students.

Birth certificates, social security number and up-to-date immunization records are also mandatory.

First Baptist Christian School is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International.

Day care sets registration deadline

"My Special Place" is holding registration for pre-school four year olds. Classes will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and lunch will be served. Registration is limited. Call 495-3446 for additional information.

Federal taxes focus of Liberty Forum

A new Cato Institute study on the Internal Revenue Service and a just released report on the impact of a national sales tax to replace the income tax will be discussed at the next Liberty Forum, Monday, June 19.

The focus for the discussion, which will be held at the Chaparral Steak House at 7 p.m., will outline current and proposed legislation pertaining to the federal taxation.

The Liberty Forum is designed to give people opportunity for political discourse in an agreeable atmosphere and to provide information and education on important issues. The public forum, held the third Monday monthly, is hosted by the Garza County Libertarian Party. For more information call 495-3884.

One-car rollover sends one to local hospital with minor injuries.

by Becky Warren

A one-car rollover Sunday, June 11, at approximately 6:25 p.m. sent Brent Wayne Lingnaw of Glen Rose to Garza Memorial Hospital with only minor injuries.

According to DPS trooper Jerry Cannon the 1984 blue Mercury swerved to avoid another vehicle. At that time the vehicle entered the bar ditch and flipped one time.

The driver of the vehicle, who was transported by Post EMS, was wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident.

Post students named to ACU Dean's list

Michael Voss and Jodi Bain of Post were among 800 students from Abilene Christian University named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring 1995 semester.

To make the Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours for grades and earn a 3.45 or higher grade point average.

Michael is the son of Jim and Serena Voss of Post and Jodi is the daughter of Bobby and Debbie Bain of Post.

Up and Down Main Street

by Wanda Mitchell, Post Chamber of Commerce

Well, Sunday is Father's Day and I hope everyone remembers to honor their Father and make it a great day for him. I noticed that some courses are being offered to men of any marital status that just might be of interest to some of you Fathers. The only drawback to this is that each class is limited to ten because of the difficulty of the material. Here are some of the courses available:

- 1) You, too, can do housework
 - 2) How to fill an icetray
 - 3) We do not want sleazy underthings for Christmas...give us \$\$\$\$\$
 - 4) Laundry techniques (formerly called "Don't Wash my Silks")
 - 5) Get a Life—Learn to Cook
 - 6) Understanding your Financial Incompetence
 - 7) Reasons to give Flowers
 - 8) Garbage—How to take it out
 - 9) The Weekend and Sports are Not Synonymous
 - 10) How to go Shopping with your Mate and not get Lost.
 - 11) The Remote Control—Overcoming your Dependency
 - 12) How not to act younger than your children
 - 13) Real Men ask Directions
- If you enroll in any of these courses, it will probably make Mother happy and ensures you a much better Fathers Day.

I am excited that the Harley Sadler Show is about to begin at the Garza Theatre. I remember going to these when I was a little girl and I thought they were the greatest thing since Betty Grable movies.

I had an uncle who was not able to walk and I loved going with him because the guys that worked at the tent show would pull his car up to the back of the tent and they would carry him in and set him on the front row. This assured ME of always having a front row seat and of getting to go every night they were in town.

I would always get to buy a box of the candy and I do not remember ever winning anything. We did always get to stay after the show so that they could help my uncle back to his car and I got to meet some of the cast members and they would give me pictures and things.

About 50 percent of the world population is expected to live in cities by the year 2000. In the U.S., that figure will reach 85 percent.



I thought it was the same as being in Hollywood and seeing all the movie stars. And you know what? It was probably better. The first show this year is June 29 and I'll bet tickets are already going fast. We are receiving a lot of calls about the dates for the Harley Sadler show. This means word has really gotten around about this show and Post.

Now that all the rain has come, there are plenty of weeds taking over. We encourage all of the businesses to take a look around and see if they need to cut weeds and mow. The flowers downtown really look pretty and the rain has sure helped the yards all over town. I'm sure glad I live in Post. Let's all...TAKE PRIDE AND TAKE PART IN POST!!!!!!



Katina Davis nominated to Who's Who

Katina Davis, 18 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie G. Davis has just received word that she has been nominated to be included in the 29th Annual edition of Who's Who Among American High School students.

This honor is reserved for only 5% of our nation's high school students each year. Who's Who is distributed up to 15,000 college and universities.

Katina, a 1995 graduate of Post High School is currently attending South Plains College to begin a career in nursing.

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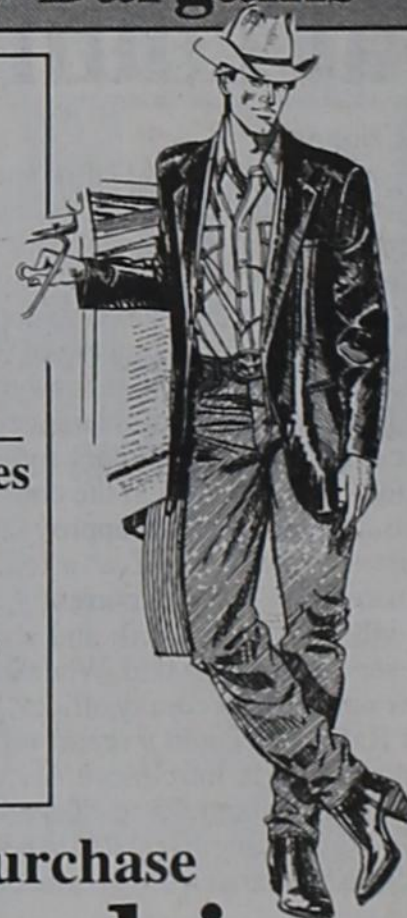
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Cato study blasts GOP crime bills

The new Republican Congress, like the old Democratic Congress, continues to fight local crime by expanding federal power—despite the GOP's repeated claim that it wants to return power to the states and the people. But this time Congress is proposing inroads on our liberties that even Democrats have not supported, says St. Paul, Minnesota, attorney Jarett B. Decker in a new Cato study (Policy Analysis #229), "The 1995 Crime Bills: Is the GOP the Party of Liberty and Limited Government?"

The federalization of crime
Despite the April 26 Supreme Court ruling in the Lopez case that the Constitution enumerates no general federal police power, in the 1995 GOP crime bills Congress continues the trend of recent years, Decker says, by making every local problem a federal problem and every local crime a federal crime. While the Constitution enumerates 3 federal crimes, today there are more than 3,000 federal crimes defined by statute, ranging from carjacking to low-level drug trafficking. Some 300,000 federal regulations, reaching every conceivable human activity, are increasingly enforced through criminal

sanctions. The Senate and House bills also attempt to federalize sentencing policy by requiring mandatory minimum sentencing as a condition for states receiving federal funds for prisons.

Federal prosecutors, already powerful, would be given more power
Already wielding far more power than their state counterparts, federal prosecutors would be given even more power under the GOP crime bills, says Decker, while the rights of defendants and the powers of judges would be curtailed.

A "false pleadings" provision of the Senate bill would enable prosecutors, without judicial oversight, to obtain indictments against opposing counsel for misstatements of law. Given the inherent unclarity of much law, such "Star Chamber" procedures would enable prosecutors to simply intimidate defense counsel.

Another provision of the Senate bill would exempt federal prosecutors from state ethics codes and judicial oversight. Instead, they would be subject only to internal Justice Department discipline, which has proven notoriously ineffective over the years.

Despite judicial condemnation of the practice, the Senate bill would enable federal prosecutors to make direct contact with represented parties, thus undercutting the attorney-client relationship as well as judicial oversight.

An attack on the Bill of Rights and judicial oversight

Both the House and the Senate bills give a green light to government lawlessness, Decker says. They weaken constitutional protections against invasions of private homes, raids on businesses, and detentions of citizens in the course of criminal investigations.

Both the Senate and House bills would weaken the exclusionary rule, which prohibits illegally seized evidence from being introduced at trial. Police would thus have an incentive to violate the Fourth Amendment, especially since the tort remedy the Senate bill proposes to substitute would be largely ineffective.

The Senate bill would also eliminate private actions (Bivens actions) against federal agents, making the taxpayer liable for any government wrongdoing. The Senate bill would abolish the long-established McNabb Mallory rule, which prohibits the use in evidence of statements taken from a defendant during an unreasonable delay between arrest and appearance before a judicial officer. In general, the GOP bills take the judiciary out of the loop, giving a free hand to the executive branch.

Why it matters The 1995 crime bills are a step in the wrong direction, Decker concludes, taking us away from a Constitution of checks and balances and toward a regime of unchecked power.



Donnie Allison (left to right), Camille Poe and Kyle Abernathie kept the feet stomping at the Tower Theatre last Saturday evening with their repertoire of classic 1940s tunes. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

The Citizens Bank holds open house

by Becky Warren
In case you missed The Citizens Bank open house on Saturday, June 3, then you really missed a good time.

From the time you walked in the front door of the new building you were never alone. The employees there treated you just like family. As you signed up for the drawings you received a free coffee cup and mirror. The mirrors are just perfect for your pocket or purse and for those who drink coffee the mugs are great.

The event was very exciting. Live music, being played by Laredo, drifted in from outside where the crowd was enjoying the great music. The band was just great. I for one am a big fan of country music and Laredo really has it down. They were just super!

Winners of the \$250.00 drawings were James L. Wise, Greg Williams, Kenneth Williams, Alicia Foreman and Barbara Tatum. The big lucky winner of the \$1,000 was Patsy Aguilar.

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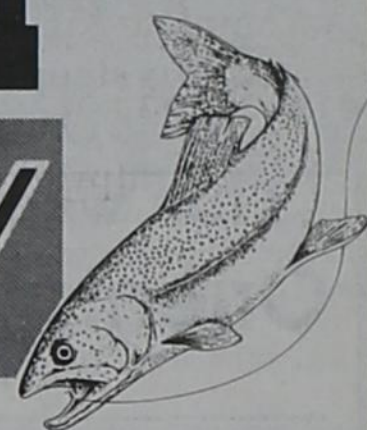
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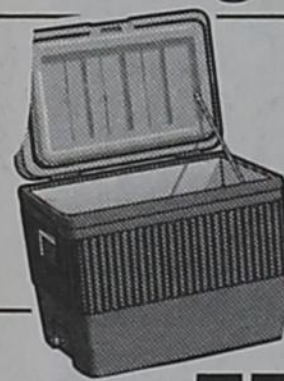


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Tax 'n Facts

by Terri S. Cash, CPA
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It's the rare parent who can afford to pay for college out-of-pocket as needed. That's why everyone is looking for a better, less expensive, tax-saving way to do it. Here are some choices.

* Set up an account for the child under the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act and start saving and investing. To minimize taxes when the child is under 14, choose tax-exempt or growth stocks that should appreciate over time. The downside: the kid gets the money at 18 or 21 and can use it any way he wants. Also, the money in his name will probably bar any financial aid.

* Set up a trust, preferably with "Crummey power" that keeps more control in adult hands. Trusts are expensive and tax rates are high, but a trust will let a rich grandparent save on estate taxes.

* Let Grandmother pay. When payments are made directly to the University for the child's education, they are not subject to gift tax.

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by John Senter, CEA-AG

What the Hay!!

With hay season approaching it would seem like an idea to give some basic thoughts on the selecting and purchasing of this sometimes elusive commodity. This time of the season, the most hay bought and sold is intended for horses and dairy cattle, because we have limited dairy business, it is only appropriate that we focus this article on horse hay.

Because horses respond differently to different types and grades of hay, it is necessary to note that different hays have different values for example, the average protein difference between grass hay and alfalfa hay. When selecting horse hay, it is critical to make certain that you lo-



cate a reputable grower with a history of selling quality horse hay. These growers are usually the folks with the dedication to produce and cut hay under optimum conditions and may offer buyers some type of guarantee if the hay does not perform as promised.

One of the biggest fears when purchasing horse hay, especially alfalfa, is coming up with a big load of blister beetles! If you have ever fed a horse even a single bite of blister beetle for dessert, then you know first hand that you don't want it again and neither does your horse. Alfalfa baled before mid-June and after mid-August will have a lesser likelihood of containing the unwanted pest. When purchasing hay, try to purchase "in season" and in bulk to get the best prices. This eliminates extra costs as it can be loaded onto trucks and sold directly to the owner. Doubled handled hay or hay that is stored out of season can cost from 10 to 25 percent more than hay purchased in season.

If possible purchase hay on the "right of refusal" and apply the MTLFC test to hay to make sure it meets your specifications.

"M" stands for Maturity. Buyers should look for young plants with short stems and little or no blooms or seed heads.

"T" is for texture. Small, pliable stems are the most desirable.

"L" is for leafiness, with leaves being the primary indicator of nutrient value. Keep in mind that one-half to two-thirds of the protein is found in the leaves. The more leaves the better the chances of high quality hay.

"F" stands for freedom from foreign material such as manure, molds, weeds and blister beetles. If hay doesn't smell fragrant and appetizing, steer clear of it.

"C" is for color. The least important of the five criteria. The ideal color for hay is bright green. Hopefully, this five part evaluation will improve your "hay shopping" skills and in the end result in more pleasing results to both you and your horse. The only sure way to know the true nutrients of hay is to have a forage test run. Guidelines for testing can be obtained from our office. Take time to locate and select quality hay, it not only improves horse performance, it can decrease digestive disorders and vet bills as well.

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Beauty Tips

by Leslie Tatum

A common mistake is messy make-up lines. The solution is blend, blend and blend. Blending is the key to looking great. Foundation gives you a fresh canvas to work with by evening out the skin tone. On top of that, gently apply color.

Worry less about how you apply it and more how well you blend it. Use a dry make-up sponge to blend away excess shadow, blush, foundation and powder.

Here is a simple process to keep make-up looking fresh all day. Apply foundation and blush, then set it by applying an excessive amount of loose translucent powder.

Next, spritz face with a hydrating mist. This helps "lock in" powder on top of make-up.

Finally, brush off excess powder and apply a second lighter dusting of powder. Blend well.



Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS



The Extension Office has seen a great deal of activity over the last week. 4-H members are busy preparing for camps, record books, the coming year and countless other projects for the summer. I am excited to see the involvement from members, parents and concerned citizens of this community and county.

The reception in my honor last Wednesday was a treat as well as a success. I would like to thank all of the 4-H members, parents and community members for making me feel welcome. Your continued support for the Extension Service is greatly appreciated.

The 4-H Council met Wednesday June 7 to elect officers for the 1995-1996 school year. Eight members were present for the meeting. Elected officers are as follows: Chairman: Clay Ashley District Delegates: Clay Ashley, Matthew Ledbetter V. Chairman: Braden Conner Alternates: Braden Conner, Kelli Collier Secre-

tary: Laci Williams Reporter: Barrett Scrivner.

Junior Delegates: Brooks Conner, Laci Williams Alternates: Barrett Scrivner, Traven Smith After a busy morning, the 4-H members were treated to lunch at Pizza Hut.

The 4-H Record Book season is upon us once again. On Saturday, June 10, members and parents gathered at the courthouse to attend a Record Book training session. Topics discussed at the training session included: importance of keeping record books, guidelines and instructions for completing a record book, and due dates. Record Books are due in the Extension Office by 5 p.m. July 11. If you could not attend the training, please come by the Extension Office to pick up the necessary information and forms. The rained out pool party scheduled for Saturday after the Record Book training will be rescheduled for a later date.

DID YOU KNOW: Forty percent of all lemonade is sold from June through August!

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Jennifer Conrad

Jennifer Conrad in Miss Texas teenager pageant

Jennifer Conrad, 16 year old daughter of Diane Conrad of Sherman, Tx and the late Dennis Conrad was a recent participant in the Miss Texas National Teen-ager pageant. The pageant was held on the campus of Texas Christian University in Fort Worth June 9 and 10.

Miss Conrad was chosen within the top 15 in the Senior Division from a field of 85 girls. As a participant she was required to meet point average criteria and be eligible for various scholarships.

Among the gifts received for participation were a tuition scholarship to John Robert Powers and a tuition scholarship to Barbizon of Dallas/Ft. Worth.

Jennifer will be a high school junior in the fall semester in Sherman, Tx. After graduation she plans to continue her education in the field of psychology.

Jennifer was sponsored by: Dennis Conrad Memorial, Twin Falls, ID; Diane and Frances Conrad; Exie Anderson, Denison, Tx; Michael Thornton, Sherman, Tx; Gin Durham and White Transportation of Lubbock, Tx; Eddie, Sharon, and Eric Conrad, Lubbock, Tx; friends and family.

Attending the festivities were her two grandmothers: Exie Anderson and Frances Conrad; her mother, Diane Conrad; cousins Michael Thornton and Eric Conrad and her friends from Sherman.

Frances Conrad hosts visitors

Frances Conrad's two grandsons took a two week vacation with their grandmother to Carlsbad, NM, Oklahoma City, Paris, Tx and Ft. Worth, Tx from May 27 through June 11.

J.P. Gardner of Oklahoma City, son of Carol Conrad flew to Lubbock and joined his cousin Eric Conrad, son of Eddie and Sharon Conrad of Lubbock in a trip to Carlsbad and the Caverns before returning to his home. Frances and Eric continued on to Paris where they visited relatives before going to Sherman and Ft. Worth where her granddaughter, Jennifer Conrad was a participant in the Miss Texas Teen-ager pageant.

Bryan family to hold reunion

Friends and relatives are cordially invited to the first reunion of the family of the late Frank and Vivian Bryan, who lived in the Lynn and Garza counties for many years...raising their family in and around Post and Tahoka.

The event is being hosted by their children, Frances Bryan Conrad of Post; Mr. and Lowell M. Bryan of Lubbock; Mrs. Sandra Herrin Bryan and family of the late Terry Bryan of Plainview; and Mr. and Mrs. Tom (Iris Bryan) Dixon of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; and thirteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The reunion will be Saturday and Sunday, June 17 and 18 at the American Legion Hall in Slaton, Texas.

Council hears gets good news on White River water supply

The regular meeting of the Post City Council Tuesday, June 6 included a report from White River Municipal Water District manager Al O'Brien that the lake has plenty of water. No rationing is planned, according to O'Brien, who said that there is more loss from evaporation than to usage.

Council members agreed to a resolution entering into a contract with Oller Engineering for services related to a community development grant for water line improvements.

An agreement with Howco to administer the water line improvement grant was also approved.

A resolution supporting the state of Texas in efforts to bring new jobs and capital investment to the Panhandle, South Plains and Permian Basin area was approved.

Eliminating restrictions on jet service to the same area was also approved.

A new five year franchise agreement with GTE was discussed, with city manager Rick Hanna requesting the matter be tabled until the July meeting.

Hanna also informed council members of problems with improper dumping at the landfill. "This dumping happen when the attendant was busy with other duties," he said. Hanna said that if the problem is not addressed, the Texas resource commission would mandate the hiring of an additional attendant to monitor dumping.

Hanna and council member Archie Gill were requested to study the issue and present recommendations at the next meeting.

Councilman Marion Cruse's recommended \$15 fee for checks returned for insufficient funds was approved.

The next meeting will be held July 11, due to the July 4 holiday being on the first Tuesday.

Hanna showed council members drawings for proposed entrance signs for Post. The Main Street committee will assist the council in choosing the final design.

Attending the meeting were Mayor Jim Jackson, council members Cruse, Juanita Pantoja, Gill and Dan Lamb; city manager Hanna, city secretary Wyvonne Kennedy and attorney Morton.

Caprock Photographers sweep division at Lubbock art show

The Caprock Photographers of Post, swept the photography division of the Lubbock Art Association's "Lubbock Classic" art show. CPs participating were Sandy Fortenberry, Jean Gilles, Glenn Johnson, Joanne Johnson and Bill Mueller.

Sandy Fortenberry won 1st with "Riposo", a candid image of a gentleman sleeping. Bill Mueller took 2nd with "Dressing", an image of a young woman dressing. Jean Gilles took 3rd with "Growing Up to Soon", an image of a native American child from Mexico and Honorable mention for her image of a galardia. The exhibit will hang through June.

It was also reported that the Caprock Sun Magazine will be featuring an article on CP Joanne Johnson in their July/August combined issue. This

coincides with her and her husband, Glenn being the featured artists at the Godbold Cultural Center for the month of July.

The Caprock Photographers are well represented in the Godbold Center's "Northern Light" Gallery's continuous photography exhibit. Just a reminder that the Caprock Photographers have a continuous exhibit up at the Caprock Cultural Association office, a monthly display at the SPS office and for the remainder of June, "Wildlife and Natural Beauty" featuring Wyman Meinzer and CP Bill Mueller is hanging in the Hotel Garza.

The Caprock Photographers have also announced that the juror for their Fall Exhibit will be Butch Phillips of Peralta, New Mexico. The exhibit will take place Oct. 31-Nov. 5.

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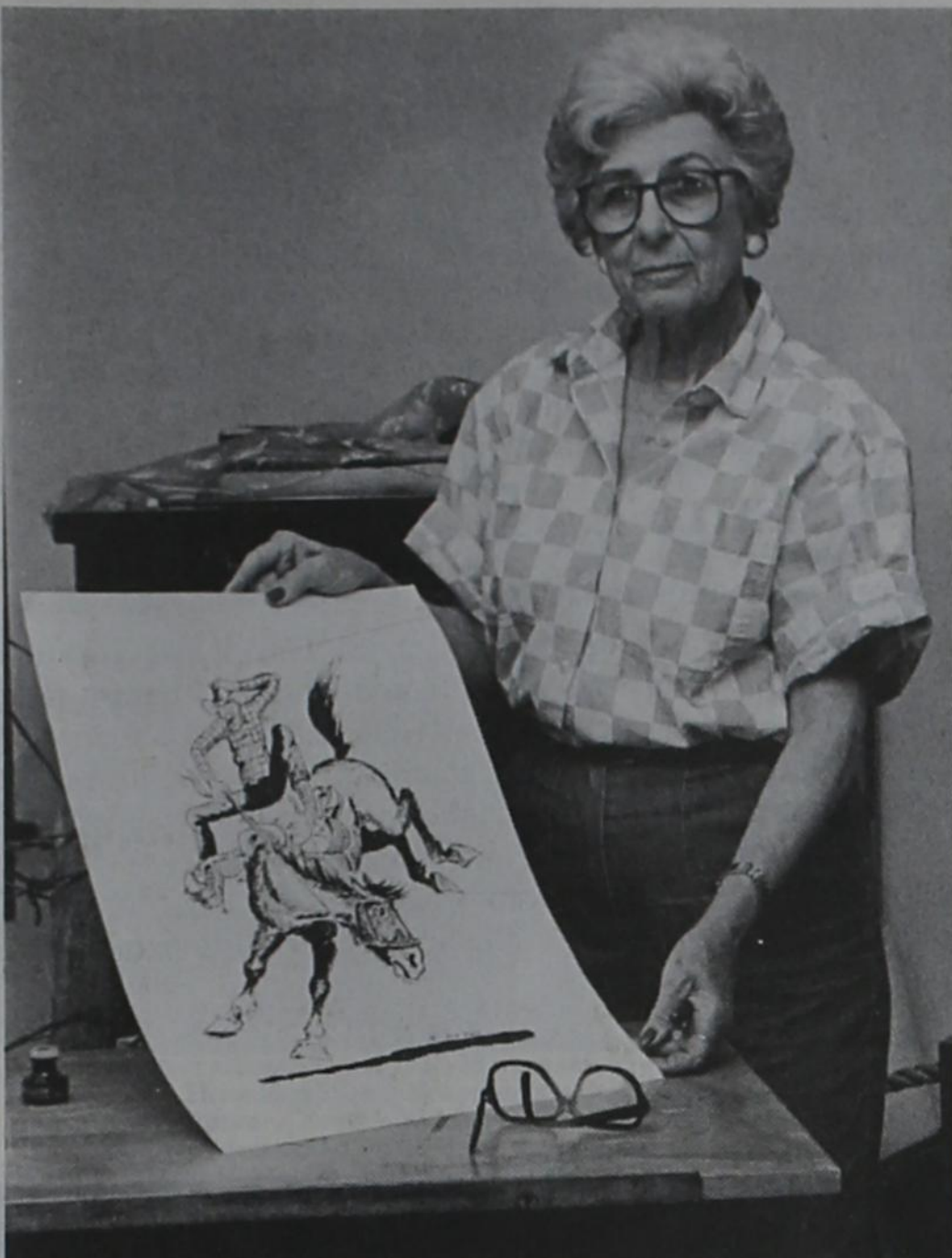
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OS Museum director Marie Neff shows off one of the popular Ace Reid drawings which is on display at the museum. (Photo by Becky Warren)

My favorite cartoon is coming to the OS Ranch Museum on June 26th

by Becky Warren
 If you have never seen 'Cowpokes' you have really missed something. The new exhibit at the OS Ranch Museum will be 'Cowpokes by Ace Reid & Indians.'
 Reid learned the life of a cowboy the hard way: shocking wheat, breaking horses and fixing fences on his father's ranch at Electra, Texas.
 After a bit of this, Ace decided to do something easier, so he went to war. It was during the second World War, while aboard the USS Lanier, that Ace started cartooning by drawing "The Sorry Salt" for the ship's newspaper.
 "I learned that I could starve to death chasin' an ole cow 'er starve to death drawin' pictures, so I picked the one I could do in the shade."
 The Fort Worth Star-Telegram was one of the first papers to run Reid's cartoons and many others have followed.
 The Reids lived on their Draggin' S Ranch in 1991 when Ace passed away. I'm sure you will want to see this exhibit. It will feature a series of over 70 original cartoons by Ace Reid. You will have a backward look at "Jake" that will make you realize that problems don't seem so large when you can laugh.



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Garza County History

Courtesy of the Garza County Historical Musuem

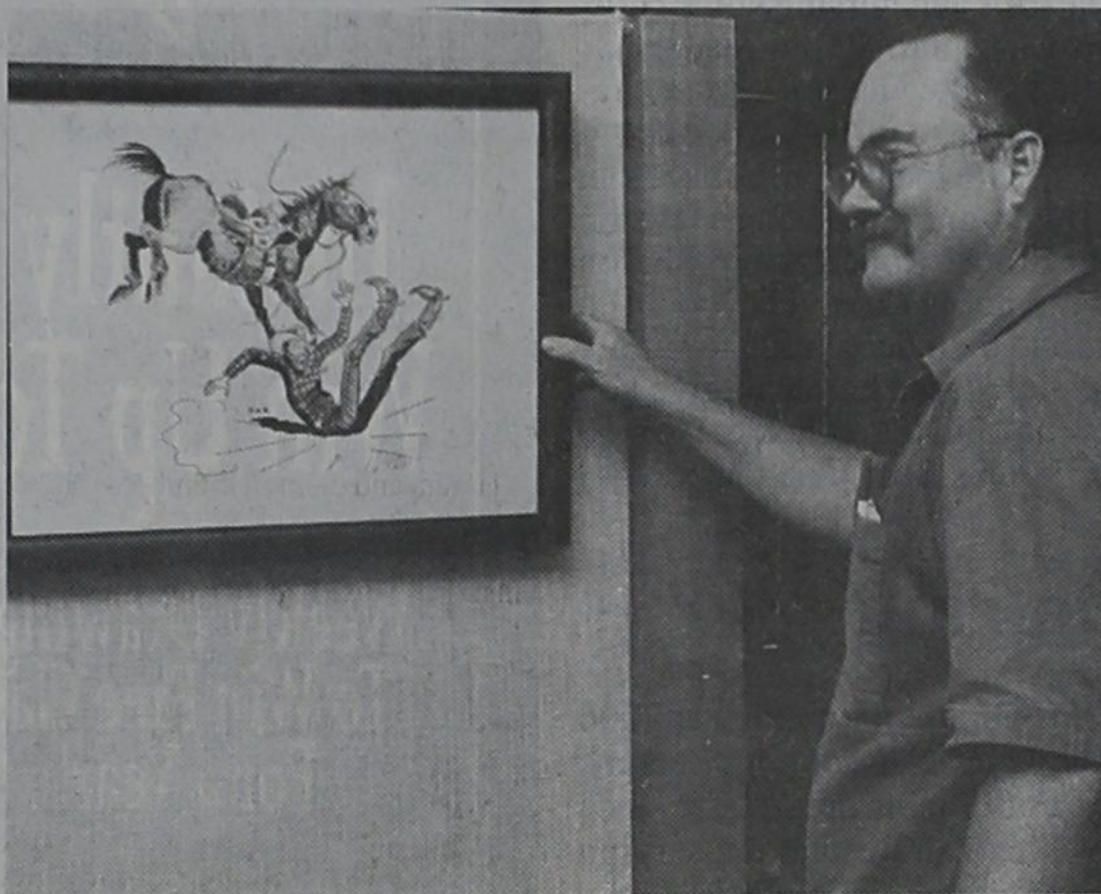
The Garza County Historical Museum
 119 N. Ave. N - 806-495-2207
 open Tues-Sat., 10-Noon and 1-5 p.m.



The Garza County Commissioners Court in June 1928 proudly pose in front of the county's newly purchased Caterpillar 60 horsepower tractor. County Judge H.G. Smith (left) shares the moment with Commissioners (left to right) Precinct 3 W.L. Cross, Precinct 2 J.B. Slaughter Jr and Precinct 1 H.M. Ford. R.B. George Co. salesman McSpadden sits on the tractor.

Post ISD looks at 95-96 budget

(Continued from Page 1)
 In other action, trustees accepted recommendations to drop delinquent personal property taxes that are more than 10 years old. "This is required by the state," Dr Bain reported, "and it is for personal property only."



Giles McCrary Jr helped arrange displays at the OS Museum last week in preparation for the current showing of Ace Reid materials. (Photo by Becky Warren)

The board authorized the superintendent to proceed with plans to remove the old underground tank, to be replaced with an above ground unit. Griffin Oil and B&B had similar bids, but Dr Bain was directed to determine the lowest cost for disposal of the old tank before awarding the bid.
 Post High School counselor Daisy Breedlove presented a report on 10th grade students' Texas Assessment of Academic Achievement (TAAS) test scores. "They have improved dramatically since their eighth grade test," she emphasized. "We still have some weak areas in math and writing, but now that we have a copy of the actual test, and samples of student written answers, we will be able to evaluate and help them more."
 The board authorized the advertisement for bids for milk, anti-freeze, gasoline/diesel, service on buses, oil and bank depository.
 Dr Bain presented a brief report of Senate Bill 1, the so-called Texas education reform legislation that was recently signed into law by Gov. George Bush. "They have done away with the career ladder, and taken away funding for it, and mandated that top level teachers maintain the same level of pay," Dr Bain said. "We were getting \$87,000 for career ladder funding, now we'll get \$85,000 for the new salary schedule... but the new salary schedule will increase our overall cost by \$100,000."
 Designated sick leave has also been eliminated, now employees will be given personal leave of five days, and schools may determine how personal leave is to be defined. Currently Post ISD gives two extra days above the five day sick leave. Trustees discussed eliminating the two extra days, but took no action. Attending the meeting were trustees Gary Workman, Rex Cash, Mark Kirkpatrick, Jeff Lott, Alexa Collier, Mark Short and Barbara Hardin.

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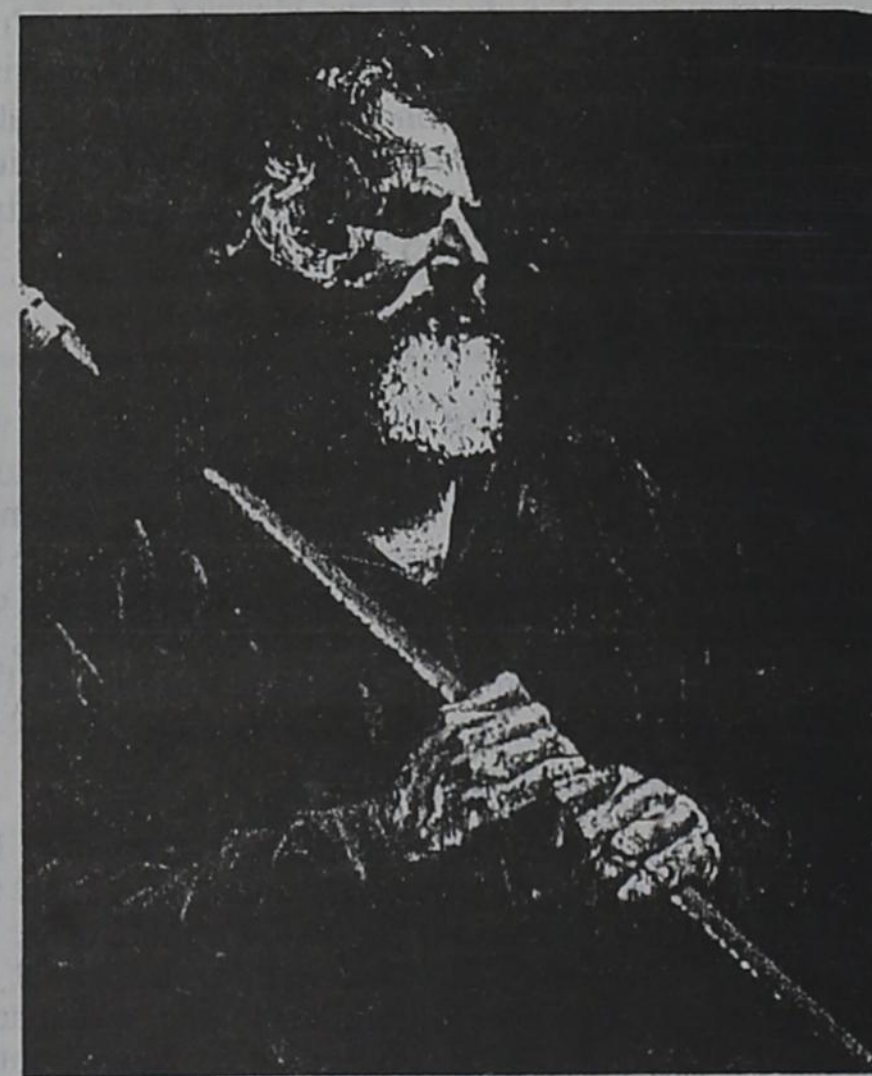
Information:

"Tahoka Kids 'n' Art will host the show this year to be held at the Community Center, 1700 South First Street, Tahoka, Tx.
 Local entries will be taken at the Algerita Art Center in Post on Thursday, June 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Linda Puckett, Kids 'n' Art Director
 495-2207 or 495-3623 after 6 p.m.

Summer Baseball

Little League
 Dodgers 7, Red Sox 8
 Tigers 1, Cubs 11
 Tigers win, A's loss due to forfeit
 Cubs 14, Dodgers 4
 Red Sox 12, A's 8
 Tigers 8, Red Sox 6
 Season standings: A's 0-9; Cubs 8-1; Dodgers 2-5; Red Sox 7-3; Tigers 5-4.
Minor League
 Cubs 18, Cardinals 24
 Rangers 8, Dodgers 18
 Rangers 18, Cardinals 18
 Red Sox 16, Tigers 23
 Season standings: A's 2-6; Cardinals 6-1-2; Cubs 7-3-1; Dodgers 4-4; Rangers 3-2-3; Red Sox 2-8; Tigers 4-4.
Senior League
 White Sox 17, Slaton Sonics 1
 White Sox 14, Braves 10
 White Sox win, Odonnell Loss
 Braves win, Odonnell Loss
 Season standings: Braves 4-1; White Sox 6-1
Softball
 Angels 22, Saints 18
 Magic 12, Angels 12
 Angels 10, Saints 7
 Saints 15, Magic 10
 Angels 19, Magic 18
 Saints 6, Angels 33
 Season standings: Angels 7-3-2; Magic 3-6-1; Saints 4-5-1.
Coach Pitch
 Stars 14, Bells 3

Bells 18, Diamonds 8
 Stars 16, Diamonds 7
 Bells 18, Stars 10
 Season standings: Bells 7-2-1; Diamonds 1-7-2; Stars 6-5-1.



Thomas, by Kenneth Wyatt

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In this Review we are happy to list Wildcat Manufacturing Company located 6 miles South of Tahoka on Highway 87, phone 327-5602, as one of the most outstanding businesses in this entire area. The management of this firm can easily qualify for the Who's Who of outstanding business firms in the West Texas area and we compliment them upon their excellent business methods and policies. This company is a valuable asset to our community. They offer to the citizens in this area the finest spraying equipment as well as spraying for pest, crops and more. We recommend them to our readers.

Robert Harvick Insurance Agency

There is a deserved place in every community for any business which contributes to the security and well being of its citizens. In this regard the insurance business is deserving of prominent mention and more particularly the Robert Harvick Insurance Agency located in Tahoka at 2129 Main Street, phone 998-4536. They specialize in planning an insurance program whereby maximum protection is obtained from each insurance dollar spent. Renewals are promptly and efficiently taken care of, eliminating dangerous lapses which might otherwise occur. This concern handles life and health insurance and will give you prompt and courteous claim service. Regardless of what your present and future insurance needs may be, it will pay you to stop in and talk to these insurance experts in Tahoka.

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Gorditos Mexican Restaurant

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One of the most outstanding community members has to be H&H Farm Supply dedicated to providing area residents with farm supplies and certified seed, wheat, alfalfa, grain sorgum and forage sorgum. This popular concern is located at 701 North Lynn Avenue in Lamesa, phone 872-3035 or 1-800-872-3035, and has earned the respect and admiration of all those who have done business with them. Their honest and straight forth manner of dealing on a one-to-one basis with people of all walks of life has made them the local leader in their field. We the writers of this Town and Country Review suggest that all area residents make this fine firm their headquarters.

Lone Star Cotton

Through the community minded service of Greg Dubose and Lone Star Cotton, located at 1513 Texas Avenue in Lubbock, phone 763-2514, the people of this area have come to respect their efforts to serve their customers in the fairest way possible. Cotton growers in this section of the state recognize the fact that this merchant has made it a point over the years to offer the fairest high market prices for the cotton they buy. Not only has their many purchases helped stimulate the growth and financial strength of this area, but through the sale of cotton they buy, they continue to bring greater prosperity to many people. In this Review we recommend to the people here that they contact them for fair and honest business dealing. We recommend Lone Star Cotton of Lubbock to all our readers.

Primestar

Featuring channel after channel of brilliant reception, Primestar has become one of the favorite entertainments in the homes of this area. We're indeed fortunate in having a quality minded company like Primestar in the area. They are located at 6710 Hartford in Lubbock, phone 1-800-687-7077. They offer Primestar service throughout the area for \$199.00 installation and you can rent Primestar, starting about a dollar a day. Your family can enjoy the unparalleled quality that Primestar can provide. For your enjoyment they offer programming with 84 of your favorite channels, worry free service and more. The Primestar mini-dish is just the right size. A 30 inch dish that you can put almost anywhere and it delivers CD quality sound plus crystal clear reception. We recommend Primestar.

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Slaton Municipal Golf Course

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The Pleasure's Mine

Virginia Bloom - owner

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The Grassburr school band of 1937-38 were smartly dressed and joined their teacher (top, center) Miss Teague for this photograph. Those identified in the photo are (back row, left to right) G.W. Martin, Paul Robinett, David Buster, Doris Jean Cross (Tipton), Dorothy Welch (Smith), J.R. (Pete) Smith (deceased); (middle row) Nadine Wagner (Brown), Irene McElroy (deceased), Sybol Maze, boy unknown, Navell Hunt (Brooks); (front row) Vernon Robinett, Billy Joe Grubbs, Merlie Robinett (Wall), Mary Alice Grubbs and Wanda Nolan. Band members whose current residence is not known are G.W. Martin, Sybol Maze, Billy Joe Grubbs, Mary Alice Grubbs and Wanda Nolan. Anyone able to help locate these class members should contact James Lee Smith, Rt 4 Box 404, Tahoka, Texas 79373 or call 806-924-7276. A reunion of the band is being planned.



The Garza County Summer Recreation program is in full swing, with youth participating in a wide variety of activities. Having fun in a piggy-back race last week were Michael Vega, Israel Vega, Jacklyn Curb, Tyler Odum, Monica Vega, Erica Rivera, Priscilla Soto, Mirna Gomez, Keisha Odom, Mirta Gomez and Rachael Moreno. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Letters to the Editor

Help needed to locate Grassburr School Band members

I am one of your current subscribers, and I enjoy your paper very much. I grew up in Garza County, attended the Grassburr School some 10 miles northeast of Post, and graduated from high school in Post on May 19, 1944. My wife is the former Dorothy Welch, whose family ranched some eight miles northeast of Post. She is a 1946 graduate of Post High School.

We are attempting to locate the former members of the Grassburr School Band of 1937-38. Our location efforts have been good, but we still have not been able to find the teacher and six of the band members. Those we have not been able to locate are so indicated in the caption that goes with the enclosed photograph.

It will be appreciated if you can carry the photograph and the accompanying note which identifies all but one former band member, and indicates those we have been unable to locate. Perhaps some of your readers can help us identify and locate the rest of the Grassburr School band members of about 1937-38. We plan to have a reunion with those who can be identified and located.

James Lee Smith
Rt 4 Box 404
Tahoka, Texas 79373
806-924-7276

Editor's Note: See adjacent photograph for details concerning this letter.

Should outsiders make our decisions?

Several weeks ago I read an article in The Post Dispatch concerning Mr Pat Walker, formerly of Post, and his resignation from his law practice in lieu of discipline from the State Bar of Texas.

In reading an article, "Quality of Life Committee..." on page 10 of the May 24, 1995 issue of The Post Dispatch, I was puzzled to note Pat N. Walker chairs the Beautification Committee.

Since when does one who no longer lives in Post, Garza County, Texas chair important positions? I read the Quality of Life Committee is involved in a comprehensive community development program for Post!

This sounds like important work for people of Post, Garza County, Texas, not someone who lives in Lubbock, Bexar, Kerr or Tom Green County.

Has Post lost its uniqueness? Maybe that uniqueness answers or solves my puzzle!

Sue Cornell

Shawn Read completes course

Army Pvt. Shawn E. Read has graduated from a helicopter repairer course at Fort Eustis, Newport News, Va.

During the course, students learned to perform direct and general support maintenance on helicopters. Also included were instruction in safety practices, usage of ground support equipment and special precision tools.

Read is the grandson of Edwin and Evelyn Read of Merkel.

His wife, Brandy, is the daughter of Linford R. and Susan Warren of Post.

Shawn is a 1994 graduate of Post High School.

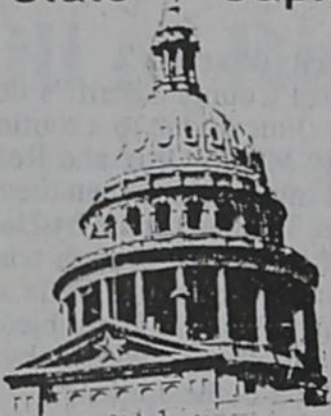
Community Calendar

Thursday, June 15
7 a.m. - Lions club, Chaparral Steak House

Tuesday, June 20
12 noon - Rotary, Community Center, Rotary Room

Wednesday, June 21
12 noon - Women's Division Chamber of Commerce, Chaparral

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — A few months after Martha Whitehead was appointed state treasurer by then-Gov. Ann Richards, she shocked capitol observers by saying the office should be abolished.

In 1994, Whitehead, a Democrat, ran for a full term on a pledge to give voters a chance to merge the agency with the state comptroller's office. She won, kept her campaign promise and voters will decide the issue on Nov. 7.

Other proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot would:

- Permit the issuance of \$500 million more in bonds for veterans' housing assistance.

- Allow the Legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation certain property having a value insufficient to recover the cost of collecting the tax.

- Let local governments exempt from property taxes commercial fishing and shrimp boats.

- Allow the Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue \$300 million more in bonds to finance loans to Texas-resident college students.

- Tax land used exclusively for wildlife management (i.e. hunting leases) on the basis of its agricultural productivity.

- Halt bond-issuing authority of the Superconducting Super Collider research facility, which is being shut down.

- Abolish the office of constable in Mills, Reagan and Roberts counties.

- End the constitutional prohibition against investment of the Texas Growth Fund in companies that do business in South Africa.

- Allow the Legislature to exempt Masonic Lodges and other state-chartered charitable groups from property taxes.

- Permit home-owners to refinance their houses to pay off an income tax lien or settle a divorce.

- Re-direct \$200 million in bonds from the state farm and ranch purchase program to be used for loans to build or expand agricultural-related businesses.

- Allow the homestead property-tax exemption of a person over 65 to be passed on to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is at least 55 years old.

- Raise the exemption from property taxes on property owned by disabled veterans or by the surviving spouses and surviving minor children of disabled veterans.

Senator Denies Conflict

Harris County District Attorney John B. Holmes Jr. confirmed last week his office is investigating state Sen. John Whitmire's \$4,000 a month consulting contract with the Harris County Adult Probation Department.

Whitmire, a Houston Democrat who rewrote the Texas penal code in the 1993 legislative session, defended the propriety of the two-year-old contract after it was made

public that he had been paid more than \$80,000.

Whitmire said his contract was approved by a group of state district judges who serve as the board of the adult probation department, and that he was assured his compensation would come from locally generated funds, not state funds.

"I never thought I would get in trouble working. In hindsight, I might have underestimated that some individuals would perceive

the probation department as a special interest. I thought it was very consistent with good public policy," Whitmire told the *Houston Chronicle*.

The state constitution prohibits legislators from benefiting directly or indirectly from legislation for which they appropriate money.

Whitmire's contract calls for him to explain changes in the revised penal code to Harris County

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L.D.'s Daughter's CAFETERIA

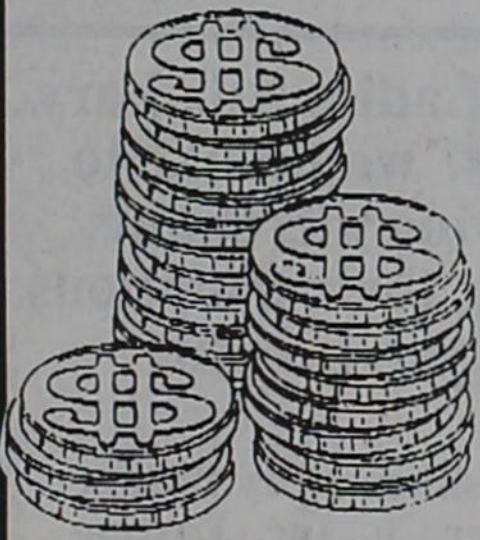
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Post students tour Washington D.C.

by Dedra Adams

History once again came alive for a group of ten Post students and their tour guide, Dedra Adams, middle school teacher. The group spent the first week of summer vacation touring the nation's capitol and the surrounding area.

The students left for Washington D.C. on Tuesday, May 30th. They went by way of Detroit, Michigan where they were able to view the Mississippi River from the air and witness all the flooding of the area. While in D.C. they toured the area, Annapolis and the Baltimore area. They returned to Post in the early morning hours on June 4th. Parents of the students helped to shuttle the students to and from the airport.

While in Washington, the group stayed at the Holiday Inn in Silver Springs, Maryland.

They began their tour by meeting up with students from Rotan and Sulphur Springs. The students all toured the area. There were 38 members now making up the Texas group. While in D.C. they students had their own chartered bus and guide to travel with.

Wednesday the group traveled to Mount Vernon, home of George Washington. They continued on a bus tour through Alexandria. A highlight of the morning was Daniel's

story-time at the new Holocaust Museum. A tour of Capitol Hill - capitol, Supreme Court, Library of Congress and White House completed the days tour. The group toured the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Vietnam Women's Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial and the Kennedy Center during the night tour.

Thursday, the group toured U.S. Naval Memorial, Ford's Theatre, Peterson House, National Zoo, National Archives and the National Cathedral. A highlight of the day was the wreath laying ceremony at Arlington Cemetery. Michael Collazo represented the Post group. In Arlington Cemetery the students saw the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Stops were also made at J.F. Kennedy's gravesight and Robert Kennedy's, Joe Lewis' and the Challenger Memorial.

Friday the groups were among the very first people up to the top of the Washington Monument. A stop was also made to the U.S. Navy Museum and a walking tour of the U.S. Navy Destroyer Barry.

The groups parted at this point as Post stays in D.C. and the other Texas groups return home.

Post spent the afternoon touring the Smithsonian Complex. The Museum of Natural History enabled the group to view the Hope Diamond and dinosaur exhibits. At the American History Museum the group viewed a large display of the memtoes that have been left at the Vietnam Wall by love ones and friends. The group was amazed at the variety of items that had been left. Other highlights the group enjoyed were Dorothy's Red Slipper and a 1942 Harley Davidson motorcycle. The Air & space Museum was the next stop - the most visited museum in the world. They saw the collections that included the Wright Brothers' 1903 flyer, Lindbergh's Spirit of St Louis and Apollo 11 lunar command module.

Saturday, the Post group left the D.C. area to travel to Baltimore, Maryland. There they toured the bay area and the National Aquarium. At the aquarium they viewed all types and sizes of marine life. The aquarium includes five levels of exhibits. There are over 5,000 fish, birds, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and invertebrates on exhibit. The new SHARK tank was finished and the students were able to view all types and sizes of sharks.

After Baltimore, the group traveled to Annapolis to tour the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. The tour included the Halsey Field House, Bancroft Hall (which accommodates all 4500 midshipmen), "Captain's Row" where senior officers live, and the Naval Academy Chapel where the group witnessed a mid-shipman's wedding. Below the chapel is the crypt of John Paul Jones, a great naval hero of the American Revolution, has inspired naval officers for a number of years. This tour completed the Post group's stay in Washington.

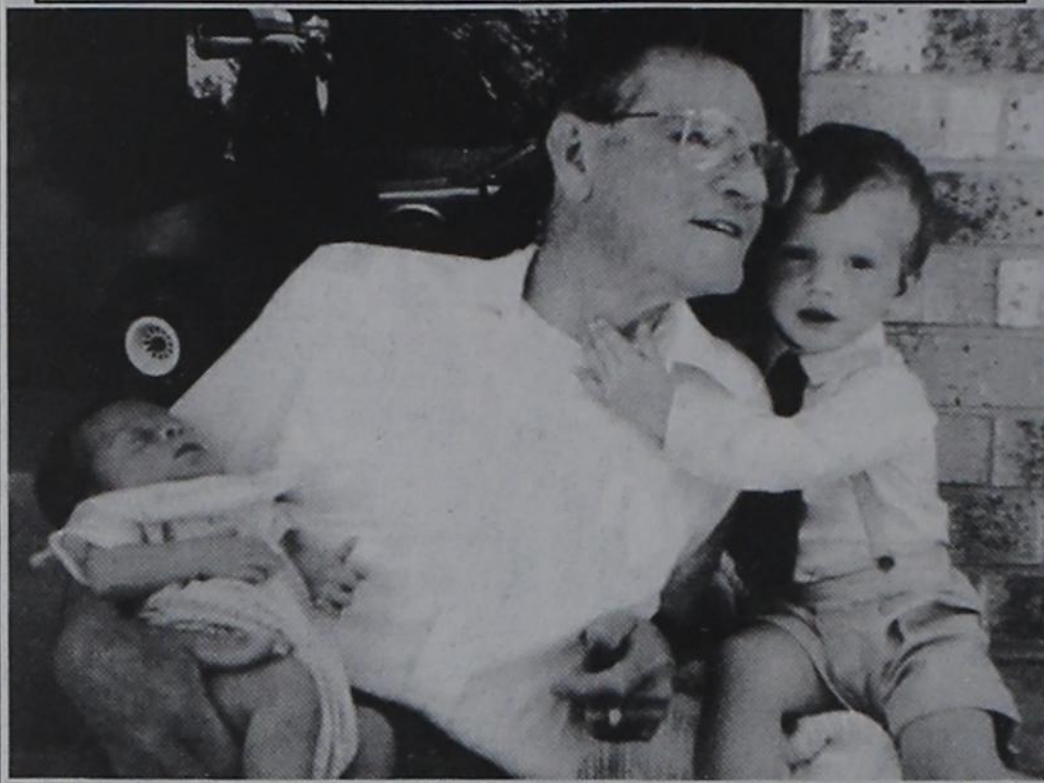
Students on tour with Post were Jason Hair, Lacey Hodges, Robert Reiter, Mikey Collazo, Chris Dawson, Flora Gomez, Jennifer Strawn, Rachel Reiter, Latricia Martin and Jennifer Josey. Dedra Adams, tour director of the group, has just completed her 11th trip to Washington with the students from Post. The D.C. group would like to thank Linda Waldrip and Norwest Bank for the hats, mirrors and highlighters. We left Post in style!

Lamesa Golden Tornado Jubilee

Graduates of Lamesa High School, Lamesa, Texas, along with their families and friends will gather for a reunion July 7, 8, and 9, 1995. The three-day event includes activities for all classes since the High School originated in 1919.

More information may be obtained from the Lamesa Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Drawer J, Lamesa, TX 79331, (806) 872-2181.

Grandparents' Corner



You might say Jack Alexander has his hands full, but quite happy about it. On his left is two year old Ross Rynn sharing Granddad with younger brother Reece Rodric, who is two months old. Chances are they are both in for a lot of treats from their smiling granddad. They are the children of Tyra and Mitch Rasberry.

Bring your favorite grandparent photo to The Post Dispatch to be included in this weekly feature. Photos will be published "first come, first served."

HIGHLIGHTS

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Probation Department employees, Holmes said.

"The accusation, and it has yet to be confirmed, is that Whitmire was paid with state criminal justice grant funds," Holmes told the *Chronicle*. "There are either two contracts, or they are confused about what the contracts are really for. I am a little concerned about what (Whitmire) is being paid for. That right there ought to raise some questions."

State District Judge Jan Krockner, who took office after Whitmire's contract went into effect, said, "I think there clearly is an appearance of impropriety. You have a consultant to a department who was largely responsible for the legislation that made probation mandatory."

New Security System

Those familiar prison towers occupied by armed guards is beginning to give way to more advanced security methods, according to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

An automated system called "perimeter security" is being installed at the Ellis Unit north of Huntsville.

Ellis Warden M. Bruce Thaler said a network of motion-detection cameras soon will be on line, backed up by sensitive fencing that sounds alarms if disturbed. Thaler said at least one roving guard will always be on duty to retrieve would-be escapees.

Although expensive, officials say the new technology will be cheaper in the long run.

State Comptroller John Sharp says doing away with the "obsolete" towers in new prisons and adding sensor fences could save as much as \$310,000 per year in eliminated personnel costs.

T AFC met June 5

The Garza County Texas Association for Family and Community Education Club met June 5, 1995 at the Trail Blazers club.

Vee Gordon then gave an interesting program on Health care, "A Guide for older adults."

The next meeting was planned for June 19, 1995 for an evening of dining out at the Chaparral Steak house.

There will be no club meetings during July or August for vacations.

Members present were Oneita Gunn, Sue Maxey, Ruth Martin, Inez Ritchie, Kelly Ahrens, Mary Lee Claborn, Vee Gordon and Fannie Wardlow.

Second bust in less than two weeks nets over \$98,000

by Becky Warren

A Garza County Sheriff's deputy and reserve deputy received a surprise Tuesday, June 6, due to a routine traffic stop.

Deputy Memo Ortiz and Reserve Deputy Bobby Dean had been working criminal interdiction when they stopped a 1985 black corvette for a speeding violation. The car, driven by Dale Wayne Eaton of Knox City, was stopped for doing 60 mph in a 55 mph zone. During the questioning the driver became nervous and sped away. Ortiz and Dean took pursuit of the vehicle in speeds exceeding 120 mph. The subject was finally stopped at the Verbena cutoff FM 2008. Both officers were lucky considering that the subject had a loaded 357 Colt Python in the console.

"We believe the subject threw out over 400 grams of uncut methamphetamine during the chase," states Garza County Sheriff Kenneth Ratke.

After the subject was arrested he was brought to Garza County jail where he was booked for evading arrest. Then the deputies returned and with the help of Coco, canine officer, and DPS trooper Jerry Cannon an area within five miles of the stop was searched. The officers found the drugs in a white plastic bag. The bag containing the substance was sent to Lubbock for fingerprinting.

The subject had arrived only two hours earlier at Lubbock from Los Angeles by air and was traveling in his vehicle when stopped.

The subject was held overnight in Garza County jail and then was transferred to Lubbock by the DPS narcotics agents.

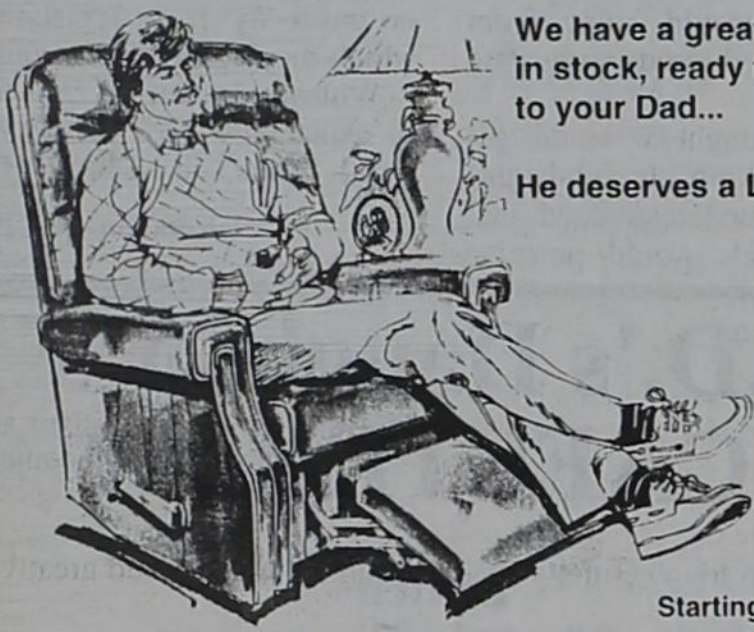
On Wednesday, the DPS helicopter, assisted the sheriff's office in another search for an additional investigation of the scene.

The Fifth District Court in Lubbock will prosecute the case.

In other matters the office received 75 calls. On June 5, a 45 year old male was brought in for commitment. On June 6, 35 year old Richard Lynn Purdy was arrested by DPS trooper Jerry Cannon for felony DWI. He was released on a \$2,500 bond.

On June 8, a 30 year old male was arrested on city warrants and is still being held. On June 10, a 20 year old male was arrested on assault. He was released after paying \$230 in fines and court costs. On June 11, 44 year old Juan Zavaza was arrested by Deputy Randy Johnston for felony DWI. He is still being held in Garza County jail.

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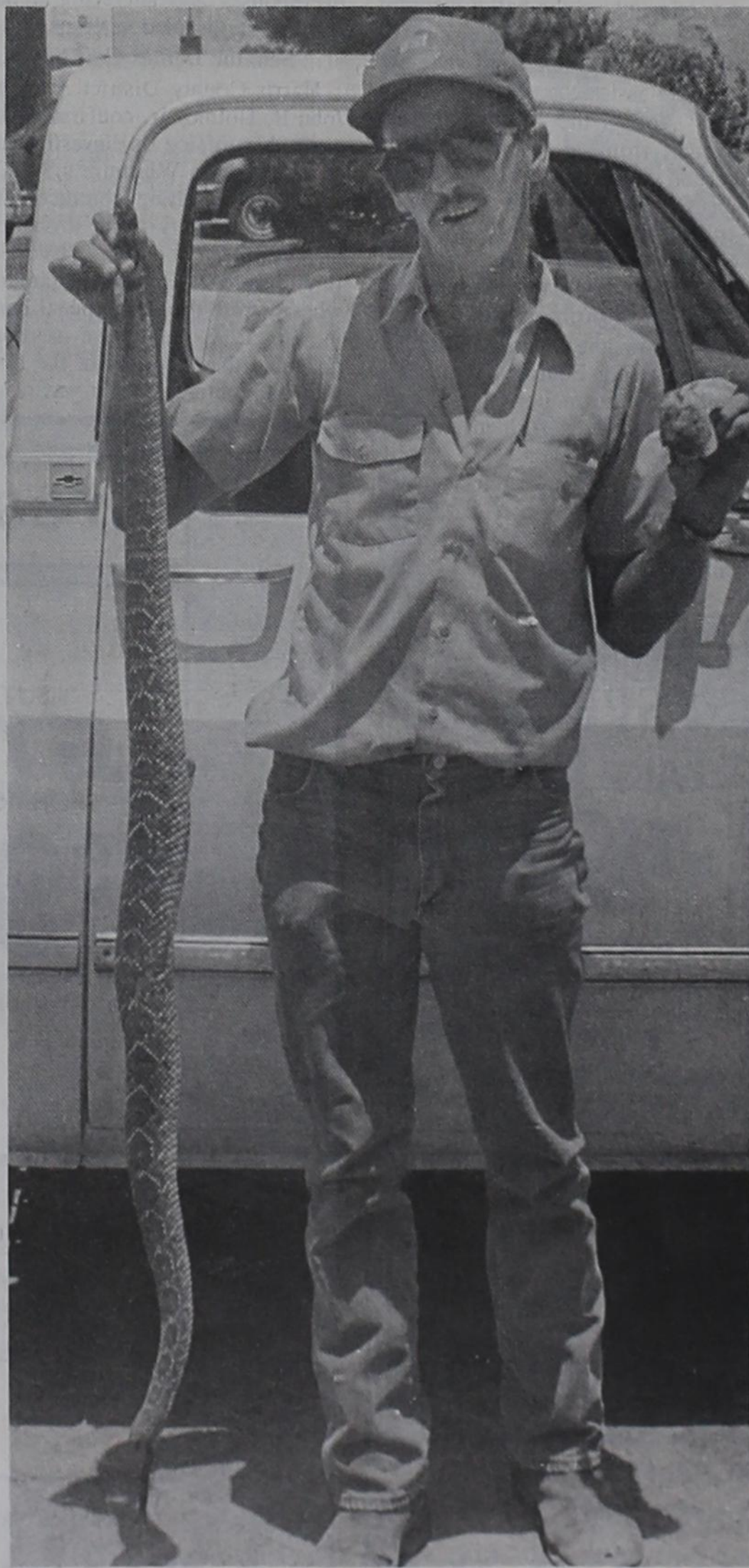
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Jimmy Ammons brought a dead rattlesnake last week to the Dispatch office for a photograph. Ammons had killed the snake with a hoe from the back of his pickup. The 56 inch rattler was discovered crossing U.S. Hwy 84 across from Wes-T-Go and went into the Quicklay Pipeline parking lot. A motorist ran over the snake in the parking lot, but did not kill it. Ammons jumped out of his pickup, grabbed his hoe, and whacked it just behind the head. An experienced rattler snake hunter, Ammons said he speculates the snake had been trapped under a house for some time, because the diamonds were not bright on the back half of the snake. Ammons said he gave up rattler hunting some time ago and cautions area residents to take extreme care this time of year. "You can't kill them by running over them with your car, the belly will just absorb the shock, but the snake will still be able to wrap around objects," he warned. (Photo by Becky Warren)

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Should the Government have first dibs on your pay?

by Congressman Bill Archer, 7th District of Texas

As the year 2000 draws near, we must develop an agenda for the next century. We must rethink the way government does its job—and be willing to investigate bold changes to those things which are incompatible with the new reality of the U.S. in a global marketplace.

In today's world, our nation's income tax has become a liability. I believe that the time has come to tear the income tax out by its roots and implement a whole new way of raising federal revenues.

In Ways and Means Committee hearings, we have begun the process of developing a new design of federal taxation which would meet these goals: Truly achieve simplicity and remove the I.R.S. from our lives as much as possible.

Tax the "underground" economy.
Allow for maximum savings.
Advance our competitiveness overseas.
I am convinced that these goals can only be met by a broad-based form of consumption tax, an example of which is a general sales tax.

Complying with the I.R.S. is a huge drain on our national economy. It takes me two days to do my return. Nationwide, individual taxpayers spend an estimated 1.8 billion hours complying with the tax code, and businesses spend about 3.6 billion hours. Taxpayers who have their returns prepared for them spend all together about \$65 billion a year—and businesses spend more still.

Imagine if all that time and money were productively spent!
By taxing consumption, we could remove the I.R.S. almost completely from our lives. Even the simplified "flat" income tax that some reformers favor would still require that every taxpayer send name and income to the I.R.S., and be subject to audit.

Many people in America don't pay any taxes at all. The "underground economy" is the name given to the many men and women whose incomes are unreported, and therefore untaxed. Some are drug dealers. Others are illegal aliens. Many are providers of services who get payment in cash, and many others have simply fallen through the cracks.

The Treasury reports that the underground economy accounts for anywhere from \$100 billion to \$200 billion each year in uncollected tax revenues. Taxpayers are tapped to make up the difference.

A consumption-based tax would reach the underground economy. Every drug dealer bought a car, every time a house painter bought a can of paint, they would be paying their fair share of the cost of our government.

A flat tax, by contrast, would not get at the underground economy. Because it is an income tax, it is reasonable to expect that the same income that is unreported now would continue to be unreported—and the difference would continue to come out of your paycheck.

But in addition to lowering taxes, a consumption tax would greatly favor savings. Almost every economist will tell you that one of the single greatest financial crises facing this country is its lack of savings. Under my proposal, only consumption would be taxed. Any dollar a taxpayer saved would not be taxed at all. Houses and other capital assets, since they aren't consumed items, would also escape taxation. Our economy would become a great sponge for job-creating capital investments from all over the world.

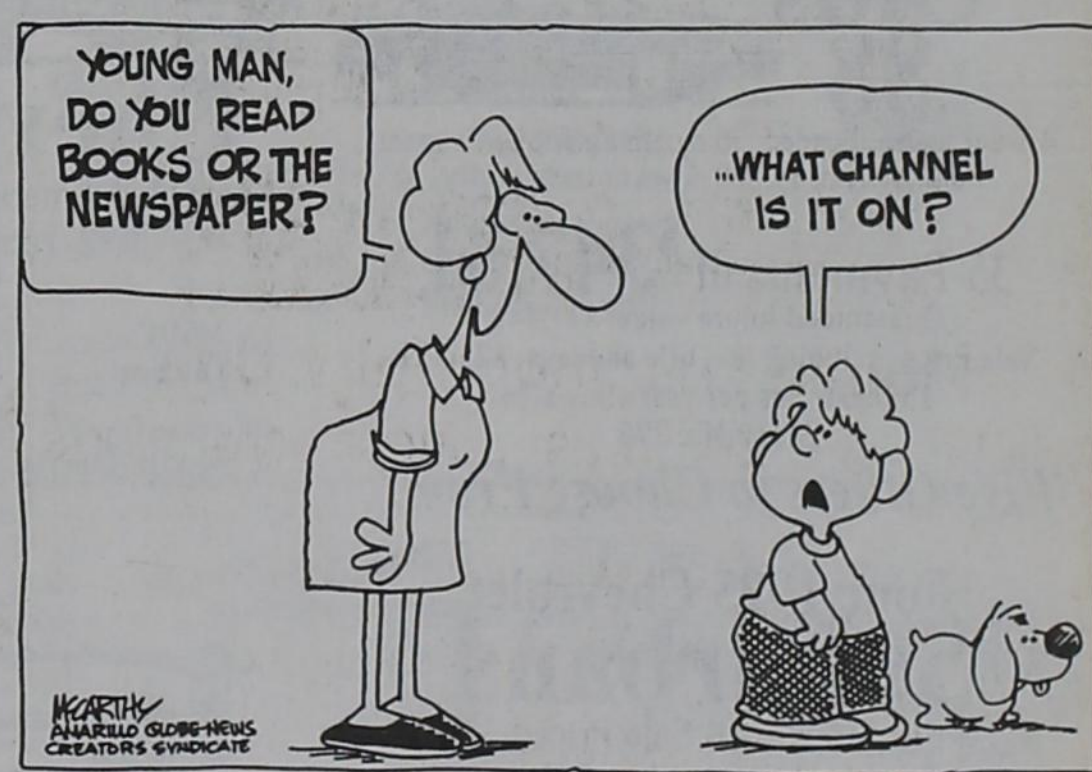
In the future, it is my hope that conflicts between nations will be resolved not on the battlefields, but in the international marketplace. It is vital that we position the U.S. to be the world's economic superpower.

Right now, our income tax hurts the competitiveness of our products. To pay it, our companies have to increase the prices of the products they sell overseas. A consumption tax would avoid this problem altogether, decreasing the prices of our products overseas.

At the same time, foreign products that are consumed in the United States would be taxed. That would contribute to our cost of government, and make our products more competitive at home.

If we moved to a consumption-based tax, we would gain an immense competitive advantage perfectly acceptable under international trade rules. The rest of the world would be scrambling to catch up. A flat income tax would not have these benefits.

We can and must minimize problems associated with the consumption tax. For instance, we must develop a way to insure low-income earners will not be adversely affected. But you can be sure: I intend to do all I can to pursue these changes and make America as strong as it can be—today, tomorrow and in the 21st century.



Wisdom

"...a bill of rights is what the people are entitled to against every government on earth, general or particular, and what no just government should refuse."
Thomas Jefferson, letter to James Madison

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Article 3, Section 3 (Continued from last week)

Section 3. Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying War against them, or in adhering to their Enemies giving them Aid and Comfort. No Person shall be convicted of Treason unless on the Testimony of two Witnesses to the same overt Act, or on Confession in open Court.

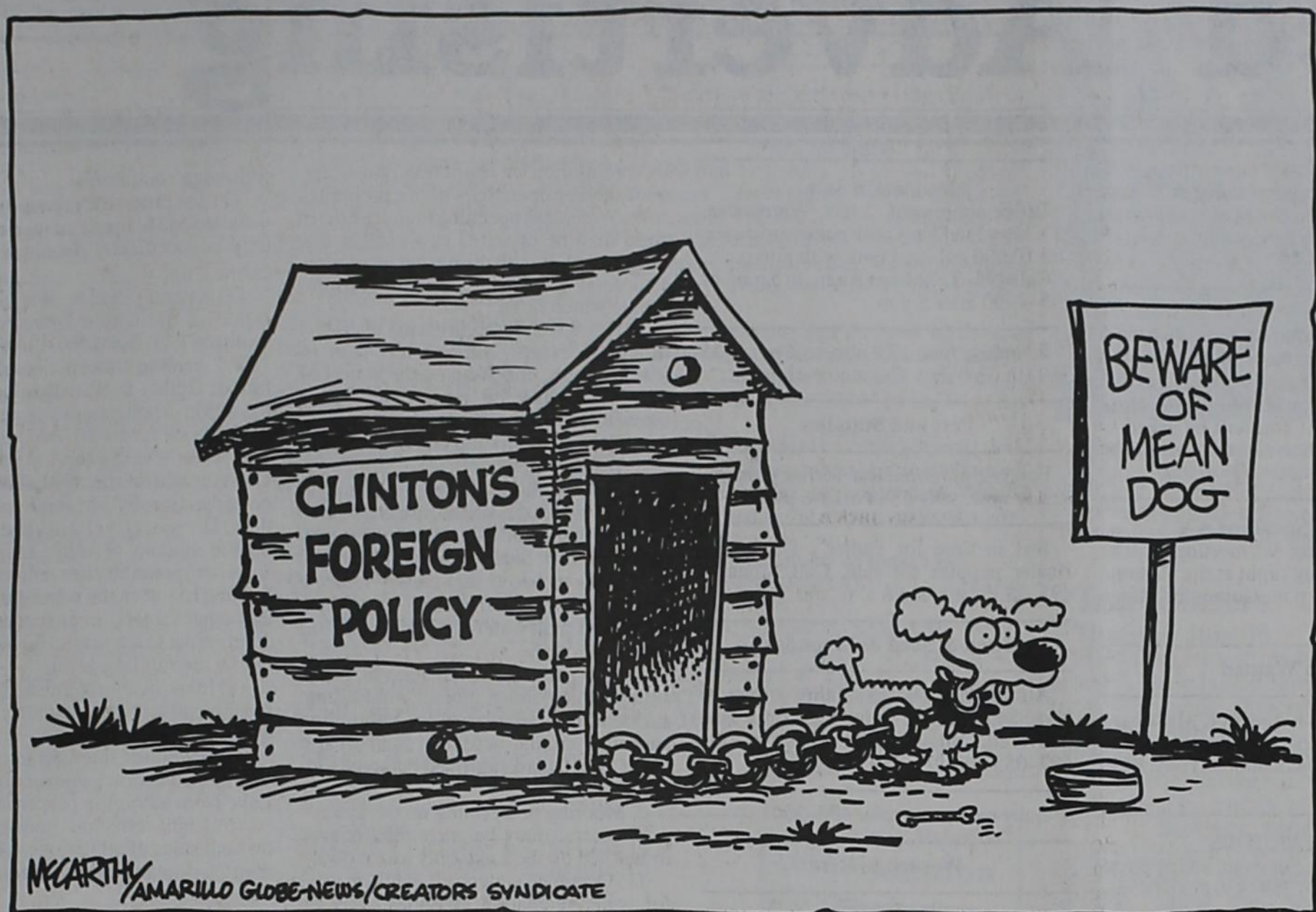
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Opinions



A two-flank attack on the Bill of Rights

by Stephen Chapman

The Bill of Rights has survived a civil war, several depressions, two world wars and untold law school seminars without having so much as a comma altered. But it may not escape unscathed from the 104th Congress, which has plenty of members who presume they can improve on James Madison's work.

The House Judiciary Committee, chaired by Illinois' Henry Hyde, has two ideas for revamping the First Amendment. On Wednesday, it approved a constitutional amendment allowing Congress and the states to outlaw desecration of the American flag. On Thursday, it held a hearing on a "religious equality" amendment that is supposed to restore the vanishing rights of believers. As Colorado Democrat Pat Schroeder said during the flag-burning debate, "This committee is beginning to treat the Constitution as a rough draft."

Both measures stem from old proposals that Republicans could never get passed when the Democrats controlled Congress. They think that the First Amendment, which guarantees freedom of speech and religion while banning the establishment of religion, has been willfully perverted by a liberal Supreme Court, and they are determined to undo the damage. In both cases, the real harm would come from the amendment.

The flag-burning measure is a direct response to a pair of decisions by the Supreme Court — one in 1989 striking down a Texas law protecting the flag and another the following year overturning a federal version subsequently passed by Congress. The court — in opinions joined by the most conservative justice serving at the time, Antonin Scalia — ruled that banning flag desecration was merely a way of suppressing unpopular expressions of opinion.

The court was right, of course: Burning a soiled flag to dispose of it, in accordance with long-standing flag etiquette, was specifically allowed by the 1989 federal law. You were free to burn a flag with respectful intent, but not with disrespectful intent.

This is the equivalent of a law saying you may express approval of the president but not contempt, which no American would tolerate for a minute. Congressional Republicans, however, are ready to amend the Constitution so they can put Americans in jail for engaging in one type of political expression.



The mystery is why so many Americans, who gamely accept all sorts of unpleasant exercises of free speech, suddenly lose all tolerance when the flag is involved. It does serve as a central symbol of national ideals, but sanctity lies with the ideals themselves, which can't be harmed by burning the flag. The proposed amendment treats the Stars and Stripes not as a symbol but as an idol.

As soon as the Judiciary Committee was done protecting the flag, it turned to asserting the claims of religious believers, some of whom think the official hands-off policy enshrined in the First Amendment is not good enough. They want the government aligned on their side. Thursday's hearing ostensibly concerned religious "liberty" and "equality," but much of this was simply camouflage for the real purpose: a constitutional amendment sanctioning state-sponsored religious activities in public schools.

It's true that the advocates can cite a few examples of administrators overreacting to manifestations of faith-like students being forbidden to wear shirts with Bible verses or to discuss God on the playground. But these instances arise from idiotic misinterpretations of the Supreme Court's decisions. The problem, to the extent it exists, can be corrected with better education of teachers and principals, which happens to be a lot easier — and fraught with less danger — than amending the Constitution to protect rights that are already protected.

For most Republicans, the new talk about religious liberty merely advances the old goal of allowing schools to do the sorts of things ruled unconstitutional by the court — leading students in prayer, setting aside daily classroom time for students to pray on their own, posting the Ten Commandments, inviting members of the clergy to give invocations at school functions and so on.

Although the committee hasn't decided on any particular amendment yet, it may settle on one version that also allows the government to engage in "ceremonial" recognition of religion, which could mean crosses on courthouses and nativity displays in City Hall. This approach allegedly would end the policy of official hostility toward religion. But what the supporters take as hostility is almost always simple neutrality.

Neutrality is the best approach for the government of a free society, whether it involves the proper uses of the American flag or the truth of religious belief. The alternative is likely to be the tyranny of the majority. The First Amendment protects us from that, but maybe not for long.

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Former student confesses to former teacher...

by Robert Fulghum

SEATTLE — As a former high school teacher, I'm often invited to reunions. Sometimes the reunions are very private — one on one — as happened last week. While a former student of mine was in town for a class gathering, he called to ask: "Could we get together for a cup of coffee? I have something to get off my chest."

His confession cleared up a long-standing mystery. In his senior year, he had called me at home on a Sunday afternoon to say that he knew I was a parish minister and he had an urgent religious question to ask. Serious possibilities passed through my mind. "Sure, go ahead."

"Mr. Fulghum, do you know how to clean puke off a Bible?"
"What?"
"It's awful — I just can't tell you — but I've got to do something before my mother gets home tonight."

I couldn't help him. There are some things that aren't covered in seminary. The following day in school, I asked him what had happened, but he said I wouldn't really want to know.

Now, 10 years later, comes the truth. His parents were away for the weekend. And he had done exactly what they told him not to do — he had some friends over for a party. There was beer. A girl drank too much, lay down on the bed in his mom's room and tossed her cookies. Trying not to throw up in the bed, she aimed over the side and hosed the night stand. Upon which lay the mother's Bible. Open. All evidence of the party could be cleaned up — except the mess on the Bible.

Desperate, my young friend wrapped the evidence in a plastic bag and buried it in the backyard. He bought his Mom a new Bible and told her some terrible lie about borrowing hers for a school project and losing it on a bus. She was really mad, but not nearly as mad as she might have been if she had known the truth.

But while he could handle his Mom's wrath, he was sure God was going to get him. The experience kept him out of trouble for the rest of his senior year. He still hasn't told his mother the truth. He still thinks she would kill him if



she knew. And the Bible is still out there in the yard somewhere. He's forgotten exactly where — or else he would sneak home sometime when his mother is away and dig it up. But he wouldn't be able to explain why the backyard was full of small craters.

"Well," I said after laughing myself limp, "the only thing I can do for you is to give you an example of the things adults and teachers do that are just about as awful. At least you will know you have company."

And I told him my tale. That same spring, I had had a very full teaching load. My classroom was on the third floor, and the nearest men's toilet was three floors down. In desperate circumstances one morning in the middle of a class, I excused myself and walked swiftly down the hall into a closet to use the janitor's sink. But the sink had a sign on it that read, "Does not drain." Panicked and about to explode, I used a large plastic wastebasket that was handy.

The convenience of this solution to my problem was too easy not to use again another day. By the end of the week, however, I had a different problem: What should I do with a bucket containing a rather amazing amount of urine?

Late one afternoon, long after school was out, I tried sneaking down the stairs with the bucket to empty it in the toilet. But I stumbled on the stairs. And let go of the bucket. Which sailed through the air and exploded like a grenade all over the hallway.

It took a couple of hours to mop up the mess. And a couple of bottles of air cleaner to kill the smell. When people complained the next day that something awful seemed to have happened in the hall overnight, I kept my mouth shut.

That's my story. "Welcome back — to the best part of reunion," I told him. Wherein laughter lightens the pains of past mistakes.

For all of us. Any and all contributions to Robert Fulghum's columns are welcome. Please send him your stories, complaints, suggestions, factoids and interesting lies. Write to Robert Fulghum care of this newspaper.

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Rights vs. wishes... they are different

by Walter E. Williams

Congress' budget debate would be much more honest, and perhaps more fruitful, if we cleaned up some of our thinking about what is a right and what isn't. People say they have rights to medical care, decent housing and food, even if they can't pay for them. If these goodies aren't forthcoming, somehow, their rights have been violated. Let's discuss rights.

Imagine that I meet an attractive young lady. I ask her to marry me. Suppose she says no. Have my rights been violated? Or, suppose I ask to live in your house, and you say no. Have you violated my rights to decent housing? Finally, suppose I ask you for a job, and you say, "No, I refuse to hire you because you're too tall, and I don't like tall people." Have you violated my rights? In any meaningful sense of the term "rights," none of these acts constitutes a violation of my rights.

True rights, such as those in our Constitution, exist simultaneously among people. The exercise of a right by one person does not diminish those held by another and imposes no obligations on others except those of noninterference. If I ask for a job, a person is no more obliged to enter into a work contract with me than they would be obliged to enter a marriage contract with me. By contrast, if you and I enter into a work contract, or if a young lady agrees to marry me, and a third party initiates force to prevent the transaction, my rights have been violated.

To say people have rights to housing, medical care and jobs is an absurd concept. Those "rights" can be realized only by governmental imposition of burdens on others. For government to guarantee a "right" to housing, it must diminish other people's rights to their earnings. This modern vision of rights,



if applied to my right to speech, worship and travel, would require government to force (tax) others to provide me with an auditorium, church and airfare.

If, instead, we called these newfangled rights wishes, I'd be in agreement with most other Americans. I also wish everyone had decent housing, nutritious meals and good medical care. However, if we called them wishes, there'd be cognitive dissonance problems among people making the pretense of morality.

The average American would cringe at the thought of government punishing one person because he refused to make someone else's wish come true.

If I simply had a wish for a five-bedroom house, and Congress told its agents at the Internal Revenue Service to take other people's money to make my wish come true, you wouldn't think much of Congress. Americans would find it easier to live with their consciences and find congressional initiation of force against others more palatable, if it were said I had a "right" to a five-bedroom house. After all, it's Congress' job to protect rights.

We can compare rights and wishes another way. Suppose someone initiated force to prevent another from speaking, and Williams privately stepped in to protect that person's right to speak. Would I be declared a hero or villain? Then suppose I saw a homeless person and did privately exactly what government does — initiate force to take someone's money to guarantee that homeless person's "right" to housing. What would you call me? In the first case, most would probably call me a hero, and in the second, I'd rightfully be called a despicable thief.

Separating wishes from rights has great relevance to today's federal budget debate. After all, Congress' making wishes come true constitutes two-thirds of federal spending. The nation's problem is there's not a single member of Congress who has the courage to point out that the moral route to a balanced budget is for Congress to protect rights, not guarantee wishes.

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 Addie Brown
 Larry and Betty Brown
 Cathy Brown

Thank you to everyone for all the prayers, flowers, visits and phone calls while I was in the hospital.
 Evelyn Gurley

On behalf of myself and my family I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the generous people for their support and help during our sorrow and needs. This will really help in giving me an

opportunity to start over.
 May all your good deeds be rewarded by our Good Lord.
 God Bless Ya'll
 Mary Valdez Castello and family

Words cannot adequately express our sincere, heartfelt thanks to the people of this community for the many expressions of sympathy in the loss of our mother and grandmother - the prayers, the beautiful plants and flowers, the lovely cards, the delicious food provided and the gifts.

A special thank you to Bro. Darryl Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church of Post, Lee Ann Hodges of Post, the gospel singers from all over the area, and England's Funeral Home for the beautiful and memorable service.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the staff of Slaton Care Center, St. Mary of the Plains Hospital, 2nd Floor, Drs. Patrick Edwards, Sarada Narendran and Darrell Franks for the special care they gave to our mother.

All these many acts of love and kindness will long be remembered by this family.

Sherry and Billy Dörner
 Rodney, Cindy, Lindsay and Rusty Josey
 Sharla, Rex, Ryan, Regan, and Cassidy King

Personals

Post Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday night at the First Presbyterian Church, 901 West 10th at 8 p.m. Closed meetings are held except on the last Thursday of the month, which is

an open meeting. We have supper at 7 p.m. and the speaking starts at 8 p.m. Anyone who wishes to talk or ask about an alcohol problem, call 495-4152, 495-4185 or 629-4393.

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

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

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Garage Sales

Saturday 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. 110 N. Ave. S.

Friday, 9 a.m. to ? 612 W. 11th St.

506 Pine St. (in back). Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shoes, clothes all sizes, dishes and misc.

Multi-family garage sale. Saturday, June 17 from 9 a.m. to ? 116 W. 11th St. Lots of women's clothes, odds and ends.

Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 1002 West 11th St. Clothes and misc.

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Liquidation Sale
 Office equipment, 2 lots. Warehouse, 71' Chevy Fuel Tank with pump and meter, and 10,000 gal. fuel tank with pump.
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Legal Notices

Regulations for Governance of Lake Alan Henry

1. Applicability
 These regulations supplement the Water Safety Act (Chapter 31, Texas Parks & Wildlife Code). They apply to Lake Alan Henry (the Lake), in Garza and Kent Counties, Texas; to John T. Montford Dam; to all property located adjacent to the Lake that is owned by the city of Lubbock (city), a municipal corporation of Lubbock County, Texas, and that is under the control of Brazos River Authority (Authority), a river authority of the State of Texas, and to all property situated within the boundaries of the Wildlife Habitat Area that is owned by the City and controlled by the Authority (the Property); and to persons and property on the Lake and on the city's lands that are controlled by the Authority.

2. Authority
 These regulations are adopted and promulgated under authority vested in the Board of Directors of the Authority by the laws of Texas. They shall become effective upon completion of publication as required by law and upon filing with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission.

3. Prior Regulations
 No regulations for the governance of Lake Alan Henry and vicinity have been adopted by the Board of Directors of the Authority prior to adoption of these regulations.

4. Watercraft
 The term "watercraft" applies to all types of boats, vessels, personal watercraft, barges and similar floating craft. Watercraft may be maintained and operated on the Lake under the following conditions:

a. Water Safety Act
 Watercraft on the Lake shall be equipped and operated in accordance with the provisions of the Water Safety Act and all applicable provisions of the United States Coast Guard Inland Rules, including all future amendments thereto.

b. Authority Operating Regulations
 In addition to the operating regulations prescribed in the Water Safety Act and the USCG Inland Rules, the following regulations shall be effective on the Lake:

(1) Watercraft operating within 100 feet of any boathouse, dock or other lakeshore facility, an occupied anchored boat or an area in which people are swimming or diving shall be operated at a slow, no wake speed (aheadway speed that does not create a swell or wake).

(2) Lights on or in use in any watercraft shall not be used in a manner which would impair the vision of an operator of another boat, provided however that the display of lights required by the Water Safety Act on boats subject to the Act and in the manner provided therein shall not constitute a violation of this section.

(3) Watercraft shall not operate within the designated restricted areas upstream or downstream of the John T. Montford Dam.

(4) Motorboats or other motor-powered watercraft operating on the waters of the Lake must have an exhaust water manifold or a factory-type muffler installed on the engine, and the engine must be capable of being operated so as not to exceed the noise level standard of 86 dBA at any speed measured at 50 or more feet from the engine. Motor-powered watercraft shall not be operated on the waters of the Lake in such a manner as to cause this noise level standard to be exceeded. Exceptions may be granted for boating events conducted under permits issued by the City and administered by the Authority.

(5) No watercraft shall be left unattended on the Lake other than at an approved mooring or berthing site, except in an emergency; any watercraft left so unattended shall be securely moored or anchored and suitably flagged and lighted so as not to create a hazard.

(6) The operator of any watercraft involved in an accident shall report the accident to a Lake Ranger or other representative of the Authority as soon as possible.

(7) No motor-powered watercraft or sailboat shall be operated within 100 feet of a "diver down" flag (see Subsection 6.c., below).

(8) The Authority's General Manager is authorized to designate areas or zones in which the operation of watercraft shall be prohibited or in which the speed of watercraft shall be restricted. Such zones shall be marked by buoys or signs stating

the prohibition or restriction. No watercraft shall be operated within a prohibited zone. Watercraft operating in any restricted zone shall be operated in a manner that fully complies with the posted restriction. This section shall not apply to patrol or rescue watercraft.

(9) Each watercraft in excess of 10 feet in length, except sailboats less than 16 feet in length, operating on the waters of the Lake shall be equipped with a throwable flotation device (ring buoy or throwable cushion) and one boat paddle.

c. Water-skiing
 (1) The Authority's General Manager is authorized to designate areas in which water-skiing shall be prohibited for purposes of safety. Such areas shall be marked with signs or buoys that clearly indicate that water-skiing in the area is prohibited. No person shall water-ski in any area thus marked.

(2) All persons participating in water-skiing, aquaplaning, tubing, windsailing, surfboarding, wind surfing, parasailing and other similar activities shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device.

d. Mooring or Berthing on the Lake
 Watercraft may be anchored, moored or berthed on the Lake only as follows:

(1) Occupied watercraft, while in use for water recreation activities, may be moored temporarily for short periods of time in locations on the Lake which will not interfere unduly with recreational use of the Lake by others.

(2) Unoccupied watercraft may be anchored, moored or berthed only in private or commercial facilities or areas of the Lake maintained in accordance with permits or contracts issued by the City and administered by the Authority.

e. Watercraft Sanitation
 All watercraft shall be equipped with appropriate facilities for storage of refuse, including garbage, rubbish and litter, and watercraft with overnight accommodations shall also be equipped with adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary handling of sewage in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, regulations and orders of any Federal, State or local governmental agency or other regulatory agency having jurisdiction.

5. Facilities on the Lake
 The following provisions apply to facilities other than watercraft maintained on the Lake:

a. Facilities for Private Use
 Facilities for private use may be placed and maintained in or on the Lake under the

following conditions:
 (1) Facilities for private use may be installed and maintained in or on the Lake only as specifically permitted in writing by the City.

(2) A permit shall be obtained from the office of the City's Director of Water Utilities, P.O. Box 2000, Lubbock, Texas 79457, prior to construction of any structure or facility to be maintained on or in the Lake. Applications for permits shall be made on forms provided by the City. The water level in the Lake will not be constant, and this fact should be taken into consideration by all applicants for permits. The water level will vary, depending on the amount of water used from the Lake, evaporation rates, amounts of rainfall and runoff in the watershed upstream and other factors. In any year, the water level in the Lake may drop substantially below the full lake level.

(3) Identification furnished by the City must be posted conspicuously on all permitted facilities.
 (4) Facilities must be so located and maintained as not to obstruct access to the Lake from adjoining properties.
 (5) Light reflectors must be installed on both sides of all facilities at no greater than 20-foot intervals, as required by the City.

b. Facilities for Commercial Use
 Facilities for commercial operations in support of public recreational use of the Lake may be placed and maintained in or on the Lake and on the Property only under specific contractual arrangements with the City. Detailed information may be obtained from the office of the City's Director of Water Utilities.

c. Other Facilities or Structures
 Other structures such as casting targets, slalom courses, ski jumps, etc., shall not be erected on the Lake except by written permission of the City.

6. Scuba diving
 a. Scuba diving is allowed in the Lake only in areas within 150 feet of a shoreline, except for emergency rescue or salvage operations or for special events for which exceptions may be granted by the City or the Authority. Scuba diving in other areas is prohibited.

b. Firewood
 The Property.

c. The dissection of explosive devices is prohibited.

d. Any device to launch projectiles from the Lake and on the Property.

e. No person shall destroy, tamper with, or remove any rock, cactus or other object on the Property.

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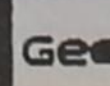
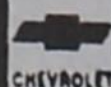
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Obituaries

Kenneth Martin

Services for Kenneth Martin, 56, of El Paso, were held Wednesday, June 14, 1995 at 4:30 p.m. in Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Charles Addington of Crossroads United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park. Martin died Sunday, June 11, 1995 in St Joseph's Hospital in Albuquerque, N.M.

He was born December 6, 1938, in Oklahoma City. He graduated from Post High School and attended West Texas State University in Canyon. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He worked for TNT Dependable Services.

Survivors include his parents, Pat and Mary Martin of Post; two sons, Mike and Doug, both of Lubbock; two sisters, Patricia Rountree of Austin and Mary Beth Schuster of Jones, Oklahoma; two grandchildren; niece, Michelle May of Austin; one nephew, Lee Schuster of Fort Worth and Jovita McCarty of El Paso.

Pallbearers were Johnny Kemp, Jimmie Redman, Jerry Hays, Ted Tatum, Damon Elthridge and Noel White.



Norwest, Alice Bancshares agree to purchase of Texas banks

Norwest Corporation and Alice Bancshares announced today they have signed a definitive agreement for Norwest to acquire the two-bank Texas holding company, Alice Bancshares owns Alice Bank of Texas, with \$171 million in assets and one location in Alice, and The First State Bank, with \$23 million in assets and one location in Premont, Texas.

Pending approval by federal regulatory agencies and shareholders of Alice Bancshares, the transaction is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 1995. Terms of the agreement are not being disclosed.

"Norwest looks forward to entering the Alice and Premont market, bringing customers a wider variety of banking, insurance and investment services," said John Stumpf, Norwest regional banking president of Texas.

"While being one of the nation's leading and most diversified financial services companies, Norwest excels in community banking by emphasizing local decision making

on lending, pricing and community giving," said Steve Hipes, president and chief executive officer of Alice Bank of Texas. "We're confident our customers will benefit from association with Norwest."

Norwest has 30 banking stores and \$2.2 billion in bank assets in Texas and also has announced plans to purchase Comfort State Bank in Comfort, Valley-Hi National Bank in San Antonio and State National Bank of El Paso. In Texas, Norwest also has locations of Norwest Financial (50), Norwest Mortgage (40), Norwest Investment Services, Inc (6), Norwest Investment Management and Trust (6), Norwest Agricultural Credit (1), Rural Community Insurance Agency, Inc (1) and Norwest Equipment Finance (1).

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Libertarians charge Texas Legislature with 2nd Amendment violation

In all the uproar and commotion over the Texas Legislature's "right to carry" concealed weapons bill, it appears the law's violation of the 2nd Amendment has been overlooked, according to the Libertarian Party of Texas.

Texas Libertarian Party chairman Jay Manifold has reminded the Texas Legislature that it has put up another bureaucratic roadblock, "directly contrary to the spirit and clear meaning of the 2nd Amendment, ignoring the rights of Texans to arm themselves for protection."

The Libertarian Party has consistently insisted that no law, state or national, may infringe on the people's right to keep and bear arms. "That includes restrictions like registering weapons protected by the 2nd Amendment, or training or any other government imposed obstacle to ownership," Manifold continued.

The Supreme Court ruled in 1939 (U.S. vs Miller) that weapons considered ordinary military equipment (normally hand-held), or those weapons that could contribute to the common defense, are designated as arms protected by the 2nd Amendment.

"That means," Manifold emphasized, "that citizens have the right to own handguns, or rifles or so-called assault weapons similar to those used by the military...and no government has the Constitutional authority to infringe on this right."

"Unfortunately, our legislators failed to recognize their Constitutional limitations. In their haste to appear anti-crime, they have foisted another scheme to fatten the general revenues of the state, at the expense and subjugation of the very citizens whose rights they are sworn to defend," Manifold added.

The new concealed weapons handgun law requires citizens to undergo extensive background checks, potential intimidation from law enforcement agencies, expensive training and certification and a \$140 permit, which must be renewed every four years.

The cost alone will exclude thousands of law-abiding Texans from the permit system. Manifold pointed out that lower income families tend to live in high crime areas, and many will be unable to meet the permit fee requirements.

"The Libertarian Party calls for Texans to recognize their Constitutional right to keep and bear arms, and demand that their elected officials uphold the Constitution and the Bill of Rights," Manifold concluded.

Juneteenth celebrates Texas emancipation

On June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger landed in Galveston and issued a general order freeing African American Texans from slavery. This year June 19 marks the 130th anniversary of Emancipation Day in Texas.

Popularly known as Juneteenth, Emancipation Day was made an official state holiday in 1979 by the

66th Texas Legislature to commemorate the occasion. African American Texans across the state traditionally celebrate the momentous event with parades, music, picnics, and festivities.

The Emancipation Proclamation to free all the slaves in regions still under Confederate control originally was issued in 1863 by President Abraham Lincoln.

May oil and gas permits to drill

The Railroad commission of Texas issued a total of 988 original drilling permits in May compared to 1,001 in May 1994. The May total included 690 permits to drill new oil and gas tests, 37 to re-enter existing well bores, and 261 for re-completions.

Total drilling permits issued in 1995 year-to-date is 4,639, an eight percent increase from the 4,277 issued during the same period of 1994.

Permits issued in May included 406 oil, 237 gas, 308 oil and gas, 29 injection, one service and seven other permits.

May completions

In May operators reported 325 gas, 365 oil, and 21 injection and other completions, compared to 321 gas, 308 oil, and 47 injection and other completions during the same period of last year.

The total of well completions recorded for 1995 year-to-date is 3,463, a six percent increase from the 3,269 recorded in 1994.

Operators reported 839 holes plugged and 172 dry holes in May, compared to 930 holes plugged and 156 dry holes reported during the same period last year.



Linda Puckett shows off the newly remodelled historic law library at the Garza County Museum. The museum director has spent the past several months painting, cleaning and arranging displays. The museum is currently planning various fund raising events to develop additional modifications. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

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Amazing Grace!
That saved a wretch like me!! Time for change
by Rev. Jim Graham
Great hymns of the church have always caught my attention. Who are the people that write them and what is their background? To many these song writers we can very easily identify. John Newton is one such gospel hymn writer. His hymn "Amazing Grace" has been one for years. I can bow my head and kneel to the Jesus Christ and repeat those words: Amazing Grace. How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
John Newton wrote this hymn in 1779. He was born in London, July 24, 1725. His father was a seaman. His mother was a godly non-conformist, and a born again Christian. Although she died when he was only 7 years old, her influence on his life was great. He was still referring to "my saintly mother," when he was over 80 years old. She often took her son on her knees and taught him the Bible, and sang to him from the Psalms.
John Newton was stranded on the west coast of Africa. He became ill. It seemed that it was only the mercy and the grace of God that spared his life. By a miracle he got a job on a ship from Britain as a deck hand. On the voyage back to Britain the ship got into a raging storm. He found himself praying to the God of his mother to spare his life. When the ship docked in Ireland, John went to church and dedicated his life to the God of his Mother.
Although for years, John Newton became the captain of a slave ship, he eventually became a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He met John Wesley and George Whitefield who encouraged him to prepare for the ministry. He became the pastor of a church and with the help of William Cowper, he published his own hymnal for his church in 1779 which had 288 hymns in it that were written by Newton himself.
John Newton said of himself, "That one of the most ignorant, most miserable, most abandoned of slaves, should be plucked from his exile on the coast of Africa, and at length be appointed minister of the chief Parish, in the chief city of the world; that he should here testify, the chief city of the world; that he should here testify, not only of God's grace, but stand up as a monument to it; record it in his history, his preaching and his writings to the world at large; is a fact of which I can never sufficiently thank God."
Truly God's grace is amazing. To think that God would take a person who at one time was a slave, then a slave trader himself, change his life, and give him the gift to write such great hymns that touch and bless the people of our day, is truly amazing. My friends, if you and I get to heaven it will truly be by the grace of God. May each of us be able to sing amazing grace from our hearts and not only our heads.

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