

The late Ace Reid at his art table, creating another tickler for Texans. The OS Museum is featuring the famous artist's works during a special showing beginning June 26.

"Cowpokes" by Ace Reid and Indians" at OS Museum starting Monday, June 26th

by Becky Warren

Last week we published an introduction into the world of the late Ace Reid and his sketches "Cowpokes". The exhibit will open Monday at the OS Ranch Museum located upstairs in the Double U building.

The few of you who have never seen the sketches by Ace Reid are in for a real treat.

People who read an Ace Reid cartoon usually make two responses. First, they smile and laugh. Then they say, Ace Reid's been there. "He knows what he's talking about."

Ace has indeed "been there." He started life on a droughted-out ranch in mesquite country near Electra, Texas. Growing up during the Great Depression, he took a good, hard look at the rough times, and he never forgot what he saw.

In 1941 when he was a junior in high school, young Ace converted his dad's chicken house into an art studio. By this time he was sketching horses, cattle and cowboys - scenes he saw everyday on the ranch.

The boy had talent, but nobody knew how much until he met some Eastern war correspondents in the Pacific during World War II. They admired the cartoons of "Sorry Salt" he was doing for the ship's newspaper, and was encouraged to do something with his art after the war.

Out of the Navy and home in Wichita County, he cowboied by day and sketched by night in the chicken house. By 1949 Ace was ready to go into the world and find his place. But the world was not ready for him, and after trying all the major syndicates in the East, he decided to do it on his own.

With the help of his wife Madge, he syndicated his own cartoons, published his own calendars and books, booked speaking engagements and handled his own promotion and advertising.

By the mid 50's Ace Reid had become a household word. His calendars and cartoons hung in millions of homes, making him one of the most popular artists of our time.

The genius of Ace Reid is, that for 30 years he managed to take the sting out of hardship, and make people laugh at their own misfortunes, and it is still happening!!

In 1966 Ace was one of the trail bosses on the 100th commemorative cattle drive from San Antonio to Dodge City, Kansas where they were taking cattle to market.

A reception will be held for his widow, Madge, on July 8. Details will be published next week.

You will want to make sure to see the exhibit. I believe that Ace had the heart to make us all laugh at our misfortunes. He had such a way with the cartoons that the hardships never appeared to happen. His humor in everyday life was so that we can look at the cartoons and laugh.

Food booth spaces available at July 4 celebration

The annual Post Chamber of Commerce sponsored July 4 celebration at the City/County Park will include individual food booths this year, with reservations for space now being accepted. Chamber of Commerce manager Wanda Mitchell emphasizes that there will not be a bar-b-q, "and we need food booths to provide refreshments for visitors."

Those organizations interested in renting space should contact Mitchell at the Chamber of Commerce office, 495-3461. "The charge of youth groups is \$10, \$25 for booths without electricity and \$35 for booths with electricity," she adds.

The deadline for reserving booths is Friday, June 23. Payment in advance will be required for space rental.

"Proceeds from space rentals will be used to help defray the expense of the fireworks show," Mitchell says. The annual fireworks show will begin after dark on Tuesday, July 4.

"Bingo will be on as usual," Mitchell adds, "but we will start at 6 p.m., so that Bingo players will be out in time to enjoy the fireworks at the park."

Musical entertainment will be provided by "Better than Nothing," a local group of talented musicians.

Any additional information about booths or activities may be obtained by calling the Chamber office or Ann Stelzer at 495-2543.

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City, county agree on jointly funded services

by Wes Burnett

City Council representatives and County Commissioners breezed through the jointly funded services list at a special meeting Tuesday night, making no changes to the cooperative inter-government agreement.

Commissioner Lee Norman explained the need to plan for major repairs to the community center. He cited the poor condition of the carpet, walls and baseboard. "The building is nearing 20 years old, and we are going to have to make some improvements," Norman said the community center board would present a set of proposals and estimated expense in the near future.

City Councilman Archie Gill suggested that each government unit establish a dedicated budget item every year for community center repairs. "If we had done this 20 years ago, we would have money set aside for regular repairs, and wouldn't be facing a crisis."

Commissioners and council representatives requested Sheriff Kenny Ratke to maintain current budget levels, "to avoid any tax increase," Ratke said that his budget request would be at the same level as this year. "We have an extra deputy who has been informed that if federal funding for that position isn't available, or seizure money isn't enough, he will have to be terminated," the Sheriff said.

City manager Rick Hanna informed the group that the swimming pool will need painting and maintenance next year. He said that the chlorine gas system appears to be the best way to keep the pool clean, even though there has been concern about the danger of using chlorine gas. "Since our pool is outside, we don't feel there is any danger, the system is separated and isolated, with tight fittings and qualified people inspecting it," he added.

Hanna cautioned commissioners and council members that the estimated \$100,000 to provide adequate lighting at the baseball park may create a need to eliminate night baseball. "We hate to have to talk about this, but we have to

realize that the current poles need to be replaced and the cost of lighting is very expensive."

Judge Giles Dalby explained the need to provide additional funding next year for the summer youth program, which is bursting at the seams this year. "We have 291 youth enrolled, and we authorized two more adults to assist," Dalby said, "and next year we don't think there will be any federal funding. This is a very important project for our youth and families, and we are going to have to plan ahead to fund this properly."

Dalby also gave a report on the proposed juvenile detention center, expected to be built here in the fall. "Corplan is working right now on final architectural drawings, and will finalize its investment package in 60 to 90 days. Then construction can begin as soon as the investors' money is deposited. I really feel this project is off and running, and we will see it filled within two weeks of opening next spring."

The Judge also said that announcements about contracts and employment opportunities will be announced in local media as soon as information is available.

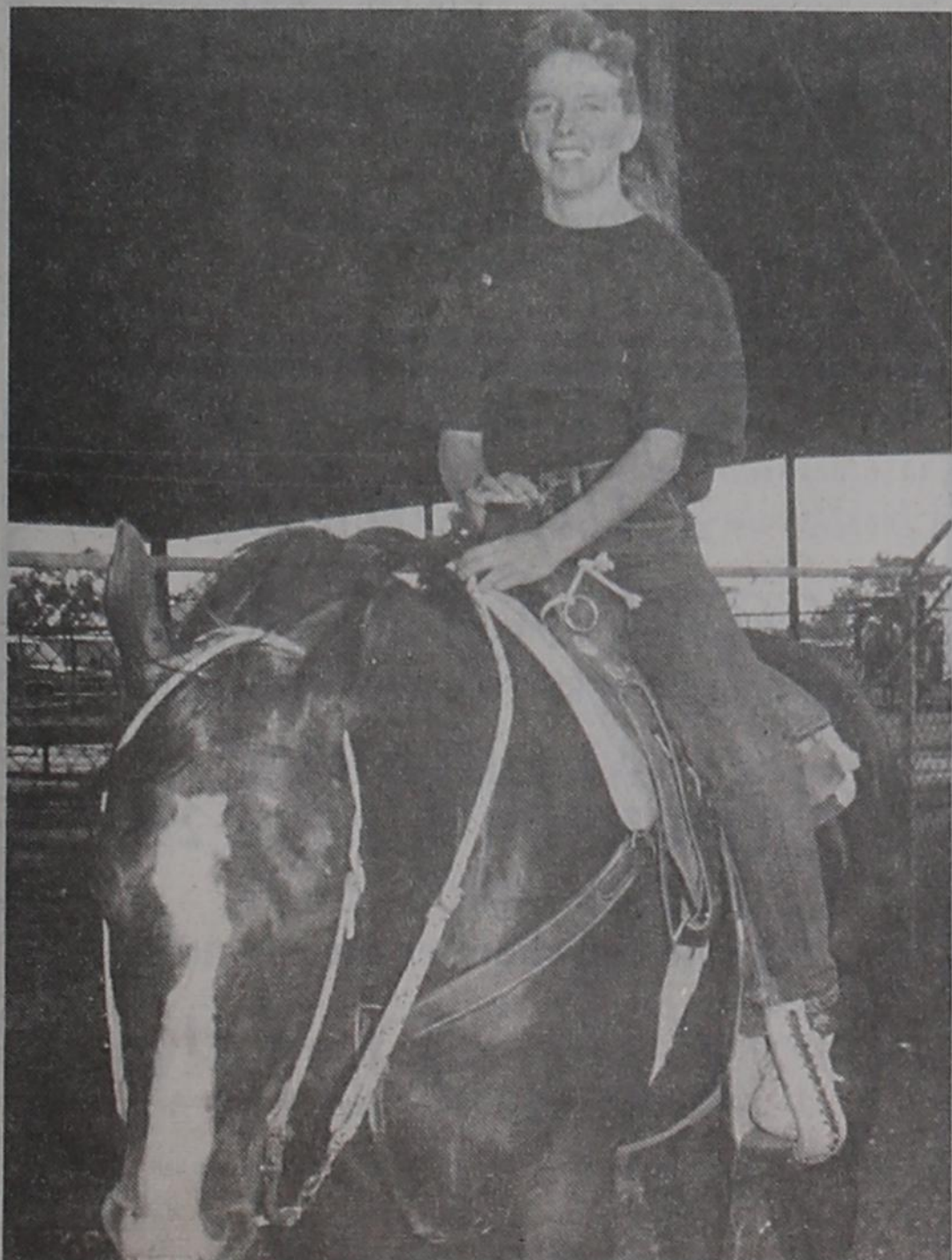
Mayor Jim Jackson said that another appraisal will be conducted on the 40 acre site owned by the city, which is the preferred site for the detention center. "We just think that \$65,000 is too much for that piece of land," Jackson said.

Gill also agreed, saying that at most, property in that area should not be worth more than \$1,000 per acre.

Judge Dalby said that alternate sites were being evaluated, in case the appraisals on the city-owned property northeast of Post remains too high.

The jointly funded projects include the landfill, cemetery, airport, EMS, fire department, library, community center, park, swimming pool, baseball parks and law enforcement.

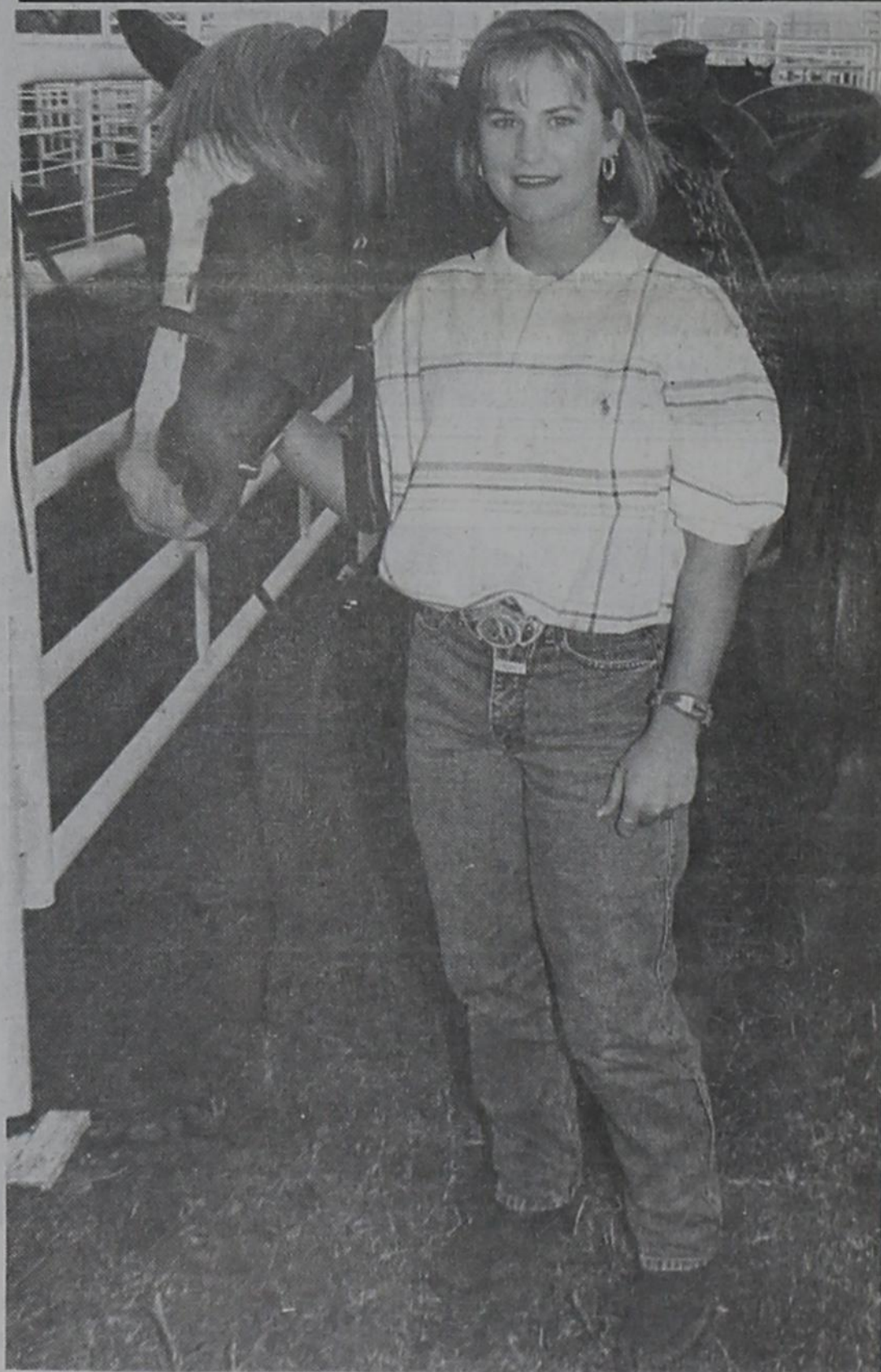
City Council representatives at the meeting were Jackson, Gill and Hanna. County representatives were Dalby, Josey, Norman and John Valdez.



Cassie Short participated in the recent Texas High School State Rodeo finals in Abilene. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Lori Hudman competed at the Texas High School State Rodeo Finals in Abilene. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Talina Bird wins All-Around Girls' title at state rodeo finals

by Julie Hudman

Talina Bird won the All-Around Girls' title at the Texas High School Rodeo Finals in Abilene, held at the Expo Center there June 4-10. She took first in pole bending, second in barrel racing and sixth in goat tying. Talina was awarded a horse trailer, two saddles and buckles for her paces in the two goes.

Cassie Short posted a 3.60 time in breakaway roping in the first go, but she missed her calf in the second go. Lori Hudman placed eighth in pole bending in the first performance, but hit two poles in her second go.

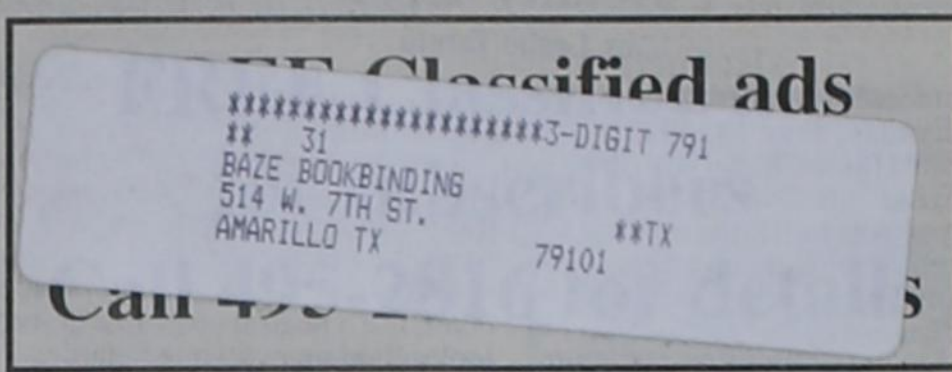
Earlier in June Clay Johnson brought home a title in the Tri-State Rodeo Association Finals with his Reserve Rookie of the Year award in team roping. His partner was Justin Winders of Lazbuddie.

In Amarillo Sky Moore and Jason Thomas took third in one of the goes. At the high school rodeo finals in Abilene, two performances were held daily all week long in the coliseum. Approximately 850 high school students from 10 Texas regions competed in one or more events. Cutting horse contests were held in conjunction with the rodeos in the horse barn arena.

Abilene hosted the gathering by serving a barbecue dinner from the Texas Restaurant Association. Also, several musical talents, including a Miss Texas entrant, sang during the various performances.

Glenn and Ann Smith of Post led the worship on Sunday. They are widely known across the nation for their ministry through the Rodeo Cowboys Ministries. They were joined by Judy and Gary Jones, who serve through their Christian music.

On Wednesday the THSRA hosted a special kids rodeo at the coliseum. In this rodeo, high school contestants assisted handicapped youth to ride and participate in a hands-on experience with the animals.



Post Notes

Summer baseball ceremony Saturday

Closing ceremonies for this year's summer youth baseball program will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the David Nichols Park.

Steer validation set June 27

The county-wide validation of steers for major stockshows will be held Tuesday, June 27 between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. at the show barn. All 4-H and FFA members who plan to show steers at Ft Worth, El Paso, San Antonio, Houston or San Angelo in the spring of 1996 must have steers present for validation.

There will be a small charge for validation to cover tag and film costs. The validation will be held in conjunction with hoof trimming, weighing and measuring of all 4-H steers.

Youth with time conflicts should contact the extension office or a PHS ag science teacher.

This is the only scheduled validation date for the county.

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.

Adult leaders needed for Explorer post

A new Explorer Boy Scout Post is forming for youth interested in law enforcement. The Explorer Post is seeking adult leaders to assist in the program. Those interested should call the Garza County Sheriff's Department at 495-3595.

PHS gym, weight room open

The Post High School gym and weight room will be open from 5 to 10 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The facilities are open to the public.

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.

Beauty Tips

by Leslie Tatum

Here are some tips on how to use eye pencils. Eye pencils work well to define and enhance your eyes. This makes them brighter and clearer. Always smudge your eyeliner. To avoid a drawn on look apply the pencil close to the upper lashes before you add eyeshadow. Your eyes will still be defined but will look softer and more natural.

tip of your shadow wand and use a deeper shade to line your eyes. To enhance the whites of your eyes, line the inside rim of your lids, but don't use a heavy hand or you will have raccoon eyes! If you are afraid of eye shadow color, use a neutral color like taupe. It looks good on everyone regardless of eye color and skin tone. Taupe is also easy to blend.

Ron Graves completes special course

Army Staff Sgt. Russel C. Graves has completed the criminal investigation division (CID) special agent course Fort McClellan, Anniston, Ala. Course subjects were problem solving, investigative support, management functions, training

management, and career development. Other topics included fingerprinting, photography, crime prevention, and fraud and terrorism investigations. Graves is the son of Ronnie and Diane Graves of Post and a 1986 graduate of Post High School.



Mr and Mrs Aaron Davis

Jamie Hawkins and Aaron Davis exchange wedding vows June 3, 1995

Double ring wedding vows were exchanged Saturday, June 3, 1995 at 7 p.m. between Jamie Kay Hawkins and Aaron Lynn Davis.

The ceremony took place at the First United Methodist Church in Post with the Reverend Donnie Blacklock officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Micheal Hawkins of Dennison and Mr and Mrs Joe Moore of Post.

The groom is the son of Mr and Mrs Leslie G. Davis of Post.

The bride selected an elegant gown in a rich white bridal satin. The traditional styling of the gown featured a sweetheart bodice. Imported Alencon lace embellished with pearls and sequins adorned the bodice. The romantic styling was carried over onto the long length fitted sleeves. A fitted basque waist flowed into a straight figure flattering skirt. An upsweep of Alencon lace studded with beading adorned the center front of the gown. A detachable court train fastened at the waistline with a satin bow. The hemline of the gown and train was finished with scalloped Alencon lace and appliques.

The headpiece Jamie wore was a delicate cascade of garland pearls and baby's breath. A ripple edge veiling exploded from the back of the garland and fell past the waistline.

The bride's bouquet, made by the groom's mother, featured white roses, mini rose buds, adorned with white satin loops, needlepoint English ivy and tulle tufts.

The bride's attendants were dressed in matching fitted long length dresses of burgundy satin slit up the side front. A sweetheart neckline with wide black pleated satin straps and black satin bow in back completed the dresses. They each wore matching shoes and carried a long burgundy rose stem adorned with the bride's colors of burgundy, hunter green and black ribbon, tulle and strands of pearls.

Serving as maid of honor was Jody

Hawkins sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Katina Davis, sister of the groom, and Courtney Bratcher, sister of the bride.

Aaron's attendants were Shawn Latham as best man. Groomsmen and ushers were Chad Davis, brother of the groom, and Randy McKee, friend of the couple.

Flower girl was Ashlee Davis, niece of the groom, and ring bearer was Braden Bratcher, brother of the bride.

Wedding music was provided by Mrs Glen Norman. A tape of the song "I Swear" by John Micheal Montgomery was played by request from the groom to his bride.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church, with Kelly Boyd and Natalie Boyd serving the bride's table.

The wedding cake was three tiers supported by columns with a flowing fountain below. It was accented with burgundy rose buds and strands of dainty black beads draping from each tier. The cake was topped with the traditional bride and groom.

The groom's table was done in military fashion with a Navy anchor and service picture of Aaron as part of the center piece along with his navy cap and military flags. Coffee, finger sandwiches and fruit bowl were served by Linda Green and Mendy McAfee, cousin of the groom.

A rehearsal dinner was given by the groom's parents at the fellowship hall of the church.

Following a wedding trip, the couple will make their home in Bremerton, Washington where Davis is stationed with the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Nimitz.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Post High School and attended WTAMU. Davis is a 1992 graduate of Post High School.

Jamie and Aaron would like to thank their families and friends for coming and sharing in this joyful time in their life.



Dusty Hart and Leah Cook

Leah Cook, Dusty Hart plan July 29 wedding

Leah Cook and Dusty Hart, both of Lubbock, announce their engagement. They will marry July 29, 1995 at Oakwood Baptist Church in Lubbock.

Parents of the couple are Mr and Mrs Eugene Cook of Lubbock, Vickie Hart Wisian of Lubbock and Ronnie Hart of Post.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Roosevelt High School, attends South Plains College. She is employed by American State Bank. The future bridegroom, a graduate of Slaton High School, is employed at Lubbock Stockyards.



Chanda Moreman

Chanda Moreman receives WBU scholarship

Chanda Moreman, a 1995 Plainview high school graduate is one of two recipients of the Jesse and Mary Jones Scholarships to Wayland Baptist University in Plainview which is funded by Houston Endowment Inc.

The four year, annually renewable scholarships are awarded to Plainview high school students graduating in the top 10 percent of the class. The scholarships provide full tuition for up to fifteen hours per semester.

Chanda was listed on the honor roll every six weeks during her high school career and graduated with 14 honors. She received the prestigious Who's Who award for Spanish II, the U.S. Achievement Academy and was listed in the All American Scholar 1991 Directory for Algebra with recommendations for each year since then.

She was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Spanish Club, Future Homemakers of America, National Honor Society, and was a student athletic trainer for the Plainview high school sports teams for three years. She also was a member of the P.H.S. Acapella choir, the Chamber Singers and the All-Region Choir.

Miss Moreman plans to pursue a physical-therapy major at Wayland and finishing at Texas Tech.

Chanda Moreman is the daughter of Larry Moreman of Lubbock and Debbie Bowles of Plainview. She is the granddaughter of Mack and Lola Ledbetter and Weaver and Pearl Moreman, all of Post.

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—Carl Albert

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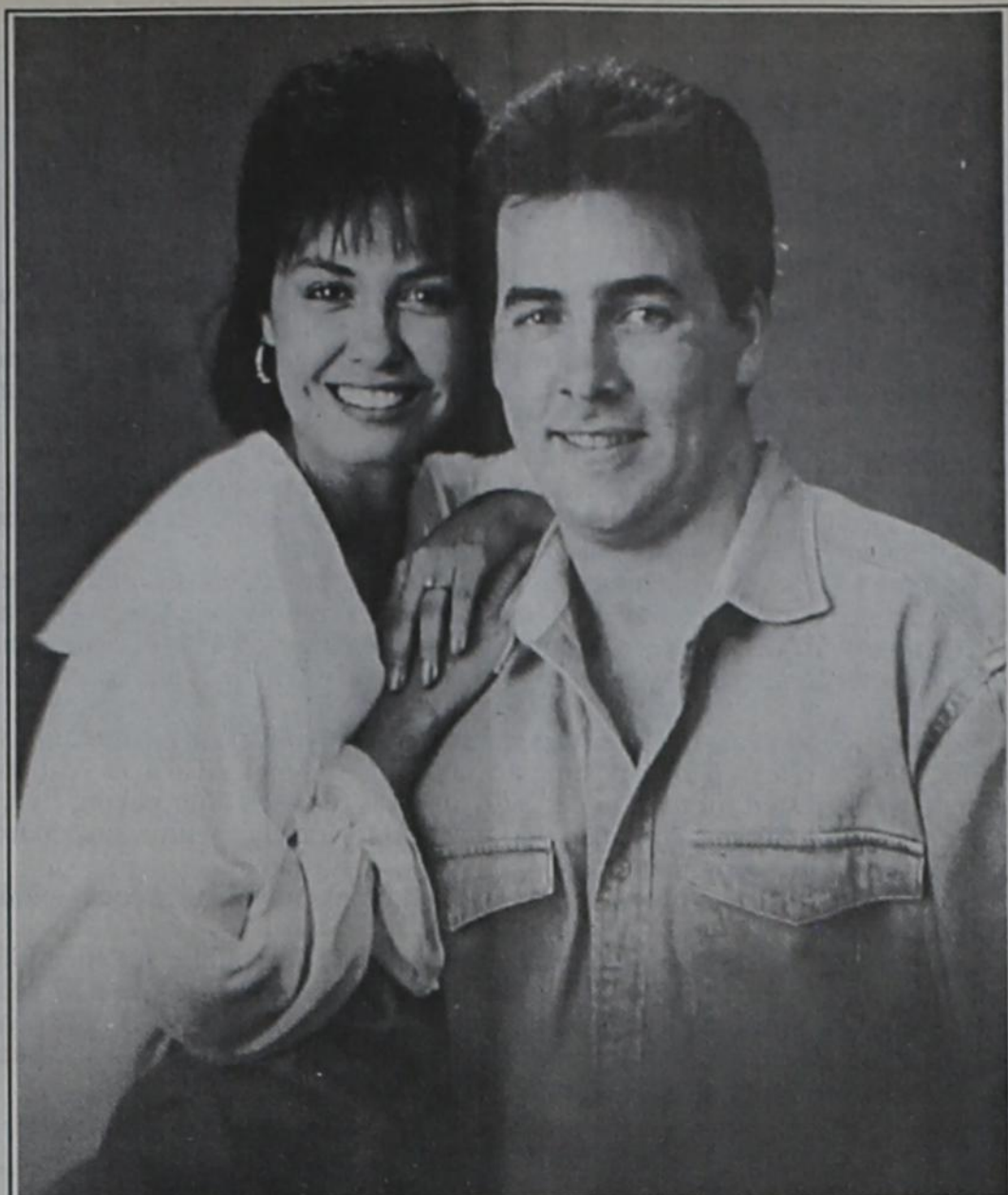


Tyra Hart and B.J. Funk

Tyra Hart, B.J. Funk set wedding date

Mr and Mrs Tom Baker of Post and Mr Jay Hart of Munday are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tyra Ann Hart, to William (B.J.) Funk, son of D'Wight and Sandi Funk of Lubbock.

The couple will marry Sunday, July 9, 1995 at the Hotel Garza in Post. The bride-elect is a graduate of Texas Tech University and the future bridegroom attends South Plains College.



Melinda Caballero and Greg Adams

Melinda Caballero, Greg Adams announce wedding plans

Mr and Mrs Fidel Caballero, of San Antonio, are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Melinda, to Greg Adams of San Antonio.

Greg is the son of Mr and Mrs Charles Adams of Post.

The couple plans to wed on Sunday, July 2, 1995 in the Historic Little Church of La Villita of San Antonio.

The bride-elect will graduate in May 1996 from Our Lady of the Lake University. After graduation she plans to teach.

The groom-to-be is a 1986 graduate of Post High School and a 1990 graduate of San Angelo State University. He is employed by Foot Action in San Antonio.



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Tax 'n Facts
by Terri S. Cash, CPA

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AGENDA:

- The board will hear and determine taxpayer and taxing unit appeals on all matters permitted by TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.
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Time: 9:00AM - 11:30AM
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 - Minerals & Utilities
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New DPS trooper Chris Wischkaemper (left) is welcomed to the Garza County unit by veteran trooper Kyle Edwards (right). (Photo by Becky Warren).

Chris Wischkaemper new DPS trooper

Garza County has a new DPS trooper. He is Chris Wischkaemper. Chris is originally from Lubbock. He graduated from Lubbock High School and is an ex-Marine having served four years. He served in Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Chris and his wife, Michelle, have a two-year-old son and a four-month old daughter.

The trooper will be on probation for one-year and will be riding with DPS trooper Kyle Edwards during his probation time. We would all like to welcome the Wischkaemper's to Post.

Two arrested for possession of marijuana

by Becky Warren
On Wednesday, June 14, one man was arrested for possession of marijuana by Chief Deputy Mo Herridge. He was released on a \$1,500 bond. On Sunday, June 18, a 19 year old man was arrested by DPS troopers Kyle Edwards and Chris Wischkaemper, for possession of marijuana. He is still being held in Garza County jail.

The Sheriff's Department received 70 calls last week. Also on June 12, a 42 year old male was arrested for public intoxication. He was released after paying a fine. On June 13, a 43 year old male was arrested for DPS warrants and was released after posting bond.

On June 14, a 32 year old male was arrested for assault (Class C family code) and was released after paying \$230.00 in fine and court costs. Also a 44 year old female was arrested for resisting an officer (Class C assault). She was released after posting a \$2,500 surety bond and \$130.00 in fines and court costs (Assault).

On June 15, a 44 year old male was arrested for theft out of Arrapaho County, Colo. He was released after posting a \$5,000 surety bond. Also a 33 year old female was arrested for theft under \$20. She was released after paying fine.

On June 16 a 30 year old male was arrested for driving with a suspended license. He is still being held.

On June 17, a 39 year old male was arrested for assault (family code) and is still being held.

On June 18, a 52 year old female was arrested for public intoxication, speeding and having no driver's license. She is still being held. Also a 27 year old female was arrested for public intoxication and is still being held. A 38 year old male was arrested for domestic violence and is still being held as is a 33 year old female arrested also for domestic violence.

Post Art Guild holds May and June meetings

Post Art Guild met May 8 for a program on painting the floral display done previously by Benny Jackson. Members present were: Marie Neff, JoAnn Mock, Ann Bratcher, Lovella Todd, Linda Puckett, Jane Mason, Gracie Hodges and JoAnn Mock who was the hostess for the meeting. It was voted to allow the MHMR posters to hang in the gallery the week of June 12. Other business included lending benches to the Historical Museum, as needed, and donating a picture of an old Singer sewing machine to the Museum. A painting day at Marie's ranch home was tentatively set for June 19.

The Guild met June 12 in regular session at the Art Center with Marie Neff as hostess. Other members present were JoAnn Mock, Jean Davenport, Quinnie Cook, Ann Bratcher, Glenda Morrow, Geraldine Butler and Linda Puckett. Jean Davenport gave a very informative demonstration on "Rounding the eyes", and answered many questions on this very important feature in portraiture.

The painting/photo day at Marie's place was postponed to June 28.

We were reminded of the Fall Art Show which coincides with Founder's Day, and that the Caprock Photographers' exhibit will immediately follow the Fall Art Show at the Algerita Art Center.

It was announced that a new exhibit at the OS Art Museum, "Cowpokes and Indians", also featuring Ace Reed's "Cowpokes" cartoons, will be in place June 26.

The Art Center will be open from 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Veronica Rivera will be in attendance, with Cindy Dillard there on Fridays.

The public is cordially invited to visit the Center during those hours and at any other time they find the Center open.

Post teachers attend state convention

by Connie Flores
Over 1200 women teachers from all parts of Texas attended the 66th annual state convention of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International June 15-18 in Houston.

Dr. Dolores Akins of Hust, state president, selected as a convention theme, "Journeys for a Better Earth; We Can Make a World of Difference."

Special interest workshops for members included such topics as flexible schooling, computer use ideas, gender differences in oral communication, writing by published authors and taming the paper tiger. Committee workshops took place on Friday and Saturday.

Jean Lee of Baytown, state first vice president, presided over the annual birthday luncheon. Members of fifty-plus years, scholarship recipients, and outstanding chapters and members received recognition during the luncheon. A formal presentation of the 17 past and present state presidents, 304 chapter presidents and 17 area coordinators took place Friday evening.

Attending for the Theta Eta Chapter were: Connie Flores, Nancy Vaughn, Carmen Camp, Adene Dixon, Fern Niles, Lavonne Sharp and chapter president, Franci Rains.

Delta Kappa Gamma was founded in 1929 in Austin by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, first woman president of the Texas State Teachers association and the first woman elected to public office in Texas. From the original dozen members, the organization now has chapters in 14 countries with a membership of over 176,000 women teachers on all levels from pre-kindergarten to university administrators. The Society offers scholarships to its members for use in furthering their education and annually grants world fellowships to women in non-member countries to study in the university of their choice.

Guerrero tried to kill snake

Rosie Guerrero called The Post Dispatch last week to report that she was the person who tried to kill a rattlesnake crossing U.S. Highway 84 near West-Go.

The same snake was brought to the newspaper office by Jimmy Ammons, after Ammons had killed the snake with a hoe from his pickup truck.

"I saw the snake headed west across the road," Guerrero reported, "and I was going north... I turned around and tried to run over the snake to keep it from going into the West-Go parking lot."

Guerrero also said, "I know you can't kill a big snake like that by running over it. I was trying to get it started back to the east I ran over it again. I was going to get out and kill it when it was near the curb. I wanted to make a belt out of the skin."

She said that Ammons came along and killed the snake before she could do the trick. "It was not in the Quick Lay Pipeline parking lot," she said, "it was near the curb on the street."

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Up and Down Main Street

by Wanda Mitchell, Post Chamber of Commerce

Do you remember how you spent the 4th of July when you were growing up? It is really easy for me because I always spent it at the Texas Cowboy Reunion in Stamford, Texas. This was once billed as the "largest amateur rodeo in the world". It still draws large crowds and the pageantry is still wonderful.



They always have the Hardif Simmons Cowboy Band along with the six white horses and their riders. To me, music adds to every event and this group really makes this rodeo special. I can remember when they always had recording artists and dignitaries from all over the State of Texas and beyond. All the cowboys just camped out at the rodeo grounds.

You would see tents and bedrolls everywhere especially around the tank that sat just south of the grounds. For this reason, you sure wanted to be at the swimming pool everyday because all the cowboys took their daily bath in the swimming pool minus the soap. Another neat thing was all the dancing you could stand.

The bunkhouse had dancing during the day and the round-up hall at night. Now there are three dances that go on during the day and at night. I met Mike Mitchell during the 4th of July rodeo dance and have been dancing with him ever since.

This year is really going to be special because my graduating class is having their 40th class reunion during the rodeo weekend. I'll bet there has been a run on hair dye and diet pills. Maybe even some of the women have bought some.

We need to encourage anyone who is interested to have a food booth on the 4th at the City Park. We are not having the barbeque this year so there is ample need for food booths of all kinds. Please call the Chamber of Commerce office and let us know if you want a booth. The charge is \$10 for youth groups, \$25 for booths without electricity and \$35 for booths with electricity.

The City Pool is planning a swim meet and we will have lots of music and fun all day on Tuesday, July 4th. We will have Bingo as usual but it will be at 6 P.M. so that everyone will be able to enjoy the fireworks that night.

I was asking Rick Hanna, our City Manager, what his most memorable 4th of July was and he told me that it was a few years back at his home. He had all the nieces and nephews there and they had their own fireworks display. He said the hardest thing about it was trying to keep Aaron from riding the rockets. Judge Greene related sort of the same type of 4th. Having all her family

about four years ago, barbeque, fireworks and homemade ice cream. Everyone seems to associate the 4th of July with family activities and that is what we are going to try to do this year at the park. Hopefully, we will have something for everyone, young and old alike. Hope to see you there.

Cecil Caldwell who has been of so much help to the Tower Theatre is hospitalized in Lubbock and as of this morning, is not doing very well. Cecil and his fiddle have been a part of so many things that have gone on in Post in the last 20 years and has made many friends in our community. We wish him well and hope he will be back on stage at the Tower soon.

Have a good weekend and don't forget to TAKE PRIDE AND TAKE PART IN POST !!!!!!!



Emory Stevens (right) won the \$50 War Bond with his 1000 pound steer during the 1943 Garza County 4-H Club calf show, which was sponsored by the Post Chamber of Commerce. Emory was joined by Opal Rogers (center) and an unidentified youth (left). Anyone who can identify the third youth should call Diane Graves at 495-2050. (Photo courtesy Diane Graves)



Celebrating Mrs. Betty Pierce's 96th birthday June 14 at her home in Post were six of her 11 children (back row, left to right) Marcella Hair, Weaver McKamie, Virgie Jenkins, Rusty Dean, (front row) D.E. (Pokey) Ammons, Mrs. Pierce and Don (Corkey) Ammons. Mrs. Pierce was born June 14, 1899 in Randolph Co., Alabama and came to Texas in a covered wagon when she was nine years old. She has 37 grandchildren, 77 great grandchildren and 20 great-great grandchildren. (Photo by Donna Jones)

Kenneth Wyatt (left) visits with Ray Bagby during the First United Methodist Church sponsored exhibit and sale last week. Wyatt was here to assist the church in its fund raising project to pay for the church elevator. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by John Senter, CEA-AG

Thoughts on veggies, flowers, trees...

The recent rains have not only brought renewed growth and vigor to pastures, fields and flower gardens, they have caused other problems that are showing up around town and this time, the effects are not as desirable.



Another area of concern is just as I was afraid it could turn out to be. We got good moisture, that is no secret. However, it is also no secret that the winds have been more persistent than we needed and when the winds left, so did much of our moisture. Keep in mind that before the rains, we were operating in a moisture deficit situation and the rain we got, however timely, simply didn't come close to refilling our entire soil profile.

So, what we have is a situation to where we are nearly back to square one. If you have seen tree, lawn and shrub trouble in the form of browning leaves or grass, it is a fairly safe bet that you are again experiencing moisture stress. That means only one thing. Slow, deep and frequent watering. Notice the three key words SLOW, DEEP and FREQUENT. It is a common tendency to water trees for example near the trunk. This practice is similar to showering in a raincoat - it might make you feel good, but it is doing very little good! In order to properly water your trees, you must remember that the majority of the feeder roots are in the top eighteen inches of the soil and are located in the outer edge of the canopy or "dripline." So, in order to help your trees make it through this latest round of dry weather, place your soaker hose or sprinkler in the spot it will benefit your tree the most - in the dripline.

Another fungal disease of roses is Powdery Mildew. Symptoms are an obvious powdery, white covering on the leaf. Patches may start as small circular areas that soon cover the entire leaf surface.

Tomato enthusiasts may have also discovered an unfavorable setback, due to the high humidity levels. Leaf spot and Blight have surfaced in some local tomato gardens. If you experience yellowing leaves and/or unthrifty plants, chances are that you could be experiencing one or both of these diseases.

All of these diseases can be treated with an approved fungicide such as Funginex or Daconil 2787. There are a wide range of lawn and garden fungicides on the market and you only need to make sure that the label specifically denotes the specific fungus and plant you are aiming at. In order to effectively control fungus disease such as, Black Spot and Powdery Mildew, you must keep a film of the chemical on the plant. That is to say, if you spray on one particular day and within a week we experience a summer shower, then your fungicide protection is probably lost and you should plan to apply another cover spray just as soon as the foliage is dry.

Lawns have also begun to show the ill-effects of this windy, dry weather. If you want to prolong your grass, remember these tips: 1- always water in the mornings so that your grass will have time to dry. Watering in the late afternoons will leave your lawn wet into the nighttime when conditions turn favorable for disease development; 2- this is an ideal time to apply fertilizer for that extra boost. Make certain to use a slow release fertilizer with at least 50% of the nitrogen formulation in slow release form. Used in conjunction with slow, weekly watering, you not only will help keep your lawn green and attractive, you will also encourage deep, healthy root growth to help sustain grass through hot and dry weather.

As always if you experience questions or problems we welcome your calls, comments and questions.

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WATER USE UPDATE

(furnished by the Garza County Extension Office & Texas Agricultural Experiment Station)

Planting date	Water used - inches *	Total water used for season - inches	Heat units accumulated (60 degree day units)
June 1	52	78	295

* subtract any rainfall received to get irrigation requirements for the week

Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

June has typically always been the beginning of the vacation season. The family car is packed with personal belongings, kids and sometimes the extended member of the group - the dog or cat. Family vacations often occur only once a year and are meant to create a special bond between family members. Spending time away from the normal routines of home and work life are beneficial for everyone.



Maybe finding the time or the money is not the problem. Maybe finding the right automobile to fit your needs is the problem at hand. Rental cars are the wave of the present and future. There are numerous agencies that rent anything from compact cars to R.V.'s. If you decide to rent an automobile, here are some tips to consider:

- *The key to renting a car begins before you make the reservation.
- *Consider the following: how large a car do I need, is style important to me, can I afford renting a car?
- *Reserve a car once definite trip plans have been established.
- *Always compare prices—rates among companies generally vary.
- *Expect a drop-off charge if you plan to not return the car to its original location.
- *Check the policy for unlimited mileage.
- *Inquire about discounts—AARP members and frequent flyer programs might exist.
- *Be certain you are covered under your auto insurance in the event you

damage the rental car.

- *Select the option that requires you to fill up the tank prior to returning the car.
- *Before you leave the rental agency, carefully inspect the car for existing dents, dings or chips.
- *Check to see that there is a spare tire and jack.
- *Always remember to get EVERYTHING in writing!
- Have a fun and safe trip!!!!!!

The FCE Club conducted the last meeting for the summer at Chaparral Restaurant on Monday, June 19. Eight members were present along with myself and guest Diane Graves. The FCE Club will begin their year in September with several new activities and programs being planned. The FCE members invite everyone to sign up and join. If you would like more information, please contact Mrs. Sue Maxey, Club President at 495-2089 or myself at the Extension Office.

The 4-H Electric Camp will be underway June 26-30 in Cloudfroft, New Mexico. Five members will be attending the camp from Garza County. Numerous activities and programs are planned for the 4-H kids to take part in and learn about electricity. We will be leaving the courthouse at 7:15 am on Monday, June 26. Members: DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR ALARMS!

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—Ogden Nash

Federal taxing plans aired at Liberty Forum

Federal taxation and proposed changes were the main topic of discussion at Monday night's liberty forum, held at the Chaparral Steak House. The meeting, hosted by the Garza County Libertarian Party, is held monthly on the third Monday at 7 p.m. The meetings are open to anyone interested in discussing a wide variety of current local, state and national issues.

Those attending the round table discussion June 19 discussed the current income tax system, its pitfalls and complexities, and studied various plans being proposed in Congress for reform and changes.

Participants at the Liberty Forum leaned toward Rep. Bill Archer (R-Tex) plan for a national sales tax, "but only if the income tax is scrapped," one said. "And that is a really big if." Other comments included the need to see the details, "and since we don't have C-Span on our cable system," another complained, "we really don't have much to go on."

Rep. Dick Armey's (R-Tex) proposal for a flat tax was also discussed, but gained little interest from most participants, "it still keeps the IRS and requires people to file forms."

A need to limit the amount of the national sales tax also drew attention, "we could get a bigger tax bite if we don't put a limit on it," one member said.

A general feeling of distrust of elected officials permeated the air of the meeting, "I don't really think they will do what they say," one commented.

With a copy of the 9,500 plus page Internal Revenue Code sitting on the table, group members repeatedly pointed to the discrimination of tax breaks and special loopholes as well as intrusion by the government as reasons to oppose the current system. The next meeting of the Liberty Forum will be held July 17. A discussion topic will be announced next week.

Garza County Libertarian Party chairman Wes Burnett serves as moderator of the liberty forum.

For more information, call Burnett at 495-3884.

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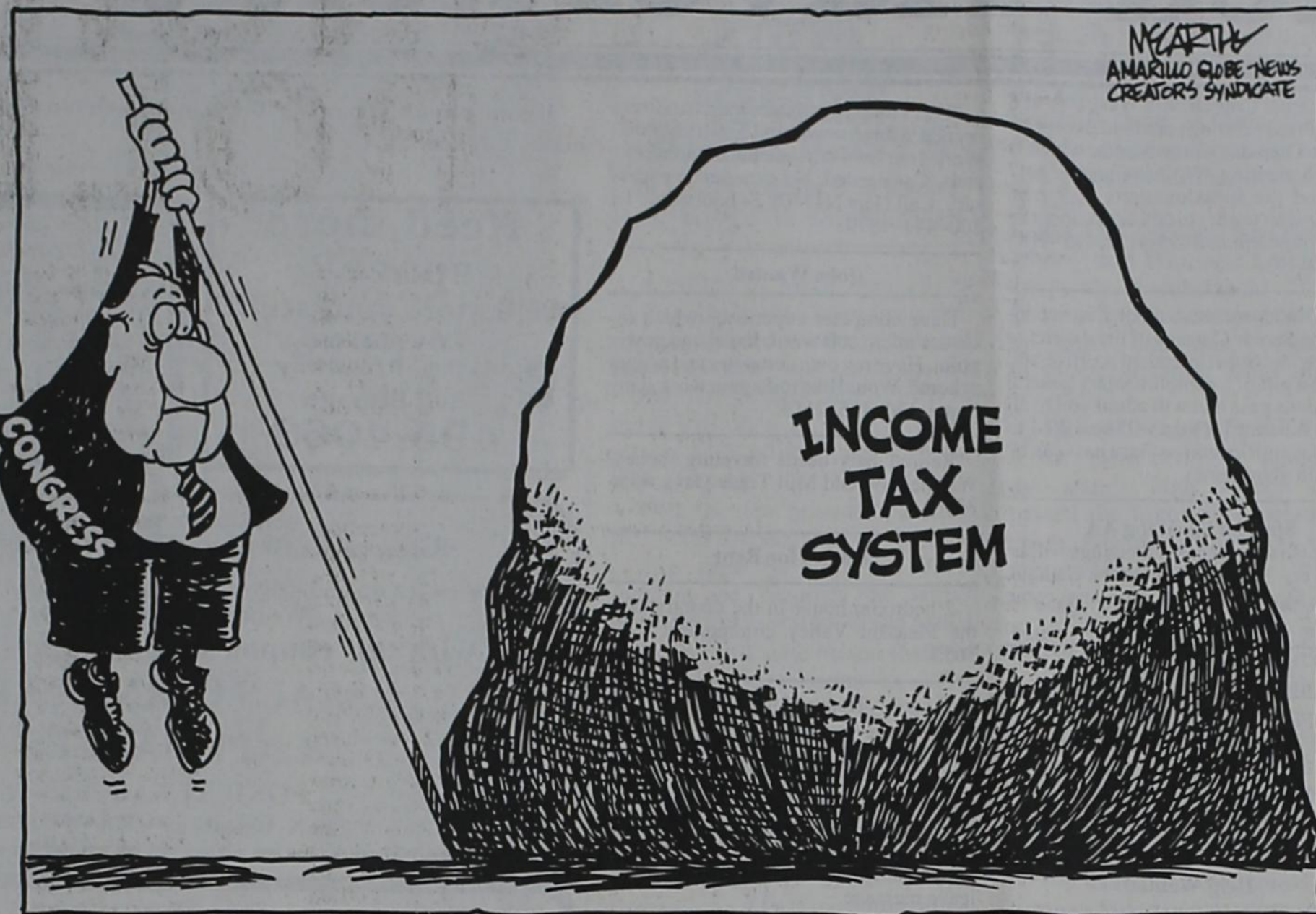
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Opinions



The courts blow against racial patronage

by Stephen Chapman



In 1984, Margaret Werner slipped and fell on a granite ramp at the State of Illinois Center in Chicago. She then sued Precision Contractors Inc., the company that had been commissioned to build the ramp.

The owner, a black Chicagoan named Noah Robinson whose entrepreneurial career, has since been interrupted by a stay in federal prison for murder, racketeering and other lapses in judgment, had an excellent defense. Although his firm had gotten the contract under a state law designed to benefit minority-owned businesses, Robinson said he had subcontracted all the work to a white-owned company. Not only had his firm not done the work, he said, but no Precision employee had ever set foot on the site.

Welcome to the world of minority set-asides, which, thanks to the Supreme Court's ruling Monday, is about to get a lot smaller. In a decision on an affirmative action system for federal contracts, a majority of the justices concluded that constitutional rights are in danger "whenever the government treats any person unequally because of his or her race." Reasonable people may differ on the court's constitutional vision, but if the court's decision is the death knell of these racial preferences, no one should mourn.

Affirmative action advocates speak in noble terms about overcoming the grim legacy of discrimination and forging a society of genuine racial equality, and some types of racial preferences may actually advance those goals. But minority set-asides are not one of them. In practice, they have been nothing more than a seamy form of racial spoils in which individuals who have not been oppressed gain at the expense of people who never oppressed them.

Robinson is not unusual in running a profitable scam behind the curtain of affirmative action. There are many ways to take advantage of minority preferences. White companies can hire black "front men" to get special breaks. Businessmen can put their wives in nominal charge of their firms. Blacks can set up companies that do no real work but exist only to get set-aside contracts for work that is turned over, for a fee, to a legitimate non-minority operation. Minority companies can remain for years in the protected domain of set-asides, which are supposed to prepare them to compete unassisted. In fact, successful "graduates" of these programs are more the exception than the rule.

Then there is the troublesome fact that most of the beneficiaries are solidly middle-class or even wealthy. This week, The Wall Street Journal profiled a Hispanic woman who owns a firm with \$10 million in revenues that pays her a salary of \$100,000 a year — and who gets three-quarters of her business from a federal setaside program for the "socially and economically disadvantaged." How this helps poor Latinos is anyone's guess.

The practice of reserving contracts for minorities has been highly indiscriminate in other ways, too. Anyone can understand why Americans might want to compensate blacks and Native Americans for centuries of oppression, but the moral imperative is missing in the case of Hispanics and Asian-Americans. Most of them are here because the United States gave them a chance to escape poverty and despotism. Why should white Americans now do penance for that generosity? In the case of Asian-Americans, the compensation goes to people who collectively enjoy the highest per-capita income of any ethnic group in this country, including whites.

But when you get into the business of handing out privileges on the basis of race and ethnicity, it is hard to stay within limits. Every group expects to get its fair share of the loot, and politicians know that the simplest way to assure good relations is to let them have it.

Affirmative action is often defended on the grounds that while we would all prefer truly colorblind decisions, we don't know how to assure them, so we have to set quotas as a next-best solution. But in the case of most government contracts, you can get Colorblind decisions through sealed, competitive bidding. If you submit the low bid, you get the job. Your color is no help or hindrance. It's the equivalent of auditioning musicians behind a screen.

This approach also offers the advantage of minimizing costs. Giving special breaks to minority businesses automatically means the government has to spend more money to get a job done — since if they were the lowest bidder, they wouldn't need the break. This may help a few black and Hispanic business people, but only at the expense of the great mass of black and Hispanic taxpayers.

Abolishing government set-asides will seriously inconvenience the Noah Robinsons of the world, whose chief business skill is knowing how to turn their complexities into cash. But for the vast majority of minority Americans, it will be no loss.

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Could you pass a re-certification test?

by Robert Fulghum



SEATTLE — It's been real quiet around our house lately. My wife is studying for her exams. Every seven years, she must take and pass an all-day examination in order to be certified by the American Board of Family Practice Physicians as competent in her profession. She's accountable for everything she's learned about medicine since the first day she walked into medical school.

I panic just knowing I've got to renew my driver's license. I haven't taken a major exam since college. Just being in the same house with someone who is studying for one pushes my test-anxiety buttons.

But it is a provocative notion — this business of having to be re-certified. I wonder how it would be if all of us had to take major exams as we passed through the decades of our lives after formal schooling was over. Suppose we had to prove our competency and proficiency as members of the human race. And if we didn't pass muster, we'd have to go back to class for re-training.

It makes some sense, actually. See, the only reason we're required to go to school is that we believe a nation is better off educated than ignorant. It works for the common good. But just because we got through the system doesn't mean anything really stuck or that we know how to apply what we know, does it?

Sometimes, I'm appalled by my own ignorance. One of my favorite Peanuts cartoons has Lucy asking Charlie Brown, "Don't you wish you knew back then what you know now?" Charlie stares blank-eyed for awhile, and then asks, "What do I know now?"

Think about it. What do you know now? And just what should we have nailed down by, say, age 30 to justify our education and our continuing participation as full fledged citizens?

Well, at least reading and writing — still the basics. But right away, there's trouble. Did you know that 22 percent of adult Americans are functionally illiterate? About 40 million people would not pass reading and writing tests.

As to math — we should at least still be able to add, subtract, multiply and

divide. No algebra, though. If algebra is on the test, I'm going to get sent back to junior high school for the rest of my life.

What else? History's got to be on the exam. We get into continual peril because we lose track of the long and wide view of human experience. And basic civics has got to be tested. When only 38.2 percent of the eligible voters show up at the polls at a national election, some of us need re-education about democracy.

By age 30, we ought to have a handle on matters of money, sex, health and love — because nothing causes more lifelong grief than our ignorance and ineptitude on these items.

So, basic economics and personal finance have to be on the exam: "Make a basic budget — demonstrate knowledge of balancing a checkbook." Ha.

If we haven't got sex figured out by the time we're 30, we'd better go back to class. Basic health and first aid should be current, too.

Love? It may have to be left off the exam. Most of us will never learn.

What else? How about knowledge of ethics, law, ecology and science? Sure, but all this is tidy fact stuff. What about more subtle things? What should you know by 30 about art, music and literature? And about friendship, honor, courage, truth, beauty, happiness, hope, imagination, wisdom, humor and death? Whoa. This is getting out of hand. It seemed like a good idea when I began. I'm already over-qualified.

And we haven't even dealt with the deeper questions, such as: Why is there something instead of Nothing? When will I have time, and who knows where the time goes? How deep is the ocean — how high is the sky? When is enough enough? What are people for? Is there life before death? If birds fly over the rainbow, why can't I? I begin to think that if it is true that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing, none of us is ever out of danger.

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The question of the week... organs for sale?

by Walter E. Williams



Last week, baseball Hall-of-Famer Mickey Mantle, waiting just one day, moved ahead of others on the waiting list and received a liver transplant. As a result, ethical hand-wringing began as to whether celebrity status played a role and whether he really deserved a liver after destroying his own through alcohol abuse. Should these be issues? Since organs are scarce, not all who want one can be served. But is there a better way of deciding who gets them? Or shall we leave the decision up to the arbitrary capriciousness of the medical profession? I say no! How about deciding the same way we decide who gets what house, car, food or clothing — the market. There ought to be a market for the buying and selling of organs. Let's look at it.

Let's answer the basic question: To whom do my liver and kidneys belong? If they're mine, I have the right to sell or bequeath them to my heirs as part of my estate. That being settled, let's look at the benefits of an organ market.

When a loved one is in the last throes of life, many of us reject requests for an organ donation out of an emotional desire not to see our loved one "cannibalized." There would be a lot of reconsideration if we knew there was \$100,000 or more for some of his parts. That's the first benefit of an organ market — an increased supply of organs.

Another benefit can be appreciated if we ask questions about the optimal way to die. In financial matters, it's with a zero bank balance. But people usually die with larger balances. The reason is easy: they can bequeath it to their heirs. The same principle applies to organs. The optimal way to die is go out in a big bang

with all organs at failure. After all, if you can't bequeath your organs, it doesn't make any more sense to put perfectly functioning organs in the ground than it makes to leave a fortune. If organs could become part of one's estate, there'd be greater incentive to take better care of them during one's life.

"OK, Williams," you say, "so far so good, but with a market, only rich people would get organs." That makes as much sense as saying with the market only rich people will get cars, houses and food, which we all know is nonsense. I'd much rather compete with the likes of Mickey Mantle or Pennsylvania's ex-governor, Bob Casey, who got a heart and a lung waiting just one day, in the market than through favoritism and the medical profession's who-needs-it-the-most method.

Non-rich people have money-raising alternatives like mortgaging a home; family members and friends could do the same if necessary. They might purchase lower-quality, lower-price organs, those with fewer years of service left. Plus, there would still be the option of charitable donations. These and other options available through a market exceed those available now. If a doctor says you're 230 on the waiting list, the only option you have is hope.

The medical profession wouldn't take kindly to the idea of organ markets; those in charge would lose their God-like power to say who lives and who dies. Then there are people who think selling body parts is evil. To them, I say: Don't sell yours, but mine is mine, so don't tinker. By the way, the most reliable test of whether a person owns something or not is whether he can sell it. If I don't own my organs, please tell me who does.

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Excerpts from written testimony before the U.S. Senate on the Judiciary

Editor's Note: The U.S. House of Representatives is currently considering legislation passed recently by the U.S. Senate to drastically expand federal invasion of privacy and law enforcement powers. The following was written prior to the Senate's overwhelming vote to approve this bill.
 by David B. Kopel, Analyst

Wiretapping

Various proposals have been offered to expand dramatically the scope of wiretapping. For example, the Clinton bill defines almost all violent and property crime (down to petty offenses below misdemeanors) as "terrorism" and also allow wiretaps for "terrorism" investigations.

Other proposals would allow wiretaps for all federal felonies, rather than for the special subset of felonies for which wiretaps have been determined to be especially necessary. Notably, wiretaps are already available for the fundamental terrorist offenses: arson and homicide. Authorizing wiretaps for evasion of federal vitamin regulations, gun registration requirements, or wetlands regulations is hardly a serious contribution to anti-terrorism, but amounts to a bait-and-switch on the American people.

Currently, FBI wiretapping, bugging, and secret break-ins of the property of American groups is allowed after approval from a seven-member federal court which meets in secret. Of the 7,554 applications which the FBI has submitted in since 1978, 7,553 have been approved.

Making the request for vast new wiretap powers all the more unconvincing is how poorly wiretap powers have been used in the past. Terrorists are, of course, already subject to being wiretapped. Yet as federal wiretaps set new record highs every year, wiretaps are used almost exclusively for gambling, racketeering, and drugs. Of the 976 federal electronic eavesdropping applications in 1993, not a single one was for arson, explosives, or firearms, let alone terrorism. From 1983 to 1993, of the 8,800 applications for eavesdropping, only 16 were for arson, explosives, or firearms. In short, requests for vast new wiretapping powers because of terrorism are akin to a carpenter asking for a pile driver to hammer a nail, while a hammer lies nearby, unused.

Even more disturbing than proposals to expand the jurisdictional base for wiretaps are efforts to remove legal controls on wiretaps. For example, wiretaps are authorized for the interception of particular speakers on particular phone lines. If the interception target keeps switching telephones (as by using a variety of pay phones), the government may ask the court for a "roving wiretap," authorizing interception of any phone line the target is using. Yet while roving wiretaps are currently available when the government shows the court a need, the Clinton and Dole bills allow roving wiretaps for "terrorism" without court order. (Again, remember that both bills define "terrorism" as almost all violent or property crime.)

The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) provides procedures for authorizing wiretaps in various cases. These procedures have worked in the most serious foreign espionage cases. Yet the Clinton and Dole bills would authorize use of evidence gathered in violation of FISA in certain deportation proceedings.

Warrantless Data Gathering

Proposals have also been offered to require credit card companies, financial reporting services, hotels, airlines, and bus companies to turn over customer information whenever demanded by the federal government. Document subpoenas are currently available whenever the government wishes to coerce a company into disclosing private customer information. Thus, the proposals do not increase the type of private information that the government can obtain; the proposals simply allow the government to obtain the information even when the government cannot show a court that there is probable cause to believe that the documents contain evidence of illegal activity.

Similar analysis may be applied to proposals to increase the use of pen registers (which record phone numbers called, but do not record conversations, and thus do not require a warrant). If a phone company has a high enough regard for its customers' privacy so as to not allow pen registers to be used without any controls, the government may obtain a court order to place a pen register. Business respect for customer privacy ought to be encouraged, not outlawed.

National Rifle Association issues statement on anti-terrorism bill

The U.S. Senate passed an anti-terrorism bill this week, S. 735, that would authorize spending \$1.9 billion over five years to add 1,000 federal law enforcement officials to battle terrorists, and expand their authority to monitor communications and obtain records in terrorism cases. The measure now goes to the House for consideration along with a comparable bill already pending in that chamber.

During the Senate debate, there has been a significant amount of misunderstanding as to what the bill does and does not mean to gun owner's rights, and civil liberties in general.

A week after the Oklahoma City bombing President Clinton sent a \$1.5 billion anti-terrorism measure to Congress. That proposal contained several significant provisions that were both anti-gun, and of great concern to any American who values privacy, the freedom of association and other civil rights which form the foundation of our democracy. We expressed our concern, along with the ACLU and other civil rights organizations, about the Administration's approach to combating the very real and serious problem of terrorism at home and abroad.

The NRA has and will continue to stand with the Nation's law enforcement officers to help them fight crime and violence. We strongly believe that the best course of action in that regard is ensuring that criminals get swift and certain punishment, that repeat offenders are kept behind bars, and that victims' rights are respected.

We brought our concerns to the attention of the Senate Republican leadership about the President's proposal. Senator Dole, in particular, responded by fashioning a substitute measure that was far better than the President's, in that it eliminated some of Clinton's proposals, including the anti-gun measures. Clinton's expansive proposals, both anti-gun and otherwise, were simply another example of political opportunism on the part of the President.

Regrettably, the President's cues more than encouraged the Senate Democrats to turn what should have been a limited and defined consideration of some additional law enforcement tools, into a bitter partisan debate. The entire bill nearly collapsed Tuesday when the Democrats originally proposed 67 amendments, many of them anti-gun, and the Republicans about 30. Democrats, after several hours, retreated and pared back their changes.

Unfortunately, while Senate Republicans originally eliminated some of Clinton's anti-terrorism proposals in their substitute proposal, the full Senate gradually added most of them back, including new roving wiretap authority, expanded use of the military and authority to put tracer elements in some explosives. It was the NRA, however, that was able to get the Senate to exclude from the taggants requirement black and smokeless powder in small arms ammunition by a vote of 90-0.

We are outraged that the consideration of this bill, which was supposed to be focused on terrorism, instead was used as an attempt by anti-gun Senators to take away freedom, and not protect it. Senator Daschle, the Senate Democratic leader, has now promised that the amendments that had to be pulled from the bill, especially those that threaten basic gun rights, will resurface in coming weeks. The NRA will be ready, and will continue to address in the House our remaining concerns about the bill.

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 Thomas Jefferson

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There's too many to name names as we might miss someone. So many do so much it's hard to remember all.

Thank you to everyone for being so nice. Thanks to the man that drove me to Lubbock everyday for 8 weeks and never missed a day and to the ones that offered to take me.

"Thank You" seems to be too small for words at a time like this.
 Dub and Lola Ryan

Thank you for the prayers, food, plants and gifts at the loss of our brother-in-law, Danny Edwards of Slaton. A special thanks

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 Chris and JoAnn Stelzer

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Personals

I am thankful that God allowed our paths to cross, if only for a short while. To discover the true meaning of friendship, caring, and sharing and a million heartfelt smiles. Just know that you were the ray of sunshine that filled my heart with love; and with each passing day, I feel the warmth of your presence from above.

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NRA takes gun ban to court

The National Rifle Association of America has filed suit in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan in Bay City, Michigan. Target of the suit: the 1994 Clinton gun ban. Tanya K. Metaksa, NRA's chief lobbyist, discussed the suit at a press conference in Lansing. Tom Washington, NRA President and executive director of Michigan United Conservation Clubs (M.U.C.C.), is a co-plaintiff in the suit.

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Sign-Up dates set for Wetlands Reserve Program

Texas landowners will be able to enroll eligible acreage into USDA's third Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) sign-up from May 30 to June 30, 1995. Landowners can offer their land for the program at their local USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office. The program restores and conserves former wetlands through the purchase of easements from landowners.

The WRP provides a unique opportunity for farmers to retire marginal agricultural lands and reap the benefits of having wetlands on their property. WRP obtains conservation easements from participating landowners and provides cost-share payments for wetland restoration.

Lands eligible for WRP include restorable wetland areas that have been used intensively for cropping and forage production. Adjacent land necessary to protect the restored wetland will also be included. Limited areas of natural wetland, plus non-wetland areas that buffer the wetland from disturbance or to establish reasonable field boundaries will be included.

Service (FWS) will determine eligibility of both land and landowners during the sign-up. Landowners sign an "intention" to enroll their land in WRP. After the sign-up period, environmental benefits and cost estimates of each intention will be compiled and ranked. Intentions that provide the most environmental benefits at the least cost will be selected.

The NRCS and FWS jointly help landowners develop plans. Each plan describes intentions and objectives as to restoration, acceptable practices during and after the restoration, landowner requirements, and other details. After completion and approval of the plan by the agencies and the landowner, the landowner decides whether or not to participate in WRP.

The program allows for permanent or 30-year easements, but priority will be given to permanent easements. By restoring and conserving the wetlands on these easements, the wetland values and function are preserved for future generations while maintaining the land in private ownership.

"WRP provides an excellent financial incentive to retire marginal cropland while retaining some agricultural use," said Gary Valentine, biologist for the NRCS in Temple, Texas. "There is also public benefit in improved water quality, floodwater control, and wildlife habitat."

Anyone interested in the WRP program should contact their local NRCS office (formerly Soil Conservation Service). Phone number 806-495-2056 or 210 W. Main St., Post, Texas.

Programs and services of the Natural Resources Conservation Service are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard for race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status, or persons with disabilities.

Community Calendar

Thursday, June 22
7 a.m. - Lions club, Chaparral Steak House.

Monday, June 26
9 a.m. - Commissioners Court, County courthouse.

Tuesday, June 27
12 noon - Rotary, Community Center, Rotary Room.

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Lunch Menus

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Thursday June 22
Taco salad, pinto beans, tortilla chips, apricots, picante sauce, choice of beverage.

Friday, June 23
Baked fish, macaroni and cheese, three bean salad, cabbage salad, cornbread, cherry or plum cobbler, choice of beverage.

Monday, June 26
Beef stroganoff w/noodles, peas and carrots, kraut salad, hot roll, baked apples, choice of beverage.

Tuesday, June 27
Roast beef, brown gravy, potatoes, carrots, tossed salad w/French dressing, wheat roll, cinnamon roll, choice of beverage.

Wednesday, June 28
Ham salad sandwich, tater tots, broccoli w/cheese sauce, carrot cake, choice of beverage.

The natural flights of the human mind are not from pleasure to pleasure, but from hope to hope.

—Samuel Johnson



Winners in the recent poster contest sponsored by the Juvenile Probation Department were (standing, left to right) Vanesa Leos, Anda Criswell, Stace Norman, Jake Lott, (sitting) Starlett Greathouse, Tye Mason, Gonzalo Ramirez and Priscilla Garcia. Not available for photo were Kylie Easterling and Lakisha Gilbert. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

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From the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"
Mark 9:7

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

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

Church of Christ
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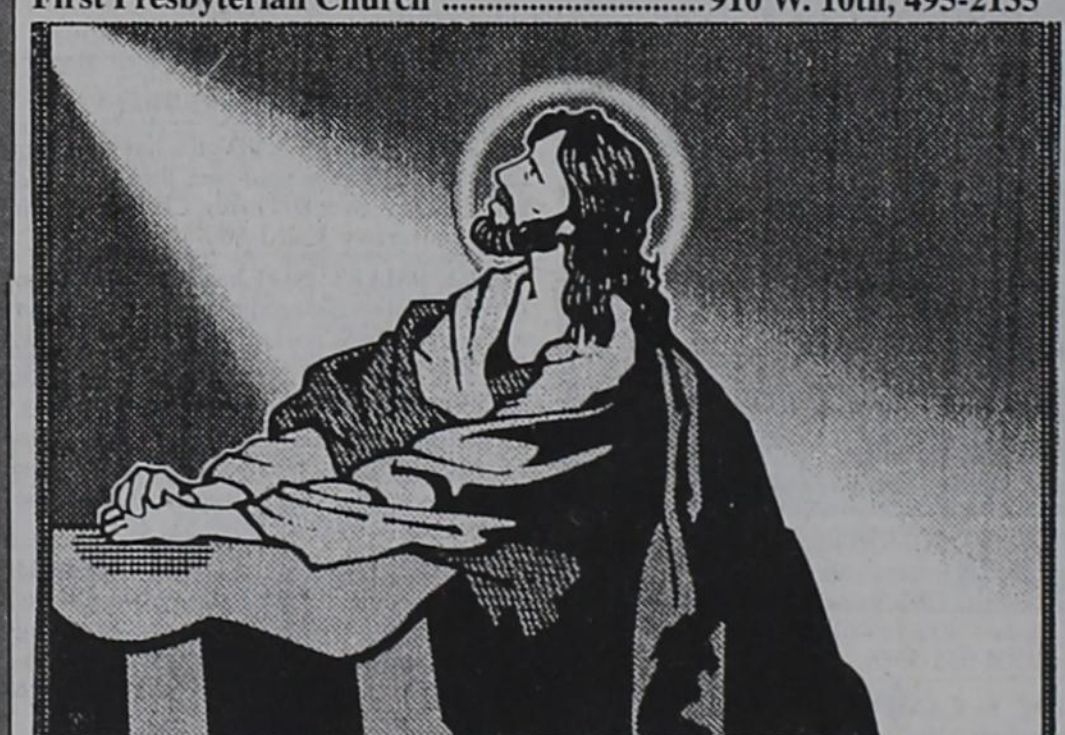
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Walk With Jesus
by Rev. Darryl Smith
Several months ago I received a precious gift in the mail - a poem. What made the poem so special was the writer, the message of the poem and the circumstances of its writing. The woman who wrote the poem was a sweet Christian woman with whom I had seen God do some amazing things in the midst of a less than ideal life.
God had given her the poem quit miraculously one night and she sent a copy ready for framing to share with me. The poem was even more special to consider that it was a message sent to her own wayward children. I had an opportunity years before to lead her husband - one of the hardest men I had ever encountered - to the Lord. But this mother's heart still breaks for her kids in the midst of their stormy lives. I pray it ministers to you and you take the truth of the poem to heart.

Walk with Jesus
Come and walk with Jesus
Just take him by the hand
He will lead and guide you
He will help you stand.
Whether all the storms of life
Whether it be day or night
You've got to walk with Jesus
That's the way of life.

The love that He gives us
Our burden He does share
He carries them on His shoulders
For them you don't have to bear.
Bless us with the Holy Spirit
That guides us day by day
You've got to walk with Jesus
For that's the only way.

Don't let go of Jesus' hand
You'll fall beside the way
Satan's always standing near
To lead you astray.
Your life will be in shambles
You'll stumble and you'll fall
You've got to walk with Jesus
That's the way for one and all.

Have faith and believe in Jesus
Kneel on your knees and pray
Tell Him all your troubles
Leave them with Him today.
Thank Him for all your blessings
Just kneel and pray each day
Oh, come and walk with Jesus
For that's the only way.