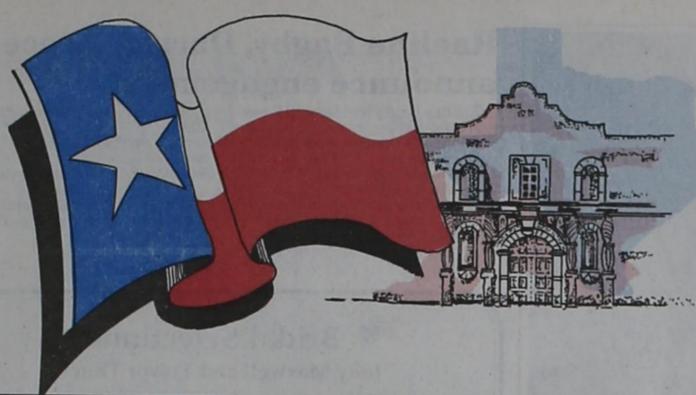


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Willie Awards set for Saturday at Community Center
The first decade of performances at the Garza Theatre will be celebrated Saturday evening by patrons and friends of the theatre at the annual Willie Awards banquet and awards program. Highlights of the evening will include recognition of the cast of the first Garza Theatre production, "The Silver Whistle." Entertainment for the evening includes performances by Emily Hataway, Jerrica Tyler, Amy Jones and Patti Honacki. Reservations may be obtained by calling the theatre at 495-4005.



Glenda Didway of Pampa was transferred to University Medical Center in Lubbock last Saturday morning following an accident at the intersection of Avenue Q and the Tahoka Highway. Curtis Didway was driving the couple's vehicle when it was struck broadside by a Holly's Wrecker Service tow truck driven by David Buchanan. Apparently Didway was turning right and did not see the oncoming wrecker, which was headed east on the Tahoka Hwy. Mrs. Didway suffered multiple broken ribs and was pinned in the vehicle. Mr. Didway sustained fractured ribs and minor injuries. He was treated and released at Garza Memorial Hospital. Post EMS and Post Volunteer firemen assisted at the scene.

Taba'na Yuan'e Friday morning
by Andrea Skeckowski
For the past 80 years, Post farmers and ranchers have relied on the traditional Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony to forecast their success and fortune for the upcoming year. It's that time again, and Friday, "Chief" Frank Runkles will once again perform this Indian forecast to give a hint of what's to come this year. Translated, Taba'na Yuan'e means Sunrise wind. According to tradition, an extended forecast can be given by the direction the wind is traveling on one day of the year, the day after Spring begins, March 22. If the wind is out of the east or northeast, it is going to be "a very good year". If it is from the north or northwest, it translates into an "average year". Wind coming from the west or southwest means a "poor year", and wind from the south or southeast predicts a "very bad year", Runkles said.

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Post Notes

Women's C of C sponsors DNA Bank
The Texas Tech DNA Bank will be at the Post Community Center on Monday, March 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to take blood samples of persons and their families who have alzheimers, parkinsons, multiple sclerosis and Lou Gehrigs disease. The samples are used for genetic research to help find the causes for these diseases. There is no charge. For information or appointment call Post Health Clinic at 495-3573 or Mike and Joleen Cahill at 495-2726. This is sponsored by the Women's Chamber of Commerce.

Reception to honor Donna Craig
The Woman's Culture Club of Post invites you to a reception honoring Donna H. Craig, President, GFWC-TFWC Caprock District on Saturday, March 23, 1996 from 2-3 p.m. at the Four Points Hotel Atrium, Lubbock, Texas.

Singing at Senior Citizens Center
Singing will be held Thursday (tonight) at 7 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Come join us for an enjoyable evening.

Woman's Culture Club to meet
The Woman's Culture Club will meet Wednesday, March 27, at 2 p.m. Hostesses are Debbie Bain and Ruth Hall.

MHMR family support group to meet
The family support group sponsored by Garza County Mental Health Center will meet again on Thursday, March 28th from 5:15 to 6 p.m. at the Mill Complex Conference Room, East 7th and Avenue C. This month's topic will be "Mental Illness: Families Helping Families." Child care will be provided if notice is given at least 24 hours in advance. For more information, call Sheri Cannon at 495-2813.

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 well 24 safety helmets. Watch the Post Dispatch for more details in weeks to come.

"Spring Day at the Algeria"
The Post Art Guild is having our fourth annual "Spring Day at the Algeria." There will be an herloom 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 Algeria Art Center. The eggs will be on display in various businesses throughout town. Tickets may be purchased at The Algeria or from any Art Guild member. For more information call 495-4000.

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.

"Let All Heaven Rejoice" starts April 4
The First Baptist Church of Post, will present the annual Easter Pageant, "Let All Heaven Rejoice." This dramatic angelic celebration of Easter, observing the last days of Christ's ministry, seeks to make people think, feel, and see Easter in a whole new light; to realize that the theme - "Go Change The World" - is now our Great Commission! Performances: Friday, April 5, and Saturday, April 6 at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, April 7, at 6 p.m. Tickets are available free of charge by calling 495-3554.

Dr Schroder on Constitution Apr 13
Dr Eugene Schroder (D.V.M.), a noted constitutional researcher and author, will speak in Lubbock at the All Saints Episcopal School Gym, April 13 beginning at 5 p.m. The school is located at 3222 103rd St. in Lubbock. Dr Schroder will speak on constitutional issues concerning the use and abuse of war and emergency powers by the president and congress. Admission is \$5 per person at the door.

Little Mr & Miss Post Contest
Xi Delta Rho is sponsoring the 1996 Little Mr and Miss Post contest to be held Saturday, April 20th, in the Primary Auditorium at 7 p.m. Age groups are Mini - 2 to 3 years old and Little - ages 4 years to first grade. Entry forms are posted at various merchants. Deadline for registration is April 17th.

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.



Post High School students selected for the academic all-district basketball team are (left to right) Jeremy Josey, Nikki Pollard, Arim Gradine, Cassie Short, Macee Mills and Nichole Cruse. Jay Childers and Natalie Pollard were not available for the photo.

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GMH agrees with Methodist clinic merger

Garza Memorial Hospital (GMH) board of directors members agreed at the regular monthly meeting March 14 to merge with Methodist Hospital's Post clinics. Architects are drawing up plans for the physical changes necessary at the hospital to accommodate the two clinics operated here by Methodist. There was no opposition from GMH board members to the plan. A detailed outline of three options were presented to board members at a special called meeting March 12 in Lubbock with Methodist Hospital staff. After a review of the proposals, GMH board members agreed informally that option two was best... and took up the matter formally at the March 14 meeting. Option 2: "Both the rural health clinics would be moved into the

hospital. The hospital would continue its present operation with fewer inpatient beds. This option would stabilize the financial operation of the rural health clinics through consolidation of operations. The hospital would continue to incur significant losses. Governmental regulations requiring hospitals to maintain certain staffing levels, combined with the current patient census of less than one per day would continue the financial loss. A portion of the hospital losses would be offset through a lease agreement with the new rural health clinic. To continue this operation indefinitely would require an increase in tax subsidies at approximately the same rate as in past years. Net income could begin to stabilize within the first year of operations." Directors attending the March 14 meeting were David Tyler, Becky Warren, Zoe Kirkpatrick and David Nichols.

Republic of Texas services notice to legislators, IRS

by Wesley W. Burnett
In a symbolic and important step toward reclaiming Texas sovereignty, members of the Republic of Texas provisional government walked up the steps of the capitol building in Austin Monday afternoon to the cheers of approximately 700 citizens, seeking a meeting with Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and Speaker of the House of Representatives Pete Laney. General Council moderator Roger Gary and Chief Ambassador Richard L. McLaren were met at the door by

Austin DPS commander Captain Smith, who accepted the documentation requiring the DPS to serve as trustee of the capitol building and grounds for the citizens of the Republic of Texas. "The citizens of the Republic of Texas are asking you to do your duty," McLaren said, and Smith replied, "we always do our duty." The DPS officer then accepted the documentation and McLaren thanked Smith and told him, "we respect you and your officers and the citizens of Texas respect all of you and trust you to protect their property."



Republic of Texas provisional government Chief Ambassador Richard L. McLaren (bottom, center) is surrounded by news media at the east entrance to the state capitol building in Austin Monday afternoon. (Photo by Timothy W. Burnett)

Before the two Republic of Texas officers could enter the building to find Bullock and Laney, Bullock's staff member Jim Jordan stepped outside the east entrance doors to accept the documentation. A polite exchange of greetings was followed by McLaren emphasizing the importance of state legislative leaders working in cooperation with the Republic of Texas provisional government to ensure an orderly and smooth implementation of the transitional plan. Jordan's only comment was, "I will see that these papers are delivered to the lieutenant governor." Gary and McLaren turned back to the citizens crowded around the steps and on the grounds, who let out a series of cheers as McLaren announced the results of the encounter. "The DPS will protect our property," he said... "and now we've done what we came to do, let's all go together to 300 E. 8th Street and notify the IRS that they have 30 days to vacate the soil of Texas." A louder cheer blasted the air... and the parade to the IRS building a few blocks away proceeded.

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Births

Matthew Ryan Bilberry

SRA John W and Sandra Bilberry are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Matthew Ryan. He was born March 13, 1996 at 2:26 p.m. at Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa. Matthew weighed 8 lbs. 6 ozs. and

was 20 1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Tom and Lynn Allison of England and Betty and Andy Gibson of Stranraer, Scotland. Paternal grandparents are Edna and the late L.D. Bilberry of Post.

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Sincerely,
Laura "Chita" Hataway



Darrell Reece and Raeline Bagby

Raeline Bagby, Darrell Reece announce engagement

Raeline Bagby and Darrell Reece are proud to announce their engagement and approaching marriage on June 1, 1996. Raeline is the daughter of Ray and Earline Bagby of Post. Darrell is the son of Glenn and Sue Reece of Levelland. Raeline is a graduate of Post High School and is currently a student at Texas Tech University. Darrell is a graduate of Post High School and South Plains College. He is currently employed at the Regional Warehouse for the Texas Department of Transportation in Post.

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Jean and Johnny Davenport

Davenport win "mixed doubles" in THPA

The Texas Horseshoe Pitchers Association (THPA) kicked off their 1996 season with the State Mixed Doubles, held in Bastrop, Saturday, March 9th.

The "Mixed Doubles" means that a woman and a man must pair up to form a team.

Two pitchers from Post, Johnny and Jean Davenport, made the trip to Bastrop for the tournament. They went undefeated to win their class,

with Jean pitching the high game of the class at 62.3 ringer percent. Johnny had the next high, with a 56 percent game.

Jean is a vice-president of the THPA, in charge of the junior program in all of West Texas. Johnny is the assistant Regional Director for the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, covering the Panhandle and the Texas South Plains.

Johnny is currently the 16th rated pitcher, for men, in the state.



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County-Wide meeting

All 4-H members, parents, and Garza County youth are encouraged to attend a county-wide 4-H meeting, Monday, March 25 at 6:30 pm at the Showbarn. The American Red Cross will present a program entitled, "Till Help Arrives", which will give youth and adults the opportunity to receive vital information concerning fire safety, first aid, CPR, and emergency procedures. A frito pie supper will be served before the program.

Earned Income Credit workshop

Families or individuals interested in the Earned Income Credit should plan to attend a workshop on Friday, March 29, at 10:00 am at the Garza County M.H. Center, conducted by County Extension Agent, Kelly Ahrens.

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Max Lewis is new manager at Dairy Queen

A new manager has been assigned to the Post Dairy Queen restaurant. Max Lewis, formerly of Brownwood, assumed management duties for the restaurant effective Saturday, February 24.

Lewis, 35, holds several years of restaurant management experience. He managed Brownwood's Church's Fried Chicken outlet for many years, achieving the company's top "Master Merchant" award, and received the "Manager of the Year" award. He also owned and operated his own restaurant, a sandwich shop, in downtown Brownwood.

"I'm looking forward to working with the Dairy Queen crew to provide quality food and quality service to our Post area customers," Lewis said. "I recognize the importance of value and believe Dairy Queen can best serve the dining needs of families in and around this community."

"I moved here in late February and really like the town. Everyone's been extremely friendly and really made me feel at home. I hope to meet all my new neighbors when they visit our restaurant in coming weeks."

When he's not busy at Dairy Queen, Lewis plans to be active in the community. He's a member of the State Officials Association, having served as an official for both UIL and city-league girls' and boys' sports, and want to become very involved in Post's youth sports programs.

"Coaching kids' baseball, basketball and football teams is really rewarding for me," said Lewis. "I enjoy working with the kids."

Max and his wife, Sheri, have one child, an 11-year-old son, Blake.

Along with parenting their 11-year old son, Blake, the Lewises have logged hundreds of hours of volunteer service in recent years. Max served as president of the Teen-age Baseball League for three years, board members for the Freshman Baseball League and coach for about a dozen youth sports teams. Sheri has held offices with United Way, American Red Cross, Band Boosters, Child Welfare Board, Parenting Coalition, PTA, the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations.

Aside from his restaurant management experience, Max also has experience in radio, having worked part-time as an announcer for about 20 years, and in law enforcement communications. He holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from Howard Payne University.

The Lewises lived in Brownwood for about 15 years prior to moving to Post. Max grew up in San Angelo; his wife hails from San Saba.

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Max Lewis

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Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

Can Aspirin Fight Cancer?

There is increasing evidence that aspirin may protect against cancers of the digestive tract. The most recent findings from the American Cancer Society (ACS) found that people who took aspirin 16 times in a month for at least one year had a 40% lower death rate from cancers of the digestive tract (specifically of the esophagus, stomach, colon, and rectum) than those who did not take aspirin. This effect was strongest among those who had used aspirin for 10 years or more.

This ACS study confirms similar findings from previous studies. It is important to note, however, that these studies all control for confounding factors such as smoking, diet and alcohol



use. Thus, the question of cause and effect remains. There is not yet enough data to recommend taking aspirin for digestive tract cancers alone.

In addition, doctors still need to

know what the most effective dosage would be, who would benefit from this aspirin therapy, and how it would fit in with heart patients who already take aspirin to prevent heart attacks. Too much aspirin can inhibit the production of prostacyclin—a substance that helps guard against heart attack; insufficient dosages of aspirin can cause the body to produce too much thromboxane, causing changes that make heart attacks more

likely. Thus, aspirin may seem like a harmless, over-the-counter drug, it can inhibit processes within the cells if not taken properly. It is not appropriate to take aspirin as a cancer prevention therapy without a physician's explicit direction and supervision. The best preventative measures for digestive-tract cancers remains a high-fiber, low-fat diet, and regular screening exams.



Post Middle School students participating in the recent Odyssey of the Minds were (left to right) Anali Simental, Barrett Scrivner, Blake Brown, Adrian Gonzales, Chris Saldivar and Braden Conner. Scotty Gaydos was not available for the photo.

Tax 'n Facts

by Terri Cash, CPA

Easier Filing On Business Expenses

The Internal Revenue Service recently eased the paperwork burden to prove business expenses. After 34 years, it is no longer necessary to save receipts for all business travel and entertainment expenses over \$25; the new threshold, as of September 30 of last year, is \$75. (To keep up with inflation since 1962, the new standard would have had to be \$126.16.)

A receipt still is required for lodging for business travel, regardless of the amount.

Company reimbursement rules are affected, too. If a company repays its workers' expenses, it must deduct taxes for the amount if the employee has not submitted the necessary receipts. While companies can continue to set their own rules, limiting how much they will pay for and the documentation they demand from workers on their expense accounts, the new rules ease the companies' job in proving that reimbursements were properly left untaxed.

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Opinions



The U.S. courts disaster over Taiwan

by Stephen Chapman



China is a nasty communist behemoth that seems to enjoy abusing its people, quarreling with the United States and pushing its neighbors around. Taiwan is a tiny, free country with a fledgling democratic government, a longtime American ally that threatens no one. So in the current confrontation in the Taiwan Straits, Americans automatically assume that China is the villain and Taiwan is the victim and that we should unequivocally side with the latter.

Not so fast. It is never pleasant to think we could be wrong in an international showdown. In truth, though, the blame for this crisis lies mostly with Washington and Taipei for taking unnecessary measures that they should have known would spark serious trouble.

The United States and China have a long-established understanding about Taiwan. We agree that Taiwan should not move toward declaring its formal separation from the mainland, and the Chinese agree that they will not try to recapture it by force. The people of Taiwan are allowed near-total independence on one non-negotiable condition: that they don't actually claim it.

China's rulers haven't changed their policy. But they have good reason to believe that Taiwan and the United States have changed theirs, by pushing toward independence for the island. That is the one step that Beijing has always made clear it cannot tolerate. "They're behaving like any country would behave," says Boston College political scientist Robert Ross. "Countries get nasty when their territorial integrity is threatened."

It's no secret that Taiwan's President Lee Teng-hui wants to break off his country's diplomatic isolation and gain acceptance as a normal nation. His government has lobbied for a seat in the United Nations, used monetary aid to induce some 15 countries to defy China by normalizing relations and persuaded the Clinton administration to give him a visa to visit the United States last year.

The Chinese government was furious about the visa — and with good reason. The State Department had told the Chinese it would not be granted. American officials had also conveyed their understanding that allowing the visit would be a destabilizing move that would represent a change in U.S. policy.

Then, after his subordinates had conceded all this, President Clinton reversed himself and let President Lee come. The

administration tried to limit the damage by insisting he was admitted as an ordinary visitor on a private visit. But the first thing he did after getting off the plane in Syracuse, N.Y., was meet with three Republican senators — Al D'Amato of New York, Jesse Helms of North Carolina and Frank Murkowski of Alaska. The Chinese government had every reason to feel it had been seriously betrayed on a matter of fundamental importance.

It now fears that the March 23 election, the first in which Taiwan's president will be chosen by the people, will only heighten the desire for formal independence. China does not want war. When it fires missiles into the straits, it is trying to deter the United States and Taiwan from doing things that would compel it to go to war. The message from Beijing is clear and simple: We have always said we would use force to prevent Taiwan's independence, and we mean it.

The United States abandoned its mutual defense treaty with the Taipei government in 1979. But a vocal consensus among U.S. policy-makers apparently favors American intervention if the standoff ends in bloodshed. The Clinton administration has moved warships toward the island to show its resolve, while threatening "grave consequences" if mainland forces should attack. But congressional Republicans want more. Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole says the administration should state that "if necessary, we would protect" Taiwan.

None of our leaders seems to realize that they are courting disaster by tilting so far in one direction. This is certainly not the time to walk away from an old friend. But it is the time to let Taiwan know there are strict limits to our support. While we need to warn Beijing against any unprovoked attack, we also need to make it unmistakably clear to the government and people of Taiwan that we will not come to their aid if they invite war by proceeding on the path toward independence.

The message we should be sending to both, says Cornell University China scholar Tom Christiansen, is that "we want to protect the status quo." If Taiwan persists in trying to upset an arrangement that has kept the peace and protected the interests of all three countries — Taiwan's, most of all — it should know it is on its own. Otherwise, Americans may end up fighting a senseless war for a cause we have never before endorsed.

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A modest proposal... caring for others

by Walter E. Williams



When the Senate finishes its Whitewater hearings, the distinguished gentlemen should begin hearings on caring and doing good. You say, "Williams, that's the damndest thing we've heard; what do you mean?" It's a matter of serious importance. After all, Congress spends trillions of dollars on do-good and caring programs. All that spending threatens national solvency. So we should find out whether mandated caring and doing good are all that important.

Like millions of other Americans, I own a car, which I think is a very good thing. The question is: How did this very good thing happen to me? Was it because Detroit workers and bosses cared about me? My guess is that they don't give a damn about me and might hate me on sight, but nonetheless, they produced a car for me.

Like millions of Americans, I have a computer. That is a wonderful thing. What's more, computer producers are making me happier and happier as they provide me with products that do more and more, faster and faster, and become cheaper and cheaper. Again, how do we explain this doing good? Do IBM and Microsoft's Bill Gates care about me? I'll bet my entire fortune that they don't care whether I live or die. Moreover, I'm going to bet that if we had congressional hearings on caring, Detroit, IBM and Microsoft workers and bosses would testify that they care much more about themselves than about Williams. That leads us to the crux of the matter: How can all of this uncaring and selfishness produce so much happiness for me?

Here's the mystery: Government schoolteachers profess love and caring for the nation's children. The result is that among industrial nations, our kid are just about the worst in reading, writing and arithmetic. Each year, schools become more decadent and violent and taxpayers are gouged more and more. Thus, the congressional hearing question is: How is it that educational caring produces disastrous outcomes while uncaring in the computer industry produces world-class miracles? I don't have the intelligence of Congress or schoolteachers. But it would appear to me that a solution would be for Congress to enact a law requiring educational uncaring. The education establishment should treat students just as computer manufacturers treat their customers.

Another hearing question might focus on trillions spent on caring by the Housing and Urban Development Department: How is it that in the face of megacaring, HUD becomes the nation's, if not the world's, largest slum landlord? En route to this achievement, HUD destroyed whole neighborhoods in the name of urban renewal (read: removal). It demolished flop houses, compounding homeless problems for bums and hobos. And when poor people try to improve their lot, through resident management, and try to toss out drug dealers and prostitutes, HUD, assisted by the ACLU, thwarts their efforts. Again, it would seem that a congressional order for the cessation of caring might be a good idea.

Without question, the parts of our lives that give us the greatest satisfaction are those where providers of goods and services make no pretense of caring for us. Those areas where we have the greatest dissatisfaction and complaints are those where providers profess saintly caring and selflessness.

Since congressmen profess the greatest caring, that might explain the economic mess they've created for our nation. So maybe congressional hearings on caring aren't a good idea after all.

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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 6. The Senators and Representatives shall receive a compensation for their services, to be ascertained by law, and paid out of the Treasury of the United States. They shall in all cases, except treason, felony and breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest during their attendance at the session of their respective Houses, and in going to and returning from the same; and for any speech or debate in either House, they shall not be questioned in any other place.

No Senator or Representative shall, during the time for which he was elected, be appointed to any civil office under the authority of the United States, which shall have been created, or the emoluments whereof shall have been increased during such time; and no person holding any office under the United States, shall be a member of either House during his continuance in office.

Perverting law causes conflict

by Frederick Bastiat (1801-1850)

excerpt from "The Law"

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As long as it is admitted that the law may be diverted from its true purpose—that it may violate property instead of protecting it—then everyone will want to participate in making the law, either to protect himself against plunder or to use it for plunder. Political questions will always be prejudicial, dominant, and all-absorbing. There will be fighting at the door of the Legislative Palace, and the struggle within will be no less furious. To know this, it is hardly necessary to examine what transpires in the French and English legislatures; merely to understand the issue is to know the answer.

Is there any need to offer proof that this odious perversion of the law is a perpetual source of hatred and discord; that it tends to destroy society itself? If such proof is needed, look at the United States (in 1850). There is no country in the world where the law is kept more within its proper domain: the protection of every person's liberty and property. As a consequence of this, there appears to be no country in the world where the social order rests on a firmer foundation. But even in the United States, there are two issues—and only two—that have always endangered the public peace.

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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 Four (Continued from Last Week)

As to jurors wielding a two-edged sword known as jury veto power, vindictively slashing the rights of defendants, let's lay this objection to rest ASAP. First, a prosecutor who really worries about the rights of the defendant seems to be a rare bird in this day and age, although I have indeed met a few. But when a prosecutor takes time out from his/her routine practice of scaring defendants into accepting plea bargains instead of trials by jury, in order to run over to the legislature and testify against FIJA legislation because "it might jeopardize a defendant's rights", I call it hypocritical irony.

If a defense attorney or trial lawyers' group argues to the lawmakers that FIJA legislation could be injurious to defendants' rights, as sometimes happens, they are usually assuaged when they are asked to recall that a jury simply cannot find anyone "more guilty" than charged, and that if it so much as tried to do so the judge would send it back into deliberation with an admonition that a jury has no authority to escalate the charges or damage claims against a defendant.

In the unlikely event that the Judge failed to initiate such a move, the defense team would certainly move immediately for a mistrial. And should such a motion not be made, or somehow not be granted, the right of the accused to appeal would still remain, and reversal on appeal would be virtually assured.

Nonetheless, recent versions of FIJA legislation have been modified to further relieve anxiety on the part of defense attorneys who haven't thought all this through: the language now couches the prerogatives of the jury—including instruction in the doctrine of jury nullification—in terms of the defendant's right to a full and fair hearing. That is, the latest language specifies that the jury may receive information about its veto powers only upon motion by the defense.

In short, there is no "two-edged sword", and for those defense attorneys who still disagree, the more recent FIJA bills include no requirement that the judge bring the subject up. As now, after passage of FIJA legislation, there will continue to be cases in which jurors find someone guilty, but the judge will overrule them on a "technicality". Also as now, sometimes that technicality may pertain to an infringement of the defendant's rights, which is precisely where the judge should step in. But there is no reason to expect that this will happen any more frequently than it does currently, without fully informed juries.

And what about the quality of jurors—their alleged stupidity, gullibility emotional manipulability, low educational level, or whatever. When any trial lawyer, either a prosecutor or a defender, complains about the quality of jurors, and so much as hints that jurors must not be exposed to the truth about their nullification power because they can't handle the decision making responsibility they've already got, let alone the "additional burden" that such knowledge would entail, my temper is tested.

First of all, if there is any problem with the quality of jury verdicts because of "poor quality" jurors, let's put the blame where it belongs—on the voir dire game (jury-stacking contest) that lawyers on both sides engage in at practically every jury trial, and on the excessively detailed, restrictive, and often confusing instructions given by the judge to those who survive the selection process. Yet, even after everyone who is discovered to have a brain, who has paid any attention to the case, or has any expertise in the fields which the trial may touch upon has been excused, trial juries nonetheless have a remarkable track record for delivering justice.

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Republic of Texas provisional government challenges state

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At the IRS building, citizens were met by three nervous-appearing federal police guards, who blocked entrance to the building doors. Republic of Texas secretary of defense Archie Lowe and McLaren stepped up to the guard in the center, and requested to deliver documents to the district director. "He is sending a representative down," the guard replied, "he'll be down in just a minute."

In a few minutes the guard motioned to Lowe, and when others tried to enter, the guard pushed the door quickly behind Lowe, blocking entrance to any of the others, including news media representatives. When asked about barring news media from the building, the guard tartly replied, "no tape recorders are allowed in federal buildings."

Very shortly after entering the building, Lowe reappeared, and announced to the assembled citizens, "We have delivered the lawful court order of eviction and notice to vacate, we have given the IRS 30 days to completely vacate all buildings and cease and desist all activities on the soil of the Republic of Texas." The crowd roared its approval as the cheers echoed off the surrounding buildings.

Not since 1861, when a delegation of citizens entered the capitol to escort reluctant Gov. Sam Houston off the grounds, has Texas witnessed such a historic event. Physical eviction did not take place, but symbolism was heavy in the air... it was on March 17, 1836 the Republic of Texas constitution was signed... and on March 18, 1996, Republic of Texas citizens made a public demonstration signaling their dedication for independence, no less bright than that which shined a beacon of light around the world 160 years ago.

What's Next?

General council members are planning to appoint several citizens to assist in implementation of the transitional plan. "It appears that state leaders have little or no interest in a cooperative effort with us," McLaren commented, "and we have a duty to complete our limited task of reclaiming the ownership of property and other rights belonging to our citizens."

"Our immediate concerns are to ensure that the rights of our citizens are not violated by state or U.S. law enforcement officers. To that end, we are attempting to notify all elected officials of their liability under the common law, and if necessary, we will attach liens on the bonds of any official whose actions are in violation of the rights of our citizens. We have been diligent in observing the letter of the law, adhering carefully to the Republic of Texas constitution and to the law of nations, and we expect the same from state and U.S. officials," McLaren added.

The two year transitional plan is geared toward a constitutional convention, and a decision by the people through a referendum on that constitution. "We have the right to make this decision," McLaren emphasized, "and we have the right to independence... it is guaranteed by the Texas state constitution, the U.S. constitution and the Republic of Texas constitution."

Republic of Texas documents at library

A copy of documentation related to the Republic of Texas Provisional Government's legal challenges and other explanatory material is now available for public inspection at the Post Public Library. Included in the set of documents is the transitional plan, which is outlines a two-year transition from state to republic government. For more information call 210-349-8994.

Obituaries

Juanita R. Vasquez

Graveside services for Juanita R. Vasquez, 77, were held Friday, March 15, 1996 at 10 a.m. in the Terrace Cemetery with Rev Lawrence Hemp officiating. Burial was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home. Mrs Vasquez died Thursday, March 14, 1996 in Twin Cedars Nursing Home. She was born May 6, 1918. She married Joe Vasquez in 1940. He preceded her in death on March 14, 1993. She was a housewife and a Catholic. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Guadalupe, on December 9, 1979. Survivors include a daughter, Maria of Post; one granddaughter, Darling and Martin Garcia and four great-grandchildren.

Nettie B. Fletcher

Funeral services for Nettie B. Fletcher, 66, were held Wednesday, March 20, 1996 at 3 p.m. in the Pleasant Home Baptist Church with Rev Arthur Kelly officiating. Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home. Mrs Fletcher died Saturday, March 16, 1996 in Garza Memorial Hospital. She was born October 6, 1929 in Rosebud, Texas. She married Pearl Fletcher in 1961. She was a housewife and a Baptist. Survivors include her husband, Pearl Fletcher of Post; two daughters, Ginger Johnson of Marlin and Marline Thompson of Fort Worth; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Rosa Rodela

Funeral services for Rosa Rodela will be held Thursday (today), March 21, 1996 at 2 p.m. in the Assembly of God Church. Burial will be in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home. Mrs Rodela died Monday, March 18, 1996 at Garza Memorial Hospital. She was born August 30, 1930 and was the daughter of Miterro Gomez and Alcaria Gonzales. She married Anselmo Rodela in Garza County. He preceded her in death on March 4, 1996. She was a housewife and a member of the Assembly of God Church. Survivors include three daughters, Kyeta DeLuna and Lupe Gomez, both of Post, and Leticia Rodela of El Paso; three sons, Sammy Gomez of Post, Steve Gomez of Brownwood and Leonard Rodela of Post; two brothers, Rufus Gomez of Dallas and Manuel Gonzales of Alabama; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Edith R. Rogers

Graveside services for Edith R. Rogers, 83, will be at 10 a.m., Friday, March 22, 1996 in the City of Lubbock Cemetery. Burial is under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home of Lubbock. Ms Rogers died on Tuesday, March 19, 1996 in Methodist Hospital. She was born in Motley County, Texas on July 11, 1912. She moved to Lubbock in 1937 and then moved to Post in 1960. She was a Methodist. She worked for Huber Western Wear during the 1940's and 1950's at the old downtown Lubbock location. Survivors include three brothers, Barnie Robert of Elmore City, Oklahoma, Boyd Roberts of Mathis and J.C. Roberts, Sr of Lubbock and two sisters, Molly Pritchett and Bennie R. Huber, both of Lubbock. The family suggest memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

Tennis tournament held at Brownfield March 8 & 9

by Becky Warren
Post High School participated in the tennis tournament held recently in Brownfield on March 8 & 9. Results are as follows:
Girls Doubles
Rachelle Jones and Shelley Shifflett - lost first match then won four matches to win Consolation Championship.
Macee Mills and Cassie Short - won two matches to reach quarterfinals.
Tamara Mason and Andrea Rodriguez - won one match.
Girls Singles
Bertha Soria - won four matches and lost one to finish third.
Tammy Matthes - won one match.
Christina Sanchez - won one match.
Boys Doubles
Jake Loredo and Cameron Miller - won two matches to reach quarterfinals.
Chad McDougal and Russ Moore - lost one match then won three to win Consolation Championship.
Boys Singles
Wade Bell - won one match.
Bryan Bustoz - won one match.
Nathan Webb - won one match.

Grandparents' Corner



MaryAnn & Bud Howell enjoy a visit with their grandson Ben Travis Webb and Ben's father, Dusty Webb. Ben Travis is the son of Tess and Dusty Webb of Lubbock.

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

Lopes finish third in Antelope Relay

By Becky Warren
The Post Lopes finished third in the Antelope Relay held here recently with a total of 82 1/2 points for the day.
First place finishes:
400 meter relay - Jamie Hernandez, Josh Loper, Freddy Pena and Saul Martinez.
100 meter dash - Saul Martinez.
Second place finishes:
1600 meter relay - Orlando Castillo, Jamie Hernandez, Freddy Pena and Saul Martinez.
110 meter hurdles - Sam Woods.
Third place finishes:
400 meter dash - Orlando Castillo.
300 meter dash - Sam Woods.
200 meter dash - Jamie Hernandez.
Triple jump - Jamie Hernandez.
Fifth place finishes:
Tie - high jump - Jamie Hernandez.
Sixth place finishes:
110 meter hurdles - Elijah McElroy.
400 meter dash - John Paul Perez.
200 meter dash - Steve Gonzales.
The next meet will be the Blackland Divide Relays in Roscoe. Field events will start at 9 a.m., running prelims at 11 a.m. and finals start at 3 p.m.

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On God's free Gift

by Bob Green, First United Methodist Church
I sit before my computer agonizing over a responsibility and opportunity, I have accepted joyfully but have put off to the last minute. The Post Dispatch has given the pastors of this community the "space" and "freedom" to write anything we choose for print and today is my turn.
As always I wonder what I have to say that would be of interest to this incredible community. I say a prayer for God to stimulate my creative juices and then turn the computer on. As I wait for the computer to come alive and lay its seeming unlimited potential before me I become aware of all that is possible with this phenomenal machine. Even though it is four years old and obsolete, it is capable of performing tasks far beyond my ability to ever conceive, or implement, and play beautiful music in the process.
As I ponder the task before me I am amazed at the potential of this computer that will never be realized because of my inadequacies. I also ponder my relationship with God, for He has placed within me potential, expectation and possibilities I will never meet.
My thoughts drift to a weekly prayer breakfast I attend with men who have become very special and influential friends of mine. Today we discussed the various facets of God's will for His people and how we meet, thwart or completely miss that will. We also discussed the obvious resulting question, "What is God's action, or reaction, in each case?" And, "How does God's grace figure in all this anyway?"
At the risk of debasing the dignity of God's grace I believe there is a comparison between this ever loving, patience-testing, frustration-building and very possible demon-possessed computer which has come very near costing me my salvation on many occasions, that very precious and necessary gift from God to us.
Number one, I can't take any credit for anything this blessed machine can do, has done or is capable of doing. Someone far smarter and more capable than I dreamed it up, put it together, loaded it with memory, programs, and whatever, and made it available to me to do with whatever I chose.
I use it to the ability I can, making use of all that I am; what I have learned, am learning, all the patience, tenacity, determination, all the strength, moral love, and indwelling faith I can muster.
Sometimes I do very well with it, sometimes I am amazed with what comes from it despite of what I put in, sometimes I am so disgusted, angry, and exhausted that I wonder if it is not a tool of the devil designed to cost me my religion.
But always...always, I am eager to turn it on and find out what marvelous and phenomenal things can happen that would never happen were it not there.
I believe that's the way of God's grace. I can't take any credit for it at all. It was created by someone far smarter and more capable than I could ever be. It was made available to me to use, enjoy, learn with, to grow with, to share with others, help and encourage others, but never to flaunt or lord over anyone.

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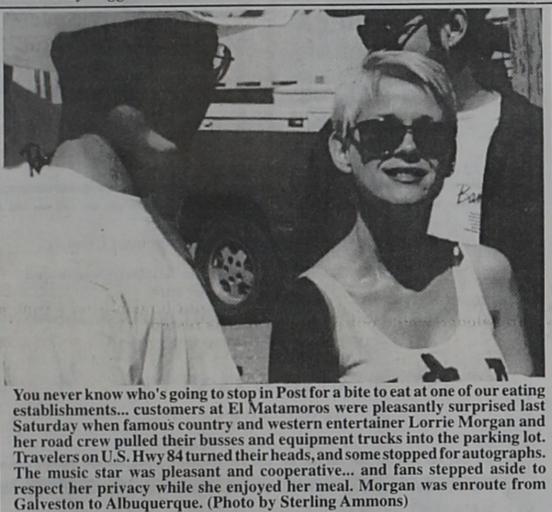
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Tuesday, March 26
Beef stroganoff, egg noodles, peas and carrots, kraut salad, hot roll, apples, choice of beverage.
Wednesday, March 27
Roast beef w/brown gravy, roasted potatoes, broccoli, tossed salad w/ French dressing, wheat roll, cake, choice of beverage.
Thursday, March 28
Chili and beans, coleslaw, sliced onions and peppers, cornbread, banana gelatin, choice of beverage.
- Post ISD**
Friday, March 22
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Fish, macaroni 'n cheese, carrot and raisin salad, peas, frozen yogurt, milk.
Monday, March 25
Breakfast: Pancake and sausage on a stick, butter and syrup, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Tacos, refried beans, lettuce and tomato, cookie, milk.
Tuesday, March 26
Breakfast: Malt-O-Meal, sausage, toast and honey, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Burritos, fried squash, salad, sliced peaches, milk.
Wednesday, March 26
Breakfast: Cowboy bread, sausage link, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, cream gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, pudding, hot rolls, milk.
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Top finishers from each age division (2-4 teams per age division) qualify to advance to the State* YBOA Tournament in Dallas on Memorial Day weekend. The top six teams in each division in the State Tournament qualify to advance to the NATIONAL FINALS in July.
The format will be a double elimination tournament with both boys and girls divisions in the following age categories. Age as of January 1, 1996.
12 and under 15 and under
13 and under 16 and under
14 and under 18 and under
Each division will be initially limited to 8 teams on a first come first serve basis. Entry fee is \$175.00 per team and a \$5 per person charge for insurance furnished through BCI. Entry deadline is April 8, 1996. Late entries may be accepted subject to availability. Late entry fee is \$200 plus \$5 per person insurance.
For more information or to request a registration packet please contact: Gordon Williamson at (806) 791-1437 or (806) 789-7401 (gwilliamson_sci@msn.com) or Terri Stahl at (806) 791-2095.
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Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

10 Years Ago March 20, 1986

Darren Wood collected the most dollars in the recent Bike-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude's Childrens Hospital. He was awarded a bicycle, courtesy of the First National Bank.

Donna George and Kevin Craig exchanged wedding vows March 15, 1986 in Post.

Bruce Crenshaw signs a letter of intent to Sul Ross University, where the Post High School senior will play football.

The Green Thumb Garden Club met March 13 in the home of Irene Mitchell. Jan Herring Crawford was the special guest at that meeting.

20 Years Ago March 18, 1976

Mrs. Lucille Morris from the Graham Home Demonstration Club walked away from the 1976 Garza County Fair with high point honors. Her daughter, Christine, was high point non-club woman.

Coach Bobby Davis resigns as Post football coach and athletic director.

Don Cook of Houston visited in Post Sunday with his grandmother, Mrs. Ethel Redman. Don is with the Police Department in Houston.

Happy Birthday today goes to R.B. Dodson, Nancy Robinson, Jimmy Norman and David Quinonez.

Dinner guests in the home of Mr and Mrs J.P. Ray, Sunday were Mrs W.R. Greer of Slaton and Mr and Mrs Jimmy Mathis and Sandra of Post.

30 Years Ago March 24, 1966

Mrs Carl Fluit was chosen as "Woman of the Year" at the benefit style show sponsored by XI Delta Rho chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Tracy and Tray Cannon, twin sons of Mr and Mrs Harvey Cannon, were honored with a party on their fifth birthdays last Friday night by their parents.

Birch Lobban was awarded the overall showmanship trophy in the Junior Livestock Show Saturday.

Miss Nancy Hart, daughter of Mr and Mrs Boy Hart, was elected to represent the county 4-H clubs in the livestock show and sale.

40 Years Ago March 22, 1956

Questionnaires received to date on city mail delivery indicate that about 95% of the patrons are in favor of it, Postmaster Harold Voss said Wednesday.

Mrs Lola McWhirter, who has taught beginning pupils for more than 20 years, says those of today seem to have a much broader knowledge of things in general than did the six-year-olds of 10, 15 and 20 years ago.

Lt. Don Brown, who is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. telephoned his wife and parents, the Eulas Browns's Saturday.

A new birth is Jimmy Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Jim R. Norman. He was born March 18, 1956 in Slaton Mercy Hospital.

50 Years Ago March 21, 1946

Miss Betty Williams, daughter of Dr. and Mrs D.C. Williams is listed on the Dean's Honor Roll last semester at Texas State College for Women.

The children in Miss Bonnie McMahon's second grade room were treated to a picture show party last week by Mrs. Hamilton. They saw "Life with Blondie".

Mr and Mrs H. G. Howard, Jr. and baby of Lubbock were weekend guests in the home of Mr Howard's grandmother, Mrs. L.L. Gollehon.

At the Garza theater this week see "California Gold Rush" with Bill Elliott as Red Ryder, "Sunbonnet Sue" with Gale Storm, "North West Mounted Police" with Gary Cooper and "Her Highness and the Bellboy" with Hedy

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Available for adoption are a female puppy mixed breed, male chow puppy, female white heeler, female cocker spaniel, male mixed breed, border collie mixed breed female and black and brown mixed breed male. Call City Hall at 495-2811 for adoption information.

Tip of the Week: Neuter or spaying pets will go a long ways toward eliminating the problem of homeless pets.

Post Art Guild collection displayed

by Jenifer Fumagalli

On display in the Algeria Art Gallery is the Post Art Guilds Permanent Collection. This exhibit consists of over 35 pieces of art work including paintings, sculptures and photography. Several peices are the works of local artists, others are from as far away as the orient.

The Art Guilds Collection represents over 20 years of purchases and the collection continues to grow as the Art Guild purchases additional artwork each year at their annual Spring Art Show.

These pieces, called "citizens awards", are then placed in various public buildings throughout Post for the citizens to view and enjoy.

These pieces have been temporarily removed from the Public buildings and will be on exhibit at the Algeria Art Center throughout the week.

Currently in the gift gallery we have Polly Cravys' "Earth Spirit Collection" necklaces, "Gourds" by Glenda Morrow and "Victorian Country Charm" wreaths by the

Gibsons. Next week the art center will feature Vince Gribbles' "Emu Egg Carvings". You are invited to visit the center Tuesday through Friday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sheriff's office receives 69 calls

By Becky Warren
The Garza County Sheriff's office received 69 calls during the past week.

On March 14 a 22 year old male laid out 72 hours in jail for DWI. He was released. A 31 year old male had his probation revoked. He is still being held at this time.

On March 15 a 27 year old male was arrested for DWI and driving with no license. He was released on a \$2,500 bond. A 22 year old male was arrested on a probation reverse. He is still being held at this time.

On March 16 a 19 year old male was arrested for minor in possession and public intoxication. He was released after paying \$360 in fines and court costs. He is on a continuance agreement. Also a 22 year old male was arrested for making alcohol available to a minor and public intoxication. He was released after paying \$410 in fines and court costs and he agreed to a continuance agreement.



Sonic management partners in Post to celebrate the grand opening here are (left to right) David Foster, Mike Abusaab, Tommy Meeks and Post manager owner Adam Fox.



Participating in the recent Odyssey of the Minds were Post Middle School students (back row, left to right) Chris Metsgar, Mike Saldivar, Billy Crawford, Rocky Gomez, (front row) Princess Garcia, Ruben Gomez and Dominic Pequeño.

Green Thumb Garden Club news

The Green Thumb Garden Club met Thursday night at the Hotel Garza with Annie Laura Francis, Marion Wheatley, Louella Bilberry, Maurine Hudman and Shorty King as hostesses.

In absence of President Carlene Kyle, Ida Jones presided as minutes were read and the treasurer's report was given.

Entertainment was furnished by Mildred Stewart. Foot tapping tapes of country-western music were

played with Mildred singing the lyrics and members singing along on some of the old favorites. The program ended with some favorite gospel songs.

There was an exchange of plants by the members.

Delicious pie and coffee were served to following members: Gladys Blair, Sybil Cockrum, Thelma Epley, Ida Jones, Jewel White, Iva Hudman, the hostesses and guests Mildred Stewart and Temp Browning.

Community Calendar

Saturday, March 23, 1996
6 p.m. "Willie Awards", Post Community Center

Monday, March 25, 1996
9 a.m. - Commissioner's Court, County Courthouse

Tuesday, March 26, 1996
12 noon - Rotary, Rotary room, Community Center

Thursday, March 28, 1996
7 a.m. - Lions Club, Chaparral Steak House

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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The Original

1 C&W singer
2 UT's Benton who directed film "Kramer vs. Kramer"
3 TXism: "steppin' like a cactus patch" (lively)
4 payment for a "tax wrangler" (2 wds.)
5 anyone can play in these TX golf tournaments
6 to drill for oil
7 Texans call it a sword
8 official at a Cow-boys game (abbr.)
9 crossed the picket line or healed over
10 Irish gals
11 to Texans, it's a pasture (2 wds.)
12 TXism: "that won't float"
13 well known features of Dolly & Abraham
14 Liz of TX film "Giant" (init.)
15 Ann Richards' party (abbr.)
16 TXism: "his blood is colder (ruthless)
17 dog shelters
18 TXism: "we're seein' eye to eye"
19 Gov. Ferguson 25 type of welder
20 TXism: "we're Friday night cheer
21 TXism: "___ off more than I could chew"
22 Texans fought on this island in WW II
23 Rockets Olajuwon
24 TXism: "it's Katy ___ the door"
25 TXism: "a horse of a different ___"
26 this Kevin starred with TX Spacek in "Violets Are Blue"
27 "use it ___ it"
28 stat. of 58-across
29 "wreck and ___"
30 TX Red Adair ___ nitro over burning oil wells
31 "The Eyes of Texas are ___ You"
32 TX Strait's "Marina ___ Rey"
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 - TXism: "hot to ___" (excited)
 - this Indian chief adopted TX Houston
 - TX Orbison's "___ Pretty Woman"
 - Houston's last wife Margaret, et al.
 - this Ryan starred with TX Quaid in "D.O.A."
 - county in the cajun neighboring state
 - figurer or cipherer
 - TX pitching legend (init.)
 - has more oil than TX: Saudi ___
 - back of the neck
 - TXism: "run that by ___ more time" (repeat)
 - how Texans like steak (2 wds.)
 - shopping or crime
 - TX farm terracer
 - to Nacogdoches from Houston
 - TXism: "I'm ___ in" (exhausted)
 - TXism: "tall dog in the pack"
 - rooms in Dallas' WFAA-TV

- DOWN**
- Yvette of "Jackson County Jail" with TX Tommy Lee (init.)
 - Texas ___ weekend
 - actor who starred with TX JoBeth in "Teachers" ('84)
 - first name of 34-across
 - TXism: "he ___ out" (left fast)
 - TX Debbie Reynolds' "Say ___ For Me" ('59)
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Bullock, Laney evade meeting with Provisional Government

by Wes Burnett
In an attempt to balance the Republic of Texas story, I called Lt Gov Bob Bullock and Speaker of the House Pete Laney Tuesday morning, requesting statements

on the issue. I asked staff members of both legislators, basically the same question I had posed last week to Governor Bush, Senator Montford and Representative Counts: "Do

you have any reaction to the claims by the Republic of Texas provisional government?" Bullock's response, through his spokesman Tony Proffitt: "I am sending you a copy of the powers and duties of the Texas lieutenant governor. There is no authority to consider the claims of the Republic of Texas."

Laney's representative Janet Warren said that the speaker had referred all documents to legal counsel for review. That's it.

So far, no state official has stepped up to publicly display any evidence to contradict the claims of the Republic of Texas provisional government. What are citizens to think about this silence from their elected officials? If there is no contrary evidence... must we not assume that the Republic of Texas is in fact, the legitimate government for Texas?

Taba'na Yuan'e

(Continued from Page 1)

Chief Runkles has conducted the Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony since 1973, and his predictions have been 91% accurate. He was asked to become involved because of his long-time interest in Indian lore and his commitment to sharing his knowledge about Indians with the area boy scouts.

Runkles has researched the ceremony and has developed it into a traditional performance that everyone should see.

The ceremony begins at South Lake in Post at sunrise between 6-6:30 a.m., Runkles said. People are encouraged to get there on time so they don't interrupt the ceremony.

Visitors will gather around a circular ceremonial ring in which a fire of only natural materials burn. Linda Puckett and Zoe Kirkpatrick will be conducting the opening ceremony, an Indian tradition of offering Sage to the wind, Runkles said. Then, Chief Runkles will sing a tribal prayer and present a pipe of peace to the four directions of the wind and to the Mother Earth and Wakantanka, the Spiral above. At the end of the ceremony, Chief Runkles will point a ceremonial feather in the direction of the wind.

The Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony brings people from all over the South Plains to experience a traditional Indian ritual. Chief Runkles, along with the Post Chamber of Commerce, encourages everyone to be there.

Happiness is good health and a bad memory.

—Ingrid Bergman

Up and Down Main Street

by Wanda Mitchell, Post Chamber of Commerce

The first Regional Mayors' Beans and Cornbread Luncheon will be held in Lubbock, Saturday, March 23rd from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Mayors of Lubbock, Idalou, Levelland, Littlefield, Post, Ransom Canyon, Shallowater, Slaton and Wolforth will participate.



There will be live music, door prizes and lots of interesting people. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. We urge everyone to get out and support this worthwhile charity. It is sponsored by Hospice of Lubbock but Hospice serves many area towns.

Lynette Thuett is a Hospice volunteer from Post and she tells me that this is one of their primary fund-raisers. Hospice is a non-profit organization serving the terminally ill and their families. Let's show our support and have a good group representing Post.

Taba'na Yuan'e is Friday morning. I know that everyone is ready for a good year and really ready for some much needed rain. We are looking forward to a good crowd for the sunrise ceremony and breakfast following at Hotel Garza. I just wish the weather would

make it's mind up and decide whether it will be warm or cold for the next few weeks. Allergies are rampant along with colds and flu. Most everyone I know has had one or the other or both. I even broke down and bought some cough drops the other day because I couldn't hold a conversation for coughing.

The Rotary Club is having their annual broom sale next Tuesday so if you need any brooms, mops, patio brooms, dishcloths, etc., just call any Rotary member and they will be glad to take your order. Rotary uses their money right here in our community in the form of scholarships, camp for diabetics, needy children and many other worthwhile charities in Post. We will be at the intersection of Main and Broadway all day next Tuesday so come by there and support a good cause.

We will be having the official "ribbon cutting" for Sonic on Friday at 10:30 a.m. We are glad to have this new industry in Post. They will be giving money away on KPOS that may be used with any merchant who is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. We appreciate their support for the Chamber, too.

This is a really good small industry that will employ around 20-25 people year round.

I know everyone will have a busy week with all the activities. Make it a good week, too because you.....Take Pride and Take Part in Post!!!

Garza Healthtalk

by Danny Guthrie, RN

Fibrocystic condition of the breast is the most common cause of breast problems. Unlike breast cancer, which can affect both men and women, fibrocystic condition is thought to be caused by ovarian hormonal changes, and therefore a condition that affects women.

Lumps, breast pain, and nipple discharge are symptoms of fibrocystic condition, and usually always occurs in both breasts. Any woman who discovers a lump or mass in her breast should promptly seek the medical advice of a physician.

Breast self-examination may be complicated by fibrocystic masses,

therefore women should become familiar with their breasts by touch to recognize changes that may occur. It is extremely important to perform a monthly breast self-examination.

Fibrocystic condition occurs mainly in women between 30 years of age and menopause. Some of the interventions that may be initiated with this condition include cessation of caffeine intake, initiating vitamin therapy, and in some cases initiating hormonal therapy.

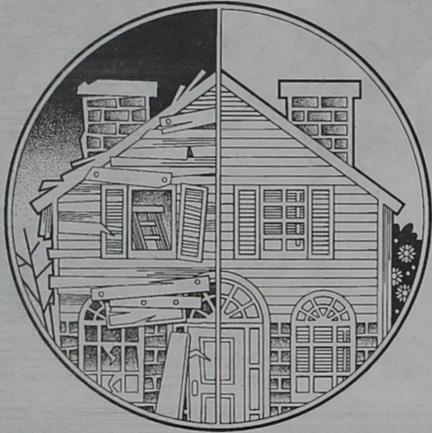
A lump or mass in the breast should always be investigated by a physician, but women should be aware that causes other than cancer can be a factor. Fear prevents many women from seeking medical attention early.

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Large 20 oz. 1.79

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Cherry, Strawberry, Grape, Orange, Blue Coconut, Fresh Lime, Bubble Gum, Piña Colada and Fresh Lemon
Sm. .85 Med. .99 Lg. 1.19 Route 44* 1.39

FROZEN FAVORITES

Banana Split 1.99
Hot Fudge Cake Sundae 1.49
Banana Fudge Sundae 1.79

SHAKES & MALTS

Banana Split 1.99
Hot Fudge Cake Sundae 1.49
Strawberry Fudge Cake Sundae 1.49
Banana Fudge Sundae 1.79
Nuts available on request.

Sonic Blast 1.74
(Butterfinger®, M&M's®, Heath Bar® and Chocolate Cookie)

FLOATS & FROSTIES

Hot Fudge, Strawberry, Chocolate and Pineapple 1.29

All sundaes include whipped topping and a cherry. Nuts available upon request.

SLUSHES

Vanilla Cone74
Vanilla Dish74

GRAND OPENING SPECIAL... Car Hop Combo Burger, Reg. Fries & Med. Soft Drink.... 2.99