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Judge, Sheriff tiff goes public

by Wes Burnett

A joint meeting of the Garza County Commissioners' Court and the Post City Council Tuesday evening continued the debate about jointly funded projects, highlighted by a revised Sheriff's Department budget.

County Judge Giles W. Dalby asked the council to continue its policy of sharing 50 percent of the law enforcement budget. Dalby also said that the county plans to trim two deputies from the sheriff's department.

That announcement came as a surprise to Sheriff Kenny Ratke, who said later that it was the first he'd heard that his department would

lose staffing.

A verbal tiff developed between the judge and the sheriff in the hallway outside city council chambers as the two exchanged words over the judge's announcement. The outburst could be heard inside city council chambers as the council took up other matters.

City manager Fred Stephens announced that a Best Western motel will be constructed on US Hwy 84 just west of the Trinity Baptist Church. The contractor for the project visited city hall recently, explaining that construction for the 48 room motel should begin within 90 days. The motel is expected to open

in the spring of 2002.

Stephens also explained to the council about water and sewer line work to be done in preparation for the major highway construction on Hwy 84. Part of the sewer and water line project will include making a "loop" at Avenue S and Hwy 84 so that development on the north side of the highway will be facilitated.

"We can increase our tax base and improve water pressure by extending the line across the highway and creating a loop," Stephens said.

David Morren of Oller Engineering gave a brief report about the highway construction project, saying that bids are to be accepted later this month. The council is expected to award bids for the sewer and water line project at the September meeting.

City attorney Harvey Morton recommended that the council appoint a citizen's advisory board to assist in developing new ward boundaries. The changes are part of the 10 year cycle following the 2000 census. Gill requested each council member to

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Calf Ropin'

Cliff Kirkpatrick is among several local cowboys to compete Saturday night at this year's 61st Annual Post Stampede Rodeo in Post.

Post Notes

Church holds building fund-raiser

The Women's chapter of the Church of God of Prophecy, 602 W. 14th St., is offering a taco plate Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to help with the building fund. Plates are \$5 each, including three tacos, rice, beans and salad. Call Lydia or Felicia at 495-3644. Delivery is available.

Booster club meets Tuesday

The Antelope Booster Club meets Tuesday in the High School Commons at 7 p.m. Club memberships are \$10 per person, \$20 per family and \$50 for business plus poster. All members receive complimentary programs at home games by presenting membership card.

Middle school football players meeting

All Post eighth grade football players need to meet at the Middle School field house on Tuesday, August 14 from 5 to 8 p.m. to receive football equipment. The seventh grade players will be issued football equipment on Wednesday, August 15 from 5 to 8 p.m. Physical exams are needed for all seventh grade players prior to the start of school. Exam forms may be obtained at the fieldhouse during weekdays. Contact coach Davenport at 495-3500 for more info.

Meet Antelopes August 21

The annual "Meet the Antelopes" night, sponsored by the Antelope Booster Club, will be held Tuesday, August 21 at 7 p.m. at the stadium. Football players from seventh grade through high school, managers and cheerleaders will be recognized. Homemade ice cream will be sold at \$1 per cup.

Post Elementary School enrollment

New students and parents to Post are being welcomed by the Post Elementary School. Parents are encouraged to visit the elementary office to enroll for the 2001-2002 school year. The office is open 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. daily.

Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten

Post Elementary School now offers half-day pre-kindergarten class that is open to anyone in the Post ISD district. Students who are four years old on or before September 1 qualify for this program. The school is also enrolling new kindergarten students. The office is open 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. daily. Parents should bring social security card, shot record and birth certificate. Call 495-3414 for additional information.

Post Elementary School offers "paks"

School supplies have arrived at Post Elementary School. They are available beginning August 2. Visit the office daily from 8 a.m. to noon or 1 to 3 p.m.

Close City-Garlynn reunion August 18

The Post Community Center will be the site for this year's Close City-Garlynn Reunion. A \$9 per plate catered meal will be featured. Call Charles Morris at 495-3413 or Laverne Aten at (806) 327-5678 so they will know how many meals to order.

Methodist Church helps Buckner's

The First United Methodist Church is working with Buckner's Childrens Home in Lubbock and Dallas, Southwest Airlines and South Plains Mall to collect shoes, sizes infant through age 18, to send to children in orphanages in Russia, Chjina and Romania. Donations are being taken at the church office or bring them to the hall, going in the east entrance at the Guest Services booth. This is the annual Shoes for Orphan Souls project and will continue through August 26.

Taking orders for custom curb signs

The Antelope Booster Club is taking orders for custom made curb/driveway signs. The signs are made by "City Stickers" of Lubbock and are made according to individual specifications. The stickers have a lifetime guarantee and are available in white, black, red, green and blue. Prices start at \$20 for one sign, \$39.95 for two, \$44.95 for two with alley signs and custom orders at additional prices. Logos include the Texas Tech Double T, Texas Rangers T, State of Texas, Christian fish symbol, paw print and an Antelope Head (black only). Those interested in ordering a sign should call Larry Mills at 495-3719. Samples are available at Wells Fargo and CitizensBank, and will also be on display at the "Meet the Antelopes" night.

Founders Day booth spaces available

Booth space reservations for the September 15 Founders Day are now being accepted. Contact Tommy Young at 495-3274, JoAnn Stelzer at 495-3393 or Jana Bullard at 495-2804 or 495-2037. Booths with electricity are \$15, without \$10. Special forms for food booths are also available.

Post Middle School orientation

The Post Middle School orientation will be held August 13 at 6 p.m. in the Elementary School Auditorium. All students and parents are encouraged to attend. Students may pick up schedules at the orientation.

61st Annual Post Stampede Rodeo features cowboys, dances, parade

The "Best Rodeo in the West" opens tonight with the 61st Annual Post Stampede Rodeo. Action continues through Saturday night. Several local cowboys will compete in the event.

Nightly TCRA- and CPRA-approved shows will be at 8 p.m., with grand entries scheduled for 7:45 p.m. at the rodeo arena.

Admission will be \$6 for adults and children ages 6 and under will be admitted free of charge.

T&T Rodeo Co. of Anson will serve as producer.

Events will include bareback bronc, one go-round, \$70; calf roping, one head, \$70; saddle bronc, one go-round, \$70; barrel race, \$70; team roping, open, \$140; bull riding, one go-round, \$70; mutton bustin', \$10; girls breakaway roping, \$70; and junior flag, 12 and under, \$10. Flag entries will be limited to the first 10; the top five each night will advance to the finals.

Books will open Sunday, Aug. 5, from 6-9 p.m. for all events and again on Monday, Aug. 6, from 6-9 p.m., all events. Call Randye

McKee, 817-453-2374.

To sign up for the junior flag race and the mutton bustin', call Ray Mason at 495-2776.

The annual rodeo parade will be held Aug. 11 beginning at 3 p.m. A ranch horse competition will be held that Saturday at 9 a.m.

On Friday and Saturday evenings, a slab dance will be held,

featuring the Thrift Store Cow-boys. Admission to the dance will be \$6 per person.

Sponsors for the event include Caprock Cellular, Cavender's, Lubbock Beverage Co., Cellular One, Town & Country, Monsanto and South Plains Truck & Equipment.

Local businesses helping pro-

vide the event include Ammons Printing & Office Supply, Brady's Package Store, Chapa's Family Restaurant, CitizensBank, McDonald's of Post, Nothin' Butt Smokes, Post Beverage Barn, Post City Communications Authorized CellularOne Dealer and Southwestern Public Service.

Travelers shell out \$21,190 in fines

by Wes Burnett

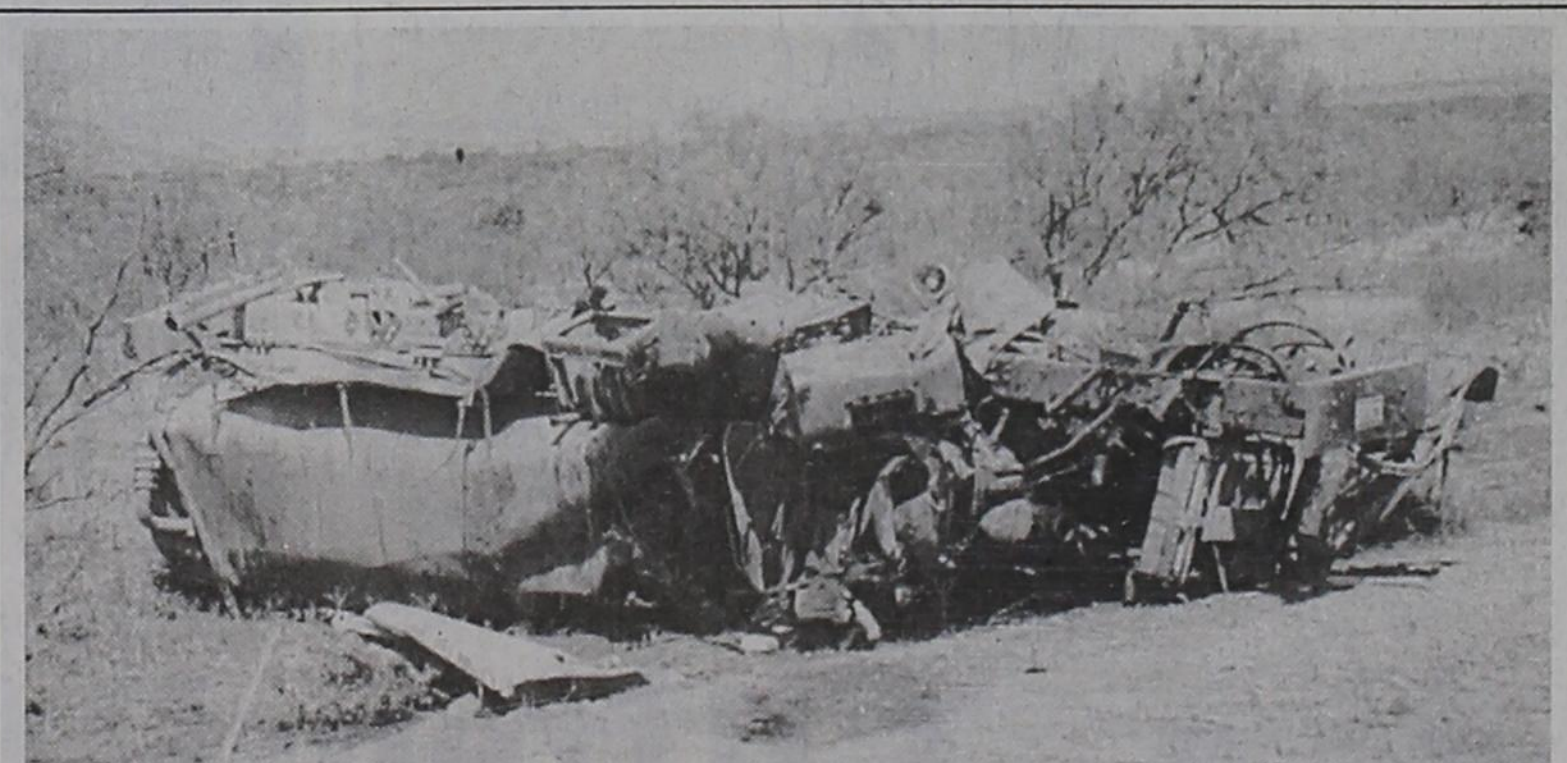
Highway travelers in Garza County continue to fork over money to county and state code enforcers, in June totalling \$21,290. "That money could have been spent with us," one highway business manager complained. "The more they take from our customers, the less we have, and worse, our customers are complaining." Word is spreading around West Texas that Garza County is a traveler's nightmare. "We never know when we come through here whether or not there's a trap set up for us," one trucker griped.

State and county code enforcement

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Putting it all together at the new Garza County Trail Blazer Senior Citizen Center are (left to right) Mary Cade, Evie Ybarra and Kyran Moore. The new facility opened this week, and will be the scene of a grand opening celebration Saturday.



Garza County DPS trooper Phil Matthews and EMS crews responded to a fatal truck wreck on FM 1269 last week. Killed in the accident was driver Christopher Varela of Snyder. A passenger, Robert Gardovsky, also of Snyder, was injured and listed in satisfactory condition at Lubbock Covenant Medical Center. The accident took place at the bottom of the steep roadway coming off the caprock from Fluvanna. The truck apparently was unable to make the final turn, crashed into a guard rail and flipped about four times, throwing the occupants out of the truck. The scene was just inside the Scurry County line.

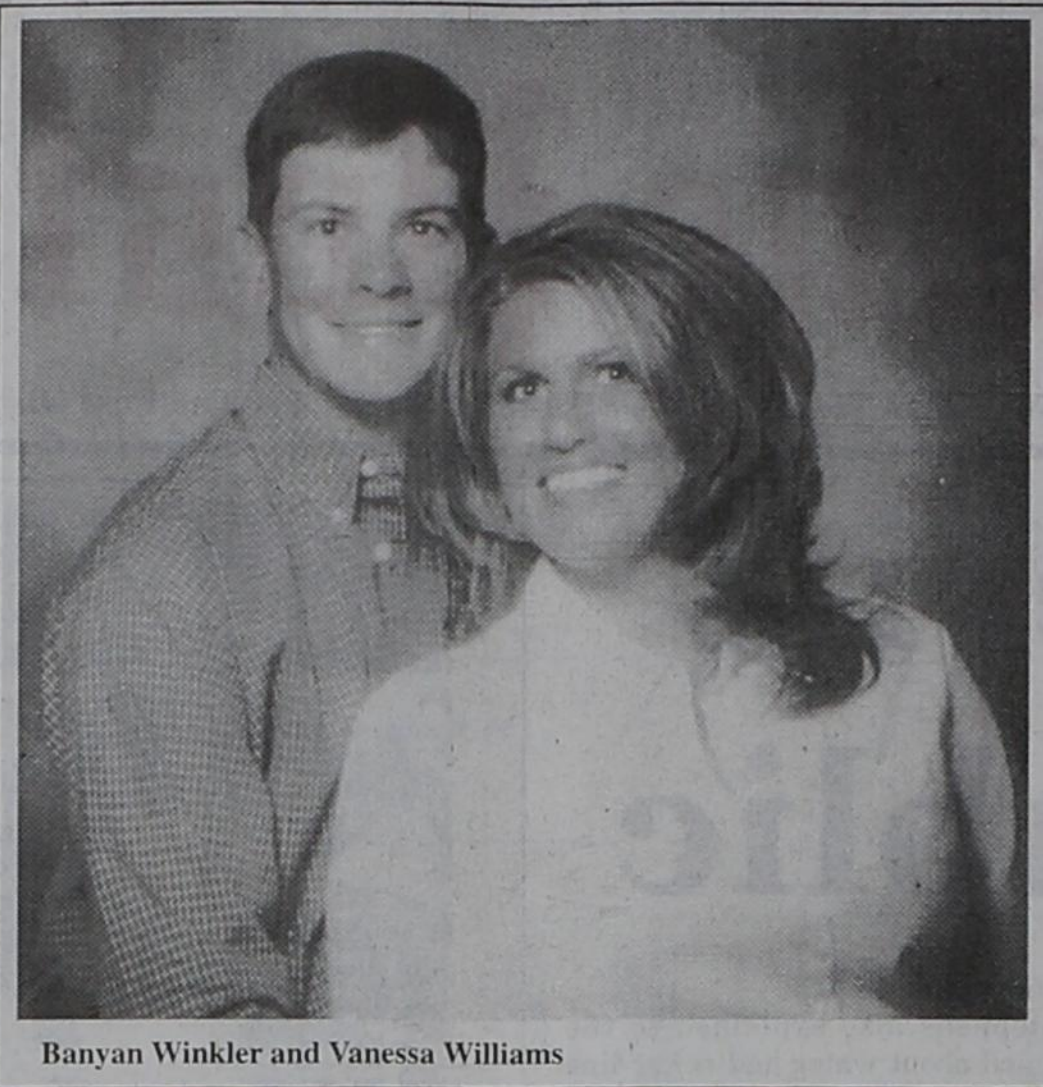
61st Annual Post Stampede Rodeo August 9-10-11

Williams, Winkler announce September wedding plans

Danny and Vicki Williams of Snyder have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Vanessa Williams, to Banyan Winkler of Snyder, son of Ben and Becky Polstor of Lawn and Michael Winkler of Midland.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Marvin and Ruth Williams of Post and Bob and Barbara Burney of Snyder. Grandparents of the groom are Dale and Virginia Johnston and Pan and Nina Winkler.

The couple has planned a Sept. 22, 2001, wedding at the First Christian Church in Snyder. They plan to make their home in Cotton Center.



Banyan Winkler and Vanessa Williams

Births

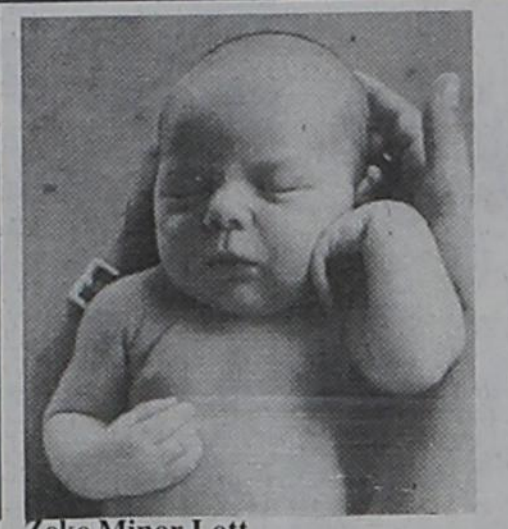
Zeke Minor Lott

Kace, Jake and Paige Lott are proud to announce to birth of their brother, Zeke Minor Lott.

Zeke was born July 13, 2001 at 2:56 p.m. He weighed eight pounds, two ounces and was 20 and 1/4 inches long.

Parents are Jay and Kim Lott. Grandparents are Urda and Dwainna Wulfjen of Conroe, Jeri Lott of Lubbock and Jack and Molly Lott of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Great Grandparents are John and Sue Lott of Lubbock, Lyndall and Betty Gibson of Big Spring, Marjorie Wulfjen of Colorado City and Kay Bobbe of Big Spring.



Zeke Minor Lott

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Good News Department

Angels In Action

(NAPS)—There are angels among us and you may be able to help one of them get some well-deserved recognition.

The nationwide *Angels in Action* program salutes five children, ages 5-15, who have selflessly given back to their community through volunteering and community service.



One of last year's Angels, Jessica Zagarella (age 11), inspired her classmates to bring in over 4,000 travel-sized soaps and shampoos to donate to a local battered women's shelter.

"Children make sacrifices every day which often go unrecognized. The *Angels in Action* award was created to bring attention to the generosity of our youth. Their commitment to action should inspire us all," said Michael Burandt of Georgia-Pacific Corporation.

If selected, this year's Angels will be awarded a \$10,000 savings bond, a trip to NYC, and a year's supply of Angel Soft® toilet paper.

For more information about the program or to nominate someone, visit www.angelsoft.com or write to *Angels in Action* Rules, P.O. Box 5325, Unionville, CT 06087-5325. All nominations must be post marked by Aug. 31, 2001.



In her left arm, the Statue of Liberty cradles a tablet bearing the date of the Declaration of Independence in Roman numerals: MDCCLXXVI.

Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

Here we go with another week folks. At least I heard something interesting on the TV this morning.

Seems as tho it is only going to be in the 80's this weekend with lo and behold a good chance of rain. Praise the Lord!

I think the heat factor has a lot to do with age. The older you get, the hotter it seems. So all of you kids out there, go ahead and enjoy this 99+ degree heat. You can have it!



Sympathy

To Pauline, James and Melba my prayers are with you. What a wonderful person Stanley was and I will always remember how kind he was to me. He will be missed.

Intelligence (Thanks to Jerry Taylor)

One day, three men were hiking and unexpectedly came upon a large raging, violent river. They needed to get to the other side, but had no idea of how to do so. The first man prayed to God, saying, "Please God, give me the strength to cross this river." Poof! God gave him big arms and strong legs, and he was able to swim across the river in about two hours, after almost drowning a couple of times.

Seeing this, the second man prayed to God saying, "Please God, give me the strength and the tools to cross this river". Poof! God gave him a rowboat and he was able to row across the river in about an hour, after almost capsizing a couple of times.

The third man had seen how this worked out for the other two, so he also prayed to God saying, "Please God, give me the strength and the intelligence to cross this river." And poof! God turned him into a woman. She looked at the map, hiked upstream a couple hundred yards, then walked across the bridge!

Meet The Antelopes

The yearly tradition of "Meet the Antelopes" will be held August 21, 2001 (first day of school).

All of these kiddo's work hard all year to entertain us with great football, so let's go out and start the year off right for them.

The players, managers, coaches, cheerleaders and the Antelope Band will be recognized.

The Blonde Joke to End All Blonde Jokes

There was a blonde woman who was having financial troubles so she decided to kidnap a child and demand a ransom. She went to a local park, grabbed a little boy, took him behind a tree and wrote this note. "I have kidnapped your child. Leave \$10,000 in a plain brown bag behind the big oak tree in the park tomorrow at 7 am. Signed, "The Blonde."

She pinned the note inside the little boys jacket and sent him home. The next morning, she returned to the park to find the \$10,000 in a brown bag, behind the big oak tree, just as she had instructed. Inside the bag was the following note... "Here is your money. I cannot believe that one blonde would do this to another!"

To My Good Old Friend

Just found out that my old friend Durwood Bartlett has been in the hospital but is now at home and doing much better. Sorry I didn't know Durwood, but I'm happy that you are up and about. You gotta keep everybody else straight!

Birthdays:

Friday, August 10, Patrick Gonzales, Joey Cowley and Erica Castro; Saturday, August 11; Alex Flores; anniversary, Shane and DeDe Smith; Sunday, August 12, Timothy Crenshaw, Ty Hill, Lupe Quintana, Jr. and Bradley Cimental. Monday, August 13, Alan Worthington, Terry Moore, T.J. McClintock and Colleen Witt; anniversary, Irene and Ollie Abraham. Tuesday, August 14, Tiffany Hancock, Ben Maxfield Ayala, Chelsey Reed, Suzanne Shaw, Ray Stoneman, Marilynn Mason, Joseph Tackitt and David Foster; anniversaries, Katina and Riley Feagin and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Alexander. Wednesday, August 15, Giles Dalby, Jr. and Marelle Thomas; anniversaries, Joe Neal and Suzi Clary and Robert and Carolyn Walter. Thursday, August 16, Sandy Eaton, Scotty Gaydos, Pink Wells; anniversary, Brent and Jennifer Smith.

Be Assertive

A man was advised by his psychiatrist to assert himself "You don't have to let your wife henpeck you. Go home and show her you're the boss".

The man was on fire with enthusiasm and couldn't wait to implement the doctor's advice....He rushed home, slammed the door, shook his fist in his wife's face, and growled.

"From now on, you're taking orders from me. I want my supper on the table right now, then go upstairs, lay out my good clothes. Tonight I'm going out with the boys and you're staying home where you belong. And another thing..... you know who's going to comb my hair, adjust my pants and then tie my bow tie?"

"I certainly do," she said calmly....."The undertaker."

Till Next Week

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Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

Extension's Name Change Underscores Commitment to Serve All Texans

Extension changed its name the other day, but the work we do for you as Extension agents in Garza County will continue right along. There'll be no interruption in service, we will continue to serve all the folks in this county.

Our name no longer is the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Instead, by unanimous vote of the Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System, our new name is Texas Cooperative Extension.

Extension's name had been unchanged for many years why change now? It's all about our mission. Extension programs have always sought to serve all Texans. Extension began its work early in the last century, when most Texans lived in the state's rural areas, and agriculture was the predominant employer, perhaps the only local industry.

Extension specialists and county agents developed their practical, how-to educational programs, based on the latest research findings at Texas A&M, the state's land-grant university. The educators took their programs to where people lived reaching farmers in their pastures and barns, homemakers around the kitchen table, and children in 4-H clubs.

We all know that times have changed; more than 80 percent of Texans now live in cities, most of them in the state's huge metropolitan areas. Over the decades, Extension also changed, taking its educational programs to the cities, where the need for practical advice and education is as great as ever.

Extension agents today, for example, help home gardeners save water and reduce pollution by making informed choices on landscape plantings, fertilizers and pesticides. We help parents adopt good food safety and nutrition practices, consider child care choices, balance family budgets. We reach more than one million children with 4-H programs, ranging from rocketry to embryology, that are provided mainly in school classrooms instead of traditional clubs.

But the good work Extension does seems to be one of the best-kept secrets in the cities. Research showed that people in urban areas saw the reference to agriculture in Extension's name and assumed the agency didn't do anything for them. So when they needed help, they didn't think of Extension.

Extension's leaders believe the name change will improve our ability to serve more Texans, regardless of where they live and how they make a living. But just because agriculture is no longer in Extension's name, it doesn't mean we'll stop supporting the state's \$15 billion agriculture industry. Nor does it diminish our longstanding commitment to the state's rural counties, where most of us in Extension have made our homes for many years.

County Extension agents will continue to help farmers and ranchers become more productive, work to strengthen families and nurture the development of youngsters, and support economic development in small communities.

With 1,500 employees working in 250 offices, Texas Cooperative Extension is one of the few agencies that has a presence in every county and that won't change.

Why the word "cooperative" in the new name? It acknowledges Extension's foundation — the cooperation that exists between county commissioners courts, Texas A&M, and the USDA to make the agency's work possible.

It also more closely aligns Extension with the work of its sister agency, the Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M University. Finally, the name signals Extension's increasing role in serving as a catalyst, a partner, and a cooperator with others in getting positive things done for the people of Texas.

We have changed our name, but we will continue to serve you. Programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

Check Out These Web Sites:

- NextDayGourmet.com at www.NextDayGourmet.com.
- National Fishing and Boating Week at www.NationalFishingandBoatingWeek.org.
- Microsoft's bCentral Finance Manager at www.bcentral.com.
- myHomeKey at www.myhomekey.com.
- The International Space Station at <http://spaceflight.nasa.gov>.
- Jafra Intensive Retinol Treatment at www.jafra.com.
- Swissair and Sabena at www.swissairsabena.com.
- Sony at www.sony.com/digitalrelay.
- Fidelity Investments at www.insurance.com.
- Sears at www.sears.com/SR/craftsman.com.
- Just for Men Haircolor at www.justformen.com.
- Looney Tunes at www.looneytunes.com.
- The National Honey Board at www.honey.com.
- The 247 Best Movie Scenes in Film History at www.amazon.com.
- Lipton Kitchens at www.lipton.com.
- Ryobi at www.RyobiOutdoor.com.

A Fast And Easy Fix For The Stubborn Stain

(NAPS)—It's a person's nature to look for simple solutions to life's little accidents. When it comes to stubborn stains, a convenient and fast fix is a godsend. Here's a great one...a common hand cleaner that works as well as any spot remover.

Lava Heavy-Duty Hand Cleaners—both the Liquid and the Bar—not only clean hands, but also tackle tough stains on clothes, tablecloths and other textiles. With its fighting pumice power, Lava penetrates the fabric, easily removing a stain without harming the material. Sarah Arey from Fort Thomas, Kentucky, said she scrubbed the Lava Bar on her husband's shirt cuffs before washing, and all the mud and grass stains completely disappeared. "I love keeping Lava in my laundry area because it helps remove all kinds of tough stains," Arey said.

Once a stain has occurred, simply treat it with the Lava Bar or Liquid and wash normally. Quick treatment will prevent stains from becoming permanent.

Both the Lava Bar and Lava Liquid are must-haves for the laundry room. The classic Lava Bar has been a trusted cleaner for more than 100 years.

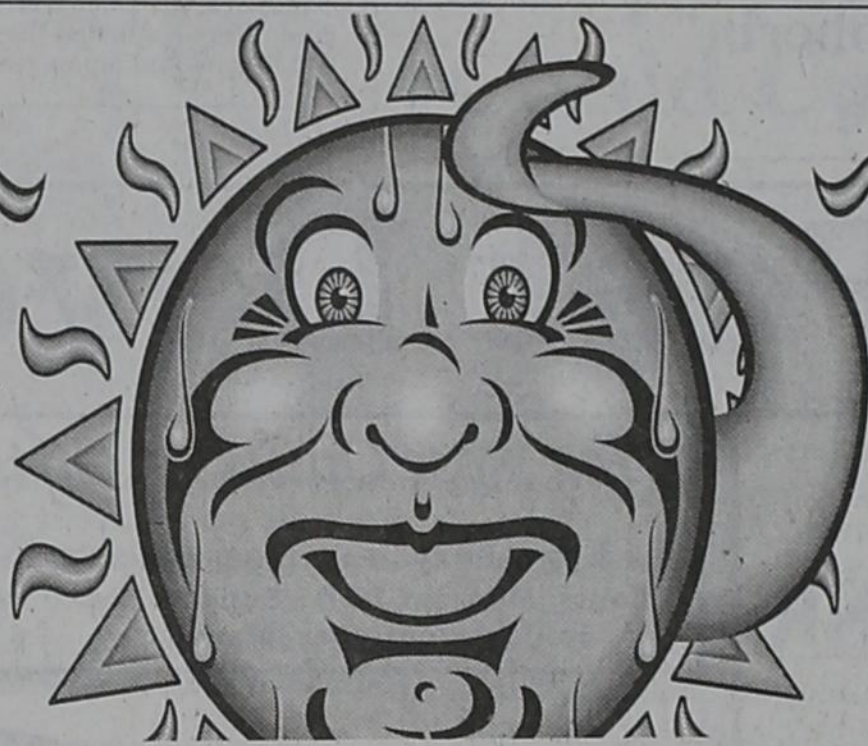


New Trail Blazer facility opens

Enjoying the cool comfort at the new Trail Blazer Senior Citizen Center earlier this week were (back row, left to right) Virgie Young, Ruth Reno, Betty Hill, Wanda Blacklock, (middle) Serman Young, Kay Martin, Jewell Parrish, Doris Jones, (front) Ples Hill, Marshall Reno and T.J. Wardlow. The grand opening celebration will be held Saturday.

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Mr. Willis is likely to associate with other attorneys in the handling of this matter

Obituaries

Elizabeth Ann Thomas Prihoda

Elizabeth Ann Thomas Prihoda, 44, went to be with our Lord Thursday, August 02, 2001. Born June 24, 1957 to Robert and Helen Young at Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield, California.

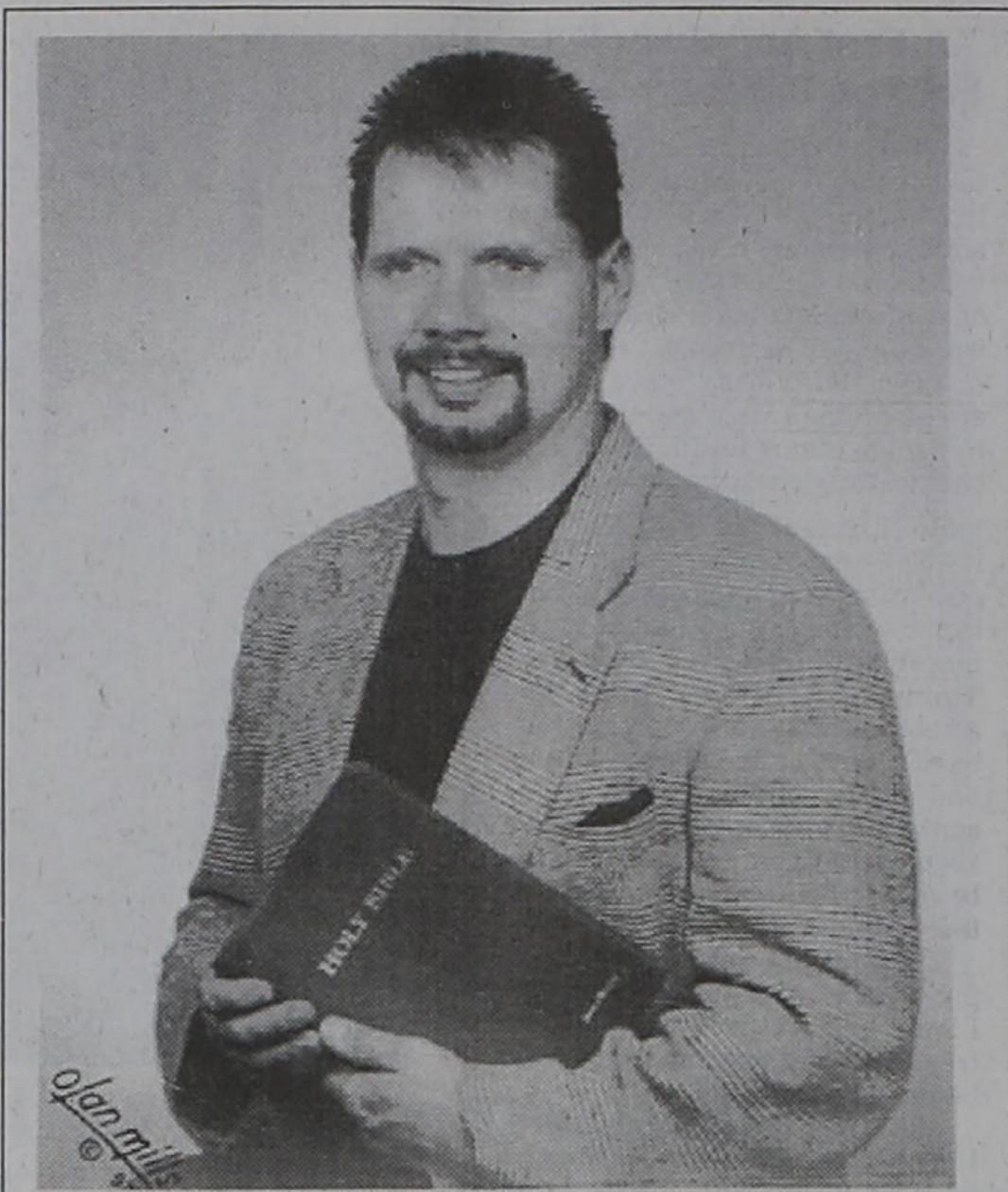
After the death of her birth father, Liz was adopted and raised by Toby Thomas and her mother. Liz loved Texas and wide open spaces, in her early years she enjoyed raising livestock and riding horses. Her outgoing personality and wit enriched the lives of many.

To put it her way, "I never met a stranger." Liz was truly a gift; we will forever be blessed, just to have known her.

She is survived by her husband Gary Prihoda, step-daughter Amanda, mother Helen Thomas, sister Robbie Duvic, and husband Charles Duvic, brother Thornton Thomas, sister Laura Starr, nieces Ashley and Lisa Starr, grandmothers Vaudaline Thomas, and Mary Young, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and in-laws.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Kudelka, Dr. El Sayem, Dr. Walker and staff at MD Anderson Cancer Center for their efforts and belief in Liz's fight to win! Also great thanks to the 10th floor Alkek staff for being by her side day and night.

The family is especially grateful for all the wonderful people who donated blood and platelets in Liz's behalf. A special thanks to best friend Jeri Brewer and family. Memorial Services were held Monday, August 6, 2001 at Davis - Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.S. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg.



Evangelist Jerry McGee will lead the Grassland Church of the Nazarene Freedom Crusade Revival August 19-29 at the church, located 12 miles southwest of Post just off FM 212. McGee is a former Hells Angel drug dealer and offers a spirited message for salvation. Services will be on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. and on weekdays at 7 p.m.

Letters to the Editor

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

Depressed aging

Wes, I am feeling a little bit of tropical depression setting in. Now I'm not sure which it is I have. A lady told me to day that it ain't tropical depression, it is clinical depression, stupid.

She said a storm fixin to start is a tropical depression. I thought a clinical depression was when a clinic fell in. Whatever all that scientific stuff means I'm not sure but to a poor ole country boy like me I simply got a bad case of the blues.

Now every body knows I'm just a young feller trying to survive in this world like everyone else. The heart breaking news began a month ago. I got a letter that when I finally got the dern thing open said Welcome to the wonderful world of AARP.

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Then I got a letter from Cornerstone Court in Lubbock. The first thing it said was affordable senior living come be our guest for a special luncheon and personal tour. Then take a gander at our move in specials. Move in specials my butt, the next time I move, Curtis or

Dee will be the one to move me.

And it won't be no Cornerstone Court. Then comes a bargain on burial insurance, \$5,000 coverage at only \$2 a week that made me feel a little better cause it'll take a while to pay in \$5,000 worth of premium at \$2 a week. Then here comes Colonial Penn Insurance folks.

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All these people need to send this stuff to someone of age, I'm only a kid. All I really need right now is for Mike Travis to add me to the indigent care list.

I did take a glance at the mirror the other morning, and to my dismay, there was an extremely nice looking masculine figure in the picture right above the lavatory.

Actually I was taking another one of them fantasy trips, looking through the toilet paper roller upper tube. Don't smoke, don't drink, don't chase wild women.

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Pay For Slavery's Crimes? Proposed Reparations Could Cost Billions

by Steve Dasbach

Imagine that you suddenly found yourself accused of a crime. A crime committed by someone else — 135 years ago.

If you think that couldn't happen, guess again. It's happening right now. United Nations representatives from dozens of African nations have decided that you (and the citizens of every Western nation) share the blame for slavery — and they want billions of dollars in reparations.

They've already begun to lobby for this idea, and hope to get it implemented at the upcoming U.N. World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa, August 31 to September 8.

The African Group's 53 nations will ask the conference to declare slavery a "crime against humanity," and require former slave-trading nations to make restitution. The African representatives argue their countries were "devastated" by slavery, so they deserve compensation.

The exact nature of that compensation is not specified, but at pre-conference meetings held in Geneva, Switzerland in June, representatives of the African Group proposed billions of dollars of no-strings-attached foreign aid from Western nations.

The U.N. High Commissioner on Human Rights, Mary Robinson, apparently agrees. She has said the West "must pay for past mistakes on slavery," perhaps through a "broad sweep of measures [such as] development aid."

But the U.S. government should refuse to take money from taxpayers to pay for such historic misdeeds. In fact, the whole concept of paying reparations for crimes committed hundreds of years ago is fundamentally flawed.

Slavery in the United States was abolished in 1863, so using tax money to pay reparations for slavery will penalize innocent Americans today for crimes committed more than 135 years ago. What could be more wrong than punishing today's taxpayers for the crimes of yesterday's slave owners and politicians?

In addition, a large percentage of modern Americans — perhaps a majority — are descendants of people who came to the United States during the great waves of immigration in the 1880s and after 1960.

Why should those new Americans — many of whom are descendants of refugees who fled from oppression or poverty in Russia, Cambodia, Mexico, Iran, and other nations — pay for the actions of Dutch and English slave-traders in the 1700s, or for the crimes of American slave-owners in the 1800s?

Even worse, reparations would obscure the fact that slavery is not merely something that Western nations did to Africans, but a worldwide phenomenon that existed for thousands of years. In fact, individuals, tribes, and nations have enslaved others for all of recorded history.

The ancient Greeks, Mesopotamians, and Egyptians used human slaves. The early Indian and Chinese civilizations were built on the backs of slave laborers. In South and Central America, the Aztecs, Incas, and Mayans employed slaves. The Romans used slaves throughout their vast empire. In the Middle East, the Islam religion approved of slavery from the 7th century on. Blacks even enslaved other blacks in West Africa and Zanzibar.

Given its worldwide scope, there is practically no nation that can cast the first stone when it comes to accusing others of benefiting from slavery.

Reparations would also deflect attention away from the fact that hundreds of millions of people still live in bondage — not to slave masters, but to their own governments. The American Anti-Slavery Group estimates that 27 million people currently "live in bondage" around the world, either in forced labor, forced prostitution, or chattel slavery.

Those 27 million modern slaves don't include the hundreds of millions of people who suffer under the lash of oppressive governments — which brings up another ironic aspect of the debate about reparations: Many of the African nations demanding reparations for past slavery are, themselves, enslaving their own people.

According to a recent Index of Economic Freedom report issued by the Heritage Foundation, of the 42 sub-Saharan African countries, 27 are "mostly unfree" and eight are rated "repressed." If reparations are to be paid, perhaps it should come from the dictators, tyrants, and presidents-for-life who rule those 35 unfree and repressed African nations. They could pay reparations to their own citizens, whom they impoverish, imprison, and mistreat.

For all those reasons, the proper way to make amends for slavery is to look to the future, not to the past.

The best way to pay for the sins of slavery is to work to create a world where all people can live in freedom — free of slave masters, forced bondage, and oppressive governments. The greatest gift we can give to the descendants of slaves is a lifetime of real freedom.

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Riot ideology and de-policing

by Walter E. Williams

A Seattle policeman explained de-policing as: "Parking under a shady tree to work on a crossword puzzle is a great alternative to being labeled a racist and being dragged through an inquest, a review board, an FBI and U.S. attorney investigation, and a lawsuit." According to columnist John Leo, that's precisely what's happening in Cincinnati in the wake of the city's recent riots. There's less patrolling to prevent low-level crimes. Policemen await 911 calls. As a result, crime soars.

Since Cincinnati's April riots, sparked by a policeman's shooting of an unarmed black man, arrests are down 50 percent and traffic stops are down 55 percent. Shootings are up. There have been 59 incidents and 77 gunshot victims. Leo says criminals know all about de-policing, and they are less fearful of police apprehension.

Kweisi Mfume, director of the NAACP, other black "leaders" and white liberals have labeled Cincinnati as "the belly of the beast" of police violence against blacks and a "model of racial unfairness." There's little evidence to support these charges. Leo reports that Cincinnati's big corporations practice affirmative action, and since Cincinnati has a history of helping escaped slaves, the city is building an Underground Railroad museum to commemorate that history.

"Fifteen men shot in six years," has become the mantra of black and white liberals. According to a Cincinnati Enquirer probe, only four of the shootings raise serious questions about officer misjudgment or excessive force. The others seem justified and include one man shot who had axed a 15-year-old girl to death and held police off for four hours, and another who dragged a policeman to his death in a car.

Heather MacDonald, writing in the City Journal, says, "A Cincinnati cop is 27 times more likely to die at the hands of a black man than a black man is to die at the hands of the Cincinnati police."

There's no excuse for police misconduct and racist behavior; but

police misconduct and racism is the least among the many problems facing the black community. Fifty percent of prisoners are black; 25 percent of black youth are in some form of custody by the criminal justice system; 70 percent of black children are born out of wedlock; only a little over a third of black children live in two-parent families; and low black academic achievement spells disaster in the increasingly high-tech world of the 21st century.

Nobody's saying there are not instances of police misconduct and excessive use of force, but it's crime that imposes a devastating cost on the overwhelmingly law-abiding people in many black neighborhoods. Because of high crime, economic activity is lower and costlier than it otherwise might be. Supermarkets, banks and other retailers are reluctant to locate in high-crime neighborhoods. Black people must bear the expense of traveling to suburban malls to shop or face the alternative of higher prices at "Ma & Pa" shops.

Crime lowers housing values. That's seen by the escalating housing prices when a neighborhood becomes "gentrified." High crime contributes to a process I call "accumulative decay." That's where people who care the most about safe streets, good schools and other neighborhood amenities — and have the means — are the first to move out. They are replaced by those who either care less or don't have the means to do better. The result: Neighborhoods lose their best people first. In fact, the rate of black migration from the city to the suburbs for decades has been greater than white migration. Black people don't like being mugged any more than white people.

I await the day when the civil-rights establishment, black politicians and white liberals, instead of giving aid and comfort, exhibit the rancor and criticism of black criminals they now reserve for policemen.

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Disloyal to the United States?

by Vin Suprynowicz

New Attorney General (and former U.S. Sen.) John Ashcroft has said he will honor President Bush's desire to extend the federal ban on further manufacture or import of certain semi-automatic rifles with pistol grips, bayonet lugs, and 20-round magazines.

Sen. Ashcroft testified at his Senate confirmation hearing, "I don't believe the Second Amendment to be one that forbids any regulation of guns."

This is a radical defender of the Second Amendment and the Bill of Rights? Paging Wimp Central.

Sen. Ashcroft does not promise the long-overdue shutdown of the firearms division of the BATF. He does not even call for the average American to again be allowed to purchase a newly-imported machine gun through the mails, as any of our law-abiding grandparents could before 1934.

Rather, the attorney general embraces what is now described in the legal journals as the standard position on the Second Amendment (endorsed by the liberal Lawrence Tribe of Harvard, among others), that while some "pragmatic" regulation may be allowable, the Second Amendment means what it plainly says: that individual, private citizens of these United States have a "right to keep and bear arms," which none may "infringe."

And how has the left — which continually insists it has no desire to actually ban firearms in private hands — responded to Mr. Ashcroft's pitifully moderate stance?

There now arises from among their midst a cacophony of outraged shrieks and bellows the like of which has not been heard since an equally timid Republican insurgency asserted in 1994 that perhaps, just maybe, an owner whose property had been reduced to worthlessness by environmental regulations might be entitled to some compensation under the Fifth Amendment's "takings" clause.

The prediction of the Reactionary Left at the time — that this would lead to the paving-over of paradise — does not seem to have come to fruition. (In fact, the federal government now rules millions more acres off limits to the private citizen than ever before.)

This time from the socialist fringe, the leaders of the victim disarmament movement shriek that if Mr. Ashcroft succeeds in getting the FBI to destroy records of their gun-buyer "instant background checks" as soon as they're completed — precisely as the gun grabbers assured us they would, back when they were promoting their precious "Brady Bill" — why, it will "eviscerate the ability of law enforcement officials to prevent fraud and illegal gun sales by unscrupulous dealers to straw purchasers."

Why? Because "instant checks" are worthless? How many illegal sales are permitted by the "instant check" but then tracked down, 89 days later? And how do we know these records are really being destroyed after 90 days, anyway? Has any FBI agent ever been led away in handcuffs and locked up in Leavenworth for retaining such a record for, say, 150 days? Is such enforcement of a (start it)/limit(end

ital) on government authority even conceivable, today?

By writing a letter to the National Rifle Association, rejecting the argument that the Second protects only a "collective" right of the states to maintain militias, Mr. Ashcroft has shown "disloyalty to his client, the United States, and an impermissible conflict of interest," charge U.S. Sens. Edward M. Kennedy and Charles E. Schumer, in an article published in the July 21 Boston Globe.

Disloyalty to the United States? By reading out the plain English of the Bill of Rights? Are Sens. Kennedy and Schumer now taking a page from the late Sen. Joe McCarthy?

"In a series of stealth measures and after private communication with the gun lobby, Attorney General John Ashcroft is quietly taking steps to erode the very gun laws he has sworn under oath to defend," thunder the rape enablers Kennedy and Schumer, conveniently provided by the U.S. government with all the armed bodyguards they desire, even as they would incrementally disarm the rest of us.

In his May 17 letter to the NRA, the ruffled senators squawk, "Ashcroft also articulated a new standard for evaluating gun laws, proposing to require that any restriction on gun ownership be supported by a compelling state interest — a test that very few laws can survive."

What an interesting acknowledgement — that few of the infringements on the Bill of Rights promoted by Sens. Schumer and Kennedy could withstand this simple test, demanding that some "compelling state interest" be shown for further erosion of our rights.

In fact, every existing "gun control" laws (start it)/is(end) it) unwise, unconstitutional and counterproductive. Counties which allow law-abiding private citizens to go armed have seen their rates of violent crime drop markedly, as documented by Dr. John Lott of Yale in his fine, peer-reviewed book "More Guns, Less Crime."

Sens. Kennedy and Schumer are on the losing end of this debate over individual liberties. They have nothing left in their arsenal but foot-stomping, hóg-bellowing, feigned outrage and manufactured fear. And their overreaction to Mr. Ashcroft's extremely modest pronouncements shows that they know it.

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Women's Division

Women's Division of the Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau Met today at Chappa's Family Restaurant.

The meeting was called to order by President Jana Bullard. Elements of Parliamentary Procedure were given by Suzi Clary.

The current Vice President, Jennifer Fumagalli, asked for a leave of absence. A motion was made by Alice Cruse that Jimella Simpson take the place of Jennifer, and Carolyn Halford second.

Current members were asked to think of membership drive ideas, and a time to have this year's membership drive. Volunteers for a Project Committee were discussed in a previous meeting, and they stand as Alice Cruse, Chair, Naomi Matsler, Marie Neff and JoAnn Mock.

It was voted on whether to continue paying for Madd Dads internet access or not. Marie Neff made the motion that we discontinue that, and Betty Posey second. It was presented to our members whether or not to continue supporting Meals on Wheels, and a Motion was made by JoAnn Stelzer that we continue that, and Carolyn Halford second.

Fund Raising was the next topic of new business, and volunteers were ask for. The volunteers were, Suzi Clary, Jayta Cravy, and Betty Posey. The Fund Raising Committee will meet and come up with some ideas to generate money for the WCC.

It was brought up to the members that we consider having a float in the Christmas Parade, and possibly having a contest in December for the best Holiday decorated house.

The lunch meeting was the largest in some time. The WCC is involved in giving a scholarship to a Senior every year, giving money to such worthy causes as the American Society, Meal on Wheels, and Madd Dads just to name a few.

The WCC is going to be undertaking many new projects this year to benefit the Post Community. If you feel like you would enjoy being a part of an organization that is here to benefit all of the residents and businesses of Post, please feel free to come and join us.

You may contact Jana Bullard at Wells Fargo Bank, Suzi Clary at the County Attorney's Office, (495-4440), or any of the other members. We would be happy to have you join us!



Lashae Johnson (second from right) accepts a \$250 award from Hi-Pro Feeds representative Jerry Shields (right) in recognition of Lashae's Grand Champion Lamb at the Houston Stock Show last spring. Joining Lashae at A&T Feed Store in Post are (left to right) Roger Hair, Reshea Kimmons, Lashae's parents Wendell and Cindy Johnson.



Post LULAC Youth Council #1013 co-sponsoring the "Welcome Back Fiesta" in Lubbock were (back row, left to right) Amber Hernandez, Devin Hernandez, Corbin Saldivar, Brandon Hernandez and LULAC Youth Sponsor Mrs Debbie Hernandez, Omega Delta Phi members (front), Josh Ortiz, Mike Solis, Armando Jimenez and Arthur Manalac of Texas Tech. The LULAC Youth Council will hold a general meeting at the Holy Cross Catholic Church Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 495-2221 or Cornelio Saldivar Jr at 744-6998.

Sheriff reports five arrests

Five arrests were included in the local jail log, according to a report from the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

A 20-year-old male was picked up for driving while intoxicated on Aug. 1. On Aug. 2, a 23-year-old male was picked up on a New Mexico warrant, and a 50-year-old female was jailed for driving while license suspended.

Two arrests were made Aug. 4, including a 48-year-old male on warrants and a 28-year-old female on a Dickens County warrant.

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David Lee invited to White House and Library of Congress

First Lady Laura Bush has invited Dr. David Lee, professor of English at Southern Utah University and Utah's Poet Laureate, to visit with her at the White House. Lee is a 1962 graduate of Post High School, the son of the late Chant D. Lee and Ruth Lee, now of St. George, Utah.

Like her mother-in-law, former First Lady Barbara Bush, Laura is a champion of literacy and libraries, so no wonder she's taken notice of the accomplishments of Lee. The poet has spent the last year darting from Boston to San Diego, from Miami to Seattle, from Fairbanks to Salado, Texas, conducting workshops and readings of his work as part of the American Library Associations (ALA) Live at the Library program.

Lee, also a former nominee for the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award, had just returned from a writing tour in Washington (state) when he received the call from the White House on Friday, July 13 what he now calls his Lucky Day—inviting him to the country's capital city.

Additionally, in the past few weeks, he was informed of his making the short, short, short list for selection as Poet Laureate of the United States.

Lee, also the Chair of SUU's language and literature department, will meet Mrs. Bush in the White House on September 6, and then will read from his work the next day at the Library of Congress. He states

that he will share some entries from his next book on the Utah terrain. I think I'll call the book Cathedral of Unhewn Stone, Lee states. It is a landscape meditation. I want to focus on the southwest while I'm in Washington.

Lee specializes in teaching British literature and the poetry of John Milton and always thought he would be a novelist. Still, he is a poet and a deservedly celebrated one, at that. But for someone who has never taken a creative writing course in his life, how is it that his poetry touches so many? Simple. Because it comes from his heart. Lee calls himself an amateur, and proudly so, as he points out that the word comes from the root ama, meaning love. If poetry is not my religion, it is my theology, my gift. I do it for love.

In fact, Lee says he had an epiphany this past year while at Harvard University discussing our planet with 10 theologians, 10 scientists, and 10 writers from around the world. It gave me revitalization and new direction in my life and my writing. Consequently, he refers to the exercise of compiling his emerging book as the writing of his own bible.

Certainly, Lee is ecstatic about going to the White House, but he says he does not expect it to change him in any way. The invitation to Washington is beyond his wildest expectation. I had no clue. I see it as encouragement—as the message,

you're doing a good job, keep it up. So that's just what I'll do. I'll continue doing what I'm doing teaching and writing and maybe someday I'll write a good poem. Lee is also working on establishing a Utah Center for the Book.

All in all, not bad for a kid from Post, Texas, who lived his formative poetic years in Paragonah, Utah, raising pigs—incidentally a lifestyle he wrote wonderful poetry about in his books The Porcine Legacy and The Porcine Canticles.

In regards to his upcoming experience at the White House, Lee exclaims, true to character, I feel like a bluebird flew out of my shirt between the buttons over my heart!

Lee's father was Post High School principal in the 1950s and served as personnel director for Burlington Industries Postex Cotton Mill. Lee's mother was county treasurer in the 1950s and 1960s. At Post High School, Lee was the first male cheerleader. "That was quite a battle," he commented, "but my senior year was exciting and interesting."

A Texan by birth and accent, David Lee has lived more than half his life in Utah. He received his bachelors degree from Colorado State University, Fort Collins; his masters from Idaho State University where his emphasis was on the English Romantic Movement; and his doctorate from the University of Utah, concentrating on 17th and 18th century British Literature.

He has taught at Southern Utah University in Cedar City, Utah, since 1971, specializing in British Literature and the author John Milton. For 25 years he has served as chair of SUU's Language and Literature Department.

He has received the Distinguished Educator Award, Outstanding Teacher of the Year citation, two Professor of the Year Awards, a Most Popular Teacher Award, and the Valedictorians Master Teacher Award. Additionally, he was named Outstanding Educator of America in 1975 and was a presidential nominee for the Utah Outstanding Educator Award in 1982.

In 2000, he was named one of eight national Master Teachers in the Arts by the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts.

He has received numerous fellowships, including a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in 1985, and three National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships.

He has served several Poet-in-Residences at institutions including the Texas Institute for the Humanities, Eastern Washington University, Nebraska Wesleyan University, the Sharlot Hall Museum, and for the State of Nebraska where

on two occasions he was selected to present the John Neihardt Distinguished Lectureship.

Lee was named Poet Laureate of Zion Canyon, Utah, in 1990, as well as one of Twelve Outstanding Utah Writers in State History. He possesses the Utah Governors Award in the Arts and the Writers at Work Writers Advocacy Award. He is the first Poet Laureate for the State of Utah.

His 13 books of poetry include The Porcine Legacy, (a finalist for the Elliston Award); The Porcine Canticles; Shadow Weaver; Days Work (received the Utah Arts Council

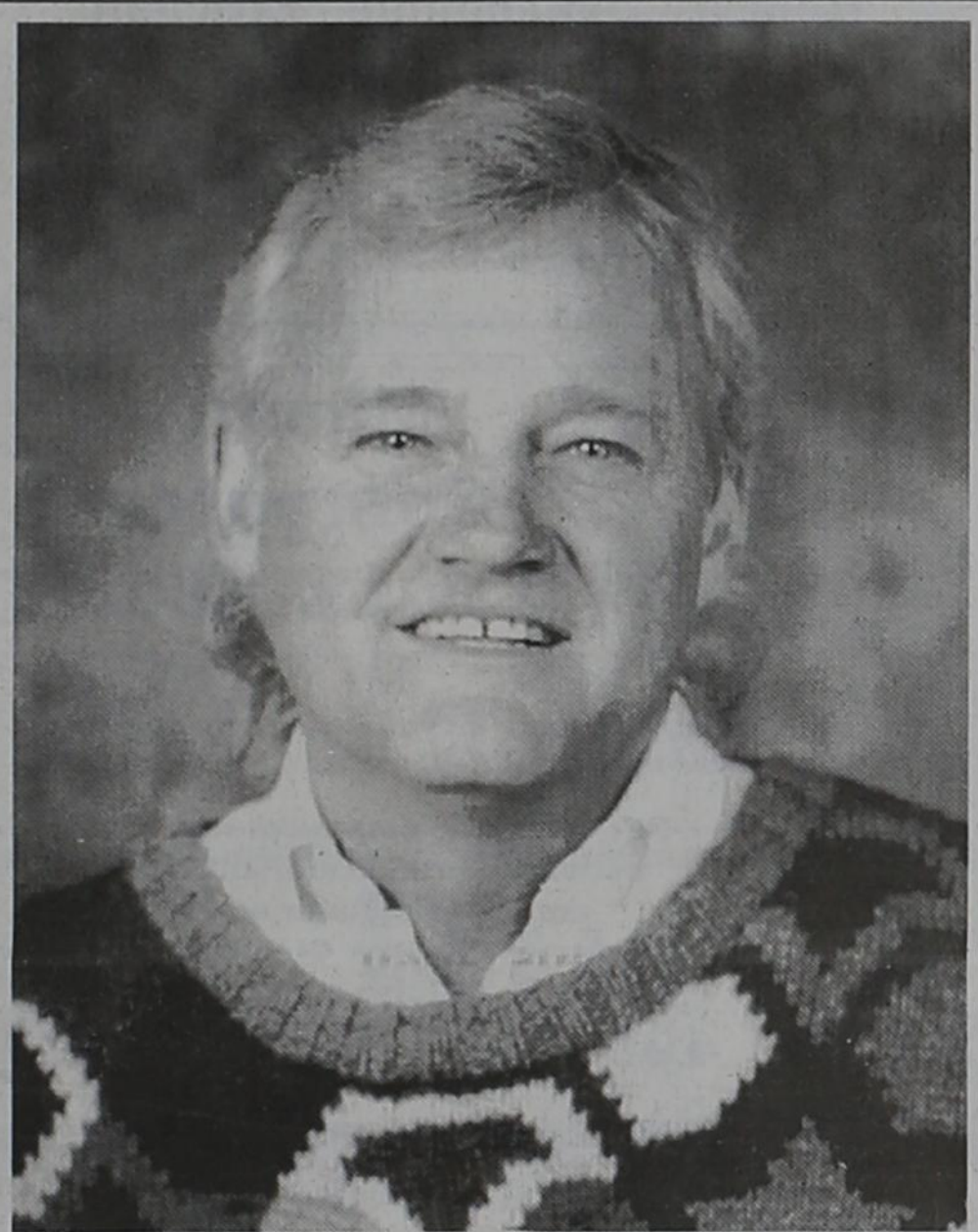
Publication Prize); Driving and Drinking; Paragonah Canyon, Autumn; Covenants (written with Nebraska Poet Laureate William Kloefkorn; received the Western States Book Award, Mountain and Plains States Booksellers Award, and a Critics Choice Award); News from Down to the Café (Utah Book Award); and A Legacy of Shadows (Directory of Literary Biography Distinguished Volume of Poetry 1999-2000).

On sabbatical for most of the 2000-2001 school year, Lee toured the United States conducting workshops and readings of his work as part of

the American Library Associations (ALA) Live at the Library program.

Lee lives quietly in St. George/Pine Valley areas of Utah with wife Jan, and their children, Jon and JoDee. He can often be found scribbling lines of prose as he wanders country roads and trails.

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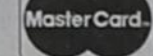
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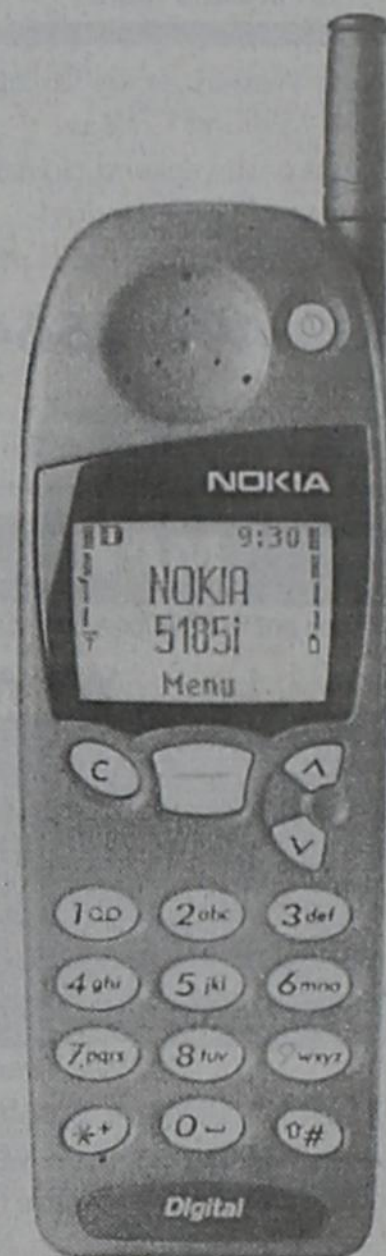


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Highway theft

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The incorporated "County of Garza" and "State of Texas" picked up \$29,944.77 from Garza County travelers in June, supported by the corporation judicial system. According to reports from the two Justice of the Peace courts, the new monies bring the 2001 total to \$194,422.22.

Freedom of travel has a whole different meaning when it comes to the pocket book. It's a wonder travelers bother to use the highways here, considering the high cost of travel in Garza County.

Most, if not all of these victims of highway theft, have no idea that they are part of a gigantic legislative scheme, which considers all who travel to be doing so within certain boundaries of an incorporated area, therefore the "subjects" are required to follow the corporation's rules.

The traffic code is one example of the corporate form of government imposed on Texans, in violation of the guarantee of a republic form of government.

The "Transportation Code" is not even a law, it does not have the constitutionally required Secretary of State certification of publication as part of the statute. Perhaps that omission is based on the fact that there is no constitutional authority for corporate government to enforce corporate rules in violation of basic constitutional guarantees, such as liberty, the right of travel from one place to another.

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THE CITY OF POST, TEXAS
BY: Archie Gill, Mayor

RENEWALS OF REGISTERED BRANDS

Every ten years Texas livestock producers are required by law to renew their brands and earmarks if they intend to continue using them. This is in accordance with Article 144.044 of the Agriculture Code. There is a six-month period (August 30, 2001 through February 28, 2002) in which to register these marks and brands and the location on the animals which are currently being used. All brands that have not been renewed will become "void" on March 1, 2002 and available for the general public.

The recording fee will be \$11.00 per brand per location. Additional locations filed at the initial filing will be \$5.00 per location.

The Clerks Office will begin the process of renewals of brands on Thursday, August 30, 2001 and will continue thru February 28, 2002.

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Tuesday, August 14
Chicken with mushroom sauce, black-eyed-peas, asparagus, wheat roll, fruit.

Wednesday, August 15
Meatloaf, corn, green beans, salad, wheat roll and jello salad.

Thursday, August 16
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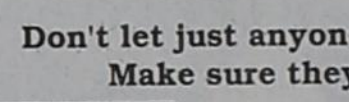
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Dan Cockrum honored at 90th birthday event

Dan Bush Cockrum celebrated his 90th birthday Sunday, July 29. Friends and family gathered at the Community Room of the Wells Fargo Bank in Post on Saturday, July 28, to wish him a happy birthday.

Attending the party were Cockrum's wife of 63 years, Sybil; son Dan E. and wife Lynda of Carlsbad, N.M.; grandson Michael and wife Veronica, and 6-month-old great-grandson, Daniel, of Tusayan, Ariz; and granddaughters Kimberly and Andrea of Atlanta, Georgia.

Out-of-town family members attending also included niece Wanda Rohm, husband John and daughter Chandler of San Antonio; niece Berna Schooler and husband Bob of Paint Rock; nephew Dale Chandler and wife Lorna of Pollack Pines, Calif.; and Tom Gowen of El Paso.

A resident of Post for more than 80 years, Cockrum worked for the Post Dispatch and the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal as a Linotype operator; for Joseph O'Neill Oil Co. as a pumper; and ran his own printing company, Cockrum Printing, until his retirement in 1975.

A video of Cockrum's life made by his granddaughter, Kimberly, was shown throughout the event while Cockrum reminisced with family and friends. "This is the best birthday I ever had," Cockrum said more than once during the celebration.

City council...

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nominate a citizen from their wards to serve on the advisory board. Stephens announced that all of the condemned structures in town had been razed, either by property owners or the city. A total of 14 structures have been demolished this year.

In addition to holding the title General of the Armies, John Pershing also held a law degree from the University of Nebraska.



Helping Dan Cockrum celebrate his 90th birthday recently were family members (back row, left to right) Bob Schooler, Wanda Rhom, Berna Schooler, Sybil Cockrum, Michael Cockrum, Lorna Chandler, Dale Chandler, Lynda Cockrum, John Rhom, Dan E. Cockrum (back), (front) Veronica Cockrum, Kimberly Cockrum, Dan Cockrum holding Daniel Cockrum, Andrea Cockrum and Chandler Rhom.



Dan Cockrum at his 90th birthday celebration.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
by Tumbleweed Smith

Four Days On the Road in East Texas



On the way to East Texas I stopped in DeLeon and visited with Wallace Cook, a man who spends most of his time collecting jokes.

In Comanche I listened to Patti O'Donnell tell me how she had a dream that she owned a gift shop in an old house. She actually found a house that looked exactly like the one in the dream. She bought it and opened a gift shop in it.

In Moody, I visited with a beer can collector and poet and heard about the cotton gin festival coming up in September.

In Crockett I met Vince Patrick who gets up at 3:30 in the morning at his home in Oakwood, drives to Crockett and does a morning radio gig at KIVY, then goes back to Oakwood to take care of his deer ranch. In Oakland, Dale Shroyer gave me some background on the community where he lives.

I interviewed Joanne Warner, a Cajun woman who loves Cajun food and music. Jerry Gentry has a unique business in the Davy Crockett National Forest. He offers the Ribeye Trail Ride which includes a 2 hour horseback ride, a candlelight ribeye dinner and a log cabin for the night, all for \$60 per person.

Jerry House is a minister in Crockett who also owns a general store in the tiny village of Leona. He cooks barbeque on Saturday nights at the store, then hightails it back to Crockett to fill the pulpit Sunday morning. Dennis Ivey of Crockett told me how he used to play in bands

around the state and wrote a song that is popular around Christmas time.

He got into music by hearing tunes on the juke box in his mother's cafe in the Madison county town of Midway. Suzanne Conaway told me about working as a saw filer at a sawmill. She lives at Stubblefield, the gateway to Nogales Prairie and Brownlee Hill.

Tim Culp brought me up to date on Crockett's world champion fiddlers contest. At Alto I learned about how ropes were sold in hardware stores long ago.

In Jacksonville, Robert Nichols told me about hunting big game in Africa. At Rusk I interviewed Mike Hall, an Elvis impersonator. TJ Hunter of Lone Oak is a helicopter mechanic now working in Bogota, Columbia keeping the helicopters working in the war against drugs.

I interviewed Max Schochler of Rusk, a day lily expert and Marion Lindsey of Alto, whose family has been in the fur business for generations. Between Alto and Rusk I met Tom and Jan Townsend, who raise miniature horses and cows and provide military vehicles and equipment to movie companies.

Some of their stuff is in the movie Pearl Harbor. My last interview on this trip was with Darel Massey, an inmate at a state prison in Rusk. He is behind bars for DWI. He has an exceptional talent in art and has done murals in the Cherokee county court house.

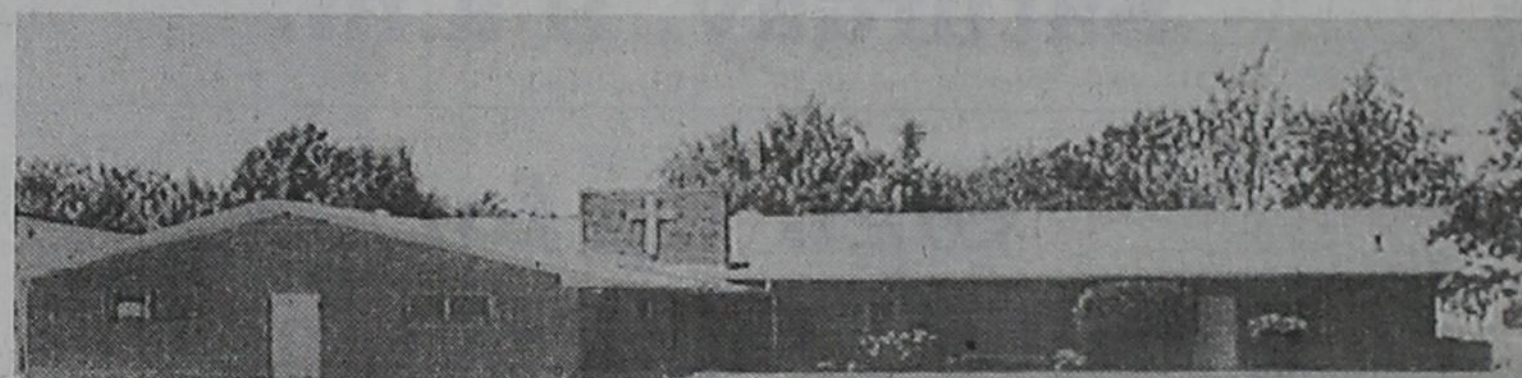
Action may not always bring happiness; but there is no happiness without action.
Benjamin Disraeli

Music Jam set for MDA benefit

An MDA benefit Music Jam will be held Friday, Aug. 17, at The Caprock in Post. Entertainers will include Ponty Bone, the Thrift Store Cowboys, Shad and Bobby Blair, Chris Redman, Billy Whitson and others.

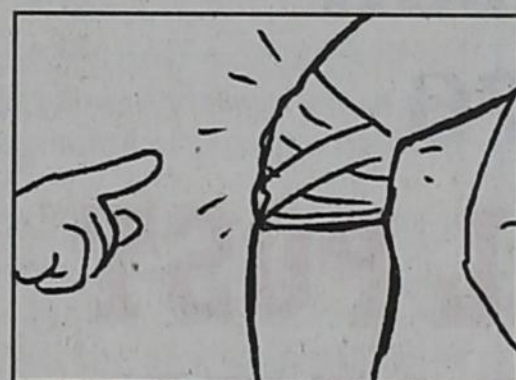
The music will begin at dusk. Plenty of camp space will be available, and RVs are welcome (no hookups). A benefit raffle will include a handmade backyard barbecue pit built by Two Draw Welding, a custom pool cut and gift certificates.

For more information, contact Danny Cooper at The Caprock at 495-0690.



Grassland Church of the Nazarene

The Grassland Church of the Nazarene is celebrating its 80th anniversary on Saturday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m. with snacks and fellowship. Sunday's worship service August 12 includes coffee and donuts at 9 a.m., Sunday School at 9:45, worship celebration with Dr. Charles Jones at 10:30, an All-Church Dinner at 12:30, and continued anniversary events at 2:30 with special guests and friends. The community is invited to join members in this celebration.



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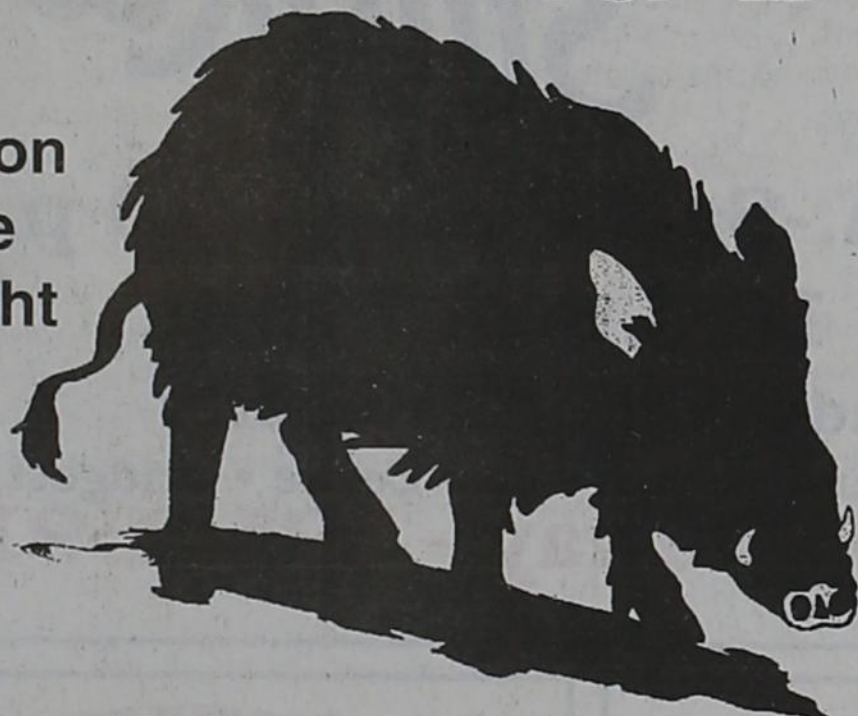
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