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Girl Scouts pledge "Be Your Best" day

by Carol Tobias

For 83 years, Girl Scouts have exemplified what it means to "be your best." For the first time, Girl Scouts all over the U.S., as well as here in Post, are inviting others to also celebrate the values of Girl Scouting on one special day. Everyone in the nation will be asked to pledge to be their best on "Girl Scouts' Be Your Best Day", Tuesday, March 14.

On that day the Girl Scouts expect millions of people across the nation to perform a community service, volunteer, help a neighbor, or work toward achieving a personal goal on this first annual "Girl Scouts' Be Your Best Day."

Throughout the country, Girl Scout supporters will make a variety of pledges to "be their best." Some have made a commitment to participate in a local Girl Scout sponsored event. Others have made individual promises to volunteer at a soup kitchen, mentor a troubled child, gather cans and bottles for recycling, begin an exercise program, or complete a project on time. The day will celebrate the Girl Scout values of citizenship, service, and being the best you can be.

"Be Your Best Day" also falls during Girl Scout Week, which commemorates the founding of the Girl Scout movement — the largest voluntary organization for girls in the world with almost 3.5 million members. Approximately 80 Girl Scouts in Post will be participating in "Be Your Best Day", wearing aqua ribbon pins in recognition of the day, and asking their friends and neighbors to join in, too.



Mayor Jim Jackson signs the proclamation marking the first national "Girl Scouts Be Your Best Day" in recognition of Girl Scout Week March 12-18. Joining Mayor Jackson in the signing are scouts (front, left) Bailey Odom, Ashton Smith (right), Kerry Cahill (rear, left) and Tabatha Blevins (right). (Post Dispatch photo)

Antelope Relays host area schools Saturday

Post High School will host the annual Antelope Relays Saturday, with field events to start at 9 a.m. The 3200 meter run will begin at 11 a.m. and finals will start at 12:15 to 12:30 p.m.

Area schools scheduled to compete in the boys division are Crosbyton, Floydada, Lockney, Trinity Christian, Lubbock Christian, Shallowater, Roosevelt and New Deal. Competing in the girls division will be Lockney, Crosbyton, Floydada, Roosevelt, Trinity Christian, Lubbock Christian, Shallowater, Brownfield and New Deal.

Stabbing victim treated, assault charges filed

On March 3 Garza County Sheriff's deputies responded to a stabbing report at 513 S. Ave H, arresting Irene Mendez, who allegedly assaulted Edward Gutierrez. Gutierrez was treated and released at Garza Memorial Hospital that same evening. According to the Sheriff's Department, Mendez was charged with aggravated assault in connection with the incident.

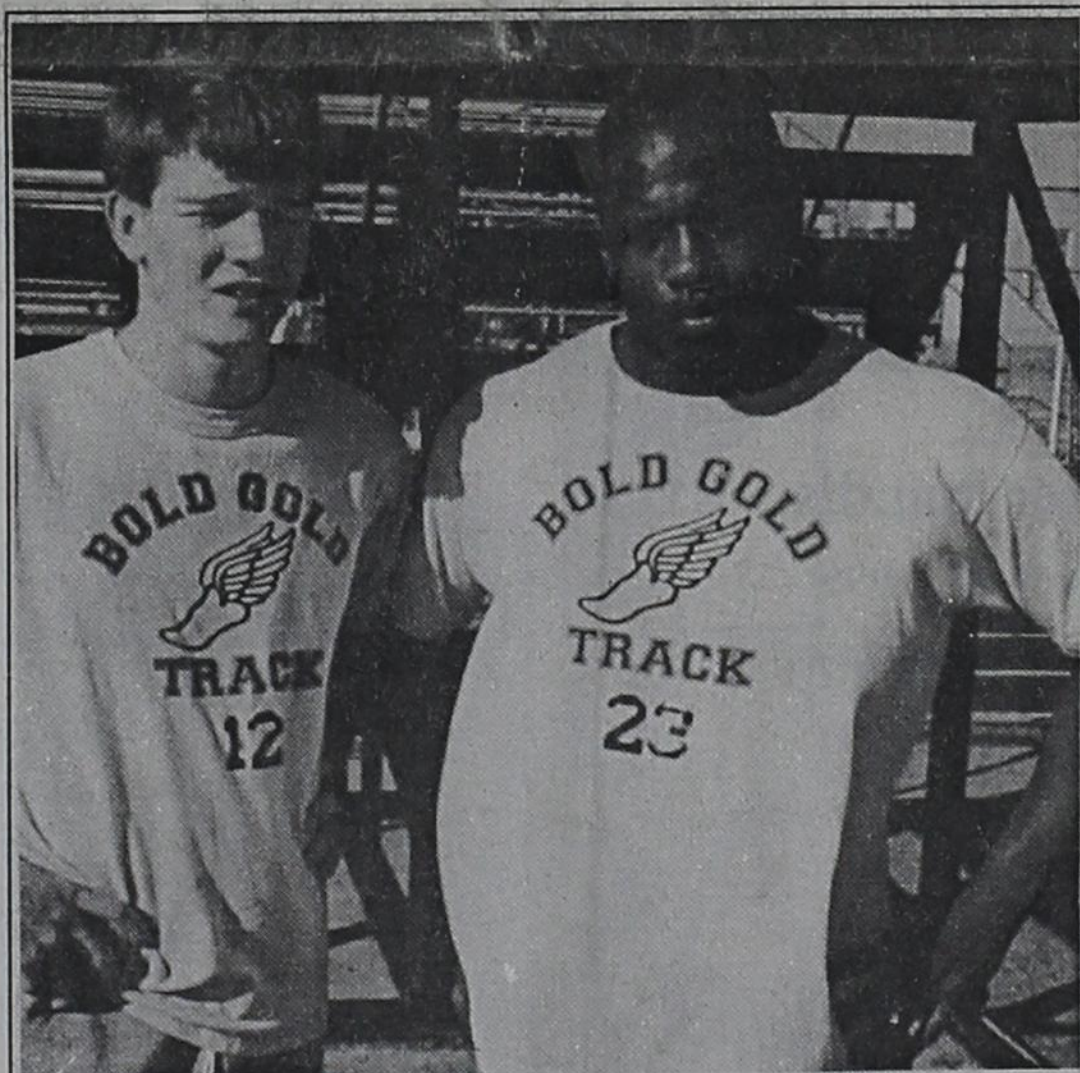
Earlier the same day deputies and Texas DPS officer Kyle Edwards served a search warrant at 110 W. 6th St. They had received confidential information, from which Chief Deputy Maurice Herridge filed a probable cause affidavit. Soon afterwards Justice of the Peace Sheila Melton issued a search warrant for the house. While searching the residence, deputies found 13 small clear plastic packages containing suspected cocaine. There was also a small amount of suspected marijuana at the residence.

Petra Ballesteros was charged with possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver. Post municipal judge Louise Greene set bond at \$50,000. The suspect is being held in the Garza County jail.

Other law enforcement activities included the arrest of Sergio Lopez on February 28, charged with criminal non-support. He was released by 106th District Court.

On March 4 Benito Martinez was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and was released on a \$2,500 bond.

In 106th District Court March 1, Tommy Jones was sentenced to seven years in the Texas Department of Corrections (TDC) on a sexual assault charge. Guy Hernandez was transferred to the TDC "bootcamp" program and 10 years of community supervision on an aggravated assault charge and Joe Guerrero was sentenced to TDC rehabilitation program and 10 years community supervision on a felony driving while intoxicated charge.



Cody Bain (left) and Alvin Reed were named to the District 4AA Boys' Basketball team. Bain was selected as the Most Valuable Player in the district. Reed was named Honorable Mention All District. (Post Dispatch photo)

Icy highways contribute to 11 accidents last week

Texas DPS troopers and Garza County Sheriff's deputies spent most of last Thursday responding to accidents on U.S. Hwy 84 north of Post as motorists discovered the icy roadway too late. There were no serious injuries to any of the drivers or passengers.

Most of the accidents were Thursday morning before noon and all in a cluster approximately 11 miles north of Post.

DPS trooper Kyle Edwards explained, "We worked five accidents within a one mile area that morning. We also had one accident on Texas 669 and a couple on Hwy 84 south, however most of the problems were all north of Post."

Edwards reported one tractor-trailer truck jack-knifed, one Jeep rolled over and several pickup trucks rolled. A few other vehicles slid into each other.

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A new store sign was installed last week for Family Dollar Stores on East Main Street. Store representatives were here last week taking applications for an expected opening later this month. (Post Dispatch photo)

Post Notes

4-H shooting sports meeting Friday

The Garza County 4-H shooting sports organizational meeting will be held Friday, March 10 at 7 p.m. in the show barn. A parent must accompany 4-H members at the meeting.

Brashears to sing Sunday at Grassland

Janice and Jerrel Brashear will be singing at the Grassland Church of the Nazarene at morning and evening services. Morning service begins at 10:50 a.m. and evening at 6 p.m.

Class of '85 plans reunion

There will be a meeting March 13 at 7 p.m. in the community room of the Norwest Bank to plan the 10 year reunion of Post High School's 1985 graduates.

All interested classmates are encouraged to attend the meeting. Organizers are particularly interested in locating all members of the class. Those who have information about addresses for class members should call Cathy Murzyn at 495-4101.

Grassland youth set garage sale

Youth of the Grassland Church of the Nazarene will hold a garage sale Saturday. The sale is part of the youth fund raising events to attend a church congress this summer. The garage sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The church is located 10 miles of Post on Tahoka Hwy (pink brick house).

Service officer helps veterans Mon-Fri

Beginning today (March 1) the Garza County Veterans Service Officer is available by appointment Monday through Friday after 6 p.m. She will also be at the Courthouse the third Saturday each month from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. For more information call Ann Stelzer at 495-4541 after 6 p.m. for an appointment.

Summer baseball league sign-up

The Post Summer Baseball Program will hold sign-ups for boys and girls Thursday, March 23 from 5 to 9 p.m. and Friday, March 24 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Norwest Bank community room.

Registration fees are \$20 for one player in a family and \$50 for three or more players in one family. All players must bring a birth certificate for the sign-up.

The Post Summer Baseball Program has a Senior League, Little League, Minor League, T-Ball, Girls' softball and Girls' coach-pitch.

There will be a meeting for managers and coaches at 8 p.m., March 24 following the sign-ups. All current managers and anyone interested in coaching a team must be present at this meeting.

Used CDs sought for downtown music

The Main Street music system downtown is seeking used CDs. Those interested in contributing should contact Mattie Perez at the Garza Theatre, 495-4005, from noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Country and western or folk music is preferred.

Jean Badger 'Artist of the Month'

The featured artist of the month at the Algerita Art Center is Jean Schofield Badger. Her work will be on display through March. She will offer a pastel demonstration March 4 beginning at 10 a.m. The center will be open weekdays from 2-4:30 p.m. and on Old Mill Trade Days, March 3rd and 4th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

April 6 deadline for voter registration

The final day to register to vote in the May 6 election will be April 6. Registration for the election is at the Garza County Tax Assessor's office at the courthouse. The May 6 election will include city, schools and hospital positions.

Heirloom Egg Auction April 7

The third annual Heirloom Egg Auction, style show and luncheon will be held April 7 at the Algerita Art Center. Tickets for the event are \$5 per person and may be purchased from any member of the Post Art Guild or at the Algerita Art Center. The Spring Day at the Algerita features an early and late lunch.

OS Museum features 'Places & Faces'

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

State treasurer lists unclaimed funds

The Texas State Treasurer's office has published its annual list of unclaimed funds, including several from Post:

Dorothy S. Bouchier, Jack Burress, Dianna Collier, J.M. Cornell, Gizkis Dimitrios, John W. Dudley, Ronnie Dunn;

Donald D. Edwards, Howard Freeman, Lunell Gribble, Ricky Guerrero, Jimmy Long, Aniceto Martinez Jr., Kathy A. McAfee, Austria Mitchells, Juan Montanez, Eddie Moreno Jr., Oscar Neugebauer, Larry J. Nino;

Robert R. Schoonover, Shalmarie Sneed, S.C. Storie Jr., Nancy Teaff, Tejas Study CLU, Amy Lynn Wallace, Andrea Ann Wallace, Angela Kay Wallace, Jimmy Weaver, Robert W. West, Minnie Williams and Terry Young.

Names on the unclaimed funds are the last known address for those listed.

Claims for the funds may be made by calling the treasurer's office at 800-654-3463 or 512-463-3120 or by writing to Texas State Treasury, Unclaimed Property Division, P.O. Box 12019, Austin, Texas 78711.





City employees are all smiles following the arrival last week of new computer equipment. Mary Neff (left) and Wynonne Kennedy have been training on the new Compaq computers in preparation for switching city records to the new system. The computers will operate on a network and are replacing obsolete equipment. "For one thing," Kennedy said, "we only have to enter data once, where as before we had to key in as much as three different times for one transaction. (Post Dispatch photo)

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Delos Santos completes boot camp

Area serviceman E-2 Valentin R. Delos Santos son of Linda Gonzales Trevino has completed Boot Camp and graduated Advanced U.S. Navy training at U.S. Navy Training, Great Lakes, Ill.

Delos Santos will arrive home from Illinois on March 10, and will depart on March 16, for Navy Officer Training Corp. in Norfolk, Va.

He attended Post schools from 1982-89. Delos Santos is a 1994 graduate of Mary Carroll High School in Corpus Christi, Texas.



Val de La Rosa

Beauty Tips
by Leslie Tatum

In dealing with the application of make-up, the most commonly asked question is. What do I do with my eyes?

Well, the answer depends upon how large, small, deepset or protruding your eyes are.

Here are some simple guidelines. If your eyes are larger than you care for just simply line them with a dark liner most of the way on top and bottom and use darker shadow colors.

If your eyes are small, line half way on top and three quarters on bottom for an open eye effect. Also use lighter shades of shadow.

For deepset eyes use a lighter shade of eye liner, maybe a soft green or brown and be sure to top it off with light colors of shadows, preferably not browns. This will cause the eye to appear more prominent.

For protruding eyes, use a dark liner three quarters of the way on top and bottom and use darker colors of shadow (browns are great) to cause the eye to look more deepset.

Alissa Mitchell inducted to sorority

Alissa Mitchell was initiated into the Theta Iota Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega at Baylor University in Waco, Texas on Feb. 11, 1995 after a 5-week pledge period. During the 5 weeks, 53 pledges, a full quota class, planned a pledge dance, wrote pledge class songs, attended a retreat, attended weekly meetings and mixers and completed 22 various requirements to become an initiated member.

The Theta Iota chapter was selected by Alpha Chi Omega's National Council as the best Alpha Chi Omega chapter in the nation for 1994. The chapter will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a formal dance for current members and all alums on April 8.

The new initiates were presented by their fathers to membership on Feb. 18.

Woman's Culture Club

The Woman's Culture Club met Wednesday, February 22, in the Women's Clubhouse. Maxine Earl was hostess.

Kenneth Marts, foreman of the Double U Ranch, gave an interesting and informative history of the Ranch.

C.W. Post bought many sections of land from the Llano Ranch, the Square and Compass, and others and build up vast holdings of grassland and stocked it with good cattle. He had large land holdings in Garza and Hockley Counties.

Delicious refreshments were served to guests; Marts and Jim Graham, and members; Ruby Kirkpatrick, Ruth Hall, Debbie Bain, Dorace Wilson, Peggy Smith, Donna Craig, Joyce Strubhart, Nona Lusk, Earl, and Katharine Trammell.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 8, at 2 p.m. in the Women's Clubhouse.

Amity Study Club

The Amity Study Club met at the Garza Hotel for their Feb. 28 meeting. A style show was given with members Edna Owen, Iva Hudman, Jaynie Middleton, and Kathy Rankin acting as the models. Other members present were Joy Dickson, Sue Shytle, Joyce Strubhart, Barbara Babb, Barbara Reese, Boo Olson, Janie Davis, Carolyn Sawyers, Susanne Hudman, Louella Bilberry, and Ruth Ann Young.

Refreshments of butternut pie and coffee were served. The March 14 meeting will be cancelled due to programming conflicts. The next meeting will be held March 28 with Ida Mae Wilks and Iva Hudman as hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Goodwin celebrate 50th

The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen W. Goodwin held a reception in honor of their fiftieth

wedding anniversary March 4, 1995. They were married in Olney, Texas March 4, 1945. She was the former Mary Brazelton of Olney. They have two children, Mary Charlene Carter of Springtown, Texas and Timothy W. Goodwin of Gainesville, Tx., six grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

The reception was held in their daughters home in Springtown, Texas.



Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Goodwin

Roger Adams earns SMU honors

Roger Edward Adams, a senior at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, is included on the recently released undergraduate honor roll for the fall semester.

To be listed on the SMU honor roll, students must achieve a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade point average, which places them in the top 17 percent of all SMU undergraduates.

Fun Time Club

The Fun Time Club met February 27 at 6:30 at the Trail Blazers for a salad supper and good fellowship.

Those attending were: Maxine Lewis, Nona Lusk, Winona Ward, Ruth Martin, Ruby Carpenter, Inez Ritchie, Hooter Terry, Mary Hogue, Joyce Hodges, Jewell White and Pansy Smith.

The club meets at 6:30 p.m. the last Monday of each month. All singles who are interested are invited to attend.

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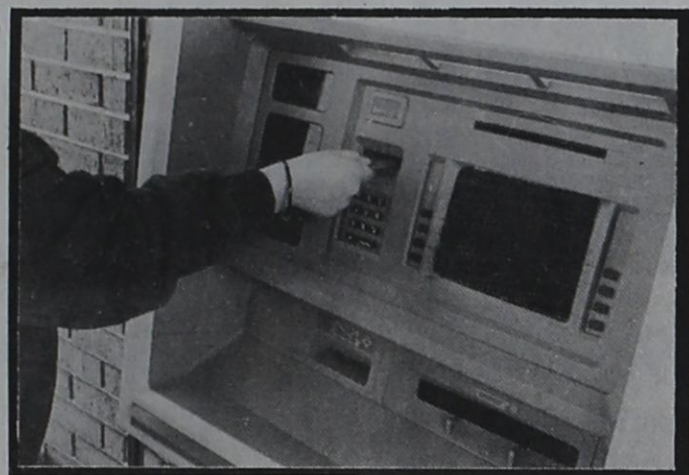


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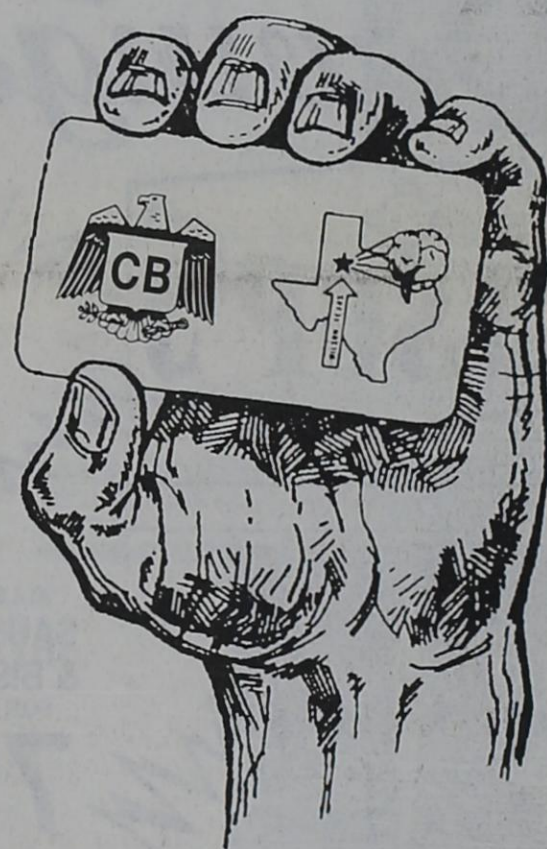
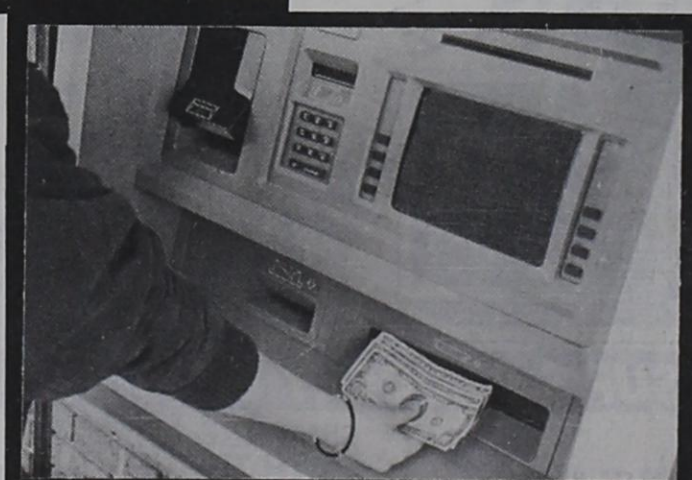
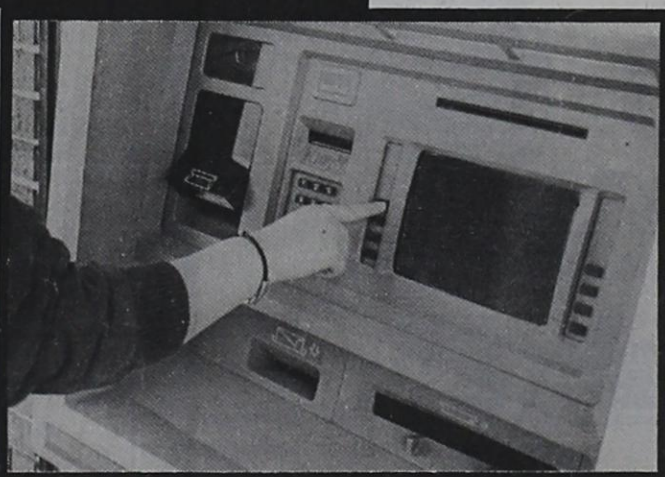
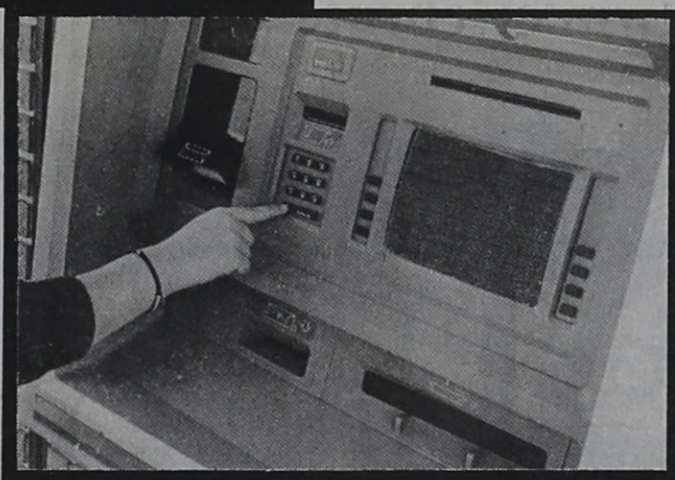
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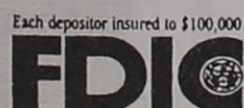
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Gardening in Garza



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PRUNING: The best time to prune trees and most shrubs is while they are still dormant in winter; however, some pruning can be done any time. Spring flowering shrubs, excluding roses, are often pruned after the bloom period. What then is pruning? Why, when and how should it be done? Pruning is the removal of a part or parts of a woody plant for a specific purpose. Pruning is done for the following reasons:

To train the plant

To maintain plant health
To improve the quality of flowers, fruit, foliage or stems.

To restrict growth

Training the Plant: Trees. The first pruning after trees are received consists of removing broken, crossing and pest-infected branches. The traditional rule of pruning one-third of the top growth at transplanting to compensate for root loss is no longer valid for properly-pruned, nursery-grown plants. According to recent research, excessive pruning at transplanting reduces plant size and does not aid in plant survival.

The central leader of a tree should not be pruned unless the leader is not wanted, as with some fruit trees. Trees with a central leader, such as Texas red oak, pecan or Cedar elm, may need little or no pruning except to eliminate branches competing with the central leader. These competing branches should be shortened.

Removal of lower limbs is usually done over a period of years beginning in the nursery and continuing for several years after transplanting until the desired height of the lowest branch

is reached. Lower branches on the main trunk help create a thicker trunk more quickly. A common mistake in pruning young trees is to strip them of small branches, leaving only a tuft of leaves at the top of the tree. This forms a weak trunk. Remove lower limbs when they reach 1 inch in diameter.

Another important concept in training trees is light versus heavy cuts. This refers to knowing what effect your cut will have on the growth of the branch cut. On a young, vigorously-growing branch, if the terminal end is lightly cut back (less than 6 inches), then lateral branching will occur up and down the branch. If this branch is heavily cut back (from 6 inches to several feet), the one or two buds located just below the cut are forced and grow at a very rapid rate. By visualizing how the branch will respond you can aid in shaping the mature tree.

Maintaining Plant Health: The first consideration is sanitation to eliminate dead, dying or diseased wood. Any dying branch or stub can be the entry point or home for insects or fungi that could spread to other parts of the tree. When removing disease, such as a fungal canker or fire blight, it is

important that the cut be made in healthy wood that is beyond the infection. Dipping the cutting tool in a solution of water and cloxox between cuts prevent the spread of fungal disease.

Evergreen shrubs will usually benefit from an occasional thinning of foliage. Thinning allows light and air to penetrate throughout the shrub, resulting in even foliage growth.

Improving the Quality of Flowers, etc.: The more flowers and fruit a plant produces, the smaller they become, as seen on an unpruned rose bush or fruit tree. By reducing the amount of wood, pruning diverts energy into the production of larger, though possible fewer, flowers and/or fruit. Individual plants and the response desired will dictate how to prune in each case.

Restricting Growth: Restricting the natural growth and size of shrubs and trees can be a constant struggle. To reduce labor, know the mature size of the plants you buy and place them accordingly in the landscape. All too often trees are topped to reduce size or rejuvenate growth. In either case, topping is not a recommended practice. Topping can seriously affect the tree's structure and appearance, and may shorten the life of trees by making them susceptible to attacks by insects and disease.

Thinning is a better means of reducing the size of a tree or rejuvenating growth. In contrast to topping, thinning removes unwanted branches by cutting them back to their point of origin. Thinning conforms to the tree's natural branching habit and results in a more open tree, emphasizing the branches' internal structure. Thinning also strengthens the tree by forcing diameter growth of the remaining branches.

Hopefully this has helped you answer that head scratching question—To prune or not to prune?

James Mitchell IV inducted into Honor Society

James Warren Mitchell IV, a junior telecommunication specialist major at Baylor University, was inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society at a reception on Tuesday, February 28th. Eligibility requirements include being among the top 15 percent of the juniors and seniors at the University.

James is the son of Jimmy and Cindy Mitchell and a 1992 Post High School graduate.

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by Terri S. Cash, CPA

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- Will charity contributions stand up? Obtain receipts for donations of \$250 or more. If you attended a charity event and paid more than \$75, use their written statement on the value of goods and services. Attach Form 8283 for non-cash contributions over \$500.
- If you've claimed child-care credit, is the caregiver's Social Security number listed?
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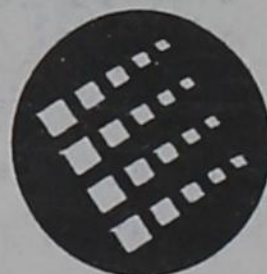
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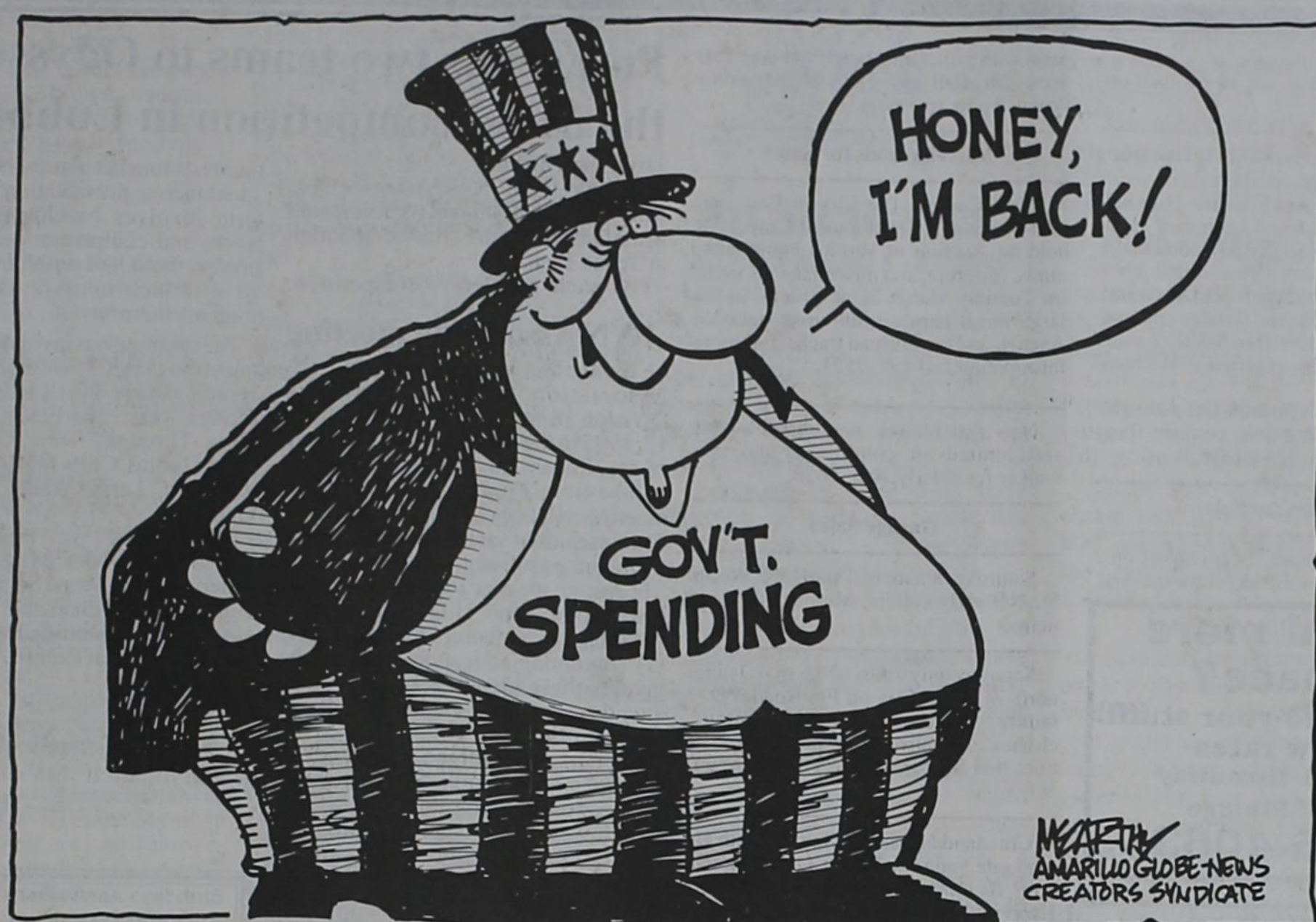
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Opinions



When regulation amounts to confiscation

by Stephen Chapman

In 1986, David Lucas bought two residential lots on a South Carolina barrier island, planning to do just what all the neighbors had done: build beach houses. Big miscalculation. In 1988, the state passed a law forbidding the construction of permanent structures in that area — and Lucas' \$1.2 million property, Ly was suddenly worth just about nothing.

Plenty of landowners have gotten shafted by government land use regulations, but Lucas was one of the luckier ones. In 1992, the Supreme Court said the state had essentially confiscated his property and was obligated to pay him \$1.2 million — in keeping with the Fifth Amendment provision that "private property may not be taken for public use without just compensation." It was his good fortune that the law had entirely destroyed the value of his parcel. If it had merely cut it in half, Lucas would have had to swallow the loss. The Supreme Court rule was clear: Full destruction of the value of a piece of land requires full compensation, but partial destruction requires no compensation.

Does that seem unfair? It does to House Republicans, who included in their Contract With America a promise to create a more consistent policy. Under a bill that is expected to reach the House floor next week, property owners who suffer substantial economic losses because of federal controls on land use would be entitled to compensation. The bill would mainly affect restrictions meant to protect endangered species or wetlands. It would come into play, as the Competitive Enterprise Institute explains, "when federal regulations prevent private landowners from exercising the reasonable use of their property, such as building a home, filling a ditch or planting a crop."

The principle is simple: If the public thinks a particular wetland or forest is important enough to deserve protection from development, the public should be willing to pay to keep it pristine. If it is not important enough for all of us to pay for, we should not expect a single unlucky landowner to bear the cost alone.

Fair compensation has always been required when the government expropriates land to build highways and create nature preserves. But when the government merely compelled a private landowner to create a nature preserve, in effect, at her own expense, the rule didn't apply — even though the deprivation might have been equally costly. Only in recent years has the Supreme Court understood

that regulation can amount to confiscation. But the court has only rarely been willing to make government bodies pay for such losses. And even when property owners have a winning case, they may lack the resources for a court fight. More protection is needed. So the GOP's Private Property Protection Act would require the federal government to reimburse landowners when regulations devalue their property by 10 percent or more.

Critics claim that this will mean paying polluters not to pollute. But the bill takes pains to exclude pollution laws, zoning ordinances and measures to protect health and safety. If a landowner is dumping toxic waste into a creek that flows through his neighbor's property, he can expect no monetary reward when he is forced to stop. University of Chicago law professor Richard Epstein notes that the government can always escape the obligation to pay in either of two ways: "It can show that regulation is reasonably calculated to prevent the infliction of some present or threatened harm to others; or it can show that the in-kind benefits the regulation provides the landowner offset the losses it imposes."

Environmentalists retort that if owners are entitled to compensation from the government when it reduces the value of their property, they should have to pay the government when it raises the value of their property, say, by building a new road or a subway system. But property owners who benefit from federal projects have already paid for them, through taxes.

And the federal government will not owe anything just because it does something to lower someone's property values. Cutting off farm subsidies would have that effect, so would tightening pollution regulations; so would establishing a nuclear waste site. But the victims would have no recourse — because the government has not deprived them of any of the customary prerogatives of property owners. This bill upholds something more precious than mere land values: individual liberties rooted in the Constitution.

Until now, Americans have been able to advance supposedly worthy goals like safeguarding the habitat of the spotted owl at no cost to themselves, by conscripting landowners to shoulder the burden. This measure would assure that those who enjoy the benefits of preserving an environmental amenity — all of us — should also pay the bill.

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What kind of water will I have??

by Robert Fulghum

SEATTLE — What kind of water will you have? asked my hostess at a dinner party. She offered fizzy and flat, French and Italian, mountain glacial and deep artesian. I could also choose natural or flavored, iced or room temperature — with lime wedge or lemon twist.

Actually, I was surprised at the somewhat limited choices offered by my hostess. Our corner grocery store alone carries 31 brands of bottled water — from sources in France, Canada, Wales, Germany, Italy and Norway, as well as the U.S.A. The water comes from ancient springs, high mountain streams and mineralized deposits. Three colors of bottles — clear, sea green and deep blue — and all with elegant labeling.

This so-called "designer water" has taken its fair share of abuse for appearing to be a pretentious extravagance. But the same criticism could be made of the marketing of beer, wine and hard liquor. Or even films and novels and music. The appeal is to the imagination — to the romantic side of human nature.

I like fancy water.

I'm delighted to drink a glass of liquid that began as snow in the French Alps hundreds of years before I was born, then became ice in a glacier, melted into deep underground springs. Finally bottled and hauled all the way across sea and land, it sits available on my grocer's shelf.

For a very small price, I can have a reflective reverie in a glass — revealing the wonders of nature, the inventiveness of the industrial revolution and the pleasures of a poetic view of life.

Moreover, this liquid is good for me. It is me, as a matter of fact — 90 percent of my body is water. I'm pleased to have my essential juices get an occasional transfusion of fanciful pizzazz.

There is a high end of the water market as yet untouched: rare and historic water. I'm thinking beyond natural purity — of water that has value because of its age or its association with special events or because there simply is no more of it ever to be had. This is the fine-wine division of bottled water.

A few examples: Several years ago, a former student brought me a liter of

water all the way from the spring at Delphi in Greece — a source from which the noble Greeks of the fourth century drank when they went to consult the oracles of fate. I drink a little on April Fool's Day.

One Christmas, my wife gave me a bottle of water from the creek we hike alongside in summer. She had carefully filtered the water and filled the bottle on my birthday. I've great memories of fine days in that valley. We drank a toast with the water during our Christmas dinner — a toast to past happiness and present joy.

I know a man who saved a bottle of Colorado River water from the days when the river ran free — before the Glen Canyon Dam turned it into a silty lake. That bottle sits on a shelf in his office in a place of honor — marking both his younger days and the time of an American West that's gone forever. Sometimes he smiles when he sees it. Sometimes it brings tears to his eyes.

Once, I participated in a christening ceremony using baptismal water that had been collected from rain dripping off the fly of a tent during the weekend of camping when the couple conceived their child.

And I attended a first-anniversary dinner celebration of an April wedding that had been turned into a magical occasion by an unexpected snowfall. The bride's father had collected the melting snow and brought a bottle of the water as a priceless anniversary gift.

I realize the examples I've given probably can't ever have much value or meaning if commercially produced. They have two secret ingredients that can't be manufactured or bottled: imagination and memory. Such vintage refreshment is always a product of home brewing. The liquid is flavored by experience and given character by the creative efforts it takes to fill the wine cellars of the heart.

Let the glasses be filled and lifted. Cheers!

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Prohibiting smoking is not a government issue

by Walter Williams

Cigarette smoke is a nuisance to some people, and there are alleged health effects from "secondhand" smoke. None of this is relevant to today's smoking regulations; it's a matter of respect for liberty and private property rights. Let's look at it.

The most rabid anti-smoker probably wouldn't demand laws outlawing cigarette smoking within one's own home or car. He might buy the argument that since homes and cars are private property, a person has a right to decide how they'll be used. But that points up a logical inconsistency of cigarette prohibitionists who allege a concern for health. Cigarette smoke in a house produces secondhand smoke just as it does in an office, mall or airplane. House guests and family members of smokers breathe secondhand smoke. Therefore, if the health of others is the concern of anti-smokers, they ought to demand laws banning smoking even in private homes.

You say, Williams, that's unnecessary if I don't like being in the presence of secondhand smoke, I don't have to visit your house! You're right, but the cigarette tyrants had better not make the same response. If they do, the logic of their health argument begins to crack and their totalitarian agenda to outlaw tobacco altogether is exposed.

Like a home, restaurants and airplanes are also private property. The owner has the right, at least in a free society, to decide whether smoking is allowed. He's only obliged to inform customers. Therefore, we might require him to post a sign outside his establishment saying "Smoking Not Allowed" or "Smoking Allowed." Then, people can decide whether to enter on those terms.

You say, Williams, I'm a non-smoker. If there weren't laws against smoking, I'd have no choice. Nonsense! There are roughly 40 million smokers, leaving

well over 200 million American non-smokers. I hope you're not going to tell me that businesses have no interest in producing a satisfactory arrangement for those 200 million people. Northwest Airlines, for example, banned smoking on its flights before it was the law. Some other airlines might have followed suit.

Business executives are cowards in many respects. That's why airline executives yielded to the smoking ban on domestic flights. They would have fought had Congress extended the ban to international flights. But they should have known that cigarette prohibitionists wouldn't be satisfied. Recently, eight of the world's largest airlines joined together seeking immunity from anti-trust laws in order to form a collusive arrangement to ban smoking on international flights. On Jan. 24, Department of Transportation Secretary Federico Pena granted them immunity.

Here's the story. Airlines executives fear the power of the anti-smoking lobby, but they also fear losing smoking customers to their competition if they individually banned smoking on their own airlines. That's why they seek the collusive arrangement. But there can be a "gentlemen's agreement" to ban smoking on international flights because gentlemen's agreements have a short life. They'll seek government regulations to make sure all airlines comply

Liberty-minded people ought to find all of this not only offensive but another step toward serfdom. Many Americans think it's good to restrict smoking and applaud the intimidation tactics by the anti-smoking lobby. We should remember that it was decent, well-meaning Germans who helped create an all-powerful government to do good things but didn't figure they were building the Trojan Horse for Adolf Hitler. Similarly, Americans are making it easy for a future tyrant.

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Debt, not balanced budget, threatens Social Security

by Congressman Mac Thornberry

In the 15 minutes the Senate took to reject the balanced-budget amendment Thursday, our national debt increased by \$8.6 million, according to the Concord Coalition, a bipartisan group formed to advocate the elimination of deficit spending.

I don't know what the 34 senators who opposed the amendment think about that staggering number, but it gives me heartburn. We are mortgaging our children's futures by continuing to pile up red ink that now totals \$4.962 trillion — an increase of 500 percent since 1979.

Our total federal debt, which is the accumulation with interest of our previous budget deficits, is equal to \$18,000 for every man, woman and child in the United States. These sobering facts somehow got lost on those who voted against the balanced-budget amendment. I don't think they will be lost on the American people.

For one, Americans are too smart to lose sight of the fact that Congress continues to stubbornly refuse to mend its overspending ways. How many families in the 13th District could spend more than they make for a quarter-century, racking up debts that total three-fourths of their family worth? Not too many.

Furthermore, how many Americans will continue to excuse Congress for its failure to do what most states do: require spending not to exceed revenues? Not too many.

Polls show most Americans do not accept the political rhetoric of those who reject a balanced-budget amendment. First, the opponents complained that Republicans had not put forth a seven-year plan for cutting spending to reach a balanced budget. On May 25, 1961, President John F. Kennedy wasn't required to put forth a 7-year budget proposal when he announced his intention to put a man on the Moon.

Instead, the annual requirement to fund the space program was appropriated each year as NASA progressed toward the Moon-landing goal. Had the American people in 1961 been given a hypothetical multiyear cost to put a man on the Moon, I doubt many would have expressed support for exploring space. Instead, they enthusiastically rallied to a cause that is no more daunting than ours today to balance the budget. -more

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Second, opponents used scare tactics to convince Social Security recipients that their retirement checks were threatened if a balanced-budget amendment were to pass. It didn't seem to matter that there are no proposals in Congress to cut Social Security benefits. Indeed, the Contract With America calls for rolling back the tax increases President Clinton's budget imposed on some recipients, and increasing the untaxed earnings limit for seniors who continue to work.

Members of my family depend on Social Security. I oppose cutting Social Security benefits, and the truth is we don't need to cut benefits to balance the budget. But all Americans should realize that the greatest single threat to the Social Security trust fund is not the balanced-budget amendment: It's the annual budget deficit and the cumulative federal debt.

Congress will spend \$235 billion in interest on the debt this fiscal year, which is \$3,500 per family. That is money that could be returned to taxpayers' pockets, or used to provide the basic functions of government without overburdening working families. The cold, hard truth is that if we don't stop deficit spending, the increase in annual interest payments on the debt will begin eating up so much of our available tax revenue that everyone — including Social Security recipients — will begin to suffer.

That is a simple idea that all but a handful of Senators and Congressmen understand. Families who refuse to cut spending while they continue to buy new items will soon find their debt payments eating up money that could go for food, clothing or education. It's the same way with Uncle Sam.

As the 13th District's Congressman, I am willing to make tough decisions as we make perhaps the most serious effort in 25 years to bring spending and revenues in line. I've already met with many constituents who support the general idea of spending cuts, but not in their programs.

These constituents' desire to protect their programs perfectly illustrates why Congress will never balance its budget without a constitutional amendment. Even for a fiscal conservative, it's not easy to say "no" to pleas for more money for programs that try to help people. But we must begin drawing the line somewhere — whether or not we have a balanced-budget amendment — and begin funding only the highest priority items.

Last year, Congress covered before fiscally sound budget proposals by rejecting the Republican budget plan to cut spending by \$280 billion. The president's 1995 budget proposal continues Washington's outrageous spending habits and would lead to \$1 trillion in new debt over the next five years.

Despite all that, some in Congress continue to say we don't need a balanced-budget amendment and that we can get to a balanced budget without being forced. That is the kind of logic only someone in Washington, D.C., could accept.

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by Carol Tobias
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Obituaries

Mavis Davis Heaton

Funeral services were held Feb. 28, 1995 for Mavis Davis Heaton, who died February 26 at the Horizon-Manor Nursing Home in Nocona, Texas. Mr. Heaton was a retired gauger for Amoco Pipeline Co., serving 37 years in Post. He had moved to Nocona in 1980, where he farmed.

Ryan Cavaness conducted the services, which were held at the Church of the Brethren. Burial was at Molsbee Chapel Cemetery under the direction of Scott-Morris Funeral Home.

Mr. Heaton was born Feb. 27, 1920 in Nocona to Ethel (Evans) and George B. Heaton. He married Ada Juvinie Molsbee July 25, 1941 in Ryan, Okla. He was preceded in death by his son Davis Heaton, who died Aug. 15, 1982.

Mr. Heaton was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and is survived by his wife of Nocona, daughters Gayle Parker of Paige, Mary Rainwater of Benjamin, Becky Myers of Lubbock; sons Bobby Heaton of Nocona, George Heaton of El Reno, Okla., Evans Heaton of Snyder; sisters Lois Doyle of Nocona, Wanda Polk of Enterprise, Ala.; brother Leon Heaton of Alford, 15 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Joy Fluitt

Funeral services were held March 2 for Joy Fluitt, who died at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Feb. 28, 1995. Services at the First Baptist Church were conducted by Rev. Joel Home of Dora, N.M.; Rev. Darryl Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Post and Paul Jones, Post Church of Christ minister. Burial was at Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mrs. Fluitt was born Sept. 28, 1936 in Post and was the daughter of Katie Maye (James) and Loyd Hugh Martin. She married W.O. Fluitt May 20, 1954 in Post. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and had served as a director in the Post Chamber of Commerce and was active in Toys for Tots.

She was employed as a clerk for Southwestern Public Service.

Mrs. Fluitt was preceded in death by her sister, Kay Lamb, who died Aug. 5, 1991. She is survived by her husband, sons Jay and Lanny of Post; daughter Sherita Jordan of Bedford and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bobby Cowdrey, James Dye, Larry Waldrip, Royce Josey, Ted Tatum and Bobby Heckaman.

Elvus R. "Red" Davis

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 8 for Elvus R. "Red" Davis, who died Mar. 5, 1995 in Methodist Hospital. Services at the Post Church of Christ will be officiated by Homer Jones of Wellman, assisted by David Joyner, Graham Church of Christ minister. Burial will be at Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mr. Davis was born Feb. 9, 1919 in Amarillo to Glenn M. and Viva Martha (Cowdrey) Davis. He moved to Graham Chapel at an early age and attended school at Graham Chapel, graduating from Post High School in 1935.

He married Opal Cox Jan. 5, 1952 in Clovis, N.M. and farmed in Garza County. He served in the Army Air Force during World War II. He was a member of Graham Church of Christ and was preceded in death by his brother, Carroll Davis on Jan. 25, 1992.

Mr. Davis is survived by his wife, daughters Patricia Whitworth of Lubbock, Stephanie Reynolds of Austin; son Jerry Ligon of Eliasville, daughter Dolores Bowen of Lubbock; brother Alvin G. Davis of Lubbock, brother-in-law C.R. Baldwin of Eliasville; nine grandchildren, six great grandchildren and numerous other relatives.

Menus

Trail Blazers

Thursday March 9

Chicken Fried Steak, white gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, wheatroll, gelatin, choice of beverage.

Friday, March 10

Sweet and sour pork, rice, chinese vegetables, celery sticks, cornbread, lemon bars, choice of beverage.

Monday, March 13

Fried chicken, baked potato, broccoli, tossed salad, hot roll, brownie, choice of beverage.

Tuesday, March 14

Fish, baked beans, okra, cabbage salad, cornbread, fruit salad, choice of beverage.

Wednesday, March 15

Ham and chicken medley, mashed potato, spinach, biscuit, banana pudding, choice of beverage.

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Thursday, March 9

Breakfast: Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, 1/2 pint milk.
Lunch: Quiche, broccoli, french fries, sherbert cup, hot rolls, 1/2 pint milk.

Friday, March 10

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, 1/2 pint milk.
Lunch: Bean and cheese burrito, tossed salad, citrus fruit cup, tortilla chips, 1/2 pint milk.

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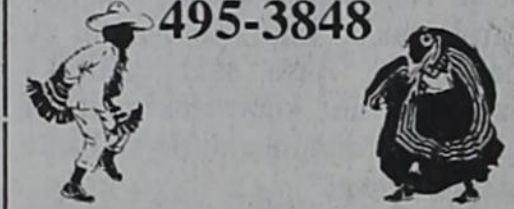
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On shaky ground

by Mike Butts
Back in the late 1970's I met a man by the name of Glenn Blair. He was assigned to the fire department at Reese AFB in Lubbock, Texas. Before coming to Reese he was a firefighter in the Los Angeles area of California.

One day while he was standing in his back yard in California he felt a slight tremor in the ground. Soon the slight tremor became a very noticeable movement under his feet. In a matter of seconds he was literally swaying back and forth. His first reaction was to reach out and to grab hold of a cinder block wall that surrounded his yard. After getting a white knuckle grip on that old reliable cinder block fence, he realized that it was swaying back and forth as well. He later expressed how terrifying it is to take hold of something that had always been unshakable in the past and to realize that it was being shaken too!

In the book of Jeremiah we see a similar shaking taking place. God had started sending tremors long before the prophet Jeremiah begin to speak about the coming judgment of God upon His people. Soon God's people found themselves in an environment in which everything around them was being shaken. Like Glenn they reached out and took hold of what they considered to be the most stable structure around them. They placed their hope in the temple. Unfortunately they discovered that the temple was going to be shaken as well. They had forgotten that the temple was intended to remind them to place their hope and confidence in God. It symbolized His being among His people so that they might cling to Him.

In Post, Texas there is a spiritual tremor taking place. The ground under us is beginning to sway by the moving of the Holy Spirit. Lives, traditions, homes, businesses, schools, and churches are beginning to feel the shaking of God. I believe that many believers and non-believers are already swaying back and forth. Some are reaching out and taking hold of things that they have trusted in the past only to find that those things are not stable when God begins shaking a place. Others by faith are reaching out and taking hold of the only solid option around, Jesus Christ.

I do not claim to understand all that God is doing in this community, but I do know that He is at work in a mighty way. I also know that while he may shake everything around me, Jesus Christ will remain to be the "solid rock" on which we stand. I invite you to stand with Jesus during these shaky times; "for whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved" (Rom. 10:13). When the ground shakes, cling to Him dear friend, cling to Him.



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