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## Commissioners authorize filing law suit to recover loss from accident

by Wes Burnett

The Garza County Commissioners' Court, at its final 1994 regular meeting yesterday morning, approved a resolution to file a law suit against Texas Farm Bureau to recover losses resulting from an August vehicular accident.

"We have not been able to resolve this issue," Judge Giles Dalby commented, and we feel this is our only recourse."

Precinct One commissioner Lee Norman explained that the insurance company had offered \$2,400 for damages to the precinct's pickup truck, "but the actual value of the truck was \$12,500 and the highest bid came in at \$3,000," Norman added. Commissioners expected the insurance company to pay the difference between the selling price and the value of the vehicle.

The issue is related to an accident August 7, 1994 when Fernando Garza Trevino of Jayton accidentally rammed his vehicle into the Precinct One truck which was parked in front of a county employee's home on West 4th St. near the Gail highway.

Mr Trevino, whose vehicle was insured by Texas Farm Bureau, pled guilty to charge of driving while intoxicated.

According to Norman, the county-owned vehicle suffered damages beyond reasonable repair, "and we didn't think it could ever serve our needs again, even with all the repairs it needed."

The court authorized county attorney Preston Poole to initiate appropriate legal action in the case.

In other action, the court re-appointed Poole to serve another two years as county attorney. The court also appointed Larry Mills (D.V.M.) to serve as county officer to investigate and make recommendations concerning rabid animals.

The court set January 1, 1995 at 9 a.m. for the special meeting to administer oaths of office to newly elected officials. The ceremony will be held in the courtroom on the second floor.

Judge Giles Dalby expressed his appreciation to retiring commissioner Herb Walls and to commissioner Albert Stone and welcomed newly elected commissioners Royce Josey and Mason McClellan.

Also attending the meeting Tuesday were commissioner John Valdez, clerk Sonny Gossett and treasurer Ruth Ann Young.

## Texans to face one more federal regulation and nuisance

No need to gripe at the courthouse, they're just passing it on

by Wesley W. Burnett

Starting in January, when we go to the courthouse to register our vehicles, here'll be one more thing we have to prove before we can pay the state and get a new sticker... we have to prove that we live here.

Of course, Garza County Tax Assessor-Collector Chita Hataway, Jeanette Hodges and Judy Bush know who we are... but please, don't expect them to take our word for it... the law (state and federal) require them to see proof that you live in Garza County.

Now this may sound silly, but the fact is, a new federal law regulating air quality, mandates the Texas Department of Transportation to implement restrictions where air pollution is considered serious.

In Texas the affected cities are the Dallas-Fort Worth area, Houston, Beaumont, Fort Arthur and El Paso. In those areas vehicles must pass a strict emissions test. But, "my, my," you might say, "so what? We don't live in those towns."

"Nay, nay," say the feds, in those areas not affected, you must prove that you don't live in those cities that are affected.

You see, otherwise people from Dallas or Fort Worth might drive out to Post and register their vehicles. Mustn't have that going on.

Now, lest you think I am making light of this subject, remember, this is not a joke. The bureaucrats in Washington and Austin are dead serious about this. If you can't prove you live here, then forget about registering your vehicle.

And since the tax assessor-collector is a statutory agent of the Texas Department of Transportation, that office has the responsibility of verifying a motor vehicle owner's address.

You may prove your residency by using one of the following documents: voter registration card, driver's license, utility or phone bill, property tax statement or receipt, school tuition receipt or valid proof of liability insurance.

According to the Texas Department of Transportation (TDoT) news release, "One of these items must be presented whether the motorist is obtaining registration by mail or in person."

The Texas legislature, in its massive wisdom, also enacted House Bill 1969 during the 1993 session. This piece of legislative genius authorizes (make that mandates) the collection of a 25 cent fee by tax assessor-collectors "in counties where motorists must show proof of residency," the TDoT news release added. "This fee is compensation for the mandatory need to confirm the required residency documentation and becomes effective January 2, 1995."

Putting these burdens of proof on the county tax assessor is nothing new, and it boggles the imagination to figure out what they will require next year. First, they said we had to show proof that our vehicles were properly insured... most of us said, "yeh, well, that's a good idea."

But think about it, this kind of administrative verification could easily (as our distinguished legislators have proven) develop into a citizenship check for all sorts of interesting trivia.

When, I wonder, are we going to stand up and demand that Texas legislators enforce the rights of Texans above the ridiculous mandates of Washington, D.C.?

Perhaps when the state demands that we prove we are citizens... or that we belong to an approved church... or some other nonsense... I don't know, but I sure do sympathize with Chita and Jeanette and Judy... just one more thing to have to add to their list of mandates.

## Add "806" to your long distance dialing

by Wes Burnett

If you get a strange message when dialing Lubbock or other South Plains cities next week, it probably means you forgot to add "806" when you made the call.

GTE has announced (actually the company mailed notices to its customers in last month's statements), explaining the change.

We have for years been able to dial other "806" exchanges by dialing "1" and then the number. Starting Sunday, that won't work. We will have to include "806" after the "1".

At our house, that means changing at least three telephones that have automatic dialing features... with a lot of family and friends in the "806" dialing area code, we are going to be busy. And, like a lot of you, we haven't even started to make the changes.

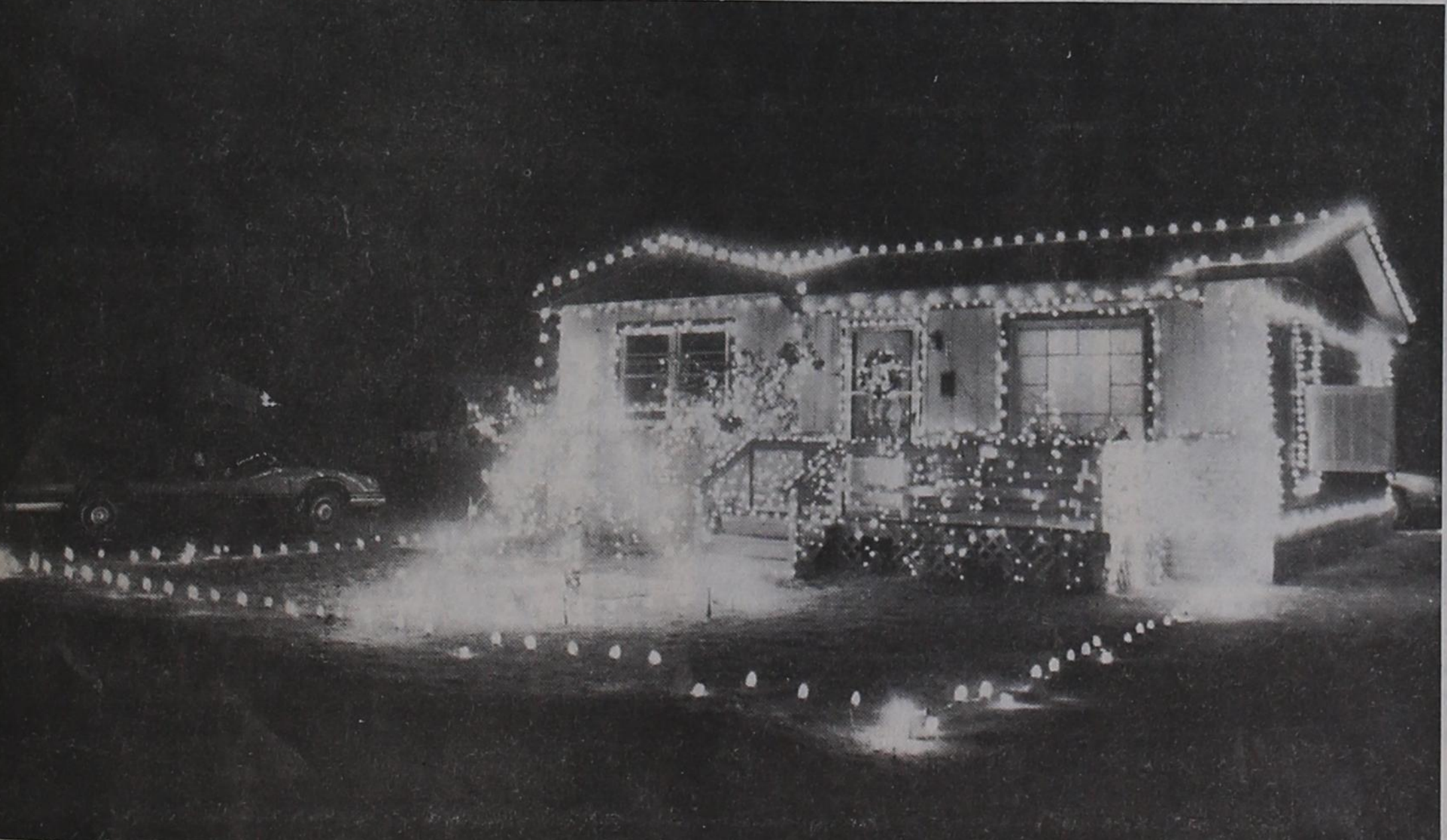
In its explanation to customers, GTE said that all the area codes in North America have been assigned, "a natural result of the growing use of cellular phones, FAX machines, pagers, additional lines, etc." This requires additional phone numbers.

According to GTE, new area codes have been created to begin as early as January 1995. The new codes will have middle digits of two through nine. Until now, area codes all had zeroes in the middle.

I guess we'll manage to make the changes, but I expect that this time next year we'll still be getting a message when we "automatically" punch the button... you know, it's tough to change old habits.



Amanda Morris (left) and her sister Kristen (right) spent their Christmas Eve helping deliver Post CARES packages to senior citizens. One of their stops was to Lorene Voyles (center). The volunteers were escorted on the delivery by their grandmother, Nell Morris. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



There are just too many fabulously decorated homes this year... we thought this house at 513 Ave. O was especially attractive. It is the

home of the Antonio Resendiz family. The glow caught the photographer's fancy. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

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## Post Notes

Old Mill Trade Days

Old Mill Trade Days Friday, Saturday & Sunday ...Dec 30-Jan 1st. Come join the fun and help us bring in 1995.

Volunteers needed for food delivery

The U Can Share Food Drive are in need of volunteers to deliver food boxes. Anyone who wishes to participate will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday at Higginbothams lumber yard.

Middle school to dismiss early Dec. 21

Post Middle School students will be dismissed at 12 noon December 21 for the Christmas break. Bus students will be supervised until the bus runs at 2:30 p.m.

Starving Artist and Crafters sale extended

The Starving Artist and Crafters sale has been extended until Christmas at the Algeria Art Center. The event is open to everyone. For more information contact Jane Mason at 495-2980 or Marie Neff at 495-2051.

Memorial Scholarship fund established

The Larry King Haynes II Christian Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established and contributions or memorials can be made at Norwest or Citizens Banks. For further information contact LuAnne Terry, secretary and treasurer.

Garza Theatre in need of volunteers

The Garza Theater is in need of volunteers to serve as ushers for the plays. They would like to encourage individuals, organizations or clubs to call 495-4005 or 1-800-846-3706. Excellent opportunity to see the plays and be involved in the community.

Fund established to benefit Gordon

A benefit has been established at the Norwest Bank of Post for Linda Gordon. All donations will assist Gordon with incurred medical expenses.

Service Officer available in courthouse

The Garza County Service officer will be available at the Garza County Courthouse 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. the third Saturday of each month. For an appointment or information call Ann Stelzer at 327-5301 after 6 p.m.

FBC seeking Senior Adult Choir members

The First Baptist Church would like to extend an invitation to anyone ages 55 and over to come and join our Senior Adult Choir. Our choir meets on Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. A pot-luck lunch will follow rehearsal on the first Wednesday of the month.

Xi Delta Rho establishes scholarship fund

The Xi Delta Rho chapter of Beta Sigma Phi has established a memorial fund to be used for scholarships for local graduating high school seniors. To make a donation to the scholarship fund call Karen Palmer at 495-2023 or Jaynie Dickson at 495-3422. Both can be reached during the evening hours.

Post Cares in need of food donations

Post Cares is in need of non-perishable food items. Please bring donations by 222 E. 8th or call 495-2060 for pick-up service.

Commodities distribution

The commodities distribution are held on the fourth Friday of every month at the Service Center on the Snyder Highway. The center will be open for the distribution from 9 - 12 and from 1-3 p.m. The commodities distribution will continue at the Service Barn until further notice. Commodities will be distributed in Southland on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Caprock Ladies Golf Association

The Caprock Ladies Golf Association will hold their weekly meetings every Wednesday night at 6 p.m. at the Caprock Golf Course. Any woman who enjoys playing golf or would like to learn the game is encouraged to attend.

Commodities Applications

Applications will be accepted Friday, December 30th from 9 a.m. - 12p.m. and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the Service barn.

## Dispatch offers free classified ads to subscribers

Beginning next week, The Post Dispatch will offer free, personal classified ads to its subscribers. "This is an incentive we feel will directly express our appreciation to our loyal subscribers," Dispatch publisher Wes Burnett commented.

The offer is strictly for non-commercial, private party classified line advertisements and is limited to 25 words per ad. Additional words will cost 25 cents per word, payable in advance.

## January 2 Holiday closings

City, county, state and federal government offices, Citizens Bank and Norwest Bank will be closed Monday, January 2. The Garza County Commissioners court will meet in a special session at 9 a.m. January 1 to administer oaths of office to newly elected officials.

The Post Dispatch will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 29 and 30 as well as Monday, January 2. The first edition for 1995 will be published Thursday, January 5, with a Tuesday deadline for news and advertising. The Dispatch office will be open Tuesday, January 3.

A mail slot is available in the front door for delivery of news items or payments during the days that the office is closed.

## Subscribers offered end-of-year bargain

The Post Dispatch continues through December 31 its special end-of-the-year subscription offer for Garza County subscribers. "We are offering the \$15 subscription for 18 months for renewal subscriptions or new ones," Dispatch publisher Wes Burnett emphasized.

Subscription rates will increase January 1, 1995. The new rates are a reflection of increased costs related to postal rate increases.

Beginning in January 1995, Garza County subscriptions will increase to \$16.50 per year. Other subscriptions in the 793 and 794 zip code area will be \$18 per year. Outside of the 793 or 794 zip code the rate will be \$20 and the out-of-state rate will be \$26 per year.

Garza County subscribers can save \$1.50, plus get an extra six months. "Even if you haven't received a notice of renewal from us," Dispatch publisher Wes Burnett said, "you may renew now and get the extra six months added to your subscription."

Subscribers may either mail payment to 123 E. Main St., Post, Texas 79356 or drop off payment at the office. "We have a mail slot in the front door," Burnett added, "in case we happen to be closed when you come by."

Old Mill Trade Days  
Friday, Saturday & Sunday  
Dec. 30, 31 and Jan. 1

## Post students participate in special Christmas program in Snyder

The Chapel at the First Baptist Church in Snyder was the place to be Saturday night, December 11. Forty-one students of Bethel Studio of Music presented "Christmas with Granzly" written by Lynn Bethel, performed their Christmas program. A welcome to approximately 300 guests was given by Matthew Leininger. The program began with a flute quartet playing "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" and "The First Noel". The performers were Chelsie Birks, Jenise Judah, Kevin Taylor and Marie Clark, instructor.

The first scene was Christmas Eve in Granzly's living room. Where Granzly's daughters brought by all the grandchildren to visit, show off their holiday best and perform for Granzly before they went to the Christmas program at the church. Those performing in this scene were Temi Thompson, "Jolly Old St. Nick"; Amanda Calley, "Up on the Housetop"; Jessica Solis, "Santa Claus is Coming to Town"; Colton Long, "Here Comes Santa Claus"; Angela Riggs, "Carol of the Bells"; Ryan McKamie, "Rudolph, The Rednosed Reindeer"; Katie Chandler, "Rockin' Round the Christmas Tree"; Jerica Tyler, "Deck the Halls"; Ashley Sanders, "White Christmas"; Zachary Greenlee, "Frosty the Snowman"; Jerica Tyler sang "I'll be Home for Christmas" accompanied by Starling Shields. Starling Shields, "Winter Wonderland"; Maggie Flanigan, "Let it Snow"; Rachel Cave, "It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas"; Kelby Drum, "Jingle Bell Rock"; Bryony Martin, "Holly Jolly Christmas"; Stormy Clark, "Have Yourself a Merry Christmas"; Cara Best, "Sleigh Ride"; Stephanie Hoyle, "The Christmas Song"; Nicki Riggs, "Go Tell it on the Mountain" and Johnnie Riggs, "Silver Bells".

Intermission was then held in the Garden Room. While everyone enjoyed punch and cookies the stage was transformed from Granzly's living room to the Christmas Eve service at the Church.

Students performing their Christmas pieces in this scene also told parts of the Christmas Story. They were Bailey Stoker, "Angels from the Realm of Glory"; Faith Feaster, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"; Blake Robertson, "Away in a Manger" accompanied by her father on the trumpet. Jennifer Petty, "What Child is This"; Abby Flanigan, "Silent Night"; Craig Bowen, "O Come, O Come Emanuel"; Chelsea

Forbes, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"; Whitney Rogers, "The First Noel"; Jacki Thompson, "Joy to the World"; Sandi Nussey, "Little Drummer Boy"; Amber Kelly, "Angels we have Heard on High"; Temple Latimer, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"; Angie Glover, "We Three Kings"; Jami Thackerson, "Sleep Little Jesus"; Elizabeth Rollins, "O Come All Ye Faithful"; Sonda Leininger, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"; David Melton, "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"; Mandy Strain, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"; Karomy Drum, "O Holy Night"; and Trey Gorman, "Adeste Fidelis" accompanied by Mrs. Bethel.

ZTV taped the program to be aired on the cables of Colorado City, Post and Snyder.

## Gamma Mu Christmas meeting

Members of Gamma Mu met December 13 at Norwest Bank community room for the Christmas party. Members exchanged "white elephant" gifts, enjoyed a pot-luck supper and played Pictionary.

Hostesses were Shellee Odom and Traci Belongia.

Others attending were Dickie Odom, Metta and Phil Tyler, De' Ann and Tony Bishop, Nita Jo and Bobby Heckaman, Melanie Morris, Marta Williams, Jana Bullard, Debbie Webb, Debra Guinn and Christina Jones.

## Trail Blazers

Wednesday, December 28

Beef stroganoff, egg noodles, peas & carrots, kraut salas, hot roll, baked apples, choice of beverage

Thursday, December 29

Roast beef, brown gravy, roasted potatoes, carrots, tossed salad, french dressing, wheat roll, cake

Friday, December 30

Salmon patties, blackeye peas, okra, cabbage salad, cornbread, chocolate cake, choice of beverage

Monday, January 1

Closed

Tuesday, January 2

Chicken strips, blackeye peas, brussel sprouts, hot roll, fruit crumble, choice of beverage



Performing recently in Snyder were (back row, left to right) Colton Long and Craig Bowen of Snyder; David Melton of Spur; Trey Gorman of Snyder; Matt Leininger, Zack Greenlee of Rotan; (front row, left to right) Bryony Martin, Sonda Leininger, Maggie and Abby Flanigan and Jerica Tyler. (Photo courtesy of Marinette Tyler)



Jim Voss puts out an eye-catcher of Christmas decorations at his home at 111 Ave. S. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



The David Tyler home at 901 W. Main sported a bright Santa and Mrs. Santa. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



The home of Lupe Perez at 409 N. Ave F is brightly decorated. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Post merchants can be proud of the way Main Street looks during Christmas... thousands of travellers can't help but see what pride we take in our community. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

## Holiday visitors in Post

Mrs. Lorene Voyles and her daughter, Pat Burnett, were hosts Friday evening and Saturday to family members visiting from Dublin, Amarillo and St. Louis.

Joining in the Christmas Eve celebration were children, grandchildren and great-grandson of Mrs. Voyles' daughter, Fay Mann and her husband Raymond of Dublin. Traveling with Mr. and Mrs. Mann were their daughter, Paula Moncrief, her husband Al and their children Meghan and Thomas. Also visiting from St. Louis was Mrs. Mann's daughter, Belinda Scott. Arriving from Amarillo for the gathering were Belinda's daughter, Dawn Quisenberry, her husband David and their son Nathan.

Just before enjoying the Christmas Eve meal, a five-generation photograph session was taken as Mrs. Voyles held her great-great grandson Nathan seated with his great-grandmother Fay Mann, grandmother Belinda Scott and mother Dawn Quisenberry.

Co-hosting the event were Pat Burnett's husband, Wes and their son Tim.

## Tax 'n Facts

by Terri S. Cash, CPA

### HERE'S A HEALTH INSURANCE LOOPHOLE

Generally, the self-employed individual or owner of an S-corporation is limited to a 25 percent deduction of health insurance costs -- and that only in years when Congress says yes.

There's a way to get around that, if your non-owner or non-partner spouse works for you: offer comprehensive health insurance to employees at no cost, and let him or her sign up. Your insurance agent should be able to provide the appropriate legal language for the official document offering health care benefits. Your spouse/employee signs up for family coverage, you get covered, and the company pays the bill. The IRS has ruled in favor of such an arrangement.

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### Up and down Main Street

By Wanda Mitchell

It's over for another year! The leftover turkey is spoiling in the refrigerator and the pumpkin pie is getting hard. The dumpsters are full of paper, ribbon and boxes torn in anticipation. The house looks like it needs a match instead of a vacuum and the poor Christmas tree looks like it has lost its last friend. Yes, it was great having family and friends but now it is time to get back to reality. Santa and Mrs. Claus have gone to the Bahamas and the poor little elves are staying at home with their feet propped up before it is time to start on next year.

One thing that you can still see is the wonderful Classic Christmas display at the OS Museum. The wonderful nativities from all over the world and harps from the collection of Billie Wolfe are a must to see. If you live in Post you really have no excuse not to go. The Museum is open from 10-12 a.m. and 1-5 p.m. Monday thru Saturday and this display will be there until January 10th, 1995. There is an elevator for your convenience. We really appreciate Giles and Louise McCrary, Marie Neff and Gladys Blair for making this available to all of us and creating a major tourist attraction for Post.

I went to the Christmas program at the elementary school on Tuesday last week. We really have some talented

young people not to mention talented teachers. The choirs from third and fourth grade and the fifth grade band did some great Christmas music and when Micki Miller sang The Christmas Song I think even Nat King Cole would have applauded. Everyone got into the act and seemed to really have a good time doing the program. We don't tell our teachers often enough how very much they are appreciated.

How about those JV Lady Lopes? They are doing such a great job this year and to date have lost only one game. That was to Midland Lee in the Snyder tournament and they never gave up or quit hustling. Coach Snodgrass is to be commended for the great job she is doing with these girls. They understand teamwork and it is working for them. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

We are leaving on Friday for the Cotton Bowl. It should be a lot of fun to be there to cheer for the Red Raiders. Sounds like all the parties are going to be more fun than the ball game. I have never been to the Cotton Bowl so this is really going to be an experience for me.

Be sure to watch the Avalanche Journal for the Cotton Bowl ads on December 31, because the Post merchants are well represented.

Happy, Happy New Year to all of you. Let's get rested and ready for 1995 to be a really good year. Don't forget to TAKE PRIDE AND TAKE PART IN POST !!!!!



Brad Lawson jumps for two points during the varsity boys' contest at Tahoka December 20. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Amber Cooper (center) takes the ball on a rebound during the December 20 varsity game at Tahoka. Christie Oden (left) and Holly Hardin (right) join in the action. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

### J. V. boys take Tahoka 40-36

The Post Antelope junior varsity team took a 40-36 win over Tahoka December 21, increasing the season record to 6-3 and district competition 2-0.

Jeremy Josey led the team in scoring with 21 points. B.J. Hart collected eight, David Perez got four, Todd Terry scored three and Jay Childers got two points.

Also seeing action were Josh Grisham, Roy Perez, Freddy Pena, Jake Lored, Noel Saldivar, Lance Goen, Seth Pennell and Kip Wilks.

### Tahoka edges Post 7th grade boys

The Post 7th grade boys' basketball team dropped a close game to Tahoka December 15 as the Bulldogs won 40-35.

The loss gave Post its second loss of the season, having won five games.

Top scoring for Post came from Braden Conner with 12 points. Billy Crawford and Luis Leos got six points, followed by Rocky Gomez with three and two points each went to Raymond Jefferson, Adrian Gonzales, Josh Fumagalli and John Radle.

Others on the team are Chris Saldivar, Scotty Gaydos, Dominic Pequeno, R.T. Todd, Michael Saldivar, Matt McCallister and Marcus Lopez.

### Top 10 agricultural news stories

The Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) has listed its Top 10 news stories in the industry and around CFA for 1994. Here are the top stories that affected the cattle feeding industry this year, according to Ron Davenport, TCFA president:

1. The market kept cattle feeders in knots. Fed cattle prices fluctuated from a high of \$77.50 in mid-April to a low of \$60 in late June.

2. Food safety continued as a major issue with consumers and the media. The beef industry, meanwhile, urged USDA to step up action on industry-proposed programs to further ensure beef's safety and wholesomeness.

3. NAFTA went into effect on January 1, and Congress approved the GATT agreement in early December.

4. The beef industry's first beef coupon effort was successful. The program, which offered \$1 coupons for 6 or 8 lbs. of beef to consumers in 17 cities, moved an additional 800,000 lbs. of beef during the summer.

5. U.S. beef exports were up 29%. Leading countries were Mexico, up 55%, Korea, up 54%; Japan, up 14%; and Canada, up 8%.

6. Cattlemen faced record high total meat supplies. Beef supplies were up 5%, pork supplies increased 2% and

poultry supplies were up 7% this year, creating stiff competition for the consumer's protein dollar.

7. Volatility in futures prices caused cattlemen to ask for an investigation. Even though cattlemen still have concerns, an analysis by CFTC and cattle organizations showed no wrongdoing.

8. A record-setting 10-billion-bushel corn crop was harvested. Cattle feeders can look forward to more competitive feed costs in 1995.

9. In a landmark case, livestock odors were declared to be natural and normal by the Texas Supreme Court.

10. Discrepancies between beef and poultry inspection standards concerned cattlemen, prompting several suits against USDA. \*\*\*

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Thanks to everyone near and far who took the time from their busy schedules to wish Herbert well.

A big thank you to all the people of Garza county for the support and encouragement in the past 31 years of service with Garza county. I've enjoyed being your commissioner and wish each of you the very best.

Sincerely,  
Herbert and Lois Walls

Thank you to everyone who made this year's Christmas so special. The children and teachers from the Middle school were so wonderful and to Post Cares and volunteers who brought the food. God bless you all.

Lorene Voyles

We extend a heartfelt thank you to the farmers from Graham Chapel who provided their time and equipment to help us finish stripping our cotton. We want everyone in Graham Chapel Community and the Church of Christ know how much we appreciate your prayers and kindness from the beginning of Dad's illness. We are sure the visits and singing at Golden Plains Care Center has touched Dad's heart and the other residents as well. Now with Wayne's and Nettie's illness, your strength and support can never be forgotten. You will always be in our hearts, and thank you, whoever you are, who sent us money.

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

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Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative (PLTC) has filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) seeking approval to implement rates, terms, and conditions for new OPTIONAL Caller ID Service offerings, including Calling Number Delivery and Anonymous Call Rejection. Caller ID Service will be offered in connection with residence and business single and multiline services where available. This service is not provided in connection with Public and Semi-Public Pay Telephone Services, and trunk side and PBX service. Caller ID is an OPTIONAL service which allows a subscriber to see the phone number (Calling Number Delivery) of most direct dialed local calls and some select long distance calls on a display unit, before they answer the phone. The display unit must be provided separately by the subscriber. Anonymous Call Rejection is an OPTIONAL service which permits a subscriber to automatically reject calls from callers who have blocked the delivery of their number. PLTC will also offer per-call and per-line blocking to callers, free of charge.

"Blocking" prevents the caller's number from appearing on the Caller ID display unit. Per-call and per-line blocking will be available when the service is deployed. PLTC will automatically establish per-call blocking free of charge to all customers when Caller ID is offered in their area. Any customer who wishes to block his number on a per-call basis, simply needs to press \*67 on their touch-tone phone or dial 1167 on their rotary phone before dialing the telephone number. Per-line blocking automatically blocks a customer's number on every call without the need to press \*67 or dial 1167. Per-line blocking will be offered at no charge to anyone, upon receipt by the PUC of written certification by the customer of a compelling need for per-line blocking. PLTC will be sending each customer a postage prepaid per-line blocking request before Caller ID will be offered. All requests for per-line blocking will automatically be granted free of charge. It is not necessary to subscribe to Caller ID to have per-call or per-line blocking. Per-call or per-line blocking will display a message such as "private" or "anonymous" on the Caller ID display unit. Blocking will not be provided on calls from payphones. Detailed information on these services will be sent to each customer

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(1) One nonrecurring Service Establishment Charge per due date, per account is applicable for residential and business customers establishing or changing any of the above named services.

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Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in this proceeding should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the PUC Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256, or (512) 458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf.

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- novel by TX Dan Jenkins: "\_\_\_\_-Tough"
- JFK book: "\_\_\_\_ 109"
- TX dessert: pecan \_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_ in the pan" (one time)
- sponsored women's chilli cook-off in Luckenbach: "The Hell No Fury Society"
- one's life is \_\_\_\_\_ by moving to TX
- TXism: "want \_\_\_\_\_ I could spit" (desire)
- Biblical weed
- San Antonio Fiesta's "Queen \_\_\_\_\_"
- early TX Cherokee chief: "Big \_\_\_\_\_"
- TX tree
- Padre Island is named for one \_\_\_\_\_
- first black person to travel to TX \_\_\_\_\_
- Marshall, TX store featured in 5 films: \_\_\_\_\_ Lindsey Store
- TXism: "fish are always biting \_\_\_\_\_ and tomorrow"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_ mama" (waitress)
- Bob Lilly was All-\_\_\_\_\_
- Hummel Museum in New Braunfels has \_\_\_\_\_-like figurines
- this TX Jewison was 1st black woman in space (92)
- LBJ sang a \_\_\_\_\_ with his dog, Yuki
- TX Willie started by singing \_\_\_\_\_ music
- former senator Bentsen
- Houston AM radio
- TXism: "put \_\_\_\_\_ shut up"
- \_\_\_\_\_ de cologne
- in 1890s, TX ranchers used the \_\_\_\_\_ of a fence as a telephone line
- TXism: "we ironed \_\_\_\_\_ differences" (agreed)
- TX Lyle Lovett's home town
- Gulf transport: \_\_\_\_\_ boat
- members of TX Nurses Assn.
- TXism: "got misery up to my \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "nothing to \_\_\_\_\_" (insignificant)
- walkway
- TX-made "State Fair" was Rodgers \_\_\_\_\_ musical
- this Frank was 1st Texan to play major league ball (int.)
- "hasta \_\_\_\_\_ vista"
- "ban the bomb" \_\_\_\_\_ in Midland
- Billie Sol Estes ran a grain \_\_\_\_\_
- TX Audie Murphy was a \_\_\_\_\_ in WW II
- TXism: "he's lying through \_\_\_\_\_"
- home of "Old Rip" the horned frog: \_\_\_\_\_ land
- to wreck or ruin
- "\_\_\_\_\_ as a bee"
- this Otto directed TX Tierney (int.)
- Hayden \_\_\_\_\_ left TX to coach in Iowa
- cowboys' bolo
- the world watched "Baby Jessica's" \_\_\_\_\_ in Midland
- TX VP Bush's former boss (int.)
- TXism: "he \_\_\_\_\_ his own grave"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ as a peacock"
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# Opinions

## Keep the feds out of our backyard

by Wesley W. Burnett

I was encouraged to read that the Texas legislature may take action to stop the "federals" from crashing through Texans' doors whenever they please. According to a report published in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal (12/21/94), State Senator Warren Chisum (Democrat from Pampa) will introduce legislation in the next session to require federal law enforcement officers to get permission from our sheriff before arresting any Texan. Hallelujah! What a bright spot for individual liberty! Finally, some common sense and a return to constitutional government is in sight.

It is no secret among Texas law enforcement officials that "los federales" have for years over-stepped their authority... all in the name of the "war on drugs" and other high profile campaigns. The most flagrant example of federal abuse of authority was the February 1993 raid on the Branch Davidian compound near Waco.

Under the law proposed by Chisum, this incident would have been avoided, simply by making sure that the federal lawmen understand clearly that they must get approval from the county sheriff prior to making an arrest.

In the case at Waco, the McLennan County Sheriff admitted that he could have served the warrant on David Koresh without any violence... he knew Koresh had been there before with a warrant.

In Texas, the county sheriff is the highest law enforcement authority. And federal agents must take seriously the constitutional responsibility Texans place on their sheriffs. And for good reason, the sheriff is an elected official, who stands before the voters every four years. Lest we forget the importance of this, remember, the "federals" who blockaded and rammed their way into the home of the Branch Davidians, using Texas Army National Guard tanks and helicopters, are not responsible to the voters... they are being protected by the federal government, through the U.S. Department of Justice, from responsibility for their actions.

Do you think for a moment that the McLennan County sheriff would have raided that place in the manner that the U.S. government used? If he did, do you think the voters in McLennan County would reelect such a lawman?

Chisum is on the right track. He appears to understand that uncontrolled power by an armed agent of the U.S. government is more dangerous than an invading army. And what we have faced for too many years is the fear of attack from our own government, through its armed agents, disguised as law enforcement officers... whether they wear the uniform of the BATF, IRS or FBI.

Hurrah to Senator Chisum. I agree with him, it is better that our sheriff be the one to come to our house with a warrant, than the "federals" who too often shoot first, ask questions later.

## Barking up the wrong tax-cut tree

by Stephen Chapman

If taxes are the price we pay for a civilized society, then the two parties that fight in Washington are holding a before-Christmas sale, competing to let the American people keep more of their own money. In some ways, this is a welcome development, especially considering their habit of doing just the opposite. But there are two flaws in the push to cut taxes: Now is not the time and this is not the way.

It has been greeted as a token of fiscal heroism that both the administration and congressional Republicans are pledging not to approve any tax reduction that increases the federal deficit. This time, they declare, every tax cut must be paid for in full.

"Not one penny of increase in that deficit," vowed Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen as the administration unveiled a positively Reaganite plan to scale back the federal government. "We will take the savings by cutting spending first, and we're going to put them in the bank," said incoming House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, and then, "we'll draw down the savings count."

Better Bentsen and Kasich should make this promise than none at all, but forgive me if my enthusiasm doesn't get out of control. In the first place, their resolve has yet to be proven. Most of President Clinton's proposed deletions are unspecified and wouldn't take place before 1999, by which time he will probably be finishing his memoirs. The Republicans have yet to come up with their own detailed plan for cutting the budget, a task that is always easier in the abstract than the concrete.

In the second place, the standard of virtue being used by both sides is entirely too lax. When Kasich talks about spending money only after it has been put in the bank, he forgets that the account is already badly overdrawn. The federal government is expected to spend \$162 billion more than it takes in this year, and the gap will only grow in the years ahead.

At the same time the Republicans are talking up a balanced budget amendment, they propose a package of spending and tax cuts that, if we are lucky, will leave the ocean of red ink no deeper than it would be anyway. In Washington, this is the height of fiscal austerity.

If we are not lucky, on the other hand, the tax cuts will be made, the spending cuts will fall by the wayside and the deficit will balloon out of control. Most of

our leaders agree that balancing the budget is a good idea. That being so, we ought to balance it before we cut taxes — because we are not likely to balance it after. Tomorrow's politicians will be no more eager than today's to sacrifice short-term political advantage for long-term needs.

In addition, any effort to reduce the tax burden ought to have a deeper purpose than merely providing short-term political ammunition. The GOP cuts aim solely for maximum crowd appeal, and the ever-pliable president has followed suit.

The Republican plan includes a \$500 per child tax credit, restoring tax incentives for individual retirement accounts and a reduction in the marriage penalty. Clinton's "Middle Class Bill of Rights" has an IRA feature and child credit, though limited to families earning less than \$75,000, and throws in a deduction for college tuition as well.

What both lack is the best feature of the 1981 tax cuts and the 1986 tax reform: sharp reductions in marginal rates. Those previous cuts grew out of the thoroughly sound idea that the best way to promote work, investment and saving is to reduce Washington's cut of every extra dollar you earn. The Republicans are ignoring marginal rates even though they have made a fetish of lamenting Clinton's tax increases — the most notable of which was a boost in the top rate from 31 percent to 39.6 percent.

Their plan also distracts from the broader proposals that congressional Republicans have made — such as New Mexico Sen. Pete Domenici's consumption tax, Texas Rep. Dick Armey's flat tax and incoming House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer's national sales tax. The central point of all these proposals is to encourage activities that create wealth, while dampening the current incentive to consume like there's no tomorrow.

A basic restructuring of the tax code that could reduce our long-run tax burden while generating greater prosperity — that is where the GOP should concentrate its efforts. Transitory fiddling, of the sort in vogue in Washington at the moment, will delay fundamental change and dissipate the energies needed to bring it about. That has doubtless occurred to Democrats who are content with the status quo. It shouldn't elude Republicans who are not.

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## I think I'll just join the French Foreign Legion

by Robert Fulghum

I think I will just run away and join the French Foreign Legion. I've heard men say this at this season of the year — when, once again, they've stepped on the cash and credit land mine of the Ho Ho Ho season. And the leg has hit the fan.

Men who bellow this at home may get a roar back from the family: "Great, he'll help you pack, Jack."

For those in this state of mind, I offer a public-service announcement. A kind of put up or shut up set of facts. At the suggestion of my wife, I have been in contact with le Lieutenant-Colonel Hogard, Chef du Bureau de Recrutement de la Legion Etrangere in Marseilles. Want to join the French Foreign Legion? Here's how.

First, you must go to France at your expense. Race, creed, nationality or language won't disqualify you. Just show up at any one of the 16 recruitment offices (open weekends and holidays). Hint: Pick the office in Nice. Even if the legion doesn't want you, how bad could a few days on the Riviera be?

Second, you must pass the initial tests of aptitude for the Legion, which are:

1. Sound body. Your physical condition must be ready for duty in any climate in the world.
2. Sound mind. You must be mentally capable of following orders.

Also, you must be over 17 and under 40 years of age. So? You may have to wait.

Knowledge of French is not required — you will soon learn all you need to know. "Oui, mon sergent," "Non, mon sergent" and "Merdement." The last is French term for maximum excrement.

Third, you must understand that the Legion is not a hiding place for unhappy lovers, fallen noblemen or derelict criminals. They are "neither mercenaries nor outlaws, but men of action — Elite Soldiers with young, dynamic spirits, ever prepared to do its required duty." Are you sure this is you?

If so, and if you pass further medical, physical and mental tests, you will receive a five year contract. The contract is permanent. Whatever you do or they do, you're their guy for five years.

They are careful to note that a legionnaire receives free food, shelter, clothes and health care. Legionnaire style. But of course. Plus pay. Exactly 1,500 francs a month. That's about \$250. However, the recruitment brochure states, "All money received must be considered savings." Which is the polite French way of telling you that you won't have a chance to spend it, anyhow.

You are free to choose a new name, by the way. And the Legion will never tell anybody who or where you are. Your past is erased. Now you are only a legionnaire. You will take an oath to serve the Legion, not France. The Legion's motto is "Legion Patria Nostra" ("The Legion is our Fatherland").

During your five years of service, you may receive training in a trade, as may be required by the Legion. All the obvious things an army might need are listed: radio operator, vehicle driver, mechanic and so on. But they also will train you as a musician, medic, cook, photographer, sport instructor, diver or cartoonist. I assure you I am quoting directly from the brochure. What kind of cartoonist do they need in the French Foreign Legion?

Forget the North African fort in the sand dunes image, by the way. The Legion left Africa at the end of colonialism. Now you will serve in places like Southern France, Corsica, French Guyana and Tahiti. Not bad.

## Recovering our liberties

by Walter E. Williams

"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people." That's the clear message of the now-meaningless 10th Amendment to our Constitution.

California has joined Colorado, Missouri, Hawaii and Illinois in asserting 10th Amendment rights, demanding that the federal government cease and desist all mandates and interferences exceeding those delegated by the Constitution. Under the leadership of state Sen. Dan Rogers, a resolution claiming state sovereignty under the 10th Amendment won approval in the California Assembly by a vote of 54 to 12 and in the state Senate by 22 to 9. Similar resolutions, in protest against the heavy-handed mandates and edicts of Congress, are in the introductory or drafting stage in 12 other states.

Were it not for the 10th Amendment, our founders would have never ratified the Constitution. They correctly feared the development and consolidation of a powerful and meddlesome federal government. In "The Federalist Papers," James Madison explained Washington's role: "The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the state governments are numerous and indefinite. The former will be exercised principally on external objects, as war, peace, negotiation and foreign commerce... The powers reserved to the several states will extend to all the objects which in the ordinary course of affairs concern the lives and liberties, and properties of the people, and the internal order, improvement and prosperity of the state."

The meaning of the 10th Amendment is clear. Our power-hungry Congress and derelict Supreme Court have allowed Madison's vision to be stood on its head. Today, the powers of the federal government are "numerous and indefinite," and those of the state are "few."

The 10th Amendment movement may be America's last chance to peacefully get Congress to obey the Constitution. Politicians have seriously underestimated public anger and are blind to the rebellion spreading across the land. In response to the heavy hand of the U.S. Forest Service, New Mexico's Catron County officials enacted the 10th Constitution as a county ordinance and put federal officials on notice that, before they even dared to breathe in Catron County, they'd better show up at the supervisor's meeting to get permission. Following Catron County's lead, five other New Mexico counties, every Utah county, and Clark County and Siskiyou County in Nevada have begun resisting congressional and bureaucratic tyranny.

Tens of thousands of Americans are discussing the formation of armed militia units. These are not kooks but law-abiding people who wish to be left alone by an increasingly illegitimate and meddlesome government. The government response is predictable. According to an Albuquerque Tribune (8/3/93) report, U.S. Forest Service Ranger Mike Gardner told Catron citizens, maybe with Waco on his mind, "What are you guys arming against? A 30-30 (rifle) won't do any good against Bradley fighting vehicles and attack helicopters." Gardner should have been reminded that earlier patriots took on Great Britain, the mightiest nation at that time, and won.

## Letters to the editor...

### Fixing our broken welfare system

by Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

This country's welfare system has few defenders. If there is consensus on any single issue confronting government today, it is that welfare is broken — and must be fixed.

The primary flaw in our welfare system is that it encourages those in need of help to make bad choices. Welfare pays people not to work, it pays them not to marry. The system pays young women to drop out of school and have children. No responsible individual would presume to help others by rewarding them for counterproductive behavior. Neither should government.

Complicating any search for true welfare reform is the diversity of the problem. The conditions of poverty differ from city to city and from state to state. The federal government cannot and should not attempt to impose one model of welfare reform.

A far better approach, and one I believe will ultimately be adopted, is for the federal government to allow individual states the flexibility to find their own solutions.

The federal government could simply provide states with block grants to underwrite their welfare programs. Or, under a proposal which Congress will begin debating early next session, the states would assume control and responsibility for programs currently directed from the top down by the federal government: Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Food Stamps and the Women, Infants and Children program. We should let the states serve, to paraphrase a famous jurist, as laboratories for welfare reform. And they would be experimenting with their own money.

Under this "swap" proposal, state funding to operate welfare programs would be freed up by the federal government assuming a greater share of Medicaid funding (currently a partially unfunded state mandate), eventually taking over Medicaid completely.

In implementing this swap, the federal government should allow states a maximum amount of leeway. The states should be free to set the rules they believe useful. For instance, states should be allowed to require work or school attendance of beneficiaries. States could be permitted to set a time limit on paying benefits. They could require a mother to identify the father of her child to child support enforcement agencies before receiving benefits. They could require beneficiaries to participate in job training, refuse to pay benefits for additional children born to a mother on welfare, limit new residents' benefits and/or require recipients addicted to alcohol or drugs to participate in rehabilitation programs. With such decentralization, the states could pick and choose from a number of options depending on their particular needs. This is the quickest way to determine what approach is most effective.

We must incorporate incentives into our welfare system which encourage responsible behavior. This is a challenge which states can best accomplish. The role of the federal government in welfare reform ought to be benign, not arbitrary. As has been the case with many other reforms in our society, welfare reform will have to come from the bottom up to be successful.

*Editor's Note: Senator Hutchison is on the right track, but she misunderstands the meaning of the U.S. Constitution's 10th Amendment... the federal government does not "allow" states to do anything... the Constitution sets the parameters for government authority... not the federal government. The federal government, created by the states through the Constitution, gets its marching orders and its authority from the states and the people.*

### Words of wisdom

"...When all government... in little as in great things, shall be drawn to Washington as the centre of all power, it will render powerless the checks provided by one government on another and will become as venal and oppressive as the government from which we separated" (Thomas Jefferson, 1821).

### The Bill of Rights

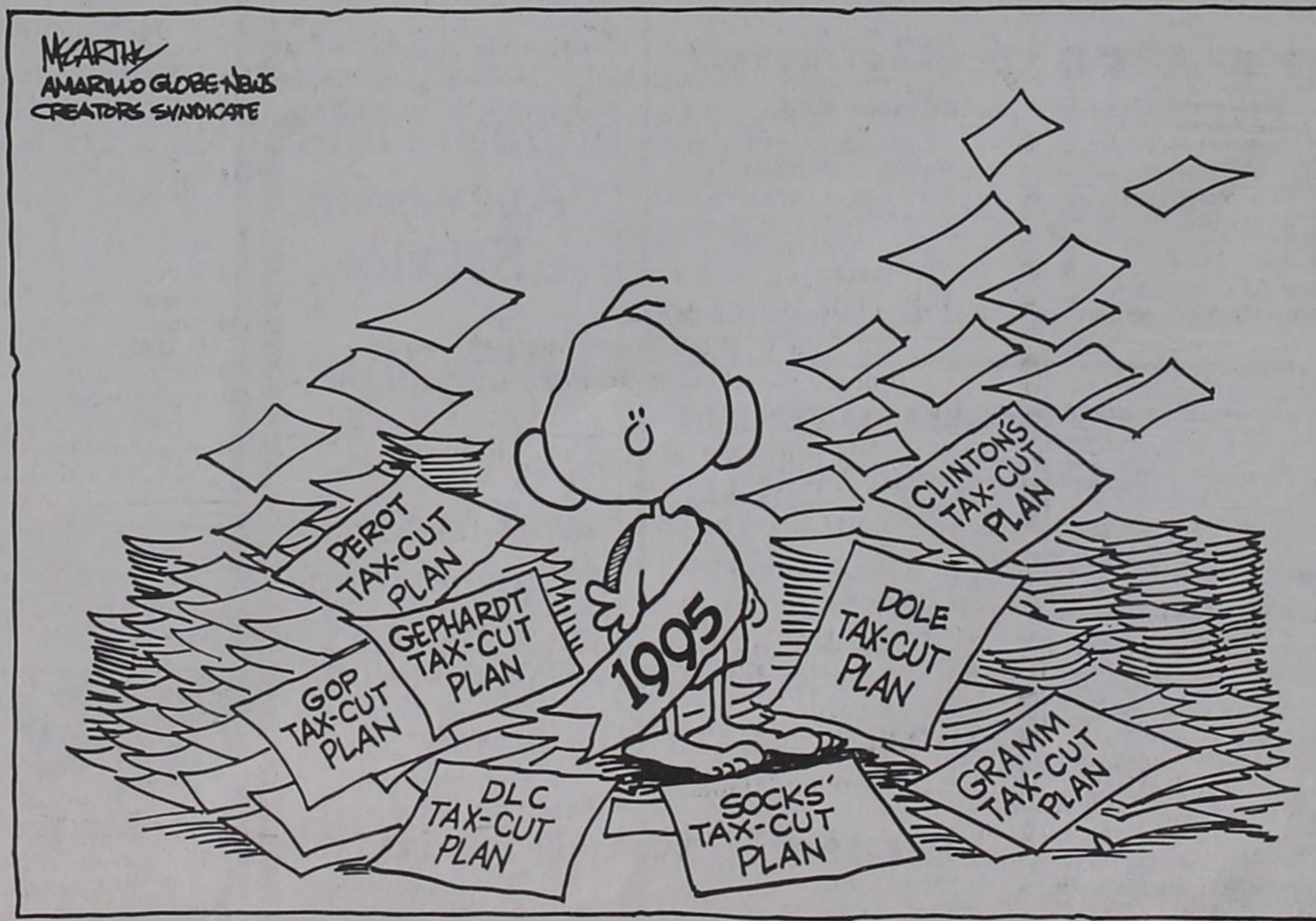
As provided in the first ten amendments to the Constitution of the United States — effective December 15, 1791.

#### Preamble

The conventions of a number of the States having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government, will best insure the beneficent ends of its institution.

#### Article 2

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.





Lance Gill of Post (far right) was among 31 South Plains College students who were recognized as recipients of scholarships from the South Plains Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute during a luncheon held at the college recently. Also recognized were Andrew Weaver of Snyder, Mark Jones of Slaton and Ron Wharton of Slaton. Since 1970, a total of 660 students have attended South Plains College with an API scholarship.

## Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

10 Years Ago  
Dec 28, 1984

Sherry Riedel was named Artist of the month by the Post Art Guild.

Visiting in the home of Harold Voss for the holidays were Mrs. Hazel Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Davis, E.E. Gradine, and Ronnie, Voda Beth, Arim and Vondi Gradine.

Steve Traw was elected president of the Post Cares Group.

20 years ago  
Dec 23, 1974

Frank Runkles retires January 1 as Boy Scout camp ranger.

Linda Kay Mueller was an honored participant recently at the Sembradores Club meeting in Monterey, Mexico.

Coach and Mrs. John Morrow hosted a Christmas dinner Tuesday evening in their home for the varsity team of the Post Does and their managers.

30 years ago  
Dec 31, 1964

The Charlie Bowen family of Morton and the Tom Copelands spent Christmas in Post with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bowen.

New births this week are Kristi Renee Boulware, born December 27, and Harlan Ross Morrison, born December 26, both at Garza Memorial Hospital. Ronald Lew Bouchier, Jr. was born December 23 in Methodist hospital in Lubbock.

Freddy Huff broke his leg Christmas day.

40 years ago  
Dec 30, 1954

A 5 inch snow in Post Tuesday puts moisture in the soil.

Miss Helen Walker has accepted a position as music teacher in the new Post Junior High School.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Gilmore and family were the Arlie Gilmores of Cotton Center.

50 years ago  
Dec 28, 1944

The Post basketball teams won two out of three games with Southland Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. McCrary spent the holidays in Ft. Worth with their son and family. They were accompanied by Mrs. H. G. Smith.

A delightfully informal party was thoroughly enjoyed by the War Wives Club last week when Mrs. R. S. Davis was hostess to the group.

Next week at the Garza theater you can see "Ride Ranger Ride" with Gene Autry, "Lost in a Harem" with Bud Abbott and Lou Costello and "Louisiana Hayride" with Judy Canova.

### A weight bench for the grandparents?

You are never too old to start pumping iron.

We lose muscle tone as we age, according to Dr. Jere Mitchell, professor of internal medicine and physiology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"You may weigh the same amount at 61 that you did at 21, but your body composition is quite different because you lose skeletal muscle mass," Mitchell said.

"Older people should do some kind of low-intensity exercise and use some light weights. By increasing your strength, you're less likely to fall and you're able to do your daily activities."

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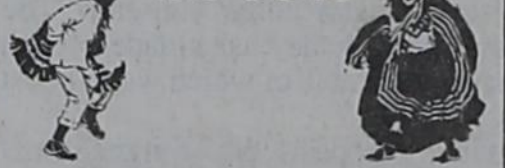
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### My New Year's resolution is...

Billy Williams

Well, here we are once more. It's time to evaluate 1994 and set our new goals for 1995. In many conversations the resolution ranting has already begun. "I must loose weight! I AM going to get into shape. I'm going to really study this next semester." Many reflect on their monetary situation and resolve. "This is the year I'm going to pay all my bills and stay out of debt." On and on the list of New Year's resolutions mount up. Nevertheless, characteristically, the sad element of New Year's resolutions is next year the identical resolutions need to be made again.

Whether we fail or succeed, meet the challenge or fall short, I've frequently wondered why we make resolutions to begin with. Why do we place a high priority on resolving to do better at something at the onset of the new year?

The answer, no doubt, is because it is a new beginning. A fresh start. The new year is everything that we would want to make it to be. It is a time to commence and not conclude. A time to initiate and not terminate. That's why we do it, because we have a clean slate to work with. But, what is the secret from keeping our resolutions from becoming redundant and meaningless? Primarily, we must keep our resolutions rotating around Christ. If we are to accomplish what we set out to do, we desperately need God's help. The writer of Hebrews sensed this so strongly that he wrote, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time. As we begin to evaluate the past year, we are going to notice the times we soared and the times stumbled, the days we conquered and the days we collapsed, the moments we flourished and the moments we failed. As we begin to appraise the elapsed year, let's not get too discouraged at those instances when we fell short. Instead, let's be resolved that this next year will indeed be a time of new beginnings. As a Christian, we have a special promise that should encourage us during this time of reflection concerning the past and our anticipation concerning the future: "this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before" (Phil. 3:13).

As we prepare to embark upon this new year, let's enter it with a determined drive to accomplish all we can for the betterment of ourselves. Let's resolve to be all we can be for our Lord. We must remember that if we are to achieve our goals in life, that we must be unwavering in our commitment to Christ (cf Phil. 4:13). In order to reach our greatest potential, the center point of our ambitions must be Jesus! The apostle Paul understood this well. All of his hopes, desires, and ambitions were secondary when it came to his longing for the Lord: "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ... That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection" (Phil. 3:7 & 10a).

Remember, if you want your resolutions to be more than repetitious, then make sure they revolve around Jesus.



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