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The Post Dispatch

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'Visit To A Small Planet' continues at the Garza

The second weekend of performances at the Garza Theatre will continue Friday, Saturday and Sunday with "Visit To A Small Planet," directed by Tim McIntire. The play, written by Gore Vidal, is a knee-slapping comedy about a visitor from another planet who thinks he arrived in time to see the Civil War, which he expects to be jolly, but actually arrives in 1957. The play stars Garza Theatre veterans Ric Wells, Patrick O'Connor, Amber Conoly, Rick Fay, Shirley Cahn, Trey Stoffregen and Mark Hobgood. Tickets for the shows are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students ages six to 12. Tickets may be purchased at the box office Monday through Friday noon to 5 p.m. or on show nights, noon until curtain time. Reservations may be made by calling the box office at 495-4005. Special group rates are also available.

City to set election for back-up water

Project expected to cost \$3 million

by Wesley W. Burnett
 Voters in Post will have to make a tough decision in the coming months as city council members struggle with the task of developing a back-up water supply as a result of the worst drought in recorded weather on the South Plains.

The council heard a report from Oller Engineering's Rich Oller during the regular meeting Tuesday night, indicating a fully contracted project would exceed \$3 million. City manager Rick Hanna said that with the city serving as contractor, he believed the cost could be cut to \$2.5 million.

Hanna also emphasized to the council, that "although we can issue certificates of obligation without an election, I strongly urge you to set an election for the people to decide." Vince Viaille, representing First Southwest Company, explained the procedures for issuing certificates of obligation, pointing out that servicing the debt would be through user fees. He also reminded the council that the certificates would be secured through the tax base.

Oller said that surveys are now being conducted as to the best locations for underground water, using the Ogallala Aquifer. He recommended a six to nine mile pipeline with automatic pumping stations and a 500,000 ground storage unit. Oller said the project would take about eight months to complete.

Council members agreed to proceed with the preliminary work, and instructed Hanna to prepare a detailed report for next month's meeting "so that we can make a proper decision," Mayor Jim Jackson said. Other council members at the meeting agreed that the back-up water supply is urgently needed.

Earlier in the meeting, White River Municipal Water District (MRMWD) executive director Al O'Brien informed the council that recent rainfall has added one foot and four tenths of an inch to the lake surface. "What we really have," O'Brien said, "is a major evaporation problem. The rain last weekend helped a lot, but it isn't nearly enough."

O'Brien also said that state hydrologists are surveying down river from the dam to locate available water supplies outside of the river bed. "If we can find a good supply," O'Brien added, "we will drill and pump that water into the lake." He said that by current estimates, without any additional rainfall and normal evaporation, there is enough water to last until late fall 1997.

Post WRMWD board members Everett Windham, Charles Hardin and Bo Jackson were also at the meeting.

A joint meeting between the city council and Garza County Commissioners Court went smoothly, with no conflicts between the two government units over jointly funded projects. The cooperative agreement between the city and county include: law enforcement, fire department, EMS, airport, community center, library, parks and landfill.

Hanna reported that a new pit will be opened in the near future at the landfill, which will add approximately \$3,000 to each government unit's budget.

Hanna also reported that the current water line replacement project is about 50 percent completed. He said that repairs to the streets and yards will be brought up to expected standards before the contractor finishes. Seal coating on various streets will then begin.

Judge Giles Dalby informed the council about the possibility of a windmill museum to be built in Garza County, and asked what interest the council had in the project. After a brief discussion, the council agreed with Dalby that a public meeting should be scheduled so that museum director Coy Harris of Lubbock could explain the project and seek support from the community.

"This would be the only windmill museum in the world," Dalby said. He also informed the council that financial arrangements are now being completed for the development of the proposed juvenile detention center.

City council members attending the meeting included Juanita Pantoja, Archie Gill, Emmett "Andy" Stelzer, Mayor Jim Jackson, city manager Hanna, city secretary Yvonne Kennedy and attorney Harvey Morton.

County commissioners Lee Norman, John Valdez, Mason McClellan and Royce Josey joined Judge Dalby at the meeting.

Back-up water supply

comments by Rich Oller, Oller Engineering

The recent drought and the declining water levels in area reservoirs have caused an immediate concern for numerous communities in providing for adequate water supply resources. The increased usage as well as evaporation from reservoir surfaces have increased the need for a backup water supply source for the City of Post.

The average daily usage of approximately 300,000 gallons in the winter to 750,000 in summer is typical of the water demands placed on the existing water supply. With the current usage City wide and the continued depletion of White River Reservoir, additional backup supply is needed.

The proposed project will develop four wells into the Ogallala formation. The groundwater will then be stored in a ground storage tank with a projected volume of 500,000 gallons or 12,000 barrels. This ground storage tank will provide the necessary storage to prevent over production of the wells feeding the tank, thereby allowing adequate time for the wells to recover between pump cycles. The project will include a booster pump station to transfer the collected water to an existing ground storage tank on the edge of the caprock.

Chlorination will be provided for the new system prior to storage in the 500,000 gallon tank. A complete control system controlling the operation of the wells along with the operation of the booster pumps shall be included in this project. The controls will allow the

Pat N. Walker charged with misapplication of fiduciary property

By Becky Warren

Pat N. Walker, a former Post lawyer now living in Lubbock, has been released on three \$25,000 bonds following his arrest here June 3, charged with misapplication of fiduciary property.

"We have had Walker under investigation since December 2, 1995," Texas Ranger Warren Yeager. Yeager filed a complaint with Justice of the Peace Pct #1 Shelia Melton. Melton issued a warrant for the arrest of Walker with Garza County Sheriff Kenny Ratke. According to Ratke, "Walker was placed under arrest at 11:49 a.m. and was held in the Garza County jail until about 5 p.m. before bond could be arranged."

According to the penal code misapplication of fiduciary property or property of financial institution is a felony of the third degree if the value of the property misapplied is \$20,000 or more but less than \$100,000.

In other law enforcement action, Sheriff's deputies responded to 70 calls during the past week.

"We want to let citizens know that the wearing of seat belts will be enforced more strictly," said Lt J.W. Jolly III. "Also there have been lots of complaints about vehicles speeding in the residential areas. We will be issuing citations for both offenses."

Sheriff Ratke said, "We also need to still watch our speed in the school zones what with summer school and summer recreation taking place. We need to watch for the children all the time and not just during the school year."

On Tuesday, May 28, a 34 year old male was arrested on a bench warrant. He was transported to San Angelo.

On Wednesday, May 29, a 32 year old male was arrested for revoke of probation (delivery of controlled substance). He is still being held at press time.

On Friday, May 31, 39 year old Mario Albert Lopez was arrested for DWI. He was released on a \$5,000 bond.

On Sunday, June 2, a 29 year old male was arrested on a warrant out of Lamb County for theft \$20-\$500. He was released on a \$1,000 bond. Also a 19 year old male was arrested for minor consuming alcohol. He was released after paying \$130 in fines and court costs.

Sheriff Ratke said, "I would like to thank all of the weather spotters who have come out on their own time here lately and helped during the storms. It is a comfort to all the citizens of Post to know that someone is out there watching for the severe weather before it hits Post."

Post Notes

Bowhunters host event this weekend

The Snyder Bowhunters Association will be having their 5th Annual 3-D Invitational this Saturday and Sunday, June 8-9, at Shepherds Crossing near Ira, Texas.

For more information please call James or Joni at 915-573-0024.

Ladies Auxiliary to hold garage sale

The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW will be having a garage sale on Saturday, June 8, from 8-5 at the VFW Hall on the Clairmont Highway. Anyone wanting to donate items can call JoAnn at 495-3393 or Shirley at 495-3785. We will pick up.

55/Alive Mature Driving Classes

55/Alive Mature Driving classes to be held at the Garza County Trail Blazers, June 14 & 15. Call the Senior Citizens Center at 495-2998 for details. These classes will qualify you for discount on insurance. Class to be taught by AARP members from Lubbock. Registration fee is \$8 per person. Classes to be held on Friday from 6-10 p.m. and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturday.

"Make-A-Wish" Super Sonic Saturday

Help make a dream come true for a seriously ill child. Attend Super Sonic Saturday, June 15, noon til 7 p.m., at Buddy Holly Park. This event is your chance to win a trip for two aboard the British Airways Supersonic Concorde. 5,000 ping-pong balls will be sold at \$2 each, with one to be drawn to find the lucky winner. For purchase information, call the Make-A-Wish office at 785-WISH. Need not be present to win. Event presented by Excel Travel and Lubbock Make-A-Wish®

Spirit Wind '96 to perform in Post

Spirit wind '96, the Northwest Texas United Methodist Annual Conference Choir, will be performing at the First United Methodist Church of Post, Thursday night, June 13th, at 7 p.m. The choir is a select group of United Methodist Senior High youth from all over the Panhandle and West Texas. They have been selected from more than 180 youth who auditioned in Lubbock, Amarillo, Abilene, and Midland. This year's concert program is compiled from the rich history of choral music performed by the choir since its beginning in 1978. Spirit Wind, for the 15th year, is under the direction of Bert W. Bostic, Minister of Program/Music for St. Luke's Methodist Church in Midland. Over the last 14 years, the choir has grown from 21 members to over 140! Mr. Jon Johnson of South Plains Fine Arts Department in Levelland will be co-directing the group for the ninth season. July 1995, the group made their first international tour, being in Great Britain, London, Bristol, Exeter, Loughborough, Eastbourne, and Epworth, England. Spirit Wind has also been selected to perform on the concert series of the Washington National Cathedral on July 6, 1997, and will be making a 10 day tour of the United States' east coast and Washington, D.C. This year's tour will include performances in Abilene, Aspermont, Spur, Wellington, Wheeler, Post, Floydada, Muleshoe, Lubbock, Amarillo, Dumas, Perryton and Midland. Marci Hill of Post has been a member of Spirit Wind for three years. Kelli Collier of Post is in her first year with the group.

Slaton Art Show June 15

The 26th annual exhibition Slaton Art Show sponsored by the Women's Division of the Slaton Chamber of Commerce will be held Saturday, June 15, at Slaton's Texas Avenue Opry House located at 161 Texas Avenue. Paul Wylie of Lubbock will be the juror. For further information please contact the Slaton Chamber of Commerce at 828-6238 or Sally Estes at 828-5111.

Bazaar Information

The 20th annual holiday bazaar sponsored by the Athenian Study Club of Slaton will be held from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., November 2, 1996, at Slaton Jr High School, 1000 South 10th Street, Slaton, Texas. We would like to invite you to participate in this fun & exciting bazaar. The fee for booth space is \$20 per space (size approximately 6 ft deep x 10 ft across) A limited number of 6 ft tables may be rented for \$5 per table until tables are gone. Card tables and screens may be used. For reservations or information call Dorothy Miles, 210 S. 16th, Slaton, Texas 79364 or 806-828-5606.

Experience the Fire of Pentecost

Experience the 'Fire of Pentecost' will be presented at the Garza County Community Center on May 30-31 at 7:30 p.m., June 2 at 10 a.m., June 6-7 at 7:30 p.m. and June 9 at 10 a.m. The program is sponsored by Abundant Grace Ministry. Bill and Alicia Pollard will be the featured speakers. If you need more information please call 817-577-8494 or 495-3140.

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Mrs Darrell Reece

**Raeline Bagby, Darrell
Reece exchange vows**

Raeline Michelle Bagby became the bride of Darrell Glenn Reece on Saturday, June 1, 1996, at 7 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Post. Glenn Reece, father of the groom, officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Ray and Earline Bagby of Post. The groom is the son of Glenn and Sue Reece of Levelland.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a beautiful white satin gown by Alfred Angelo Dreams. The bodice was embellished with sequins and pearls with a V-neckline dipping into a V-back. The gown had short,

puffy sleeves appliqued with lace, pearls and sequins. The lovely dress had a full skirt with a large satin bow in the back, with a semi-cathedral train accented with satin, sequins and lace.

To complete her attire, the bride wore a mid-length veil attached to a headpiece of twisted pearls and roses, made by her mother.

For something old, borrowed and blue, the bride wore her mother's garter, and something new was her dress.

The bride's bouquet was an arrangement of white roses with purple and jade lace accents and ribbons. She also carried two white roses which were given to the bride's mother and the groom's mother.

Maid of honor was Tamara Gerner, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Jaime Feagin, friend of the bride, and Loretta Abbe, cousin of the bride. The attendants were attired in full length purple skirts and off the shoulder jackets with silver outlay pearl buttons. They wore silver and pearl drop earrings and a pearl necklace as accessories. They carried small bouquets of white roses with purple and jade accents and ribbons, with some greenery.

The groom wore a white tuxedo with tails. Best man was Mark Short, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Kelly Mason, brother-in-law of the groom, and Keith Bullard, friend of the groom. They were dressed in black tuxedos with purple bowties and cumerbunds.

Lance Bagby, brother of the bride, and Steve Reece, brother of the groom, served as ushers and candle lighters. They were also dressed in black tuxedos with purple bowties and cumerbunds.

Wedding music was provided by organist Patty Kirkpatrick and soloists Amy Smith and Lanny Copeland.

Guests were registered by Glenda Lekman, cousin of the bride, and Rachel Mason, niece of the groom.

A reception followed the ceremony in the fellowship hall of the church.

The bride's table featured a three-tiered cake with a double heart layer with the bride and groom's names, and two separate heart cakes on either side with the names of the parents. The cake had scalloped ribbons in the colors of purple and jade. Those serving at the bride's table were Rachel Mason, niece of the groom, Glenda Lehman, cousin of the bride, and Heather Moore, friend of the bride.

The groom's cake was Red Velvet decorated with the TX DOT logo on chocolate icing. Serving at the groom's table were Tammy Mason and Belinda Reece, sisters of the groom.

Following a honeymoon to Jaimaca, the couple will make their home in Post.

**Stephanie Palmer, Robert
Smith exchange vows**

A double ring ceremony uniting Stephanie Ann Palmer and Robert (Bubba) Smith was held Saturday, May 11, 1996 at 8 p.m. The ceremony was performed by Jim Graham, minister of the Church of the Nazarene.

The bride is the daughter of Sammie and Karen Palmer of Post. Grandparents are Marietta Pruitt and Bob and Debbie Palmer of Post.

The grooms family are Peggy and Wendell Morrow of New Home and Gerald Smith of Snyder.

The vows were exchanged at sunset, under a timber archway in the beautiful garden at the home of Bob and Debbie Palmer. Spring flowers and soft lights were nestled about the garden.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an elegant white wedding gown. The bodice featured a scoop neckline. Schiffl lace was applied to the bodice and long pointed sleeves. Seed pearls adorned the lace. A floor length satin full skirt was overlaid with layers of white net, rippled at the bottom edge.

The V-shaped back featured a large candy bow just below the waistline. Her fingertip veil was accented with small pearls and lace with a pearl appliqued headband.

The brides bouquet, made by her aunt, Thressa Harp, was a cascade of rubrum lilies, babies breath and fern in spring colors of blue, yellow, and pink. She also carried the family's heirloom bible in memory of her grandmother, Barbara Palmer. The bible belonged to Barbara's great grandmother, Elizabeth Miller.

Carrying out a wedding tradition the bride wore "something borrowed", her grandmothers heart shaped necklace and earrings; "something blue" was her garter; "something old" was the bible and "something new" was her dress.

Serving as maid of honor was Cheyenne Reiken of Abernathy. The bridesmaid was Miranda Palmer, sister of the bride. The maid of honor wore a blue tea length dress. The bridesmaid

wore a tea length dress of spring colors. Each wore a guardian angel pin given by the bride and carried a small "tussie mussie" of spring flowers accented with a blue tulle bow and streamers.

The best man was Shannon Zant of New Home. Groomsman was Robby Palmer, brother of the bride of Post. They wore black Wranglers, crisp white shirts and western ties. In addition, the groom wore a black tuxedo jacket with tails.

The reception was held in the garden following the wedding. Assisting with serving duties were DeeJe' Estep, Tonya Harp, Sonya Harp and Laurie Webb. Members of the house party included Gina Palmer, Charla Miller, LaVena Palmer, Thressa Harp, Ann Stelzer, Gwen Estep and Diana Poe.

The brides table was covered with a hand crocheted cloth over a blue cloth and edged with a white ruffle. The brides cake was a three tier white cake decorated with blue ribbons and spring flowers.

Topping the cake was a bride and groom dressed in western attire. Two antique crystal candelabras with blue candles decorated the table. Punch, nuts and mints were also served.

The grooms table featured a German chocolate cake on a pedestal cake stand. The cake was made by Trena Woods. Also served was a medley of fruit and a meat, cheese and cracker platter. Fresh greenery and pictures of the groom was scattered about the table. A silver coffee service centered the table.

The bride and groom drank from 2 silver and crystal goblets, a gift from the bride's parents.

Satin roses filled with birdseed were distributed to the guests by Bunny Lynch and Heather Palmer.

After a wedding trip to San Antonio and Lake LBJ the couple will make their home in Slaton.

The bride, a graduate of South Plains College is employed at Head Start in Lubbock.

The groom is serving with the U.S. Navy in Norfolk, Virginia.



Mr and Mrs Robert Smith

**Aubrey Roane
Poole**

David and Nannette Poole of Plano proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Aubrey Roane Poole. She was born May 14, 1996 in the Medical Center of Plano. Aubrey weighed 7 lbs. and 4 1/2 ozs. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Her grandparents are Preston and Shari Poole of Post and Ray and Nancy Roane of Ft. Worth.

Paternal great grandmother is Willa Mae Poole of Houston.



Aubrey Roane Poole

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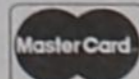
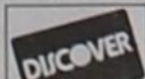


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Michele Hash, Clay Williams announce engagement

Mr and Mrs Jim Hash, of Ballinger, announces the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Michele, to Clay Williams.

Clay is the son of Mr and Mrs Glen Williams of Post.

An August 10th wedding is planned in Ballinger.

Cori Weaver receives degree

Cori Denise Weaver, daughter of Billy and Sue Weaver, of Southland, received her B.S. Degree in Communication Disorders from Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in the May Graduation Convocation Ceremony.

Graduates were from the School of Medicine, the School of Nursing, and the School of Allied Health which consists of degrees from Communication Disorders, Clinical Laboratory Science, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy.

Among these students Cori was the 1996 recipient of the Allied Health Achievement Award and Student Scholarship which is based on G.P.A., leadership and service.

Cori was the banner bearer and led the graduating class in the Allied Health Affirmation during the ceremony and graduated Summa Cum Laude.

Cori will continue her education and attend Texas Tech Health Sciences Center Graduate Program in Communication Disorders this summer.

She is the granddaughter of Sadye V. Creswell and Willie Mae Gatzki of Slaton.



Clay Williams and Michele Hash

Grand champions exhibited by Reiter

Christy Reiter's horses "ran away" with the show Saturday as she won the Grand Champion Mare and Grand Champion Gelding trophies, and was awarded the Senior Showmanship Buckle for the Horse Show sponsored by the Garza County Jr Livestock Association. Reiter won these titles after her horses placed first in the Young Mare Class and first in the Aged Gelding Class.

Sterling Smith won Reserve Grand Champion Mare title with his first place Aged Mare. Tandi Humble won Reserve Grand Champion Gelding title with her second place Aged Gelding.

Kelsey Wimmer was awarded the Junior Showmanship Buckle. The showmanship buckles were sponsored by Dickens Electric Cooperative, Inc. Cal-Maine Foods, Inc. along with Dickens Electric sponsored the trophies and ribbons.

Other exhibitors and their classes were:

Young Mares: Christopher Putman, second; Kelsey Wimmer, third; Sterling Smith, fourth; and Casey Williams, fifth.

Aged Mares: Emily Smith, second.

Young Geldings: Monty Humble, first.

Pee-Wee exhibitors were Pat Reiter and Jessica Putman. Each received trophies and ribbons sponsored by the Garza County 4-H Parents Association.

Serving as Judge of the show was Dawn Sherwood of Lubbock. Syd Conner served as announcer. Glenna Reiter served as Superintendent.

The Garza County Junior Livestock Association would like to express their thanks to all who helped and to the Post Stampede Rodeo Association for use of the facilities.

Poetry contest open to Texas poets

You may enter a new poetry contest sponsored by the Texas Poetry Alliance, a liberal arts organization whose goal is to excite interest in poetry. The grand prize is a whopping \$1,000 and everyone is invited to enter a poem free.

The guidelines are simple. Your poem may be written on any subject, using any style, but must be your own original work. There is no entry fee. Deadline for entering is July 21. Winners will be announced by the last week in September and a winner's list sent to all entrants.

Says noted Poetry Director Robert Mearns, "Texas has a great reputation for producing

fine poets and we think this contest will yield exciting results. As an incentive to beginning poets we reserve the right to publish the winning poems!"

To enter, send one poem only (21 lines or less) to: Poetry Contest, 1712 E. Riverside Dr., Suite 147, Austin, Texas 78741-1320.

The Post Dispatch will not be responsible for photos left at the office more than 30 days.

Know what to do before EMS arrives

Even if you don't have medical training, what you do before emergency medical technicians or paramedics arrive could prevent a death or disability.

As part of the recent National and Texas EMS Week, May 19-25, Texans are being urged to learn that minutes count in medical emergencies — and Texans can make a difference.

"Some of the most critical moments in a medical emergency are right after the problem has occurred, whether it's a car wreck or a heart attack," says Texas Commissioner of Health, David R. Smith, M.D. "If you think it's an emergency, call EMS. Then take steps to help the victim until EMS arrives."

Smith added, "Calling EMS in nonemergencies can unnecessarily tie up the response system and make it harder for EMS personnel to do their jobs — which is responding to emergencies. But if you think it's an emergency, don't hesitate. Call EMS."

TDH's Bureau of Emergency Management offers these tips for what to do before EMS arrives:

Bleeding
Call EMS immediately for serious or spurting bleeding:

- * Have the person lie down and apply firm, direct pressure over the wound to stop the bleeding. Maintain pressure until EMS arrives.

- * Elevate the injured limb, but do not raise the person's feet higher than the head.

- * Do not use tourniquets.

Broken Bones
Keep the injured limb or area from moving and do not move the person unless he or she is in immediate danger:

- * Apply ice pack to minimize swelling.

- * If a broken bone protrudes through the skin, cover with a dry dressing but do not try to push it back in. If excessive bleeding occurs, use direct pressure over the area to stop the bleeding.

Seizures
Protect the person from further injury by removing obstacles:

- * Turn the person onto one side.
- * If a person has fallen or shows signs of head injury, do not move the person until EMS arrives.

- * Do not force anything into the person's mouth.

- * Do not try to restrain the person's movements during the seizure.

Head, neck and back injuries

- Do not move the person until EMS arrives unless absolutely

necessary to save his or her life:

- * Cover severe, deep cuts on the head with a clean cloth but do not try to clean. Do not apply heavy pressure to bleeding areas as this could cause brain injuries.

- * Do not prop up the person's head if you suspect neck or back injuries. This could cause further damage to the spinal cord.

Heart Attack
A heart attack victim may feel pain or heavy pressure in the chest area or jaw, shoulder and arms:

- * Do not wait to see if the pain or discomfort goes away. Call EMS.

- * Have the person sit or recline, and make him or her as comfortable as possible by loosening clothing at neck, chest and waist. Keep the person warm but not hot.

- * If the victim suddenly collapses and loses consciousness, try to wake the person. If you cannot locate a breath or pulse, begin CPR if you are trained.

"What you do before emergency medical help arrives could mean the difference between life and death for someone you love," said Smith. "And now is the best time to learn what to do in an emergency. You may be the only person available to perform CPR on someone or to stop serious bleeding."

To receive a copy of TDH's brochure "When Minutes Count:

A Citizen's Guide to Medical Emergencies," call the Bureau of Emergency Management at 512-834-6700 or write TDH Bureau of Emergency Management at 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78756.

Palmer SPC graduate

Stephanie Palmer graduated from South Plains College May 10th, 1996 with an Associates of Applied Science Degree in Child Development.

Stephanie made the Dean's Honor Roll. She plans to further her education at Wayland Baptist of Lubbock in the fall.

Tobias on spring honor roll at OU

Mario David Tobias was among students from 48 states listed on the University of Oklahoma Norman campus honor roll for the spring 1996 semester.

In most colleges, students must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale to be included on the honor roll. Students in the College of Agriculture are recognized with a 3.3 or better, and students in the College of Engineering are recognized with a 3.0 or better.

Dignity does not consist in possessing honors, but in deserving them. —Aristotle



Cori Weaver

Tax 'n Facts
by Terri Cash, CPA

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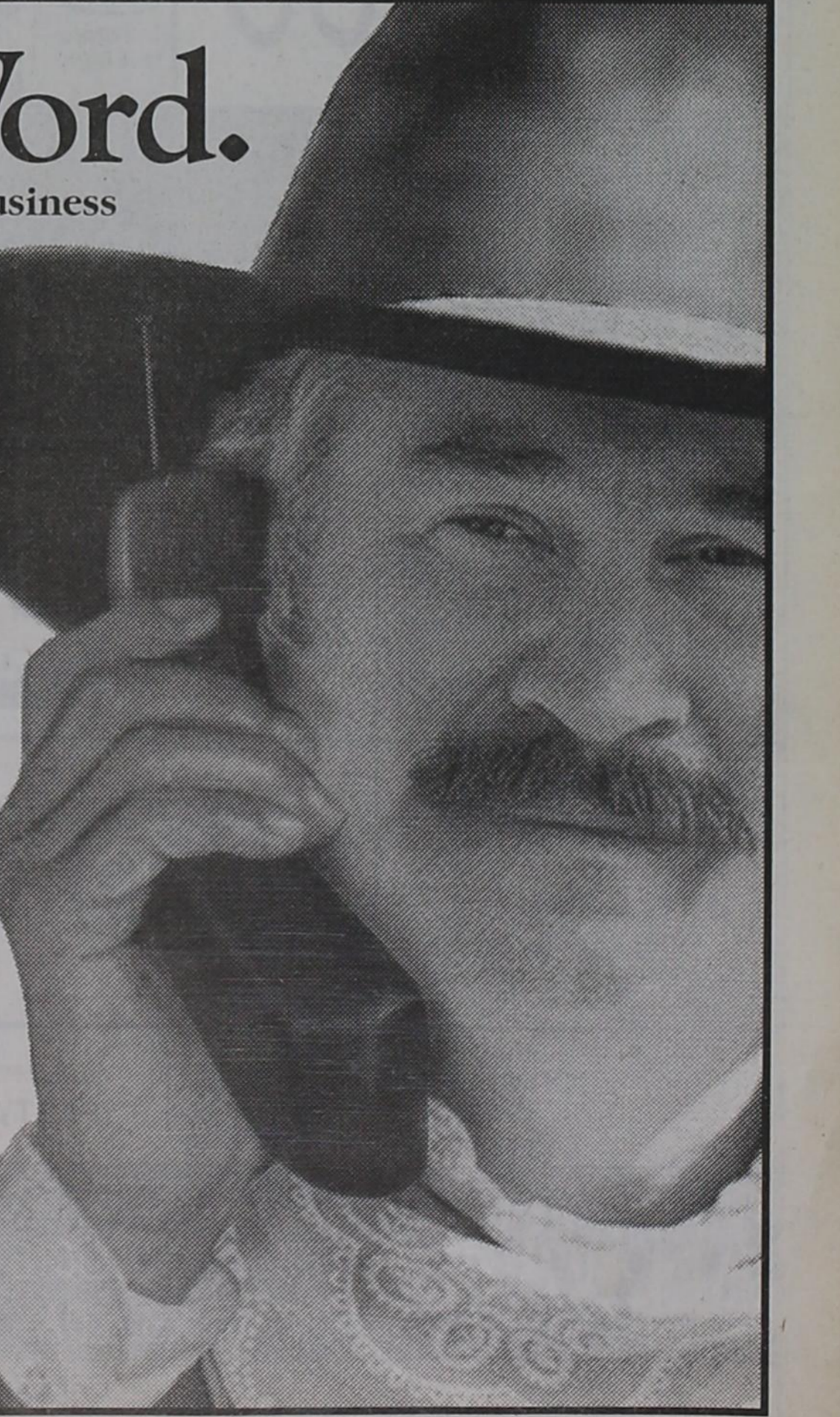
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Detra Lashay Moore

Detra Moore graduates from High School

Mr and Mrs Alred R. Moore Jr. wish to announce the graduation of their daughter, Detra Lashay Moore. She is the granddaughter of Mr and Mrs R.C. Curtis and Mr and Mrs Roosevelt Moore.

She attended Goose Creek High School in Charleston, S.C. for three years. There she was a member of the National Beta Club, Student Council, Mu Alpha Theta and Science Club. She has won such awards as placement in Who's Who Among American High School Students and the United We Stand Teachers award. She was selected as one of few to attend the Governor's School for

the Academics of South Carolina. At Goose Creek she maintained a 3.5 GPA and was ranked No. 24 out of her junior class of 290.

Currently she attends Norview High School where she is a member of the National Honor Society. She also is very active in the community, volunteering her time and has received the community service achievement certificate. There she maintained a 3.4 GPA and is ranked No. 18 out of her senior class of 261. She will be graduating from Norview High School in Norfolk, Va on June 8 with honors.

She plans to attend Texas Tech University this fall and major in Advertising.



The Post Lions Club awarded a \$450 scholarship to its queen Alinda Marin (seated, front) during the regular meeting last week. The Lions Club also welcomed Republic of Texas Provisional Government President Archie Lowe (right) as its guest. Joining at the event were (left to right) Joe Duran, Lewis Earl, Ron Montgomery, Lanny Fluitt, Paul Jones and Lowe.

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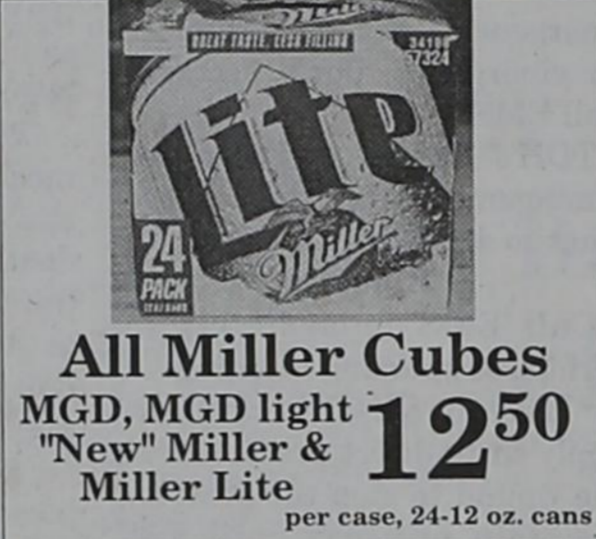
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Local students graduate from Universities

Local students graduating this semester from Universities are: Stephanie Ann Palmer, Associate of Applied Science Degree in Child Development, South Plains College

Jose Ortiz, Associate of Applied Science Degree in Drafting Technology, South Plains College.

Jarita Lynne Clary, Certificate of Proficiency in Health Information Services, South Plains College.

Lance Lee Gill, Certificate of Proficiency in Welding Technology, South Plains College.

Russell James Baldree, Certificate of Proficiency in Surgical Technology.

Cori Denise Weaver, Bachelor's degree in Communication disorders, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Camacho receives Navy medal

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Reynaldo Camacho, a 1987 graduate of Post High School recently received the Navy Good Conduct Medal.

The Good Conduct Medal recognizes the service member's honest and faithful service during a three-year period. To earn it, Camacho achieved and maintained a satisfactory level of performance and an unblemished conduct record for the entire period.

Camacho is currently assigned aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Shiloh, homeported in San Diego.

He joined the Navy in May 1991.



Garza County Republican candidate for sheriff Mike Harper (left) and Republican candidate for state representative Scott McLaughlin of Big Spring met in Harper's home last week to express support for one another's candidacies in the November general election.

Watson receives scholarship

South Plains College officials recently announced that a Post resident has been selected as a recipient of an award from the college's Scholars Program.

Jesse Watson, son of Larry and Lee Watson, has been selected as a recipient of the Auvena and John V. Morton Scholarship.

A total of 54 students have been awarded South Plains College's most prestigious scholarships totaling \$108,000 for the 1996-97 academic year. Students named to the SPC Scholars Program are awarded a \$2,000 scholarship that is distributed in the amount of \$500 per semester for the recipient's two years of study at the college.

"We are pleased to award these scholarships to outstanding area high school students," said Dr Gary McDaniel, president of South Plains College.

"They represent the upper five percent of college-bound students and promise to provide exemplary leadership in academic and technical endeavors at South Plains College."

Laura Tobias to attend enrichment program

Laura Tobias has been accepted to attend the Summer Science, Engineering and Architecture Enrichment Program at Clemson University in South Carolina this summer.

As a participant in the program, she will spend a week at Clemson University studying biology and computer science in a college setting. She will also get to enjoy tours of the area attractions and sports and recreational activities with other participants in the program.

Laura is the daughter of Frank and Carol Tobias and will be an 8th grader at Post Middle School next year. She was nominated for the Clemson University Program by her science teacher, Robert Wilson.

Keely Cahill receives certification at Schreiner College

Keely Cahill of Post recently received Peer Tutor National Certification at Schreiner College in Kerrville.

Cahill is the daughter of Michael and Joleen Cahill and is a 1994 graduate of Post High School. She is a junior mathematics and education major at Schreiner.

The award was made during the Sixth Annual Awards Ceremony held on campus in April. Schreiner College is a small, independent, four-year liberal arts college in Kerrville. It is related by choice and by covenant to the Presbyterian Church (USA).

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Will the dam hold?

Vin Suprynowicz

Working through the night and all day May 29 to circulate statements from Arkansas jurors that they didn't really think Bill Clinton lied under oath, the White House staff looked like paramedics swarming to the scene of a natural disaster as they struggled manfully to portray Mr. Clinton as little more than a puzzled bystander in the resounding series of bank fraud "guilty" verdicts in Little Rock Tuesday afternoon.



Of course, the White House studiously ignored juror Janice Greer, who told The Associated Press: "I think he and his wife had just as much to do with it, but that is just my personal opinion." Clearly, a White House that was chortling to the sympathetic New York Times just two weeks ago that Whitewater would be "all over" by mid-June,

when the D'Amato Senate committee is scheduled to fold its tent, now faces a very different political calculus.

The convictions in Little Rock "make moot the criticism of (Independent Counsel) Ken Starr as being political and of Whitewater being a stale news story," reported Susan Schmidt of The Washington Post.

Also "no longer operative," we must now assume, would be Mrs. Clinton's long-suffering plight, heard again on "Larry King Live" two weeks ago (a visit in which she sought to explain how her personal subpoenaed Madison Guaranty billing records happened to disappear, and then magically reappear in the White House sewing room), that "Every time anyone has been accused of something, it's turned out not to be true."

"At 5 p.m. today, the cover-up began to unravel," said Tony Blankley, spokesman for House Speaker Newt Gingrich, referring to the time on Tuesday when word of the verdict came out of the Little Rock, Ark., courtroom. Indeed, the political fallout was immediate. Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker, the former Clinton's political rival who succeeded him in the Little Rock governor's mansion, resigned as governor within hours after he and James B. McDougal were convicted of conspiring to use fraudulent appraisals to arrange nearly \$3 million in loans from two federally backed banks, including Madison Guaranty Saving & Loan, and using the funds for improper purposes.

Translating that into even plainer English, Rep. Jim Leach, chairman of the House Banking Committee, said the case in Little Rock consisted of "three robberies: one of a savings and loan, another of a specialized small business investment corporation, and the third of a public trust." In all three cases, Rep. Leach said, "the robberies were committed by modern day insiders wielding political influence rather than by old-fashioned bandits waving six shooters. ..."

"All over"? The president will be deposed again via videotape in the trial of Arkansas bankers Herby Branscum Jr. and Robert Hill, charged with 11 felonies regarding the handling of Clinton's 1990 reelection campaign, scheduled to begin in the same Little Rock courthouse June 17.

Let's see the White House contend that matter has no bearing on Mr. Clinton's personal ethics. James Stewart, who was approached by Mrs. Clinton and asked to write his current Whitewater book "Blood Sport: The President and His Adversaries," with the intent of revealing how the whole matter is nothing but an invention of right-wing radio gadflies, said the verdicts now put pressure on the three defendants, and perhaps witnesses in other investigations, to cooperate with the special prosecutor in hopes of winning reduced sentences.

"And obviously the Clintons are at the top of this investigative pyramid," Stewart says. But it fell to Charles V. Zehren of Newsday to point out that, although the Clintons are "not charged with any crime, ... Tuesday's decision renders that remotely possible." Prosecutor Starr now says the Washington phase of his probe is "very active" regarding both the so-called Travelgate affair, and the 1993 death of White House Deputy Counsel Vincent Foster. (No smoking gun?)

This "no smoking gun" stuff from Eleanor Clift and the Hallelujah Hillary Chorus is starting to remind me of the Monty Python sketch in which the pet shop owner insists a stiff parrot nailed to a perch "isn't dead," at all.) Mr. Starr recently hired two veteran white-collar criminal prosecutors to handle the Washington aspects of the investigation.

And as he concentrates on the circumstances surrounding the discovery of Vince Foster's body and the midnight dash to clear his office of files, it appears unlikely new senior counsel Roger M. Adelman, who prosecuted attempted Ronald Reagan assassin John Hinckley and who convicted Rep. Richard Kelly, R-Fla., in the Abscam case, will defer to the superior expertise of the Parks Police, or Bernie Nussbaum.

No, Mr. Clinton was not on trial in Little Rock last month, nor does he stand convicted of any crime. But Americans once before, in 1972, re-elected a sitting president who could truthfully say he had never been convicted of a felony, that he was "not a crook," even as he claimed "broad executive privilege" to keep vital documents from the hands of prosecutors.

Can any politician really believe his or her personal genius is so unique, so indispensable to our survival, that a weary nation must be taken down this disheartening road once more?

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Agent Orange: a myth in the service of politics

by Stephen Chapman

Bill Clinton's announcement last week about Agent Orange was a carefully crafted piece of political theater. Assembled in the White House the day after Memorial Day were representatives of various veterans organizations. Also present was retired Adm. Elmo Zumwalt, whose son died of a cancer that the admiral blames on his exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam.

They heard the president say that he would expand disability benefits for veterans exposed to the herbicide. Any veteran who served in Vietnam will be eligible for disability payments if he or she is stricken by a nerve condition called peripheral neuropathy or by prostate cancer. He also asked Congress to extend benefits to Vietnam veterans' children who are afflicted with spina bifida.

Said Clinton, "Nothing we can do will ever fully repay the Vietnam veterans for all they gave and all they lost, particularly those who have been damaged by Agent Orange. But we must never stop trying."

But like most theater, the drama was mostly fictional. In lamenting the harm to ex-soldiers from the dioxin contained in Agent Orange, the president passed over the troublesome fact that there probably was none. This is a simple case of politics overriding science.

Even those officials charged with defending the decision acknowledged the flimsiness of their case. Veterans Affairs Secretary Jesse Brown conceded that the evidence has not proven that dioxin causes these illnesses. The only basis for the administration action was a report by the federal Institute of Medicine reviewing existing studies, which merely found that the statistical evidence showing health dangers was more likely to be correct than not. But the Institute admitted that it did not apply the usual standards of science in making that judgment.

Health and Human Services Undersecretary Ken Kizer agreed that there is no clear cause-and-effect relationship and said "very few" veterans will qualify for benefits for the nerve disorder. In addition, reported The New York Times, Kizer "said it was impossible to predict whether prostate cancer would strike Vietnam veterans in greater proportion than the population as a whole."

But the illnesses will be covered anyway. As Brown said, "The president and I firmly believe that the VA needs to be on the side of the veterans and their children."



The administration seems determined to reach a guilty verdict first and find the needed evidence later. Last year, the Environmental Protection Agency prepared an assessment that Americans in general may suffer health damage from dioxin. It was rebuked by its own Scientific Advisory Board, which said the EPA had ignored important evidence and let its judgment be skewed by its own policy preferences. The advisory board said that dioxin has been shown to cause only one disease, a transitory rash known as chloracne.

Dioxin and Agent Orange have been subjected to considerable investigation over the last 20 years, and what is striking is not how much evidence of danger has accumulated but how little. An ongoing study of the Air Force personnel exposed to the highest amounts of Agent Orange in Vietnam has found no rise in the incidence of cancer. The federal Centers for Disease Control detected an increased danger of lymphoma among Vietnam veterans — but said Agent Orange couldn't be blamed because the highest risk was for service personnel who had the lowest exposure to it.

Michael Gough, a scientist now affiliated with the Cato Institute who served on the EPA advisory board, concluded in his 1986 book on dioxin that "the position of the majority of scientists who have examined the health effects of science is that little or no harm has been done." The evidence that has come in since then, says Gough, has only confirmed the doubters.

One of the scientists who is conducting the Air Force study, Joel Michalek, recently testified before a House committee on the claim that dioxin can produce spina bifida in children. "The accumulated evidence," he said, "does not yet establish that there is a cause-and-effect relationship between herbicide exposure and spina bifida."

For that matter, it is not even true that most soldiers who served in Vietnam were exposed to high amounts of the chemical. One study found that they had lower levels of dioxin in their fat tissue than ordinary American civilians.

Bill Clinton has a problem with Vietnam veterans, many of whom resent the fact that they had to go fight while he managed to avoid the draft. This is his way of doing penance for himself as well as for the nation, which continues to be plagued by guilt for what those soldiers endured. Maybe we as a nation owe them some compensation for their tribulations. But if we want to take on that obligation, let's leave science and Agent Orange out of it.

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Black education...

by Walter E. Williams

The April 29, 1996, edition of Newsweek magazine carried Howard Fineman's story, "Redrawing the Color Lines." It's mostly a piece about Minneapolis Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton's efforts to end court-ordered school busing in her city. Belton is not alone in her efforts. Officials in other cities with large black populations such as Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Prince George's County, Md., are also seeking an end to court-ordered busing.

The 1954 Brown vs. Board of Education U.S. Supreme Court decision fostered the belief that the way to improve black education was through school integration. It was a racially insulting belief that had no basis in fact and has produced more than four decades of half-baked education ideas which have rendered academic excellence among black students virtually impossible.

In the years following the Brown decision, there have been a few voices that protested the false assumption that black academic excellence could not be achieved unless black people captured white kids to sit beside their kids.

Among those voices is Dr. Thomas Sowell, Hoover Institution's senior fellow. In his study "Patterns of Black Excellence," published in Public Interest in 1976 and earlier published in his book "Myths and Tragedies of Black Education," Sowell examines the history of several black public schools before the birth of the idea that school integration was necessary for black academic excellence.

Four of the six high schools in Sowell's study produced a long list of breakthroughs: Thurgood Marshall, first black Supreme Court justice (Baltimore's Frederick Douglass school); Wilson Riles, first black state superintendent of schools (McDonough 35); Benjamin Davis, first black general (Dunbar); Charles Drew, discoverer of plasma (Dunbar); Edward Brooke, first black senator (Dunbar); and Martin Luther King (Booker T. Washington).

The District of Columbia's Dunbar was the most illustrious of the black high schools. Between 1870 and 1955, most of its graduates went on to college — an achievement rare among white schools. Its students earned degrees at prestigious colleges like Harvard, Amherst, Williams and Wesleyan. As early as 1899, Dunbar scored higher in city-wide tests than any of the white schools. Dunbar's student attendance was better and it had a lower rate of tardiness than the white public schools. Were Dunbar's students the children of elite black parents? No. Only 17 percent came from households where parents listed their occupation as white-collar and professional.

The success of these schools had nothing to do with what "experts" tell us is necessary for success. With more than 40 students per teacher, Dunbar had the highest student-to-teacher ratio in the city. The school was 40 years old before it had a lunchroom, which then was so small that many children had to eat out on the street. Blackboards had so many cracks that they resembled road maps, and it was 1956 before the school had a public-address system. Dunbar was administered by a discriminatory board of education,

which never provided equal financial support.

Sowell says the destruction of high-quality black schools has been associated with the breakdown in law and order and the implementation of half-baked education ideas. Today, it is virtually impossible for public schools to expel students who are alien and hostile to the education process, allowing them to sabotage education for others. Ability-grouping was a prominent feature of black schools during their periods of excellence — today, it can bring lawsuits.

There is no question that at least islands of black academic success can be restored. But it's going to take a complete rejection of what today's educationists say is necessary for black academic excellence. COPYRIGHT 1996 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

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Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

Summer means picnic time...

Although, summer officially begins June 20, it's not too early to make plans for the summer picnics ahead! It's that time again to start thinking about gathering family and friends and setting out on a picnic. So pack your basket or cooler with nutritious foods and head for the park, backyard or wherever the sun shines.



For a change, try jazzing up your picnic fare. Your own personal style can serve as a guide in setting the tone for outdoor enjoyment. Don't be afraid to experiment with healthy new food combinations, or give old favorites a healthy boost. The following ideas will help you get your picnic off to a great start:

- * add new life to salads by substituting brown rice, bulgur or couscous for pasta, toss in chickpeas or other beans for a fiber-rich boost
- * savor seasonal ingredients by tossing potato or pasta salads with plenty of chopped red, green and yellow peppers; cherry tomatoes, sliced zucchini or yellow squash make colorful additions
- * fold fresh apricot and peach chunks into chicken or turkey salad, or go for the exotic, try papaya and mango with assorted greens and fruit-flavored dressing
- * use a light touch when preparing mayonnaise-based salads, reduce the amount called for, or substitute half the mayonnaise with a low-fat variety and half with nonfat plain yogurt
- * go beyond ordinary bread and tuck sandwich fillings into crisp French loaves, whole-grain pita bread, tortillas or sourdough rolls; or slice whole-grain rounds of bread horizontally, line with sandwich ingredients and cut into wedges
- * use Focaccia (Italian flat bread) to make an interesting sandwich base; layer with thin strips of lowfat cheese and garden-fresh tomato slices, sprinkle with basil and oregano, then drizzle with balsamic or red vinegar and a little olive oil.

When planning your picnic, always have plenty of cold, healthful beverages on hand to make beating the heat a snap.

Avoid sugary drinks and sodas which tend to increase thirst. cold water with a wedge of lemon and lime is your best bet, but try the following ideas for something refreshing and different:

- * in a blender, puree four pieces of peeled and sliced fresh fruit-like peaches, pears or nectarines with one tablespoon lemon juice; pour into ice cube trays and freeze until firm, serve cubes in ice tea or chilled soda water
- * cut the sweetness of fruit juices with chilled soda water, or prepare lemonade from concentrate by adding an extra can of water, then blend in two cups cran-raspberry juice and chill thoroughly
- * cool off by snacking on frozen strawberries, grapes, bananas or peach slices, or cut off a kiwi fruit and eat the juicy flesh with a spoon

To keep your picnics fun, always remember to follow these safety precautions: make sure cooked foods are fully chilled before packing, pack perishable foods in coolers with ice or frozen packs, leftovers should go back into the cooler immediately because meat, dairy products and other perishable foods will spoil in one or two hours, always discard any foods that are questionable.

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South Plains Opry returns for summer performances

The South Plains Opry, a family-style musical entertainment show, will have four Thursday night performances throughout June on the downtown square in Levelland.

During its run, the show will feature special guests Paul Davidson, Cowboy Balladeer; the bands Laredo and Southern Sky, and Kenny and Donnie Maines and sons, along with the South Plains Opry Ensemble.

Show dates are June 6, 13, 20 and 27. Showtime is 8 p.m. each night and admission is free.

The South Plains Opry will wrap up with a special Independence Day show on the Fourth of July at the South Plains College Track in Levelland.

The South Plains Opry is a presentation of South Plains College and the Levelland Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, contact Bob Evans, Chamber of Commerce director, at 806-894-3157.

One doesn't have a sense of humor. It has you.
—Larry Gelbart

Summer time is reading time

by Richard W. Riley
U.S. Secretary of Education

Soon, kids all over America will be pouring out of school doors, racing toward summer fun. They'll leave their desks and classrooms behind. But will they also leave their learning behind? Unfortunately, many will.

Studies show that over the summer, students can lose up to three or four months of the reading and writing skills they acquired during the school year. The fact of the matter is, when it comes to reading and writing skills, you either use them or lose them.

That's why it's so important to keep students reading over the summer months, even for only 30 minutes a day. Kids can still read and have plenty of time for playing ball, swimming, and other summer activities.

Good reading habits, like all other educational activities, begin in the home. So my message to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and all other adults who are responsible for raising a child is this: Get involved this summer! Here are some tips:

- * Read to your younger children and share books with your older children.
- * Make a place for newspapers, magazines, and books in your home. Read the important news stories of the day with your children, or the sports page or the family section. Let your children lead the way - ask them to pick out something that interests them. But just read! And make sure your children see you read.
- * Take your children to the library and make sure they get a card. Show them that there are other places in the world to visit besides the video arcade at the mall.
- * Limit TV viewing. Yes, I know that's a tall order. But when kids watch six, seven hours a day, we've got to say as parents, "Enough's enough - close the set and open a book!"
- * Ask your children to write to relatives and friends. If you have access to a computer, have them send regular e-mail messages, because in this day and age, literacy means computer literacy, too.
- * Participate in READ*WRITE*NOW!, the summer reading initiative sponsored by the national Partnership for Family Involvement in Education.

READ*WRITE*NOW! encourages children to practice their reading and writing for at least 30 minutes a day, five days a week, for eight weeks throughout June, July, and August. Children also team up with a learning partner who provides extra guidance at least once a week for 30 minutes. A learning partner can be a parent, grandparent, other family member, an older student, a senior citizen, or any caring member of the community (like you!)

Children are also encouraged to get and use a library card and learn at least one new word every day. And when they've completed their eight weeks of learning, they can get a free personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut as a special reward.

The U.S. Department of Education, in cooperation with the other members of the Partnership for Family Involvement in Education, is producing and distributing READ*WRITE*NOW! kits with how-to-materials, activities books, and bookmarks. The kits, which are free, are right for children in kindergarten through sixth grade.

You can get READ*WRITE*NOW! kits in June at your local library or at your local Reading is Fundamental (RIF) site. The American Library Association and RIF are key READ*WRITE*NOW! sponsors.

Or you can get kits through the Internet or by calling the U.S. Department of Education. The Internet address is <http://www.ed.gov>. The Department's toll-free number is 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327).

READ*WRITE*NOW! can also be a great summertime activity for community groups, teachers, schools and colleges, senior citizen centers, and every civic-minded organization.

This will be the second year of READ*WRITE*NOW! Last summer, 425,000 children and 125,000 reading partners all across America. This summer, we're aiming to reach many more. If the American people really join in, we can reach a million kids - including the kids who are nearest and dearest to your heart.

And we can really make a difference in the education of our children. Overall, American students are improving in math and science, but reading scores have been stagnant, and that's a problem for all of us. Virtually every job that is now being created in America requires a high level of literacy to perform. Good reading is necessary to succeed in school, to get and hold a good job, and to become a productive, contributing member of our society. So we all have a stake in helping students to keep their reading and writing skills sharp, whether school is open or closed.

So let's make summertime reading time!

No matter how old a mother is, she watches her middle-aged children for signs of improvement.

—Florida Scott-Maxwell

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Tickets for convention speakers on sale here

Tickets for the four speaking events for the June 8-9, 1996 Libertarian Party of Texas State Convention in Lubbock are now on sale to the public at The Post Dispatch. Each of the speaking events includes a meal.

All events will be held at the Best Western Lubbock Regency, located at IH 27 and Loop 289. The public is invited to the free open forum Friday evening, with Republic of Texas Vice President Douglas Saint, who will explain the rebirth of the Republic and answer questions. There also is no charge for those interested in attending convention proceedings, which will be held Saturday, and for speeches by presidential and vice presidential candidates on Sunday morning.

The parade of speakers begins Saturday morning with Tom Glass, President of the Lone Star Fully Informed Jury Association (FLJA). The \$10 ticket includes a full breakfast buffet, with serving beginning at 7:30 a.m. Glass will explain the purpose of FLJA and the organization's efforts to influence legislation to mandate jury members be informed of their constitutional right to judge the law as well as the facts in criminal cases.

Saturday's noon lunch will feature nationally recognized patriot lawyer

Larry Becraft, whose topic, "The New World Order and What We Can Do," will demonstrate the seriousness of unconstitutional government actions, which dilute freedom and liberty for all citizens.

Larry Pratt, president of Gun Owners of America, will address the Saturday evening dinner, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Pratt is leader of one of America's strongest organizational voices for adherence to the Second Amendment. The dinner ticket is \$20.

Sunday morning's breakfast buffet (\$10) at 7:30 a.m. will feature Jacob "Bumper" Hornberger, a native Texan and publisher of the monthly "Freedom Daily." His uncompromising stand against tyranny and defense of individual liberty has brought him the title of "extremist's extremist" by nationally syndicated columnist Walter Williams.

Also confirmed to speak Sunday morning are presidential candidates Harry Browne, Carl Ruskamp, Irwin Schiff, L. Neil Smith on behalf of Rick Tompkins and vice presidential candidate Jo Jorgensen.

For more information call Wesley W. Burnett at 495-4135 or Richard H. King at 763-3569.

Protect yourself from skin cancer-eat a low-fat diet

Now, there is one more way to protect yourself from skin cancer — a low-fat diet.

Research at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston revealed that patients on a diet of 20 percent fat had fewer precancerous growths and non-melanoma skin cancers.

"After two years, patients on the low-fat diet had an average of three precancerous growths while the normal diet patients averaged 10," said Dr. John Wolf, chairman of dermatology at Baylor.

Wolf and other Baylor dermatologists studied 100 people over a two-year period. Half of the group ate a normal diet of about 38 percent fat and other half went on a very lean diet of 20 percent fat, the caloric intake for each group was similar.

"The participants had already had one to three non-melanoma skin cancers, so we were looking at a group with a history of skin cancer," Wolf said.

The study showed that the number of non-melanoma skin cancers decreased the longer the

patients were on the diet.

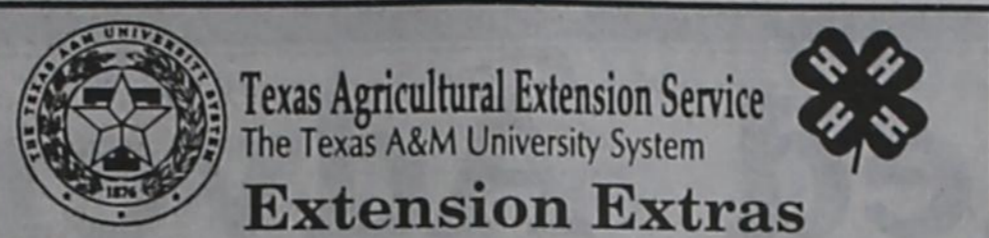
"There was some impact during the first eight months of the study, but the greatest impact was in the last eight months," Wolf said. "There was no significant changes in the normal diet group."

Avoiding excessive sun exposure is still the best way to prevent the initial damage that causes skin cancer, Wolf says. He recommends using sunscreens daily, avoiding direct exposure from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and wearing protective clothing.

However, Wolf also suggests a low-fat diet for his patients with skin cancer. The diet works at the progression phase of skin cancer helping to block it after the initial damage has occurred.

"I recommend a 20 percent fat diet, but 25 to 30 percent fat would be better than no dietary change," he said.

Wolf notes that there is evidence that a low-fat diet may be beneficial in reducing the risk for colon, prostate and breast cancer and proof that it influences cardiovascular health.



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SPS Kids Cooking School

Mark your calendars to attend the 1996 SPS Kids Cooking School on June 21st at 10 a.m. in the SPS Energy Room. This workshop is open to all school-aged Garza county youth. The theme for this event is "Let the Games Begin" in conjunction with the Olympics and will provide some hands-on experience for the young cooks. If you have questions, please contact Kelly L. Ahrens, CEA-FCS at 495-4400.

Scurry County 4-H Mesquite Horseshow

If you need to register or would like more information about the show, contact Glenna Reiter at 495-2774. The Scurry County 4-H Mesquite Horse show is June 9.

Texas Tech engineers prepare

for test of skill in Propane Challenge

At a rally and luncheon held at Texas Tech University, officials commended engineering students for their hard work converting a Chrysler minivan to propane, the world's most popular alternative vehicle fuel. Students will compete against 11 other schools in the nation's first Propane Vehicle Challenge.

The Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) and its Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division (AFRED) are among the event's national and international sponsors.

Sunday, May 26, the Tech team will drive their propane minivan to Windsor, Ontario, for the five day competition. Presentations, inspection and testing will show which van best achieves the challenge goals; ultra-low exhaust emissions, a minimum range of about 250 miles and performance equal to or better than equivalent conventionally fueled vehicles. The students must consider many aspects of vehicle design, such as customer needs, safety, reliability, economics, feasibility and even aesthetics.

Propane is a gaseous fuel derived from natural gas processing and oil refining. Propane's clean-burning characteristics minimize its contributions to smog formation and increase the life of engines.

An ample domestic supply is available through thousands of refueling stations across the United States and Canada, including more than 900 in Texas alone. About one-third of the nation's propane supply is produced in Texas.

Business, academia and government rallied behind the Tech team at the congratulatory luncheon on May 23. The team hopes to finish first this year, but even being invited to participate in the exclusive competition is an honor.

"The competitions are an incredible experience for the students," said Dr. Tim Maxwell, faculty advisor to the team. "They learn to work together, compare notes with other students, and they get to meet with representatives from the automobile industry."

The Challenge is one of several U.S. Department of Energy-backed competitions in which teams from engineering schools across the United States and Canada convert gasoline-powered vehicles to alternative fuels. Texas Tech students have been involved in such competitions each year since 1989. Tech won the 1993 Natural Gas Vehicle Challenge, while ranking second in the overall standings in last year's Hybrid Electric Vehicle Challenge.

Other university officials noted that benefits of competing in such vehicle challenges accrue not only to the mechanical and electrical engineering students but also to the school itself. The competitions have provided research and teaching opportunities for faculty, as well as vehicles and other equipment worth more than \$100,000. Industry benefits as advanced propane technology is developed and young engineers familiarize themselves with the advantages of propane fuel.

Challenge sponsors include the U.S. Department of Energy, Natural Resources Canada, Chrysler Canada, the Texas Railroad Commission, propane trade associations in the United States and Canada, and Conoco. Local firms, including Manchester Tank, Eddins-Walcher Co. and R & W Supply, have provided parts and services.

Next year's Propane Vehicle Challenge will be hosted by the RRC. The 1997 challenge will include the 1996 minivan competitors, and 12 more teams entering propane pickups. Engineering schools in Mexico are being invited to make it a pan-North American competition.

COW POKES By Ace Reid



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The proposed changes are expected to increase the company's annual revenues by approximately 7.6 percent or \$7.7 million. The proposed changes could affect approximately 200,000 gas consumers in the following communities:

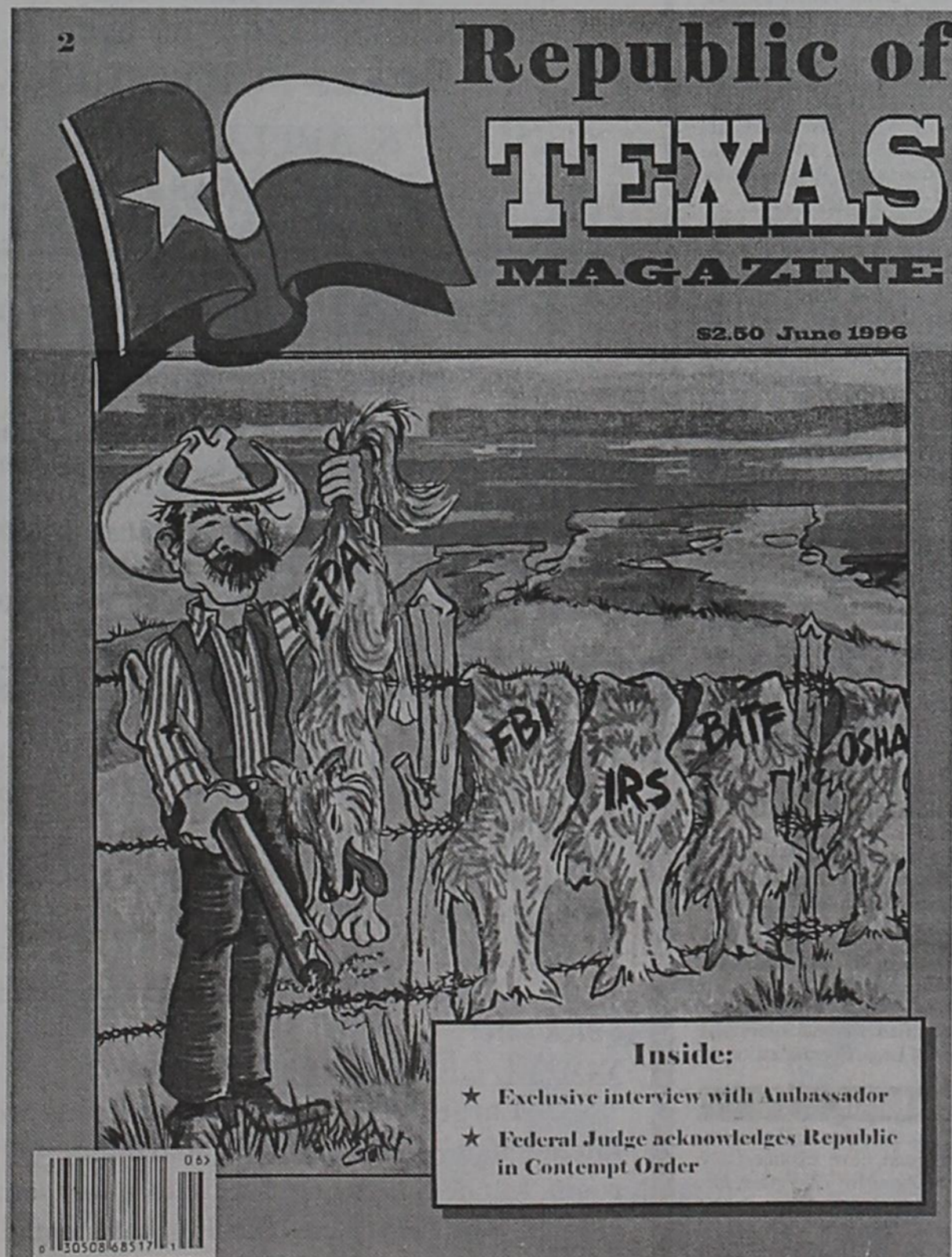
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The Ruby Ray Family

Thank you to all our friends, neighbors and co-workers. Post is a wonderful place and we will miss you.
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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.

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Monday, June 10
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Tuesday, June 11
Chicken enchiladas, mexican corn and beans, stewed tomatoes, tossed salad w/Ranch dressing, angelfood cake, choice of beverage.

Wednesday, June 12
Chicken fried steak, white gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, wheat roll, gelatin, choice of beverage.

Thursday, June 13
Fried chicken strips, new potatoes w/white sauce, broccoli, tossed salad w/Ranch dressing, hot roll, brownies, choice of beverage.

The Post Dispatch will not be responsible for photos left at the office more than 30 days.



When Archie Lowe (left), Republic of Texas Provisional Government President, visited Post last week, he unexpectedly discovered that two of his high school classmates live here. After a phone call, Lowe stopped by to see Sherry and Paul Jones. The Celeste Blue Devil graduates had not seen each other since graduation in 1959. The mini-class reunion included remembrances of how "Paul Dan opened up the hole in the line, while I tried to run with the football," Lowe said. Sherry and Archie were 1959 classmates, while Paul graduated in 1958. "I didn't recognize Archie at first," Sherry said. "I think it was those whiskers that threw me." Lowe was visiting West Texas sheriffs and law enforcement officers to explain the constitutional issue of the Republic of Texas as part of his duties as Secretary of Defense. Last Saturday he accepted the appointment by the Provisional Government General Council to serve as president following the resignation of Vice President Douglas Saint. The office of president had been vacant since late March following the council's dismissal of former president John C. Van Kirk. Lowe will be in Lubbock Friday evening, the guest of the Libertarian Party of Texas at a public forum to discuss the Republic of Texas at the Libertarian state convention.

Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.
Balancing the positive effects of recent thunderstorms criss-crossing the High Plains with the damaging effects of hail and blowing sand is going to be a difficult task for High Plains cotton producers.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) the much needed rainfall is expected to provide a boost to at least a third of the area's dryland cotton acreage. Unfortunately this boost also comes with the loss of a significant amount of irrigated cotton.

Current estimates from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, unofficially, indicates as much as 300,000 acres of irrigated cotton was lost because of hail during the storm and blowing sand afterwards.

A second round of storms late Wednesday and Thursday brought more rain to the area

and also had the potential to drive the loss figure even higher.

"The weather events of the past week should provide many dryland areas with enough moisture to plant," says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "The big question now will be how long they have to wait before getting into the field and how much of the irrigated cotton that was lost as a result of hail and high winds will be replanted to alternative crops."

There is the potential for a large number of acres throughout the area to be planted to an alternate crop such as grain sorghum adds Johnson.

Time constraints and the availability of seed for short season varieties of cotton and grain sorghum will play a key role in how this scenario unfolds.

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Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

10 Years Ago June 4, 1986

Eddie and Pauline Warren recall the days of publishing The Post Dispatch, which celebrates its 60th anniversary this week. Founded originally by Eddie in June 1926.

The Post Chamber of Commerce has awarded the Bum Phillips Scholarship to Aurora Vargas as the 1986 recipient. Mrs Marion Wheatley was honored last week with a retirement reception following her 25 years of teaching.

20 Years Ago June 3, 1976

Mr and Mrs Randall Kay have a most uncommon friendship with "Coty" their almost full coyote pet.

Mr and Mrs Tom Bouchier celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Lubbock Club Monday. The former Buena Shirley and Tom Bouchier were married May 31, 1926 here in Post by the Rev. C.E. Dick.

Claudette Gill was elected president of the Minor League Baseball.

Happy birthday today to Paula Jo Payne, Mrs Noel Wilson, Cynthia Ann Burns, Lee Ann Hodges, Mrs Royce Hart and Mrs Ann Nelson.

30 Years Ago June 9, 1966

Marguerite and Harrell Butler of Jal, N.M. are spending two weeks with their grandparents, Mr and Mrs J.W. Higginbotham.

Mr and Mrs Gary Reed and sons left Saturday on a two week vacation in Oklahoma.

Mrs Shirley Castner, granddaughter of the Wes Donahoes, gave birth to a new daughter June 2. The Castners now have two boys and two girls.

40 Years Ago June 7, 1956

Mrs. E.E. Pierce will be hostess to the Mystic Club in her home at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs Winnie McQueen has resigned as head of the homemaking department at Post High School to accept a similar position at Ballinger.

Mr and Mrs Earl Conroe of San Diego, Calif., are visiting Mrs C.P. Jones and Mr and Mrs Jack Dale this week.

Lewis Ammons arrived home this week after being discharged from the Army.

50 Years Ago June 6, 1946

Mrs Walter Boren and children of Monohans are visiting her mother, Mrs John Coleman here.

Victor Eugene "Sonny" Hudman celebrated his birthday June 4 by doing most everything he wanted to do. He played to his heart's content and rode his tricycle as long as it was light enough to see.

Paul Wayne DeBusk visited Randal and Denzil Lawrence in Post Saturday night.

At the Garza theatre this week see "The adventures of Marco Polo" with Gary Cooper and "The Sailor Takes A Wife" with Robert Walker and June Allyson.

The nice thing about egotists is that they don't talk about other people.

—Lucille S. Harper

Taste of the World wins 'Spirit of Texas' for former Post resident

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American Airlines has awarded to Borden County resident Betty Dennis the SPIRIT OF TEXAS award. This honor is given quarterly for volunteer service to one of the nearly 5,000 flight attendants based at DFW.

Co-worker Lynn Gilmore nominated Betty for the class she has taught once a month to Coach Avery's World Geography class at Borden High School. In her nomination Lynn (who started it all by giving Betty a series of foreign cookbooks) stated that Betty spends 40-60 hours of research and preparation for each class. She delves into migrations of people, religious food laws and political and military events that helped shape the cuisine of each area. Betty's sister-in-law, Nancy, has helped her with researching information concerning the religious food laws and has also given Betty much needed moral support.

Betty has presented a lecture, then has samples for the students to try. Some of the foods have been brought home from layovers at her job as a flight attendant, but the bulk of them she has prepared herself at home.

Samples have had mixed reviews. Some were a surprise, the biggest being the popularity of Japanese vinegared sticky rice wrapped in dried seaweed. Her son, Jeff, even came home and asked for the leftovers.

The final class of the year highlighted China and Korea and the menu included Peking Duck, lotus root, rice noodles, and fruit salad of lychee, longans, rambutan and kumquats, and almond cake from China, via the oriental market in Lubbock. Also served were Korean kebabs and toasted tofu. Chopsticks were the utensils of the day.

Coach Avery likened to louts root to the careless weed he ate on a Boy Scout wilderness survival trip. Colt McCook got his first taste of Chinese food. Clell Knight thought the pumpkin seeds were more trouble, but tastier than sunflower seeds. He was also a fan of the vinegared rice in seaweed. Amy Mason was a good sport all year and tried almost everything, as did Brenda Griffin. Amy was not impressed with the almond cakes and Brenda decided to go for a second fortune. Brenda managed to swallow one unpleasant morsel even after being told it was acceptable to pretend to cough and hide it in her napkin as Betty's supervisor had done at a banquet in China. Colt Miller liked the Peking Duck, but had reservations about the Korean Beef kabobs.

The class was fortunate to meet in the Home-Ec room and have

Clint O'Brien take part. He tried most of the foods and always like the beef dishes best. Several times the class got to enjoy his cooking. The last class was finished off with suger cookies right out of the oven - a hit with everyone.

Betty has a history of volunteerism. She was a library assistant at DeSoto Middle School when Joel was principal there, and also volunteered at the city library. She has been an assistant Girl Scout leader, Garza County Service Unit chairman, and served two terms on the Board of Directors of the Caprock Girl Scout Council. She has been Secretary and President of the Post Public Library Board. While president, she organized a book drive for the Desert Storm Troop. She currently serves as Publicity Chairman for the library and is its representative to the West Texas Library Association.

In her 27 years with American Airlines Betty has also received an "E" for Excellence Award, a #1 Pin, and two Customer Comes First Awards.

In the letter accompanying the plaque and pin she received the SPIRIT OF TEXAS committee said "Your dedication and devotion in helping others through cultural awareness and respect for others is inspiring."

Betty is sharing her knowledge with Post through a series of displays in the Public Library. Featured now are China and Korea.

Back-up water

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system to tie into the existing system and operate automatically.

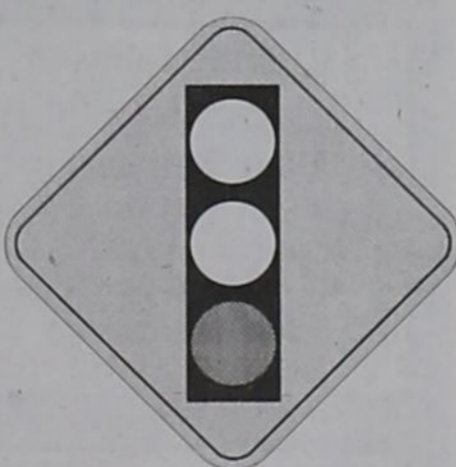
Variable Frequency Drives (VFD's) are proposed to be included on the booster pumps to provide slow starts and shut downs of the pumps, reducing the surges created by pump shut down and reducing the energy requirement for electrically starting the pumps.

This project is anticipated to be completed in approximately eight to ten months from the time of award of a construction contract.

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Anyone those interested in adopting lost pets may call City Hall at 495-2811.

Tip of the Week: Pets need more than just food and water, they need love too.

Wyoming second state to approve PSCo/SPS merger

The Wyoming Public Service Commission late Thursday approved the merger of Public Service Co. of Colorado (NYSE:PSR) and Southwestern Public Service Company (NYSE:SPS), finding that the union of the two lost-cost utilities is in the public interest.

"This important decision moves us forward toward the more competitive industry of the future," said Wayne Brunetti, president and chief executive officer of Denver-based Public Service Co. "The commission's decision to approve the merger on the first day of the hearing reinforces the fact that benefits for customers are significant."

"The Wyoming hearing was an important milestone in the creation of New Century Energies and gets us off to a great start as we prepare for a series of hearings this summer," said Bill D. Helton, chairman and chief executive officer of SPS, based in Amarillo, Texas. "Our employees are working diligently to complete the merger."

Hearings are scheduled to begin June 24 in Texas, July 1 in Colorado and July 22 in New Mexico. Kansas approved the transaction last year. No formal filing is required in Oklahoma, although the companies are keeping regulators and officials in the state informed. The companies are waiting for a hearing date to be set by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

In its decision Thursday, the Wyoming commission said that the testimony overwhelmingly showed that the merger was in the public interest and would benefit the company's customers.

In the merger, PSCo and SPS will become subsidiaries of a holding company called New Century Energies Inc. PSCo subsidiary Cheyenne Light, Fuel & Power Co. serves 36,000 natural gas and electric customers in Cheyenne, Wyo., and will become a subsidiary of the holding company under the merger.

PSCo and SPS estimate the merger will create at least \$770 million in savings over the first 10 years, which will help hold down future electric rates.

"The expansion of wholesale competition announced in April at the federal level, and continued studies of retail competition by many states, make it especially important that utilities create efficiencies and be more productive than ever," Brunetti said. "The utility industry is in the process of dramatic change. New Century Energies intends to be a leader in competitive rates, quality customer service, growth for shareholders, and long-term opportunities for employees."

Combined, New Century Energies will serve 2.5 million electric and natural-gas customers in parts of six states, as well as provide energy-related products and services to a variety of customers nationally and internationally.

Southwestern Public Service Company provides electric service to a population of about one million people in a 52,000-square-mile area covering eastern and southeastern New Mexico, the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas, the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwestern Kansas. Through its Utility Engineering Corporation and Quixx Corporation subsidiaries, the company also provides engineering and construction management services to a variety of industries and invests in non-utility power generation projects.

Public Service Co. is an electric, natural gas and thermal energy utility, which serves a 32,000-square-mile area and a population of approximately 2.8 million people in Colorado and the Cheyenne, Wyo., area. Through its subsidiary e prime, the company also provides value-added, energy-related products and services to energy customers and to select segments of the utility industry.

Age is a high price to pay for maturity.
—Tom Stoppard



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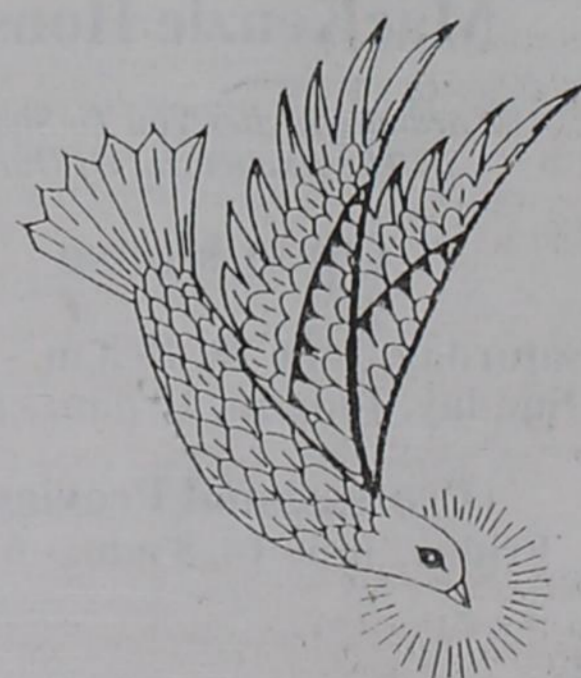
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PLACE: First United Methodist Church, Post

Letters to the Editor

Boll Weevil Eradication program...

We believe the current Boll Weevil Eradication program was conceived in haste, with little regard for the concerns of the cotton producers. This program was not approved by a majority of producers since less than 50% of the eligible voters actually voted in the initial referendum. We have concerns about the lack of a further review of the program through subsequent referenda. A provision for a periodic review of the program could have been included in the initial ballot, but was not. We now have a program that once implemented, is subject to no further review by those who must pay for it.

We believe the assessments are unfair because of the three tiered assessment zones within the High Plains Zone and the way the assessments are calculated. The High Plains Zone is the only zone in Texas that does not have a uniform assessment throughout the zone. We believe that by making the assessments come due July 15 each year the assessments place a financial burden on the producers at a time of the year when it is difficult for many to pay the assessment without borrowing the money. The modifications the Foundation has made to this collection plan, a 10% down payment with a 1.5% finance charge per month on the unpaid balance (18% Annual Rate), only allows farmers and landowners to substitute interest charges for penalties.

We believe that the penalties the Foundation can impose on producers are extreme and harsh; up to 40% of the assessment, \$25 per acre fines, the power to place a lien on your crop, and the possibility of having your crop destroyed for not paying the assessment on time. We believe this is wrong, and the current program should be recalled.

When the eradication program for the High Plains Zone begins in the spring of 1998, we feel that the potential for damage to the beneficial insect populations may create problems for the producers similar to the problems experienced in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in 1995. We have talked with many producers in the southern parts of the High Plains zone that had problems with "sticky cotton" in 1995. They believe this problem was caused by the enhanced diapause spraying that killed their beneficials and allowed a late season explosion of aphids to infest their cotton. Currently there are plans to experiment with other chemicals, in at least some of the early season sprays, to replace the malathion currently being used. We believe this will greatly increase the program cost.

If the Foundation does not have sufficient funds available to conduct the program within a zone, it has the authority to borrow money on behalf of the producers to fund the additional cost of the program. According to the latest information we have been able to discover, the Foundation has incurred a debt for the Lower Rio Grande Valley zone of approximately \$9,600,000. This debt must be repaid by the Lower Rio Grande Valley producers and landowners, even though they have successfully recalled the eradication program for their zone. We believe the debt or the potential for debt for the other zones is: the 10' county Southern Rolling Plains, \$6,800,000; the 33 county South Texas/Winter Garden zone recently had a loan for \$41,700,000 approved. We don't feel the producers and landowners on the High Plains need to take a chance on being placed in debt by the Foundation or any other organization. Although we have been told we won't be placed in debt, the authority exists for debt to be incurred for this zone. If additional funds were needed for the other and much smaller zones, we don't see why our zone would be an exception.

We believe the legislature may have made some mistakes, in passing the law that allowed for the creation of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, that may violate the Texas Constitution. In their haste to create the High Plains Eradication Zone we believe the Foundation may have held the referendum before it was legal to do so. There are also several other legal questions concerning the law, the amended law, and the Foundation's compliance with the various laws and regulations pertaining to the current eradication program.

Most of the above information was obtained from the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation through phone calls and written request, the original law and the amended law authorizing the creation of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, the motion for summary judgment from a law suit filed against the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Inc and from various newspaper and magazine articles.

We have received support from all areas of the zone and encourage everyone who feels as we do, that the current program must be recalled, to sign the petition. If producers didn't get one they may call us. Producers encourage your landowners to sign and landowners encourage your tenants to sign. If you would like more information or would like to contribute to our effort please contact us at the following address or phone numbers: High Plains Weevil Recall Organization, P.O. Box 530, Hale Center, Tx 79401-0530, Tommy Applewhite, president (806) 879-4779, Jeff Black, secretary (806) 839-2948, Don Lyle (806) 296-6523 or Chip Lowry (806) 839-2948.

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A Post Chamber of Commerce sponsored ribbon-cutting ceremony was held last week during the opening of The Firm Toning Center at Manna Square downtown. Joining in the event were (left to right) Gladys Blair, Penny Adams, Jan Crawford, owner Jan Tomlin, Pat Bilbo, Wendy Tomlin, Melinda Mason, Heather Mason, Treva Yarbrow, Wanda Mitchell and Marie Neff. (Photo by Becky Warren)

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God loves the lost

by Bob Green, First United Methodist Church

When I was a young boy my favorite activity was "playing guns" in which I could become a soldier, cowboy, explorer, or anything I wanted through the magic of fantasy. I really liked the cowboy fantasy best and haven't quite grown out of it yet.

I had a managerie of toy guns (sticks, roots, store bought, and hand made) each serving my purpose at specific times. My favorite, however, was one my parents had bought for me. It was the finest pistol I had ever owned. It was made of cast metal with orange plastic grips, and all metal works inside which would whisk the "caps" through with almost never a misfire.

Gene Autry had personally signed his name on the handle, and with this gun I was the envy of all my friends.

One day while I was playing in the "upstairs" of our house and hiding my various guns so that no one could "get the drop" on me, I placed my prize gun in a hole which, unknown to me, led to an unreachable cavern in between the walls.

As soon as I turned loose of the gun I knew what I had done and try as I might I could not get it back. I tried everything I knew to retrieve my treasure but it was hopeless. The house had eaten my gun and there was no way to retrieve it. It was lost, hopelessly lost.

I grieved for weeks over my loss, and as I grew older and gained more knowledge and experience I would try everything I could imagine to get the gun back but I never was able to.

I never told anyone about what I had done, partly because I was embarrassed, but mostly I was afraid that if my parents found out what I had done, it would mean a whipping.

The loss of my treasured gun was never out of mind even when I outgrew the fantasies that filled my life as a child. I always hoped there would be some way for me to get it back.

When we moved from the farm and others lived in the house I was always worried that someone else might find it and I would never have my treasure for myself. And no one could ever appreciate that gun like I could.

Later the house was left empty for several years and I feared that it would catch fire and the gun would then be destroyed. Of all the toys I had as a child this gun has occupied my thoughts and emotions more than any other. I wonder why.

Perhaps it's because something of me was part of that toy—something of my dreams, my hopes. Perhaps it held some of my pride and identity—the things which set us apart from all others, or perhaps it was simply because it was lost. Something I loved and wanted was lost, so a part of me was lost and I wanted it back. I wonder if that might explain why Jesus came "to seek and to save the lost?" He left the throne room where He sat next to His Father God because something of God was in us, and he wanted to be complete again.

By the way, I found my precious toy when I tore the old house down to use the lumber in a new house I was building for my family. When I found the gun it was almost like a "born again experience" and I cried. I wonder if that is the way it is with God and us?



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