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The Post Dispatch

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Ratke, Yarbrow, Hataway take Democratic primary

Voters in the Democratic Party primary Tuesday, March 12 overwhelmingly named Sheriff Kenny Ratke as their candidate, along with Daniel Yarbrow for constable, Precinct 1 and incumbent Laura "Chita" Hataway as tax assessor/collector. Those were the only contested races on the Garza County ballot.

Ratke picked up 902 votes, compared to 172 for challenger Melvin Britton and 82 for Marcial Salinas.

Hataway collected 759 votes to challenger Irene Fry's 377.

Yarbrow garnered 419 votes in the constable contest, with Bobby Dean getting 180 and Freda Harper trailed with 38.

Other unopposed candidates are Precinct 1 commissioner Lee Norman, Precinct 2 constable Leroy Demming and county chairman Lewis Earl.

Jim Chapman carried Garza County Democrats with 359 votes for U.S. Senator, with Victor M. Morales a distant second with 216. President Bill Clinton outpaced a pack of unknowns with 553 votes. U.S. representative candidate Sam Silverman led with 452 votes over Aaron Alejandro with 271.

Garza County Republicans had no unopposed candidates. Mike Harper will represent the party on the ballot as sheriff and John Harper will carry the Precinct 2 constable position in the November general election. Republicans chose Sen. Bob Dole for their presidential choice and Sen. Phil Gramm for U.S. Senate, Carol Rylander for Texas Railroad Commissioner, James Daniel Boone for Judge Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1, Paul Womack for Judge Court of Criminal Appeals Place 2, Tom Price, Judge Court of Criminal Appeals Place 3, Scott McLaughlin for state representative district 70. A total of 88 votes cast in the primary.

Carolyn Chapman was named as Garza County Republican Party chairman and David Stelzer was chosen as Precinct chairman. At the precinct convention 34 delegates and 34 alternates were named to

attend the county convention, which will be held Saturday, March 30 at Norwest Bank Community Room at 10:30 a.m. Those people chosen as delegates will have voting privileges at the county convention. The convention is open to the public.

Citizens participating in the Libertarian Party will name delegates to the state convention and are expected to nominate unopposed Precinct 1 constable candidate Becky Warren at the county convention Saturday at Rosie's Restaurant at 2 p.m. Any registered voter who did not participate in either the Democratic or Republican primary elections may be considered as a voting delegate to the Libertarian Party state convention by attending Saturday's county convention.

This is the first election in Garza County history with a Libertarian Party candidate to be considered for a local office.

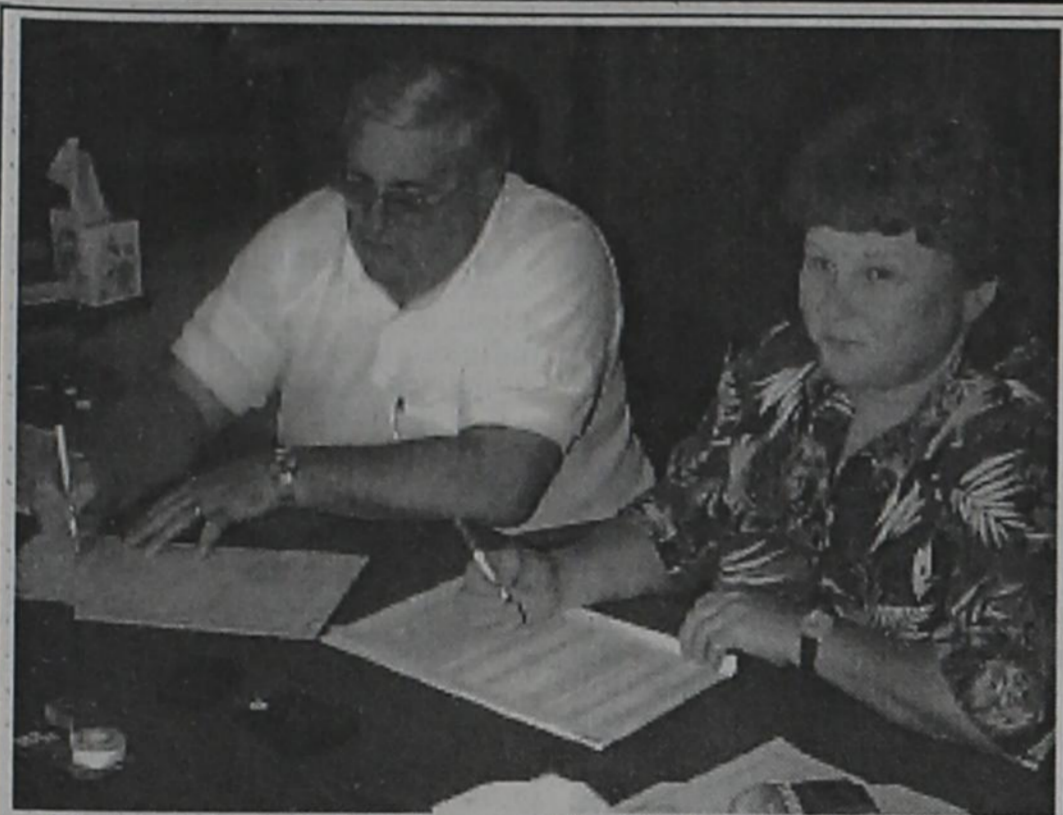
Garza County joins Permian drug task force

by Wes Burnett

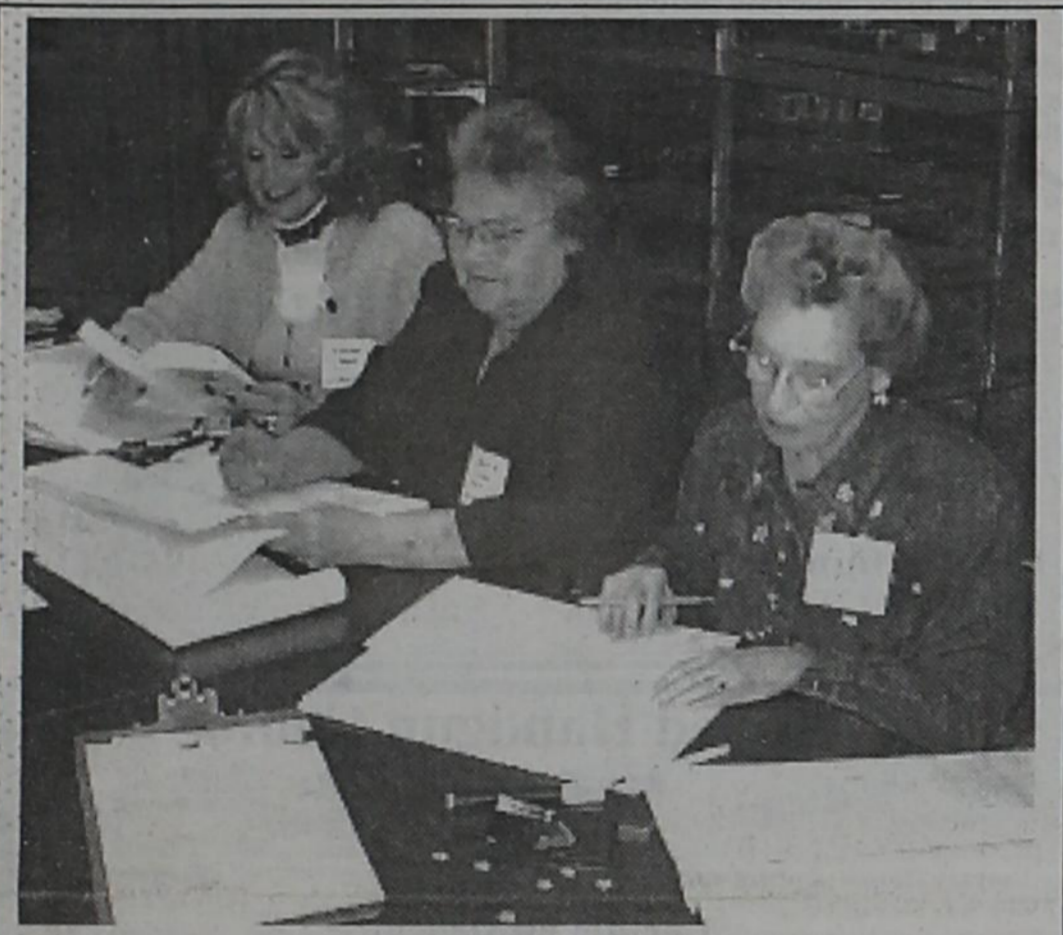
Citing the need for better cooperative efforts and stronger undercover work, Garza County Judge Giles Dalby recommended approving a service agreement with the Permian Basin Drug Task Force, which Sheriff Kenny Ratke had requested. Garza County has historically been associated with Lubbock. Commissioners approved the change.

Other routine matters in the brief Monday morning meeting included authorizing county treasurer Ruth Ann Young to supervise installation of proper lighting for the flag pole so that the American flag may be displayed 24 hours per day.

Attending the meeting were commissioners Royce Josey, Mason McClellan, Lee Norman, Judge Giles Dalby, clerk Sonny Gossett, treasurer Ruth Ann Young and attorney Leslie Acker.



Election volunteers Paul Jones and Ila Workman assist voters at the Democratic Party primary election polling place at the Presbyterian Church Tuesday.



Carolyn Chapman (left to right), Sammie Pollard and Bobbie Tubbs assist voters at the Republican Party primary election polling place Tuesday at Handy Hardware.

Republic of Texas files \$93 trillion claim against U.S. government

by Wesley W. Burnett

Last Saturday at a meeting of the Republic of Texas Provisional Government General Council in Lubbock, chief ambassador and consul general Richard L. McLaren announced that a \$93 trillion claim, secured by liens on occupied property in the geographic boundaries of the republic, had been filed with the U.S. Comptroller of Currency. The claim cites debtors as the corporate U.S. government, Federal Reserve Bank, International Monetary Fund and the Holy See.

McLaren explained that the U.S. government has placed the lands of Texas as collateral for its indebtedness, which violates the sovereignty of the Republic of Texas. "We are going to reclaim our lands and our sovereignty," McLaren declared. The certificate of claim, dated March 6, 1996 cites "For damages and war reparations incurred by the unlawful military government continuing its occupation since March 30, 1870, as further enforced on March 9, 1993, on the Soil of the Republic of Texas."

The actual amount of the claim is \$93,492,827,008,096 "Dollar units of Gold at 24.3 grains per unit Dollar."

McLaren shocked citizens in attendance at the meeting by announcing that the provisional government transitional plan calls for distributing the claim in equal portions to all citizens of the Republic. He said that the total per citizen would be approximately \$5 million.

"We have found their paper and money trail," McLaren told the assembled people, "and we know where the gold is located. They will have great difficulty securing additional loans when the lenders discover the collateral has a claim on it."

The certification outlined the "International Foundation for Claim" by a chronological listing of events:

August 29, 1995 political judgment; November 16, 1995 Texas Supreme Court Case 95-1002; December 13, 1995 International Court Judgment; February 5, 1996 Commercial Lien At Law Filed at Travis County Records at 1216 0004-10; February 5, 1996 UCC Certificate of Debt 96-00021085 filed with the Secretary of State of the "State of Texas," February 28, 1996 Texas Grand Jury Indictment No. 1; March 2, 1996 Default Judgment of Common Law Writ of Quo Warranto under the law of nations and March 6, 1996 Affidavit for Certification of Claim with Exhibits.

Citing the urgency of completing the legal process, McLaren proposed to the general council that officers meet March 18 with assembled citizens on the capitol grounds in Austin to bring the final legal chapter to a close by presenting the vacate and eviction demand in person to Governor George W. Bush. "Time is running out for us," McLaren declared, "and we are going to tell Mr Bush that his time

has run out too."

"Some have called for delay, but I say, why should we wait until the U.S. government collapses and goes bankrupt? I say we press on, we have followed the law to the letter, we are right and they know it, and we must finish this duty before it is too late," McLaren said.

Mr Bush was served with a default judgment from the Milam District, Tarrant County Common Law Court of Pleas "Notice to Vacate, Notice of Eviction," dated March 6, 1996. McLaren said that Mr Bush's legal counsel personally accepted the court order without comment, "but they did smile," McLaren commented.

The Common Law Court of Pleas order reads:

"In accordance with the law of nations and the laws of the Republic of Texas, a Sovereign Nation Body Politic Eminent Domain on the Soil of Texas, you are hereby served lawful Notice to Vacate/Notice of Eviction to comply with the demands of a Texas Grand Jury True Bill of Indictment, dated February 28, 1996, and a default Judgment, dated March 2, 1996, or within 5 days face further legal action under the law of nations and the laws of the Republic of Texas."

McLaren called for 10,000 citizens to meet in Austin to demonstrate support for "taking back our land, our resources and our government." McLaren said that the council will offer Mr Bush the opportunity to sign an agreement to work peacefully toward implementing the provisional government transition plan. The resolution also calls for all provisional government officers to relinquish their offices and duties, to allow the people of Texas to elect their own delegates to serve on the transitional council.

Citizens are to meet on the south side of the capitol grounds near the

State officials offer no explanation

by Wes Burnett

Telephone calls to state leaders Monday offered no explanations as to why the State of Texas has failed to respond to various court challenges by the Republic of Texas provisional government.

Gov. George W. Bush's media representative Ray Sullivan said, "they have no standing for summons to the governor." When I read the court indictment and default judgment, he replied, "that court has no authority over the governor." I asked for a definitive legal explanation for why the common law court had no jurisdiction, to which Sullivan said "I'll get back to you on that." As of press time, there has been no more communication from the Governor's office.

State Senator John Montford's office issued a terse, "the senator has no statement to make."

State Representative David Counts said he knew nothing about it.

McLaren informed me that at a meeting last week with Governor Bush's legal counsel, McLaren emphasized that "on March 18 we will be back to complete this process, and we expect the governor to follow the law, as we have done."

Post Notes

Rotary Club to hold broom sale

The Post Rotary Club Annual Broom Sale fund raising event will be held Tuesday, March 26th, at West Main and Broadway from 8 a.m. til 5 p.m.

School Volunteers

Post High School is asking for volunteers to serve on its campus site-based decision-making team. Volunteers will be needed to be able to participate in several meetings throughout the year. These participants are needed from business and community sectors as well as parents. Two will be selected from each of these areas. The four volunteers from business and community may not have children in school. Please contact the high school office at 495-2770 with your interest to serve.

Bicycle safety program March 30

The Garza County Sheriff's office will again sponsor their annual bicycle safety program on Saturday, March 30th at the Post Middle School gym. Two bicycles will be given away as will 24 safety helmets. Watch the Post Dispatch for more details in weeks to come.

"Spring Day at the Algerita"

The Post Art Guild is having our fourth annual "Spring Day at the Algerita." There will be an heirloom egg auction, style show and luncheon. You can come to the early lunch, 11-12:15 or the late lunch, 12:30-1:45. Accessory Touch and Lily Dales will be providing the style show. Tickets are \$5 and can be obtained by calling 495-4000, 495-2980 or 495-3493. The show will be held on April 5 at the Algerita Art Center. For more information call Sheri Riedel.

VFW to hold 50th anniversary

The Post VFW will hold its 50th anniversary celebration on Sunday, March 31st, starting at 5:30 p.m. The event will be for members and their wives.

55/Alive Mature Driving Classes

55/Alive Mature Driving Classes to be held at the Garza County Trail Blazers, March 14th & 15th. Call the Senior Citizens Center at 495-2998 for details. These classes will qualify you for discount on insurance. Registration fee is \$8 per person.

Traditional Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony at City Park March 22

The Post City Park on the south side of town just off US Hwy 84, will be the site at sunrise March 22 for the annual Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony with "Chief" Frank Runkles leading the traditional Plains Indian ritual. "Chief" Runkles will test the winds at sunrise to predict crop success for the coming year.

Those interested in observing the full preparations should be at the south side of South Lake no later than 6:30 a.m. Entrance and parking is at the County Service Building just off the Snyder Hwy south of town.

Breakfast will be served at the Hotel Garza at 302 E. Main St. following the ceremony. The menu includes sausage, biscuits, gravy, orange juice and coffee, at \$4 per person. Proceeds from the event will benefit programs of the Post Chamber of Commerce.

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Quiet week recorded at sheriff's office

By Becky Warren
The Garza County sheriff's office was quiet this week receiving only 59 calls.

On March 5 a 20 year old male was arrested for theft over \$50 and under \$500. He was released on a \$5,000 bond. A 33 year old male was arrested on a bench warrant and is still being held. A 59 year old male was arrested on a bench warrant and was transferred to Lubbock County. Also a 39 year old male was arrested for disorderly conduct and public

intoxication. He was released on two \$230 bonds and a continuance agreement.

On March 10 a 22 year old male was arrested for disorderly conduct and is still being held. A 26 year old male was arrested for disorderly conduct and was released after he laid out his fine of \$232. Also a 24 year old male was arrested for disorderly conduct and fighting in public. He was released after paying \$232 in fines and court costs and a continuance agreement.



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Elton and Mary Lee celebrate anniversary

Elton and Mary Lee celebrated fifty years of marriage March 8, 1996. They were honored with a supper given by their daughters Belinda Byrd of Crosbyton and Brenda Prather of Post.

Those attending the supper at Santa Fe in Lubbock were son-in-laws Edward Byrd of Crosbyton and Rex Prather of Post, granddaughters Tamara Byrd of Crosbyton, and Vanessa Byrd of Lubbock and grandson Heath Hines of Lubbock. Also attending was Robert Baldree of Lubbock.

Not able to attend was their grandson Shawn Hines of Abilene.

Marilyn Bell, Jeff Lashaway announce engagement

Mrs. Jeanette Bell is proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Marilyn Lynett to Jeffrey Lashaway. Marilyn is the daughter of Jeanette Bell and the late Dennis Bell of Post. Jeff is the son of Mr and Mrs Ray Lashaway of Andrews.

Marilyn is a 1991 graduate of Post High School and a 1994 graduate of Methodist School of Nursing. She is currently employed at Methodist Children's Hospital of Lubbock.

Jeff is a 1988 graduate of McCamey High School and a 1994 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is presently engaged in farming and plans to attend Texas Tech School of Law in the fall.

The couple will exchange wedding vows April 20, 1996 at the First Baptist Church in Post.

Garza Healthtalk

by Danny Guthrie, RN

One of the most frequent problems that we see as healthcare providers in Garza County is the lack of adequate fluid intake, especially in children. Some of the most common signs and symptoms are stomach pain, vomiting, and an irritable bowel.

The total body weight consists of 45% to 75% body water depending on age and sex. Young children have the highest percentage of body water for total body weight. Therefore, it is easy to see why sufficient water intake is very important.

One of the primary functions of the large intestine, or colon, is the absorption of water. If the body is lacking in sufficient fluid, which is termed dehydration, the colon will reabsorb a greater amount of water, thus leaving the stool hardened. This will cause constipation, or the inability to pass stool, causing general discomfort including the signs and symptoms stated above. When left untreated, dehydration and/or constipation may lead to further complications.

Normal fluid intake for an adult is from 2000 milliliters to 3000 milliliters, or 67 ounces to 100 ounces per day. A child's intake may be somewhat less depending on size. A normal healthy body will lose this much fluid per day. The body's intake

must equal the output in order to prevent dehydration. Output consists of losses from the kidneys, skin, lungs, feces, and lesser amounts from tears and saliva. Things that affect output are metabolic rate, external temperature and humidity, and physical activities.

The most common excuses for insufficient fluid intake are "I don't think about getting a drink," or "I wasn't allowed to get a drink." The intent of this article is to remind individuals that sufficient fluid intake is crucial for a healthy lifestyle.

It is important for the parents of young children to remind them to drink fluids throughout the day. It is also important for teachers to remind and allow, especially the younger children, to get a sufficient amount of water intake throughout the day. This may even prevent some absent days from school by eliminating complications of dehydration and constipation.

For older children and adults, keep in mind that the body consists of a large percentage of body weight, and it is important for remembering to drink a sufficient amount of fluids each day.

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The use of a ring as an engagement token comes from the ancient custom of using a ring to seal an important agreement.

Tax 'n Facts by Terri Cash, CPA

Documenting Deductions

With luck, you'll never be audited, never have to prove you deserve the tax deductions you've claimed. But it's best to be prepared -- and the rules are tougher now.

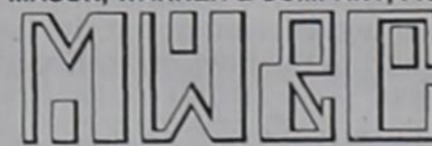
Canceled checks are not enough any more to document charitable deductions. If you give \$250 or more to a charity, you must have a written acknowledgement from the charity, receipting either the amount of cash or the description of a non-cash contribution and, if appropriate, a good-faith estimate of the value of any goods or services you got for it.

Those who contribute through deductions from pay -- more than \$250 from one paycheck -- will need a pledge card or other documentation saying that no goods and services were given in exchange. The employer can prepare this at the charity's direction.

Where donations are "bundled" by the company, checks should be made payable to the charity, not the company, so the charity can identify donors who should get extra substantiation.

What can you deduct? What do you need to prove it? Talk to the tax people at:

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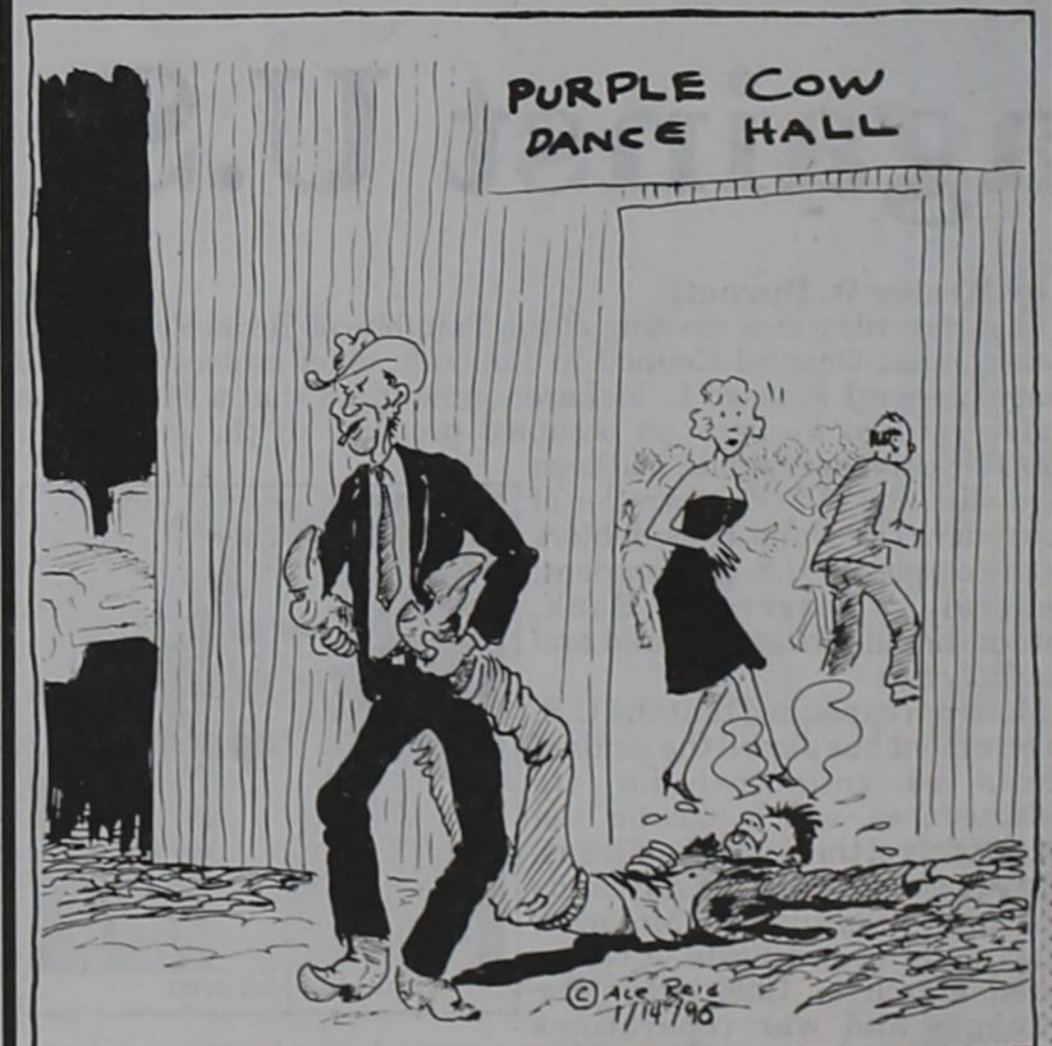
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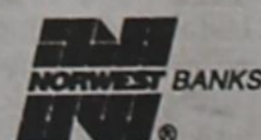
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By Ace Reid



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by Wanda Mitchell, Post Chamber of Commerce

You would be surprised how many letters we receive every week from students in other towns and cities requesting information about Post. Most of the time, it is for a report in social studies or geography or history.



I got a letter this morning from a young man in Austin that I had sent a lot of stuff to and he not only wrote a very nice thank you note, he also sent a picture of himself and his project.

His name is Jason Lockhart and he told me he got an A+ for the project. Now these folks are potential tourists for our town and I'll bet you that one day when he can, Jason visits Post, Texas.

I saw an article in the San Angelo Standard Times last weekend that I thought might be of some interest because of the 1/2¢ sales tax issue. It was titled, "Half-cent Sales Tax Boon for Texas Cities" and read as follows: Texas cities with sales tax funds dedicated to economic development, including a few in West Texas, are prospering. The latest Perryman Texas Letter reported how several cities are using the incentive. Information came from the Texas Economic Development Center.

Amarillo is spending \$8.5 million a year. It doled out \$40 million on 47 projects in the last five years, including a \$75 million expansion at Owens-Corning Fiberglass.

Borger recruited a light airplane maker from New Mexico.

Childress opened its only movie theatre and refurbished several

aging buildings. Big Spring enlarged its manufacturing base by 389 jobs, and attracted an outlet mall project.

Abilene receives \$4.6 million annually. It used \$1.6 million to refurbish the U.S. Postal Service Encoding Center and \$2.5 million to renovate the Cummins Power Generator recently.

In all, 256 Texas cities have passed the half-cent sales tax measure aimed at luring new business to town or helping existing businesses expand.

Those towns are projected to collect \$137 million in 1996, averaging \$520,000 per town.

The majority of cities with the half-cent sales tax are towns of less than 50,000 people. Most are in Northeast Texas, South Texas, the Panhandle and the Metroplex and eastward.

The extra tax costs consumers an average of 41¢ a week, or \$21.50 annually based on the typical person buying \$4300 a year in goods subject to local taxes.

These last figures would be doubled for Post since our City Council opted to go for the full 1¢ tax with 1/2¢ going to property tax reduction, 1/4¢ to 4A which is economic development and 1/4¢ to 4B which has a much broader base in: infrastructure, parks, sports areas, etc.

However, you can vote for just 4A tied to the property reduction tax which would be .075¢ or you could vote for 4B alone which would be .025¢.

Each person just needs to look at what they really think Post needs and vote accordingly. The Chamber of Commerce office would be glad to give anyone interested the literature on these issues.

Have a good week and don't forget to... Take Pride and Take Part in Post!!!

Girls place third at Antelope Relays

The Lady Lopes finished third at the 1996 Antelope Relays held last Saturday. The girls had a total of 103 points. They finished behind first place Brownfield with 109 points and second place Shallowater with 107 points.

"It was a good first meet for us. I was a little disappointed in a couple of areas and we had typical first meet jitters in a few areas, but all in all I am extremely proud of our efforts throughout the meet. As always we had tremendous help from our community in running off this meet. They did a superb job once again in helping make this the best meet around. My hat is off to Jay Pollard and the Antelope Booster Club for the fine meal that they served the coaches and workers," said coach Billy Gordon.

Those placing from Post were:

First Place:
Tasha Gilbert, 300 M. Hurdles, 51.09;
Hanna Jefferson, 200 M. Dash, 27.81;
Torrice Foster, Tasha Gilbert, Hanna Jefferson and Angela Jefferson, 1600 M. Relay, 4:23.16.

Second Place:
Torrice Foster, Long Jump, 14'11 1/2";
Jody Hawkins, 100 M. Hurdles, 18.16.

Third Place:
Sharla Cruse, Shot, 31'11 1/4";

Sharla Cruse, Discus, 98'10 1/2";
Torrice Foster, 100 M. Dash, 13.71;
Kendly Jefferson, Rhonda Jefferson, Erica Gomez and Angela Jefferson, 800 M. Relay, 1:57.59.

Fourth Place:
Army Gradine, 100 M. Hurdles, 18.99.

Sixth Place:
Nikki Pollard, Discus, 87'3 1/2";
Aleida Marin, 3200 M. Run, 13:56.86.

Others participating were Nichole Cruse, Kristen Webb, Flora Gomez, Amber Wilborn, Rachelle Jones, Jenny Conolly, Rachel Reiter and Jennifer Strawn.

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VFW and Ladies' Auxiliary of Post 6797 hosted the District VII convention February 18 at the VFW hall. Post Commander Chuck Ratliff (standing) welcomed visitors from Ralls, Spur, Slaton, Brownfield, Seminole, Levelland and Lubbock. Approximately 100 people attended the convention. A memorial was given and a dinner served. Door prizes were awarded before the meeting began. Ratliff and Auxiliary president JoAnn Stelzer also welcomed District Commander and President John Severson and Zenoha Cumbie.

Protect your rights! "Render" your taxable property by April 15th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you own or controlled on January 1st of this year. The rendition form is available at your local appraisal district office... or you may fax it to us.

Who must file a rendition?
You must file a rendition if you own taxable personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business.

Are there any advantages to you?
The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district believes the value is higher, it must notify you in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 1995. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 1996.

What's the deadline?
The last day for filing 1996 renditions is Monday, April 15. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be postmarked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 15 deadline.

Where do you file?
File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

Garza Central Appraisal District
124 E. Main, P.O. Drawer F
Post, Texas 79356
(806) 495-3518

For more information stop by your appraisal district and pick up:
"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities"
Or contact:
Comptroller's Property Tax Division
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When is the application deadline?
If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 1996 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

Do you need to reapply annually?
If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

For more information, call or come by:

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Post, Texas 79356
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"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities"
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¿Debo solicitarla cada año?
No. Si Ud. recibió una exención de residencia en 1995, no hay necesidad de solicitarla de nuevo en 1996—al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención en su residencia actual... o si el cambio de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para 1996. Y si cumplió los 65 años en su residencia en 1995, tendrá que solicitar las exenciones adicionales.

¿Donde y cuando debo solicitar mis exenciones?
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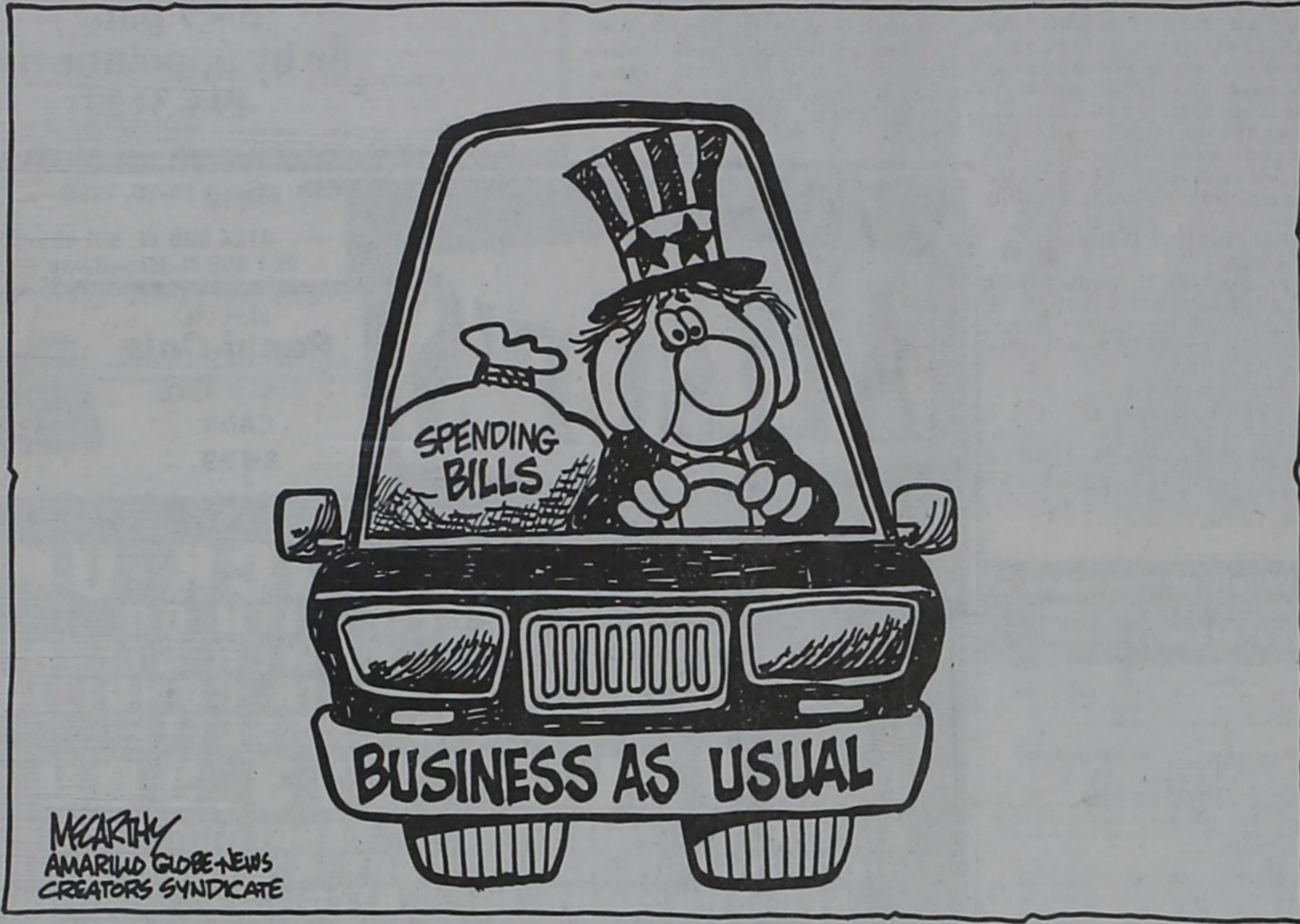
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Opinions



Sometimes, even the innocent are guilty

by Stephen Chapman

Tina Bennis is not a lucky woman. She had an 11-year-old Pontiac sedan that she and her husband, John, had recently bought for the sum of \$600. One day, her loving spouse drove it to work at a steel mill and, on his way home, stopped in a disreputable section of Detroit to share a tender moment with a lady of the evening in the front seat of the car.



Sharp-eyed constables arrested him and charged him with "gross indecency."

After he was convicted, the state of Michigan confiscated the car as a public nuisance. The husband, who was worthless, she got back; the car, which still had some value, she lost.

Bennis objected, since she had committed no crime but had suffered from one. She asked to be paid the value of her share of the car, but the authorities refused. She appealed all the way to the Supreme Court. Monday, by a 5-4 vote, the court said innocence is no defense.

In "a long and unbroken line of cases," wrote Chief Justice William Rehnquist, "this court has held that an owner's interest in property may be forfeited by reason of the use to which the property is put even though the owner did not know that it was to be put to such use."

Bennis is the latest victim of a law-enforcement tool that has become the rage in recent years: confiscating property. Used mainly in drug cases, civil forfeiture has the advantage of allowing police to punish suspected offenders without first getting a conviction or even an indictment—and to put the burden on the suspects to prove their innocence.

It has the additional charm of letting the cops obtain valuables from other people, such as Tina Bennis, who are not even suspected of doing anything wrong. In some places, police and prosecutors get to keep the loot, either to use in undercover work or to finance their own operations.

Even the conservative Supreme Court has found fault with this approach. In 1993, after a man convicted of selling two ounces of cocaine was relieved of his mobile home and auto body shop, worth \$400,000, the justices unanimously agreed that such penalties could violate the Constitution's ban on "excessive fines." That same year, they ruled that if the government wanted to seize a house given to a woman by her drug-dealing boyfriend, it had to at least give her a chance to show that she didn't know it was bought with illicit funds.

On these narrow and somewhat technical issues, the justices managed to see the unfairness of this overreaching brand of law enforcement. But, on the slam-dunk issue before them this time, a majority was blind to the obvious wrong being inflicted on a thoroughly guiltless bystander. In 1993, it said a forfeiture could amount to an excessive fine. "For someone who's innocent," says University of Chicago law professor Albert Alschuler, "you'd think any fine would be excessive."

The practice of seizing property for crimes that may be unknown to the owner goes back to colonial maritime cases, such as smuggling contraband on ships. As Justice Anthony Kennedy noted in his dissent, it evolved "from the necessity of finding some source of compensation for injuries done by a vessel whose responsible owners were often half a world away and beyond, the practical reach of the law." Forfeiture of property owned by non-criminals has generally been based on the owner's negligence—itsself a form of guilt.

But John Bennis was well within reach of the law, and the state could have simply fined him \$300 to achieve the same punishment as the forfeiture. No one ever claimed that his wife was negligent in letting him drive her car—which, as co-owner, he had a perfect right to drive without her permission. How is a wife supposed to know that her mate is polluting her vehicle with fallen women? How is she supposed to prevent it?

If Tina Bennis can lose her car because her husband committed a single illegal act in it without her knowledge or consent, all sorts of innocent people should be nervous. Justice John Paul Stevens, who voted against the majority's ruling, scanned the broad new horizon: "Some airline passengers have marijuana cigarettes in their luggage; some hotel guests are thieves; some spectators at professional sporting events carry concealed weapons; and some hitchhikers are prostitutes."

Can the government now seize a hotel or a football stadium merely because the owners failed to prevent illegal acts that they didn't condone and knew nothing about? Can it confiscate your house because, while you were out for the evening, your teen-ager was caught smoking dope on the patio? It's hard to see why not.

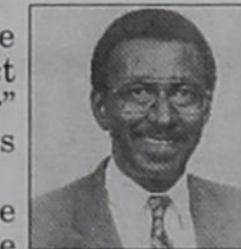
Treating the innocent the same as the guilty doesn't exactly comport with our usual notions of fairness and justice. But it sure simplifies law enforcement.

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Visible beneficiaries vs. invisible victims

by Walter E. Williams

International trade has surfaced as an issue because of Pat Buchanan's campaign promise to protect American businesses and workers against "unfair" foreign competition. Trade issues are fertile grounds for demagoguery, so let's look at it.



Regardless of protectionist rhetoric, the bottom-line objective and result of import restrictions is to enable domestic companies to charge higher prices than they could in the presence of open competition with foreign producers. Protected companies earn higher profits. Their workers can demand higher wages and keep their jobs.

Without a doubt, there are benefits to import restrictions. During the 1980s, the Reagan administration caved in to U.S. steel industry pressure to impose import restrictions on "cheap" foreign steel. Professor Arthur T. Denzau, of St. Louis' Washington University, published a report showing that those restrictions saved 17,000 jobs in the steel industry. That's a blessed congressional miracle. Before you rush to endorse Pat Buchanan's ideas, you may want to check out the victim side of the equation.

Many American companies use steel. President Reagan's import restrictions led to higher steel prices that raised their production costs.

A minor concrete example of this is the Davis Walker Corp. of Los Angeles—once one of the largest U.S. independent steel-wire producers. After Reagan's trade restrictions, Davis Walker Corp. was forced to buy 60 percent of its steel from domestic producers at higher prices. Its foreign competitors, able to buy cheaper steel, were able to underprice Davis Walker on world markets. The company was forced to close plants in Houston, Dallas, New Orleans, Colorado and Mississippi and eventually went bankrupt.

Companies such as Caterpillar saw their competitive position weakened by having to pay higher steel prices. That's one of the reasons we see so much foreign produced heavy construction equipment.

Denzau says the import restrictions on steel led to a loss of 52,400 jobs in American steel-using industries. How's that for brains? For every job "saved," three were lost.

Pat Buchanan's economic adviser might say, "Williams, the problem was Reagan didn't go far enough. Pat's not going to have such half-measures!" He'd be right. Davis Walker Corp. might have survived if import restrictions had been imposed on steel-wire products entering the United States. Caterpillar wouldn't have suffered losses and layoffs if import restrictions had been imposed on foreign heavy construction equipment. But restrictions on those goods would have driven up their prices, requiring another miracle.

Steel wire and heavy construction equipment are used by American companies to produce other products. Higher prices resulting from trade restrictions would put these companies at a competitive

disadvantage. Then, a Buchanan administration would have to create a miracle for them. The problem facing Pat was insightfully described in Marcus Cook Connelly's play, "Green Pastures," where a frustrated God said to the Angel Gabriel, "Every time I pass a miracle, I have to pass four or five more to catch up with it."

Buchanan's right about Japan's oppressive trade restrictions. As a result of those restrictions, in 1993, Japanese people paid \$7.60 for a spark plug that Americans got for \$1.69. The Japanese pay four times the world price for rice and over \$2,000 for a laser printer that we get for less than \$1,000.

The question for brother Pat is: How smart is it for us to get even with Japan by enacting protectionist policies that make Americans pay high prices too? Or put another way: Suppose you and I were in a rowboat. If I shot a hole in my end of the boat, would you retaliate by shooting a hole in your end of the boat?

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Wisdom Quotes

"Every jury in the land is tampered with and falsely instructed by the judge when it is told it must take (or accept) as the law that which has been given to them, or that they must bring in a certain verdict, or that they can decide only the facts of the case."

Lord Denman, C.J. O'Connell v. R. (1884).

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We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

ARTICLE I

SECTION 5. Each House shall be the judge of the elections, returns and qualifications of its own members, and a majority of each shall constitute a quorum to do business; but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and may be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner, and under such penalties as each House may provide.

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Why prosecutors should support "Fully Informed Jury" (FIJA) legislation

by Fully Informed Jury Association
 Co-Founder Larry Dodge

Larry Dodge holds a Ph.D. in sociology from Brown University, 1992. His doctoral dissertation was a study of community power. He co-founded "FIJA" in 1989, and has been educating Americans in their rights, powers, and responsibilities as jurors since then.

Part Three (Continued from Last Week)

Is that a problematic prediction? I don't see it as such. Gambling and prostitution are already legally tolerated in Nevada, while there are cities next door in California where one can be cited for parking an unwashed car in his own driveway. Unless it has been repealed recently, California also has a law which makes it a crime to sell a glass of milk containing less than seven fluid ounces!

So, regarding the variety of legislation which already characterizes different states and localities, maybe the appropriate question is whether or not something can and should be done about it, but rather "Why not let it be?"

Should there be no opportunity for people to select or try to create a political/legal climate which suits them? Should there be no places where harmless deviants or minorities of one sort or another can go and enjoy or exhibit their idiosyncrasies, habits, sexual preferences, or other non-mainstream characteristics and activities?

Social harmony and order may in fact depend upon the existence of places where people who are different from the statistical norm in this or that respect are unlikely to be harassed or arrested, and where their peers are very likely to acquit them if they are.

There is no evidence that cultural homogenization leads to harmony among people, though it's been the dream of many an authoritarian personality, usually with disastrous consequences.

There is considerable evidence, from the study of different societies around the globe, that the most harmonious among them provide places where and/or times when ordinarily law-abiding citizens can let off some steam, engage in practices or obtain goods and services ordinarily prohibited—and do so without fear of official sanction.

In other words, we need to ask of those who worry so much about "inconsistency" what there is about uniformity that is so valuable to society? Or is it only of value to those who wield power? Even the powerful must realize that a melting pot is one thing, a pressure cooker another—and that which makes them so different is their relative potential for explosion. And that potential is maximized when pressure-relief mechanisms, like jury nullification, remain plugged.

The "bigotry" argument is completely bogus, although someone inevitably dusts off the fact that a number of white racists who assaulted civil rights workers in the 1960's were acquitted by bigoted juries.

True—but who impaneled those jurors? To get such badly bigoted juries, the prosecutors and judges both had to be so bigoted themselves that they impaneled nothing but good old boys, people they could count on to acquit the defendants. Apparently, not even concern for an impressive win-loss record was enough to stop this abuse of the voir dire process—and of course the defense teams were "speechless" with delight. Could a "FIJA" instruction have made things any worse?

It remains worth speculating, however, whether it might have made a positive difference in any of those trials if the jurors had been told about the importance of relying upon their individual consciences, upon their own sense of justice, and about their power, right and responsibility to judge both the law and the evidence in their pursuit of a just verdict—in short, if the jurors had been "fully informed", as FIJA legislation would have required. Would even one of those juries have hung, as a juror or two couldn't bring himself to violate his conscience and go along with the gang? Unfortunately, we'll never know, because those juries were given standard instructions.

In the more common instance where the defendant is a minority group member it is even more important that the jury be apprised of its veto power, so that a minority of jurors who may identify with the defendant and his or her motives and circumstances can provide perspective and prevent an unjust conviction.

This is how I answer the "14th Amendment" objection to FIJA, another strawman often brought to the front lines by prosecutors bent on beating back FIJA legislation. It which holds that fully informed juries would violate the rights of all defendants to equal treatment under the law, regardless of race, color or creed.

The obvious answer is that a fully informed jury may too often be a minority defendant's best (and possibly the only) protection from bigotry during the entire sequence of criminal and judicial procedure, which may begin when a bigoted police officer arrests a minority defendant, turns him over to bigoted jailers, prosecutors, judges, etc. Only a jury, and especially a jury which is both informed of its nullification powers and contains at least a few people who can relate to the defendant, can hope to counteract the rest of the bigotry along the trail with some semblance of "equal protection".

True, fully informed juries may reduce the conviction rate of minority-group defendants, but the high social benefit of having minority groups feel that the American justice system also works for them has got to be worth an occasional failure to convict.

And prosecutors should not be quick to assume that minority jurors will necessarily be predisposed to acquit a defendant just because he or she shares their minority status.

In fact, many people have no problem convicting people of their own race or other shared minority characteristic, because they want to see their own neighborhood purged of those who make it a dangerous place to live.

(Continued Next Week)

The Fatal Idea of Legal Plunder

by Frederick Bastiat (1801-1850)

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But on the other hand, imagine that this fatal principle has been introduced: Under the pretense of organization, regulation, protection, or encouragement, the law takes property from one person and gives it to another; the law takes the wealth of all and gives it to a few—whether farmers, manufacturers, shipowners, artists, or comedians. Under these circumstances, then certainly every class will aspire to grasp the law, and logically so.

The excluded classes will furiously demand their right to vote—and will overthrow society rather than not to obtain it. Even beggars and vagabonds will then prove to you that they also have an incontestable title to vote. They will say to you:

"We cannot buy wine, tobacco, or salt without paying the tax. And a part of the tax that we pay is given by law—in privileges and subsidies—to men who are richer than we are. Others use the law to raise the prices of bread, meat, iron, or cloth. Thus, since everyone else uses the law for his own profit, we also would like to use the law for our own profit. We demand from the law the right to relief, which is the poor man's plunder. To obtain this right, we also should be voters and legislators in order that we may organize Beggary on a grand scale for our own class, as you have organized Protection on a grand scale for your class. Now don't tell us beggars that you will act for us, and then toss us, as Mr. Mimerel proposes, 600,000 francs to keep us quiet, like throwing us a bone to gnaw. We have other claims. And anyway, we wish to bargain for ourselves as other classes have bargained for themselves!"

And what can you say to answer that argument!

Obituaries

Emma Jo Davis

Services for Emma Jo Davis, 69, of Lubbock were held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 8, 1996 in the Sanctuary of the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. D.L. Lowrie, pastor, and the Rev. John Ballard, associate pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery in Post under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

She died on Tuesday, March 5, 1996 at her residence. She was born on April 30, 1926 in Alba. She married William J. "Bill" Davis on August 16, 1947 in Post. She was a former teacher who attended Texas Women's University in Denton. She was active in the Women's Organizations of First Baptist and the Prime Time Choir. She was also a member of the Christian Women's Club, the Women's Auxiliary of St. Mary Hospital and the Reader's Club.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Karen Wood and Donna Hudson, both of Lubbock; a sister, Ganelle Skinner of Dallas and two grandsons.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Crossover Fund of First Baptist of Lubbock.

Artie Baxter

Graveside services for Artie Baxter, 87, were held Sunday, March 10, 1996 at 3 p.m. in the Terrace Cemetery with Rev. David Graves, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mrs. Baxter died Friday, March 8, 1996 at Garza Memorial Hospital. She was born August 15, 1908 in Knox County and was the daughter of Benjamin Altman and Lu Manard. She married Hubert William Baxter in 1928 in Post. He preceded her in death in 1937. She was a retired textile worker and a member of the Baptist church.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Thema Mae Baxter in 1945. Survivors include a son, Doyle Baxter of Bloomfield, New Mexico; a daughter, Zula Partlow of Post; a sister, Willie Crosby of Littlefield; a brother, Elmer Altman of Granbury; six grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

LYSO Ensembles present first concert

Bryony Martin of Post will perform with the Lubbock Youth Symphony Orchestra Chamber Ensembles at their first concert on Sunday, March 31, 1996 at 3 p.m. at the Godbold Cultural Center. There is no admission charge for the concert. The concert will feature the LYSO String Quartets coached by Susan Schoenfeldt, the LYSO Flute Choir coached by Margaret Redcay, the LYSO Woodwind Trio coached by Michael Stoune, the LYSO Brass Ensemble coached by Marcie Walzel, and the LYSO Percussion Ensemble coached by Steve Kath. Membership in the ensembles was determined by auditions held last fall.

The concert will also include two of the four finalists selected in this season's competition for LYSO concert soloist, Carissa Buie, a senior at Plainview High School, will be performing "Poon" by Charles Griffes and Shaun Lan, a ninth grader at Hutchinson Junior High, will be performing the Intermezzo from "Symphonie espagnole" by Edouard Lalo.

Members of the LYSO Busetto Quartet are Padmaja Reddy, Ricky Rose, Kenneth Buckner, and Laura Jensen. The LYSO Stopka Quartet membership consists of Molly McGlone, Landon Schmidt, Shawn Fagin and Sarah Wilson. Repertoire for the LYSO String Quartets include the first movements of the Dvorak "Quartet in A-flat, Op. 105" and the Haydn "Quartet in B-flat, Op. 76, no. 4" as well as the Scherzo from the Mendelssohn "Octet in E-flat, Op. 20". The LYSO Flute Choir will be performing the Sinfonia from the Bach "Suite in D", "Friska" by Liszt, and "Swing Low, Sweet..." by Gearhart. Members include Carissa Buie, Adam Dorrance, Melissa Hendricks, Bryony Martin, Carolyn Parks, Ashley Smith and Emily Wilson.

The LYSO Woodwind Trio, Melissa Hendricks, flute; Matt Anderson, oboe; and Michelle Babb, clarinet will perform the "Divertimento for Flute, Oboe, and Clarinet, Op. 37" by Arnold. The LYSO Brass Ensemble repertoire includes the Bessonnet "Douze Quintet", the "Sarabande" by Corelli, and Mozart's "Cavatina". LYSO Brass Ensemble members are Rebecca Babb, Matt Morgan, Carrie Hutton, Jessica Ward, Ben Osborne and Randall Lee.

The LYSO Percussion Ensemble members Sarah Burke, Carter Biggers, Ethan Dalley, Ben Paxton and Chris Paxton, will perform the very visual "Head Talk" by Ford. The public is invited to attend the LYSO Chamber Ensembles Concert and hear these talented, young musicians on Sunday, March 31, 1996 at 3 p.m.

It is easier to stay out than get out.

—Mark Twain

Post loses to New Deal

by Becky Warren
The Lope baseball team traveled to New Deal last Friday but was unable to come with a win. They lost to New Deal by a score of 7-9.

"We committed three errors in the third inning that lead to their scores all with two outs and the first error was on a routine ground ball for the third out," said Coach Fred Postell.

The Lopes tried to make a come back in the seventh scoring two more runs to make it 7-6. They had a runner at third but with two out they were unable to get him across home plate.

"Anthony Flores had a great job on the mound with nine strike outs and only one walk.

Those making hits for Post was Todd Terry, 1 for 2, 2 RBI's; Seth Pennell, 2 for 4, 2 RBI's; Jaime Hernandez, 1 for 3, 1 RBI; Armando Ayala, 1 for 3, double; Sam Zubia, 1 for 3 and T.J. Gaydos, 1 for 3.

The next game will be on Tuesday, March 19, at Slaton.

He who laughs, lasts.

—Mary Pettibone Poole

Attention Grandparents

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It didn't take very long for construction completion at the new Sonic on South Broadway. The new business opened Monday to a steady flow of customers.

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Friday, March 15
Fried chicken, new potatoes in white sauce, broccoli, tossed salad w/ Ranch dressing, hot roll, brownies, choice of beverage.

Monday, March 18
Pork chop, baby limas, Harvard beets, tomato slices, hot roll, pumpkin bars, choice of beverage.

Tuesday, March 19
Baked chicken w/mushroom sauce, blackeye peas, zucchini, orange sections, wheat roll, sugar cookie, choice of beverage.

Wednesday, March 20
Hamburger steak w/brown gravy or meatloaf, baked potatoes, okra and tomatoes, apricots, oatmeal cookie, cornbread, choice of beverage.

Thursday, March 21
Chicken or turkey, cornbread dressing, green beans, tossed salad w/Thousand island dressing, cranberry sauce, hot roll, apple cobbler, choice of beverage.

Post ISD

Friday, March 15
School out for Spring Break
Monday, March 18
Breakfast: Belgian waffle sticks, syrup and butter, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Frito pie, baked beans, broccoli w/cheese sauce, pear halves, milk.

Tuesday, March 19
Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy, ham, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Fried chicken, cream gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, Jello, hot rolls, milk.

Wednesday, March 20
Breakfast: Cereal, toast and jelly, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad, cake, milk.

Thursday, March 21
Breakfast: Oatmeal, sausage link, toast and jelly, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Pizza, salad, corn, rosy applesauce, milk.

Ladies Auxiliary

VFW hold meeting

The Ladies Auxiliary of Post 6797 had their monthly meeting March 11th at the VFW hall.

JoAnn Stelzer president, presided over the meeting. Members had a pin presentation program giving out year pins from 5 to 45 years. Mary Teaff and Ruth Dale received 40 and 45 year pins.

A business meeting was held and a discussion about helping with the bicycle safety program on March 30th that the sheriff's office is giving.

A discussion about the 50 year anniversary of the Post VFW on March 31st, was also held.

Members present were: Maleeey Johnston, Janet Ratliff, Joella Sparlin, Rosemary Stelzer, Ruth Walls, Alva Shepherd, Mary Teaff, Faye Stone, Faye Johnson, Dena Morgan, Pauline Mathis, Claudette Gill, Shirley Williams, Lola Ryan, Melvis Taylor and JoAnn Stelzer.

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More Religion??

by Jim Graham, Church of the Nazarene
Does the world need more religion? I read something that caught my attention several years ago. It was about two news stories.

The first headline read, "Scotland Yard moves to halt Britain's worst outbreak of holiday crimes."
The second story read, "Only one out of twelve persons in our country attends church. Seven out of eight children quit church and Sunday School attendance before they reach fifteen years of age. People spend eight times more hours at movies than at Sunday School."

As a nation, we spend up to \$750 on pleasure, sins and amusement to every dollar given to church work.
My first reaction was, is this true? But when I saw who wrote it there was no question about the validity. It was signed by J. Edgar Hoover, Director, F.B.I.

If this was true when he was director of the F.B.I., it must be many more times true today. I hope and pray that it is not true.
Another headline read, "Soviets stepping up Atheistic campaigning". In this a top Russian official said, "As long as there is a single person who believes in religion we must take efforts to stamp out such beliefs."

Yes! Indeed, the world is very religious. If we were to break down the world's population, and condense it down to 100 people, here is what we would find:
23 would be Atheists or without any faith.
18 would be Roman Catholic.
14 would be Mohammedan.
11 would be Hindus.
10 would be Confucianists.
7 would be Protestants.
5 would be Eastern Orthodox.
5 would be Buddhist.
3 would be Shintoists or Taoists.
4 would be Animists.

Lots of religion in the world. Does the world need more religion? My answer is "No!" There is membership, rituals, ceremonies, incantations, anthems, sermons, masses, confessions, celebrations, saints' days, colossal cathedrals, colorful shrines, baptisms, and confirmations. But! All of these religious observances have not transformed persons or reformed society.

Lot's of religion in the world. But—war, crime, assassinations, murders, suicides, burnings, sackings, torturings, savagery, brutality, juvenile delinquency, irreligion, loss of morals; all are still on the upswing in our society.
A religion that does not change people is futile, sterile, weak, fallacious and erroneous.

The world needs more than religion. The world needs salvation. We need salvation from sin, superstition, evil, and Hell. We need a personal change within so that our society can be changed without. Religion needs the dynamic of salvation. We need a power that can change us within spiritually and lift us without to higher levels of moral cleanness.

Only Jesus Christ can save and cleanse. The promise in 1 John 1:9 is "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness", and in 2 Cor. 5:17, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

I hope and pray that J. Edgar Hoover's statistics are wrong in our day. But! In Reality, I am afraid they are worse than we ever dreamed.
The need of our world is not more religion, but more salvation.
(Scriptures reference: Matt. 23:23-33; Malachi 3:1-3; 1 John 1:9; 2 Cor. 5:17)

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The family of Artie Baxter wishes to thank Pastor David Graves, Jim Jackson and Hudman Funeral Home for the beautiful service. Also to the Calvary Baptist Church for the wonderful food.
A special thanks to Twin Cedars Nursing Home and Garza Memorial Hospital for the care given to our loving mother.
The family of Artie Baxter

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their love and support during the recent loss of our mother and grandmother. Special thanks to the Ladies of the Catholic Church for the meal served to the family, to Hudman's Funeral Home for their special care and to everyone for the flowers, prayers and special blessings to us.
The family of Josefa Cisneros

Personals

Post Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday night at the First Presbyterian Church, 901 West 10th at 8 p.m. Closed meetings are held except on the last Thursday of the month, which is an open meeting. We have supper at 7 p.m. and the speaking starts at 8 p.m. Anyone who wishes to talk or ask about an alcohol problem, call 495-4152, 495-4185 or 629-4393.

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Lost and Found

Found at 330 E. Main. About a 5 month old black male Pekingese puppy. Call 495-3503.

Letters to the Editor

Cattle guards need retraining, not firing...

The article that follows came from "The Linchpin" of the Rotary Club of Stamford. I believe your readers would get a kick from this article.
"The following (provided by Horace Arledge) is supposed to have appeared in the October 26, 1994, 'Newcastle (Wyoming) Reporter,' written by Per Warner. 'In the past, I felt that many times our government was ignorant of our lifestyles here in the west, but when a recent article, written by the 'Billings Gazette' was brought to my attention, I didn't realize just how bad it really is.'"
According to the article, President Clinton learned there were 100,000 cattle guards in Colorado. Since Clinton was so upset with ranchers' protest over his grazing policies, he told U.S. Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt to fire half the cattle guards immediately! Before Babbitt could proceed with the President's wishes, Colorado representative Pat Schroeder intervened with a request that before any were fired, they would be given six months of retraining.
"Yes folks, what you have read is true. Hilarious, depending on how you look at it. Scary, definitely."
I'll add another piece. "God help us if he's re-elected."
Editor's Note: This came across our desk recently and we felt that it had to be shared.

Lost Pet Corner

Call the City of Post at 495-2811 for information



Cocker needs a home

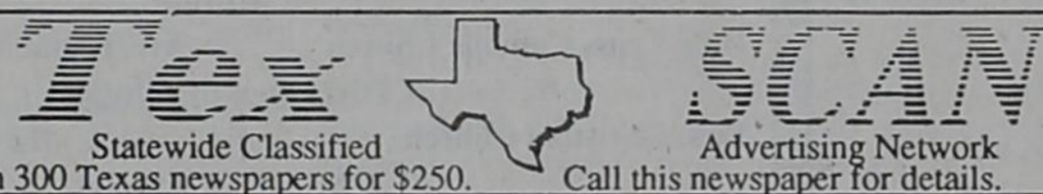
This red female cocker spaniel is without a home, joining six other lost dogs at the city animal shelter. Others seeking families are a male shepherd mixed breed puppy, a male German shepherd, a white female healer, a small male black mixed breed terrier, a male black chow mixed breed puppy and a male Rotweiler hound mixed breed.

Tip of the Week: Sometimes people take in a pet, without realizing how much effort has to go into proper care... then when times get tough, the animal is the first to be left alone and hungry. Pet ownership is a serious matter and it is up to us to see to their needs.

Community Calendar

Tuesday, March 19, 1996
12 noon - Rotary Lunch, Community Center Rotary room.
7:30 p.m. - School board meeting, Administration building.

Wednesday, March 20, 1996
12 noon - Women's Division C of C
Thursday, March 21, 1996
7 a.m. - Lions Club, Chaparral Steak House.



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Hardin, Mitchell attend Tourism workshop

Barbara Hardin, Post Main Street Manager, and Wanda Mitchell, Post Chamber of Commerce Manager, attended the 1996 Tourism Unity Dinner and Workshop on February 20th at the Austin Marriott at the Capitol.

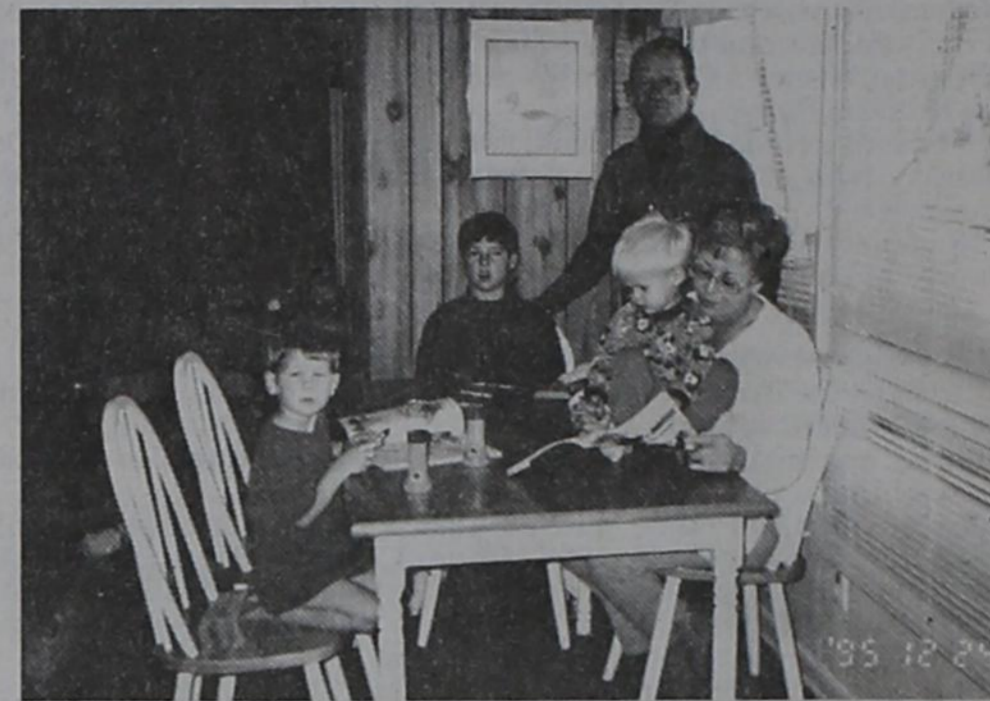
The event, which celebrates the Texas tourism community, included representatives of national, state, regional and local groups from all over the state.

Elected officials from across the state were also in attendance, including Governor George W. Bush. Bush addressed the crowd enthusiastically, and initiated the "swearing in" of new "Texas Ambassadors."

Unity Dinner attendees were introduced to the Texas Department of Commerce's Tourism Division's new ad campaign, which featured real Texans inviting visitors to the state. Governor Bush told the audience of over 600 that "tourism is the third largest industry in Texas."

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Bring your favorite grandparent photo to The Post Dispatch to be included in this weekly feature. Photos will be published "first come, first served."

Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

Many men want to know what they should eat.

In its fourth survey of men's attitudes towards nutrition, The American Dietetic Association (ADA) asked, "If you could ask one question of a nutrition expert, what would it be?"



Twenty percent of the respondents either want to know which foods are "the best" ones, or have other food-specific questions. In the next most frequently mentioned response, 9% of survey participants want to know the best way to control weight, how to lose it, maintain it or gain it. What's best for one person may not be best for another—there are no magical foods or weight-control formulas. The Food Guide Pyramid is a great blueprint for men who want to build a healthful diet. By following the plan and using tools such as the Nutrition Facts panel on food packages, men can construct a well-balanced eating plan with a variety of foods. And, it should be emphasized that, in addition to good nutrition, a healthful lifestyle is supported by physical activity.

Do men want their nutrition customized? Eight percent of survey participants have questions about fat, followed by questions on cholesterol and vitamins. Men over age 65 generated more than half the questions about vitamins. Men may not ask for directions, but do make decisions. A third of the men surveyed, however, say they don't know what to ask or have nothing to ask a nutrition expert. Although some men may not be asking questions, the majority are active in their household's food-buying decisions.

About one-third of men surveyed say they make all or most of the food-

buying decisions in their households, and 35% say they make about half of the decisions. In fact, when asked about their role in food-buying decisions, only 3% said they have no part in choosing foods for their households.

Younger respondents appear to make more food-buying decisions than older ones. Thirty-eight percent of men, age 18-34, say they make most of the household food-buying decisions. Men tend to put health maintenance/disease prevention at the top of the list as to why they eat right. Health maintenance/disease prevention is the most popular response of men age 35 and older. Five of the ten leading causes of men's diseases and deaths are linked to diet, including heart disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes, and arteriosclerosis. Younger men have typically cited physical fitness as the primary reason to eat right. As men age, concerns about weight control grow. In middle age, thirteen percent connect eating right with weight control. After age 55, weight control is the most important factor for 15% of men. While respondents over age 55 have little or no concern about the effects of eating right on personal appearance, compared to men under age 35, older men do show a renewed interest in physical fitness. Increasing physical activity is an essential part of health maintenance for older men.

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Garza County History

Courtesy of the Garza County Historical Museum



This photo of early cowboys (courtesy of the Borden County Museum) is included in a history of area ranches. The ranchers are (back row, fourth from left) J.D. Mitchell, manager of the Square and Compass Ranch in Garza County at the time this photo was taken in the 1890s. The Square and Compass later became the J.B. Slaughter ranch. Others in the photo are (back row) Pressley, Dennison, J.K. Mitchell, J.D. Mitchell, Weatherford, (front row) Lonnie Whatley, Crossland and Austin Bouchier.

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Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

10 Years Ago March 13, 1986

David Morrow will be appearing in the lead role in "She Stoops to Conquer" at the Zachary Scott Theatre center in Austin.

Michael "Garrett", son of Gregg and Marsha Lester, was born March 9, 1986.

Lannie Lee broke a school record in the 400 meter dash with his 56.23 run at the Abernathy Junior High meet last Friday.

Paul Milosevich presented a special workshop at the Algerita Art Center. The workshop was sponsored by the Post Art Guild.

20 Years Ago March 11, 1976

Ronnie and Delores Dunn and their sons, Lance and Derik, were named Farm Family of the Year at the Post Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

A layette shower honored Mrs. Danny Richardson Monday in the home of Mrs. Scott Houston.

Bobby Snow received the "Bowhunter of the Year" trophy at the Post Archery Club annual meeting Sunday afternoon.

Happy birthday today goes to Starla Kim Huffaker, Elbert Roberts, Mrs. Guy Gearhart, Kerry Jan Proffitt, Lanny Lynn Blacklock, Mike Waldrip, Bobby Baker and Sheila Warren.

30 Years Ago March 17, 1966

Mr and Mrs W.C. Carlton and sons visited Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Della Carlton.

Rhonda Kay, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Storie, was born March 14, 1966 at Highland Hospital in Lubbock.

This week at the Tower theatre see "The Ugly Dachshund", "Winnie the Pooh", "The Cincinnati Kid" with Steve McQueen and Ann Margaret and Laurel and Hardy's Laughing 20's.

The Jackson children of Post were weekend guests of their

grandparents, Mr and Mrs Roscoe Kropp.

40 Years Ago March 15, 1956

Mrs Annie Brown of Lubbock visited last week in the home of Mr and Mrs Eulas Brown and other relatives and friends.

Miss Edna Mae and Martha Blodgett spent the weekend in Lometa visiting Mr and Mrs Charlie Blodgett and Mr and Mrs J.W. Burnes.

Mrs Quannah Maxey gave a theatre party Thursday evening honoring her daughter, Diane, on her 10th birthday.

Mr and Mrs C.C. Reed and family of Kress were Sunday guests of Mrs Lucy King and David.

50 Years Ago March 14, 1946

High winds during last Thursday's sandstorm blew the chimney off the John Herd residence.

T-5 Adrain Cook and Sgt. Alvin Eugene Julian are to arrive in Post this week. Both soldiers are returning from service in the China, Burma and India theater.

Lt. Kent Presson, stationed at Wiesbaden, Germany, recently spent his furlough at the French Rivera.

Some local grocery prices this week are: spuds, 10 lb. bag, 55¢; boiled ham, 74¢ lb.; peaches, no. 2 1/2 can 25¢; old time "Ma" sause 25¢ lb.; pickle pig feet, 17¢ lb.; carrots, large bunch, 9¢.

Last Puzzle Solution

Hunger Fighter visits Post

by David Weaver, Jr.

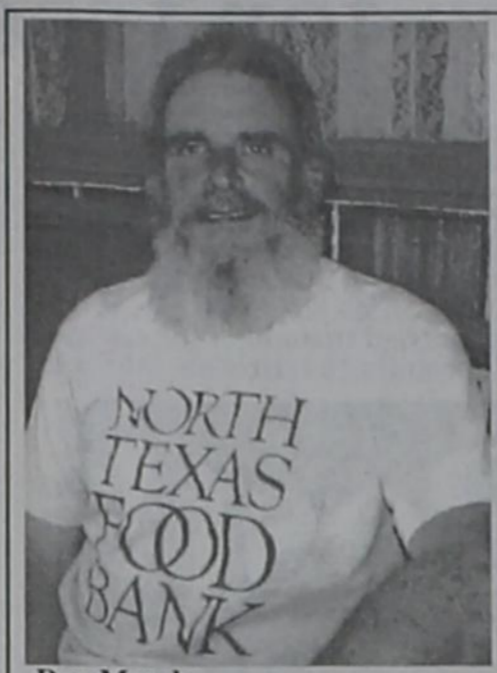
Don March, a Michigan man who is walking around the country to raise public awareness of hunger, traveled through Post, Tuesday, March 12.

March planned his walk around the country to celebrate his 60th birthday. He began his journey February 23, 1995 in Portland, Ore. Since then, he has walked nearly 7,000 miles, covering 20-25 miles per day carrying a backpack that weighs about 40 pounds. Along the way, he has stayed in homeless shelters, college dormitories, church basements, private homes and hotels.

A former employee of the food bank in Cadillac, Michigan, March wants to call attention to the needs of the hungry in the United States, and to make people aware of the Second Harvest Network of Foodbanks. South Plains Food Bank in Lubbock is one of the 185 food banks across the country which make up the Second Harvest Network.

The sole sponsor of his trek is Saucony, a shoe company, which provides his shoes. He averages 1,000 miles per pair. Over the past year, March has walked across the Northern U.S. to Portland, Maine, down the East coast to Orlando, Florida, and half-way across the South. He plans to complete his travels by returning to Portland, Oregon by mid August.

March records the miles he walks in his daily log. He is careful to note the times he has accepted rides due



Don March

to bad weather and deducts the mileage from his log.

Please contact the South Plains Food Bank, 763-3003, for more information.

Adrian Castillo

completes studies

Adrian Castillo of Post just completed the four week course for correctional officer training at Western Texas College in Snyder.

Adrian is the son of Delfina and the late Pete Castillo of Post.



Post Middle School teacher Dedra Adams (left) was joined at the recent Woman's Culture Club meeting by middle school students Yvonne Lopez and Dianna Williams in a presentation of the S.T.A.R.S. program. Culture Club president Mary Neff presented the students with a scholarship for the summer camp at TCU.

Woman's Culture Club hold meeting

by Katharine Trammell

The Woman's Culture Club met Wednesday, February 28, at 2 p.m., at the Women's Clubhouse. Hostesses were Barbara Hardin and Debbie Bain.

Mary Neff, club president, presided over the business meeting.

The roster of officers for the 1996-97 and 1997-98 club year was completed with the election of Katharine Trammell as Press Representative and Literary Chairman; and Iva Hudman as Civic Chairman and Music Chairman.

Dorace Wilson reported on the Easter greeting page in the "Post Dispatch" and urged members to work on getting people to sign up for it. We use the proceeds to finance our scholarship fund for a Post High School student.

Dedra Adams, STARS (Students, Teachers, Adults Reaching Solutions) sponsor gave a very enthusiastic report on the STARS program in the Post Middle School.

Mrs. Adams introduced Yvonne Lopez and Dianna Williams, STARS students who attended the summer workshop at TCU. Each girl was very interesting and enthusiastic about the seminar, and most appreciative of the opportunity to go.

Delicious refreshment were served to guests: Dedra Adams, Yvonne Lopez, and Dianna Williams, and to members: Ruth Hall, Dorace Wilson, Maxine Earl, Iva Hudman, Ruby Kirkpatrick, Nona Lusk, Donna Craig, Mary Neff, Debbie Bain, Barbara Hardin and Katharine Trammell.

Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by John Senter, CEA-AG

Tips on tomatoes, popular garden item

Take a poll in any garden and the most popular vegetable will most likely be the ever-famous tomato. It can also be one of the most frustrating plants to grow and reap the benefits from. A sickly tomato with little or no fruit can be a nightmare for garden enthusiasts consequently, whether you are a first timer or an old pro, a few tips might be in order as we approach spring gardening.

First, site selection is critical when you plant seeds or set-out plants. Make certain to select a well-drained location that will receive at least six hours of sunlight per day. Be careful to stay away from a site located close to a building with a westward face. The heat accumulated in the afternoon sun can be a killer.

Second, good soil is essential for good growth and high yields. A soil test prior to planting might serve you well and will tell you exactly what nutrients, or problems if any, lie in your location. If possible, incorporate three to four inches of decomposed organic matter into the soil ahead of planting.

If only a few tomato plants are to be grown, a spacing of at least two feet square should be allotted and prepared for each plant. The soil should be worked to a depth of twelve inches if at all possible. Raised beds work very well and liberal amounts of organic matter and a small amount of fertilizer, such as 10-20-10 should be mixed into the soil where the plants are to be grown.

One of the most overlooked criteria in selecting plants is variety. Carnival and Celebrity are two of the more popular big tomatoes. Surefire is a newly released medium sized variety and Spiffire is a possible choice for folks who prefer a cherry size fruit. Regardless of the variety selected, make certain that the letters VFN appear after the variety name. This indicates that the plant has resistance to verticillium wilt, fusarium wilt and has some resistance to nematodes.

If you choose to purchase transplants, make sure to look for healthy, vigorous plants with a dark green color and large clean leaves. To give your transplants a boost at planting, use a starter solution to ensure adequate fertility during the early stages of growth. Starter solutions can be purchased at garden centers, or can be made at home by mixing one tablespoon of a complete fertilizer with a gallon of water. Apply about one cup of the solution to the planting hole prior to setting the plants.

For best results, transplants should be set in the garden on cloudy days or late in the afternoon. Plants should be protected from adverse conditions such as high winds or cold temperatures for at least a week after planting. Make sure to pay attention to our late final frost date and don't be in a hurry to set out your plants until after April first. Cages wrapped in row-cover fabric can be used to control the temperatures and fight the cold. The old stand by milk cartons can also be beneficial in protecting plants.

Almost all tomato varieties will perform better and make harvest easier if they are staked, trellised or caged. Any method is good as long as it keeps the fruit off the ground. Fruit allowed to come into contact with the soil is highly susceptible to rot.

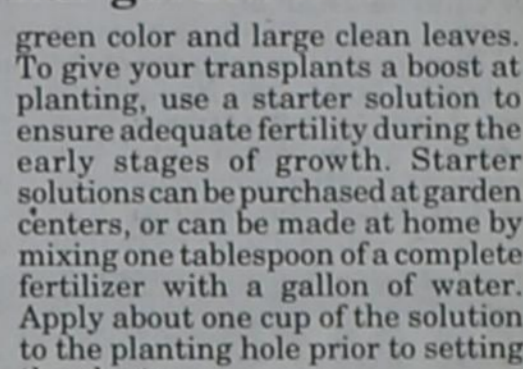
Garden enthusiasts will most likely find a good selection of plants at your favorite nursery almost immediately. If purchased now, plants can be kept inside until the danger of frost has passed. Hopefully by following some of these tips, you tomato production will meet your expectations and will add to your summer time. Besides, what good is a BLT sandwich on a hot day without the "T"?

As always, if any part of this writing causes questions, feel free to call our office at 495-4400.

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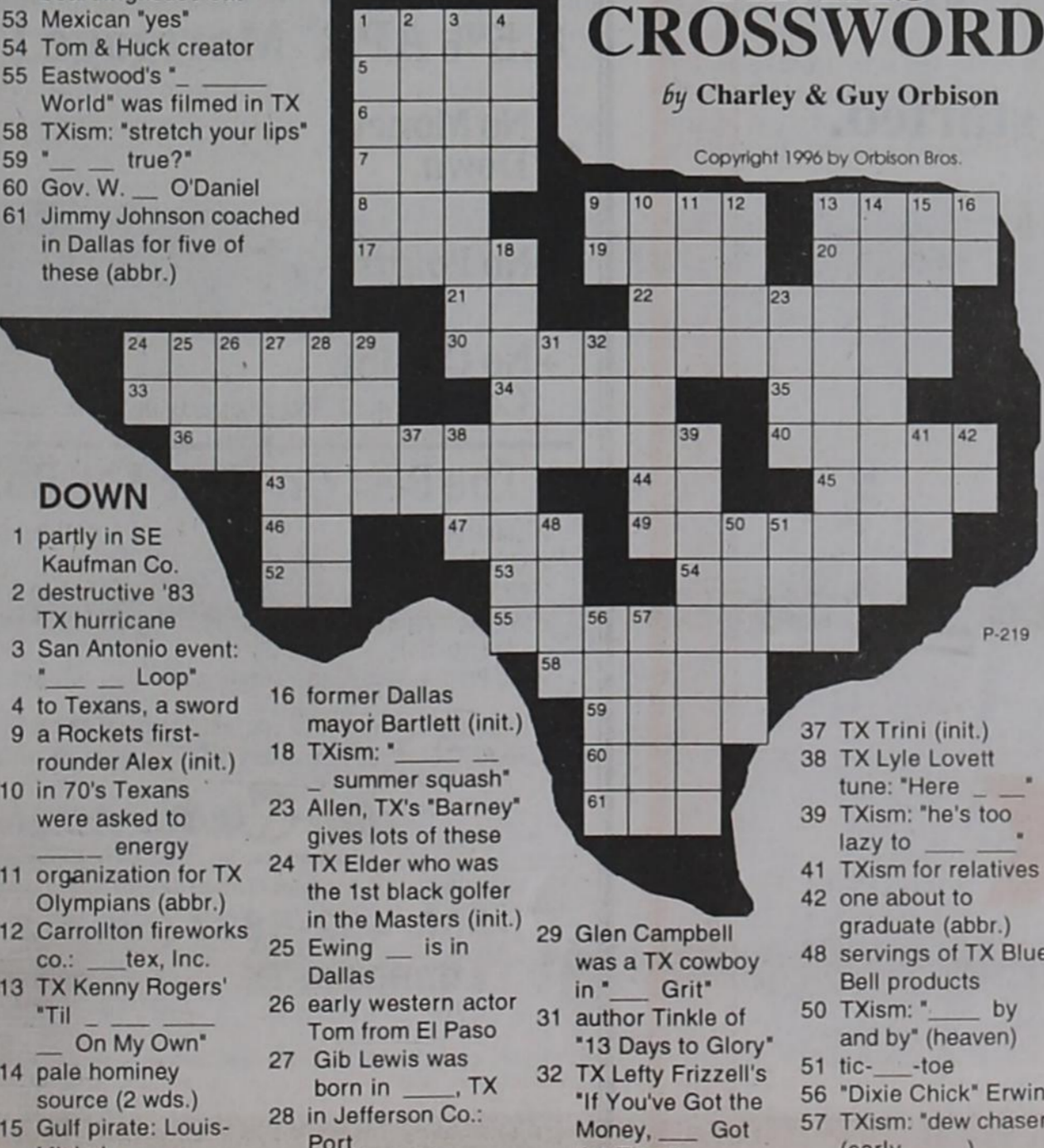
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ACROSS

- TX A&M was once an all- school
- TXism: "best I ever wrapped around"
- UH's Hayes nickname: "The "
- Hereford: "Town without a tooth"
- TXism: "picker"
- of coffee
- TXism: "if any better I couldn't stand it"
- W of Houston off I-10
- Texarkana FM radio
- TX lake fish
- TXism: "bit off more than could chew"
- TXism: "couldn't find hide of him"
- TX town in "The Texas Wheelers"
- Waxahachie is its seat (2 wds.)
- more wicked
- Dallas' Field
- EDS on the NYSE
- TX Tommy Lee's "The Song"
- Cowboy Haley QB tackles
- hit of TX Bobby Fuller Four: "I Fought"
- "Love Bug" is one
- Edinburg FM radio
- TXism: "blazes a wide trail" (big)
- TXism: "plum riled"
- Louisiana is on the border

DOWN

- partly in SE Kaufman Co.
- destructive '83 TX hurricane
- San Antonio event: "Loop"
- to Texans, a sword
- a Rockets first-rounder Alex (init.)
- in 70's Texans were asked to energy organization for TX Olympians (abbr.)
- Carrollton fireworks co.: "tex, inc."
- TX Kenny Rogers' "Til On My Own"
- pale hominy source (2 wds.)
- Gulf pirate: Louis-Michel
- TXism: "fat a boardinghouse cat"
- Mexican "yes"
- Tom & Huck creator
- Eastwood's "World" was filmed in TX
- TXism: "stretch your lips"
- "true?"
- Gov. W. O'Daniel
- Jimmy Johnson coached in Dallas for five of these (abbr.)
- former Dallas mayor Bartlett (init.)
- TXism: "summer squash"
- Allen, TX's "Barney" gives lots of these
- TX Elder who was the 1st black golfer in the Masters (init.)
- Ewing is in Dallas
- early western actor Tom from El Paso
- Gib Lewis was born in TX
- in Jefferson Co.: Port
- TX Trini (init.)
- TX Lyle Lovett tune: "Here too"
- TXism: "he's too lazy to"
- TXism for relatives one about to graduate (abbr.)
- servings of TX Blue Bell products
- TXism: " by and by" (heaven)
- tic-toe
- "Dixie Chick" Erwin
- TXism: "dew chaser" (early)



There's a real chance for freedom and independence

by Charles Duncan
Last Saturday I attended a meeting of the Provisional Government of the Republic of Texas. The Republic of Texas, much to my surprise, was recognized by the World Court this January, as a nation among nations. As I watched the meeting and discussions, voting and so forth that

took place that day, I couldn't help but realize that this meeting was probably not a whole lot different from many of those held in Philadelphia back in the 1770s. Here were people who were determined to rid themselves of the tyranny of an overly strong central government, which was running

rough shod over every aspect of their lives. And just as those people in the Crown Colonies, they had considered themselves good and faithful citizens of the government for which they now felt had let them down. And just as those people in the Colonies had thought of themselves, and proudly, as British subjects,

almost to the very end; so too have these people in Texas, until recent days or months, considered themselves, and equally proud, as citizens of the United States of America.

It was in fact in attempting to keep those rights, which by the way exist completely separate and apart from the Constitution, that they discovered the Republic of Texas, as a nation, has legally existed at least since 1861. If you have computer access to the Internet... check out the documentation for yourself at this web page site:

www.flash.net/~roberth
Next Monday, March 18 at 1:30 p.m., on the south side of the Capitol lawn in Austin, the provisional government with all citizens interested in restoring freedom and liberty to Texans, will meet to serve yet one more in a series of legal documents to those occupying state buildings and offices illegally.

The Republic of Texas has already filed liens on all state owned property and an international claim against the United States, Inc., the Federal Reserve Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the Holy See for more than \$93 trillion (that's with a T), to be paid in gold.

The provisional government I saw last Saturday is composed of peaceful people who have followed the law at every turn. They merely seek others to follow the law as well.

They have the legal proof to substantiate their claim that the Republic of Texas has existed since 1861, and this has been recognized by the International Court of Justice by an order dated January 2, 1996. Texas, now once more recognized as a Sovereign Nation, has currently the 11th largest economy in the world... ahead of Mexico and even Russia!

With plans to eliminate income taxes, inheritance taxes, capital gains and property taxes... in fact, almost all taxes, with the exception of a one percent tariff on imports and exports and locally determined sales taxes at the county level, Texas will begin an era of economic prosperity almost unimaginable.

While the Republic of Texas currently operates under an amended 1836 constitution, there are plans to call citizens from around the state for a constitutional convention within two years. That new constitution will be written in strong and clear enough language to make sure government will never be able to intrude upon and infringe upon the rights of anyone living in Texas, both now and in the future.

This is truly a historic time. Those I've talked with about this opportunity for freedom usually have one of two responses. The first, "I'm for that... it's about time... count me in."

The other has been one of excitement for the idea of being free of oppressive bureaucracy and the intrusion into their lives by all levels of the Federal Government, and positive feeling for the potential for freedom and growth under a system much like set up by the Founding Fathers, but...

"It won't work," is the usual response, with no reasons given. "It's great, but THEY won't let us," is another similar response.

Or, "I wish this were possible, but there is no way the United States government is going to allow Texas to be free," is another standard reply from the doubtful.

I try to remember that in 1776, some would argue, and many did, that there was "no way" that the world's only superpower would allow a tiny, non-industrial, agrarian society, with no navy and no army, to go free.

Didn't turn out that way, did it? Or in the late 1940s, when the State of Israel was declared, the people there, mostly city types and refugees from Hitler's war of extermination; or farmers... and they were faced by professional armies of a half a dozen Arab nations, with populations numbering in the 10s of millions.

Yet, somehow, they survived. Or more recently in Eastern Europe. Who would have believed that Latvia and Lithuania would be allowed by the USSR to break away with almost no violence? But it happened.

Who would have bet that East Germany would let train loads of its citizens flee to their enemy, West Germany? And who would have believed that within weeks, the Berlin would come tumbling down... not by government tanks and bulldozers, but by people... one brick at a time!

Who could have foreseen as recently as the late 1980s the end of the mighty Soviet Empire and the dissolution of the USSR into a dozen different republics?

Given all that and more, I for one, am not going to write off the will of Independent and Freedom Loving Texans to once more be Free and Independent!

Republic of Texas

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Confederate War Memorial at 1:30 p.m., Monday, March 18. "We have pledged to bring this matter to a close, and to prepare for the constitutional convention, the careful and reasonable dissolving of the state of Texas agencies and government, and to reestablish the rights of Texans to determine their own destiny," McLaren said.

Following McLaren's announcement, the general council approved his proposed resolution.

The council also suspended the office of president following complaints and petitions by citizens and a resolution presented by Secretary of Defense Archie Lowe. President John C. Van Kirk had issued several "executive orders" in the past few weeks, which did not sit well with citizens and council members. "This provisional government is not empowered to order anyone to do anything," one citizen stated firmly. The council approved the resolution, with vice president Roger Gary to fill the duties of president until a review is conducted by the council.

Officers of the provisional government of the Republic of Texas are Roger Gary of San Antonio, vice president; Ruth Klause of San Antonio, secretary of the council; Darell D. Franks of Shiner, treasurer;

Coolidge Gerdes of Victoria, auditor; Archie Lowe of Rice, secretary of defense; Richard L. McLaren of Fort Davis, chief ambassador and consul general; Robert Taylor of Yoakum, counsel general; Tim McMahon of Victoria, secretary of judicial affairs; William Johnston of Wimberley, secretary of commerce and trade; David E. Carney of San Antonio, secretary of science and technologies and Donald J. Varnell of Adkins, secretary of plans, constitution and convention.

Additional information about the Republic of Texas, including how to become a citizen, may be obtained by calling (210) 349-8994 or write to atn: Ruth E. Klause, P.O. Box 460554, San Antonio, Republic of Texas TPZ 78246.

Transitional Plan at Post Public Library

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