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Citizens 1 extreme fire hazard continues in county

Garza County residents are urged to exerice caution with fireworks this weekend as the fire hazard due to dry range conditions continues.

County Judge Giles Dalby has requested that common sense be used, and for parents to be particularly careful in supervising children with fireworks.

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Windmill Museum gets local support

by Sheri Lewis

A town meeting on the proposal to bring a windmill museum to the Post area drew about a dozen local residents Thursday. "The response was very good," said Coy Harris of Lubbock, executive director and project engineer for the National Windmill Project.

(Continued on Page 7) Post baby survives mauling by puppy

by Sheri Lewis

Robert Lee Farris, the month-old Post infant who was mauled by a family pet last week, remained in stable condition Monday in the St. Mary Hospital Pediatric ICU Unit in Lubbock.

"He's doing a lot better," said his paternal grandmother, Brenda Sweeten of Post. "His mother got to hold him yesterday to give him his formula. He's got a slight infection so they have him on antibiotics, but they're getting ready to move him out of the Pediatric ICU unit and into the regular pediatric area."

"He's doing pretty good," Post resident Clarence Warren, the child's great-grandfather, said. "He's eating and his color is back. He looks good.

Little Robert Lee sustained serious injuries Wednesday, June 26, when he was attacked by a 7-week-old Alaskan malamute/timberwolfcross puppy his parents had acquired just a few weeks ago, according to Garza County Sheriff Kenneth Ratke.

The incident occurred just after noon at the Farris home, located in the 200 block of South Avenue D. The Farris's told investigating

Mayor Jim Jackson (right) placed the first long distance call last week from GTE's new digital switching equipment in Post. GTE's Ronnie Ammons (left) presented a brief tour of the switching equipment following Jackson's telephone visit with his brother in Arizona. The new switching equipment offers GTE customers here several new services.

lawmen that the child's father, Steve Farris, was asleep on a sofa in youngest son. Local churches have been helpful in enabling the the living room when the mother, Nicki, decided to run next door to young parents to stay close to the Lubbock hospital, providing gas use a neighbor's telephone.

Nicki Farris woke her husband and asked him to watch their said youngest son, who was nestled in a car seat/infant carrier on the floor near the sofa. The couple's older son, who is 14 months old, accompaalso made huge contributions toward the child's care - the physician nied his mother to the neighbor's.

"Apparently the mother got long winded and the dad, who works of his attention to his tiny Post patient. the night shift at Allsup's (convenience store), fell back to sleep," Ratke said. The sheriff said it is unclear exactly what happened in the next few minutes but sometime while the mother was away - estimates indicate she was gone almost a half-hour - the puppy attacked 430, Post, Texas 79356. baby Robert Lee.

may have gone into shock with the first or second bite. Unfortunately indicate the family has no health insurance coverage. The puppy the daddy did not awaken." Brenda Sweeten said that when her involved in the incident was destroyed Friday after being quarandaughter-in-law returned home from the neighbor's, Nicki discov- tined at Caprock Veterinary Clinic immediately following the atered the puppy attacking the child.

The mother's screams awakened Steve Farris, who jumped up, kicked the dog off the baby and quickly wrapped the child in a sheet. Nicki Farris ran next door to use the telephone again, this time to call for help. Steve Farris didn't wait for the ambulance; instead, he jumped in his vehicle and rushed his son to the local hospital.

Nicki Farris and her mother-in-law followed minutes later. In the meantime, a 9-1-1 call from a neighbor at 12:23 p.m. summoned sheriff's department officials to the Farris household. An officer was immediately dispatched but upon his arrival found no one at the

The officer learned from neighbors that the parents had rushed the child to the hospital, Ratke said. Local health care providers worked for more than an hour to stabilize the baby's condition, according to reports. The mauling caused severe damage to the child's genital and anal areas, Ratke said, and there was damage to the stomach and to

There may also have been some bites on one of the boy's arms. One health care worker at the scene, commenting on the severity of the injuries, said, "I've never seen anything like it. The baby was in real critical condition and appeared to be in shock. They were working just to keep him alive."

Sweeten said her grandson lost about half of his blood as a result of the attack and that medical personnel said the quick action taken by Steve Farris in getting his son to the hospital likely saved the child's life. Hospital officials initially called the local ambulance service to transport Robert Lee to Lubbock but then decided a quicker transfer was needed.

Arrangements were made to have the baby airlifted by Flight For Life helicopter to St. Mary Hospital. The child was listed in critical condition upon his arrival in Lubbock.

Authorities are continuing their investigation into the incident. Ratke said his officers should be able to complete their portion of the investigation within the week. Once their reports are compiled, copies will be delivered to the district attorney's office and to Child Protective Services as required follow-

ing incidents of this nature. The couple has cooperated fully with authorities and their accounts of the incident are consistent with the evidence at the scene, according to the sheriff. "It appears they are telling the truth," Ratke said, adding that the decision as to whether or not charges will be filed will rest with the district attorney.

A spokesman in the district attorney's office said Monday that no reports relating to the incident have been received by that office. In the meantime, the couple's older son is staying with his grandmother while the investigation is completed.

Sweeten said Steve and Nicki Farris have secured accommodations in Lubbock in order to spend more time at the hospital with their money and funds to help offset accommodation expenses, Sweeten

The pediatrician who attended at Robert Lee's May 29th birth has closed down his private practice for two days last week to devote all

To help the Farris's meet medical expenses, an account has been established locally. Contributions may be made to an account earmarked Benefit for Robert Farris at Norwest Bank, P.O. Box

Contributions to the benefit account are coming in, even from "We don't know what happened exactly," Ratke said, "but the child outside the Post area, according to Norwest officials. Reports

(Continued on Page 7)

Post Notes

Dispatch to close for holiday

The Post Dispatch will be closed Thursday and Friday, July 4-5 for the observance of July 4th.

New office hours at Community Center

The new office hours at the Post Community Center are 8:30 12 noon Monday thru Friday.

Elem. school library open til July 12

The Elementary school library will be open from 8 a.m. til 12 noon each day until July 12th. We will have story time each Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30-10:30. Students are encouraged to come and check out a book or read in the library

Dog dip and rabies vaccination

The Post Rotary Club's annual dog dip and rabies vaccination will be held Saturday, July 13, from 1:30-4 p.m. at the Post Volunteer Fire Department. Charge is \$5 for dip and \$6.50 for rabies vaccination.

Foster Parent workshop July 23

Methodist Children's Home will sponsor a Foster Parent Workshop on Tuesday, July 23, 1996, for anyone interested in learning more about private foster care. The workshop will be held from 7-9 p.m. at Forrest Heights United Methodist Church, 3007 33rd Street (33rd & Elgin), Lubbock, Texas. Those interested can call 806-792-0099 for more information or to pre-register. Pre-register by July 22, 1996.

Exercise class at Trailblazers

Exercise classes are held every Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. at the Garza County Trailblazers. This is a fun time and very beneficial. Come and join us.

Fund set up at Norwest for Farris baby

A fund for Robert Lee Farris has been set up at Norwest Bank. You may drop your donation at the bank or mail it to Norwest Bank, Robert Farris Fund, P.O. Box 430, Post, Texas 79356 or you may drop your donation at the Garza County Sheriff's office.

Bazaar Information

The 20th annual holiday bazaar sponsored by the Athenian Study Club of Slaton will be held from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., November 2, 1996, at Slaton Jr High School, 1000 South 10th Street, Slaton, Texas. We would like to invite you to participate in this fun & exciting bazaar. The fee for booth space is \$20 per space (size approximately 6 ft deep x 10 ft across) A limited number of 6 ft tables may be rented for \$5 per table until tables are gone. Card tables and screens may be used. For reservations or information call Dorothy Miles, 210 S. 16th, Slaton, Texas 79364 or 806-828-5606.

VFW to hold flag raising July 4th

The Post VFW #6797 will hold a flag raising at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 4th. County Judge Giles Dalby will be the featured speaker. A bar-b-que will be held at 7 p.m. for all members and wives.



Collecting items for the Women's Protective Services recently are Post Chamber of Commerce Women's Division members (left to right) Lois Cook, Katherine Trammell, Nell Mathews, WPS representative Carla Harmon, Alice Cruse, Gladys Blair, Billie Jean Cross, Betty Posey, Geraldine Butler and Maxine Earl. (Photo by Becky Warren) See story on Page 8.



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Nicolle Okonek and Zachary Brady to wed August 3, 1996 in Fort Worth

Nicolle Danielle Okonek and Julius Schepps of Dallas. Zachary Stone Brady.

high school in Richardson. She is a 1995 gradute of Texas Tech

An August 3rd wedding is communication studies, and an planned in Fort Worth at alumna of Kappa Alpha Theata University Christian Church for sorority. She is employed by

The prospective bridegroom, The bride-elect, daughter of Mr son of Mr and Mrs Edward E. and Mrs Joseph R. Okonek of Brady of Abilene, attended Clyde Frisco, attended L.V. Berkner high school. He is a 1995 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in agricultural University with a degree in communications. He is an alumnus of Kappa Alpha Order. He is employed by Cargill, Inc. Zach is the grandson of James



Lopez named All-American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Yvonne Lopez has been named an All-American Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor, or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the

Yvonne Lopez, who attends Post Middle School was nominated for this national award by Tammy Ayala.

Yvonne Lopez will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Scholar Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

Yvonne is the daughter of Robert and Janie Lopez. The grandparents are E.M. and Lucila Flores and Ruben and Modesta Lopez, all of Dimmitt.

The suspense is terrible, I hope it will last. -Oscar Wilde

Jodi Maxwell becomes bride of Trevor Thuett

of Trevor Thuett at 4 p.m. on mother. with white wisteria and Boston cummerbunds.

of Abilene, uncle of the groom.

Glenda Field of Lubbock served friend of the family.

Music was provided by Kerry ceremony. Finney, sister of the groom, on the trumpet, of Muleshoe.

The brides dress made of Ivory Lubbock. Bridal Satin and Lace trim, had a attached train and a large bow and Matt Pennell of Lubbock. with streamers flowing down the satin lace flowers and entwined making their home in Post.

with pearls. The dress was

Jodi Maxwell became the bride designed by Jodi and made by her

April 27, 1996. The setting of the The Maid of Honor wore a long double ring ceremony was the royal blue dress with rounded backyard gazebo of the groom's neck and short sleeves and carried parents, Ronald and Nancy a bouquet of white and blue Thuett of Post. The gazebo was flowers. The Groom, the Best Man decorated with white draping, and the bride's son wore black bows of royal blue tulle, garland tuxedos with royal blue

Trevor and Jodi's wedding rings The bride is the daughter of were given to them by his Annette Dewbre of Lubbock and grandparents L.G. Thuett and the James J. Smith of Waco. The bride late Consie Thuett. The bride's was given in marriage and ring was a combination of Mr. escorted by her father and her Thuett's mothers, Mrs Thuett's three year old son, Dalton mothers and her own wedding: Maxwell. Officiating the bands and the grooms ring was: ceremony was Dr. Gene Hendrix Mr. Thuett's original wedding

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The wedding cake, a two tiered as the bride's Maid of Honor and chocolate cake decorated with Mark Keene of Lake Jackson light chocolate icing, with sugar served as the groom's Best Man. bells, hearts and a crystal; Guests were registered by Precious Moment Bride and Deanna Mueller of Lubbock, Groom, was cut under the gazebo immediately following the:

Approximately 55 guests were: the keyboard and Alan Finney, served a catered dinner of fish; brother-in-law of the groom, on brisket and all the trimmings provided by River Smiths of

Members of the house party semi fitted bodice with a shaped were Andrea Willard of Lubbock, front and short sleeves. It had a Eydie Capps, Loraine Hendrix of flared skirt, a ruffled floor length Abilene, Brook Capps of New York

After a wedding trip to the YO back. The bride wore a finger tip ranch in Kerrville and length veil attached to a band of Fredricksburg, the couple are



Zachary Brady and Nicolle Okonek



Sara Ault is all smiles with her great grandchildren Hailey Sprayberry and Alexander Sprayberry, Hailey is the daughter of Dean and Tammy Sprayberry of Seattle, Wash, and Alexander is the son of Mitchell and Joel Sprayberry.

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

Grandparents We still have several unclaimed Valentine photos. Please come by The Post Dispatch to pick them up.

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Miss Amanda Bush and Lucille Bush and the late Elmo Stephen Quisenberry exchanged Bush, Fannie Ballentine and Mr wedding vows Saturday, June 22 and Mrs Ted Williams, all of Post.

Methodist Church in Post. Rev. and Gail Quisenberry of Tahoka. Roosevelt Moore of Tahoka He is the grandson of T.C. and officiated the double ring Willie Quisenberry and the late Marie Quisenberry of Lamesa and The bride is the daughter of Gene and Irene Dyke of

The bride wore a romantic gown She is the granddaughter of of white satin and Alincon lace. The bodice featured a sweetheart neckline, pouf lantern sleeves and a deep Basque waist. The sheath skirt was highlighted with beaded and sequined lace appliqués. The back of the dress was accented with a bow and flowed to an ornately decorated cathedral train.

The brides veil was two tiers attached to a band of white silk roses. She wore a string of pearls and pearl earrings belonging to her Maid of Honor.

Amanda carried a bouquet of assorted silk spring flowers in colors of mauve, teal, pink and rose accented with pearls and ribbons. The bouquet was made by her grandmother, Fannie Ballentine.

The guest register was attended fellowship hall of the church. by Sally Bush of Post, cousin of the bride.

Megan and Krisha Bush, sisters of the bride served as Bridesmaids and Nikki Pollard of Post served as Maid of Honor. They wore knee length sleeveless dresses in spring floral cotton sheath. Their dresses were accented with rolled brim natural straw hats and they carried bouquets that were a smaller version of the bridal bouquet.

The groom was attired in black wranglers, boots and a collarless shirt.

Brad Long of Tahoka served as Best man. Brian Inklebarger of ODonnell and Justin Whitley of Tahoka were groomsmen. They were all dressed in the same attire were teal silk roses.

The flower girl was Madison

Ushers were Scott Metsgar of man. Post and Curtis Erikson of Tahoka.

The wedding music was following the ceremony. provided by Jane Terry of Post,

Tax 'n Facts by Terri Cash, CPA

Inherited Property --A Bonus!

Did Aunt Ethel leave you 100 shares of telephone stock in her will, or the silver tea service you always coveted? As if it weren't nice enough to find a bequest in your lap, there's also a tax bonus built in.

Should you care to sell the bounty, you'll find little or no tax due. That's because the basis for the shares or the tea set is its worth at the previous owner's death. The appreciation in value up to that time -- which may be considerable if Aunt Ethel were sitting on the stock for many years -- is forgiven. No tax is due on the capital gain up to that time. Any appreciation after you've received the bequest, of course, is a taxable gain.

For widows or widowers who owned property jointly with a spouse, the tax owed depends on the state. In community-property states, you can use the steppedup basis on the full value. In other states, only half the property get the stepped-up

Questions about what's taxable and what isn't? We've got the answers at

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aunt of the Bride, with special replica of the U.S.S. Arizona as sang "Thru the Eyes of Love".

A reception followed in the

bouquet as the centerpiece law of the groom. accented with mauve taper candles and a full length picture were Patricia Metsgar and Jean of the bride.

accented with white silk roses and babys breath. The brides table was attended by Xane and Penny, all cousins of the bride.

The grooms table featured a naval anchor candle holder and a

music by Natalie Pollard who the centerpiece. The grooms cake was accented with a gold anchor.

The grooms table was attended by Lanae Guin and Michelle The brides table featured her Quisenberry, sister and sister in

Members of the house party Morris of Post and Nancy Monk, The three tiered cake was Rose Sullivan, Sherry Stone, Lynn Locke, Janet Harvick and Betty Long of Tahoka.

The couple will reside in Post Jessica Mason, and their mother where Amanda is employed by LaPosta and Stephen is employed by the Texas Dept. of Transportation. He will begin his navel training in August.

Wallace, Maberry exchange vows

Lisa Ann Wallace and Craig Olson Maberry exchanged vows as the groom. Their boutonnieres in a double ring, sunset ceremony June 4, 1996 on Wailoli beach.

Priscilla Wallace of Groton Long Mason of Post, cousin of the bride. Point, Connecticut served as The ring bearer was Trey Davis matron of honor and Johnny of Tahoka, nephew of the groom. Mosser of Lubbock served as best

The couple hosted a reception dinner at Hanalei Bay Resort

Parents of the bride are Mr and Mrs Richard Wallace of Groton Long Point, Connecticut. Parents of the groom are Mr and Mrs Lee Marshall Islands. Maberry of Slaton.

attended Northeastern University and graduated from Forsyth College in Boston, Massachusetts. She is employed as a registered dental hygienist with Charles River Dental Associates in Boston, Massachusetts.

The groom graduated from Slaton High School and South Plains College in Lubbock. He is employed as a field engineer with Raytheon Range Systems Engineering at the Kwajalein Missile Range, Republic of the

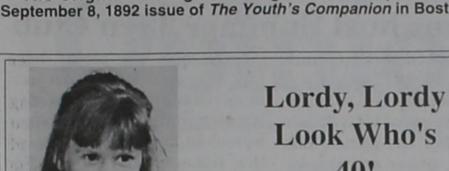
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Sheriff's office responds to 81 calls

By Becky Warren

The sheriff's office was busy this past week receiving 81 calls into the office.

On Tuesday, June 25, a 39 year old male was arrested for parole violation, public lewdness and motion to revoke probation. He was released on a \$2,500 bond. Also a 28 year old female was arrested on a warrant. She was released on a \$10,000 bond.

On Wednesday, June 26, a 33 year old male was arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was released on a \$1,500 surety bond.

On Friday, June 28, a 28 year old male was arrested for possession of marijuana. He was released on a \$1,500 bond.

On Saturday, June 29, an 18 year old male was arrested for criminal trespass. He was released on a \$10,000 bond. A 20 year old male was arrested for unlawful carrying of a weapon. He was released on a \$2,500 bond. Also a 52 year old male was placed under protective custody. He is still being held.

The Post Dispatch will not be responsible for photos left at the office more than 30 days.

Thank



PHS CLASS OF '76 - Meeting for their 20th class reunion, members of the Class of '76 took advantage of Old Mill Trade Days during last weekend's activities. The group also met for dinner at the Main Street Cafe and took in the "Sensational 70s" show at the Tower Theater. Class members photographed at Old Mill Trade Days Saturday were (back row, left to right) Jay Strawn, Mike Hays, Mike Hair, Ray Martinez, Johnny McCowen, Bryan Davis, (second row from back) George Hester Jr., Mike Shepherd, Dale Odom, Truett Horton, Ralph Howell, (third row from back) Joni (Harp) Wenetschlaeger, Gentta (Kennedy) Coello, Donna (Dye) Stelzer, Cynthia (Morris) Colvin, Susan (Gary) Fumagalli, Pam (Carpenter) Humble, (front row) Teri (Clary) Hesser, Jennifer (Miller) Smith, Linda (Wynne) Wright, Kim (Mitchell) Mills, Sister Alice Rivera and Christy (Davis) Ratheal.

Girl Scouts and Catholic Family services host Summer Teen Club

The Caprock Girl Scout Council sponsor a Summer Teen Club for girls and boys ages 11-17. This is a time for fun and games, Life Adventures, prizes and snacks, for teens and pre-teens.

The Club will be held on Tuesdays, July 9, July 16, July 23 and July 30, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Post Girls Scout Hut at 507 W 7th St. in Post.

The program is free and includes a trip to Camp Rio Blanco in Crosbyton on August 5.

Love is much nicer to be in than an automobile accident, a tight girdle, a higher tax bracket or a holding pattern over Philadelphia.

—Judith Viorst

Come meet new people, have and Catholic Family Services will fun, stay busy and learn new things for two hours each Tuesday, learning, fun and games and some lessons in living. Don't be bored this summer, come on out. For and an informal learning program more information call 1-800-530-4957.

Mitchell Williams Attorney at Law

Announces the relocation of his office in Lubbock, Texas at 8212 Ithaca, Megaron Building, Suite E14-B. This location is one block west of the intersection of Indiana Avenue and 82nd Street.

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Three dogs at shelter



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There were three dogs at the animal shelter Monday, all anxiously waitint to be returned to their homes or find

The young male border collie (photo) was whining for attention. There is also a female mixed breed puppy and one female yellow and white mixed breed with a collar.

Anyone those interested in adopting lost pets may call City Hall at 495-

Tip of the Week: Much care should be taken when choosing a pet for your home, but there are plenty of options.

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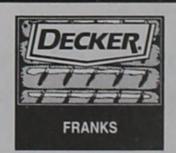
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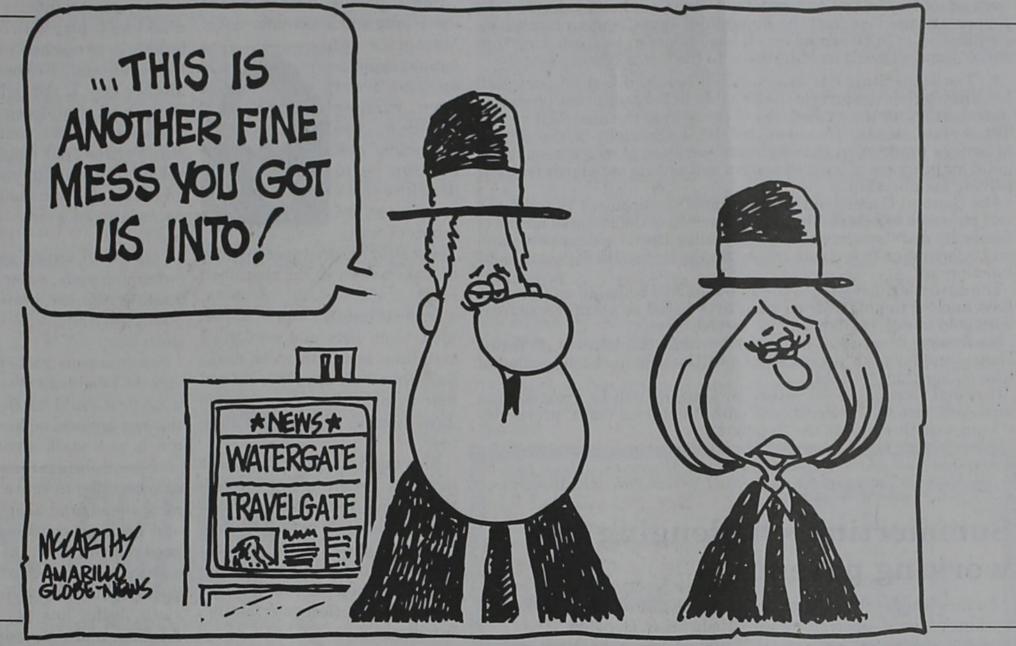
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The unwarranted hysteria over casinos

by Stephen Chapman

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"Live and let live" is the quintessential American attitude, but it goes out the window when the subject is gambling. The spread of casinos beyond Las Vegas and Atlantic City has been greeted with intense criticism — usually consisting of vigorous speculation and wild exaggeration mixed with a moralism that makes the New England Puritans sound like the soul



Pat Buchanan says that "gambling should return to the swamp whence it came." Christian Coalition leader Ralph Reed blames it for destroying families, stealing food from the mouths of children, turning wives into widows." Plenty of liberals echo these pitiful lamentations. New York Times columnist Frank Rich says that places with casinos are afflicted by corruption, failing retailers, crime, alcoholism and deepening poverty- making them "a nightmare vision."

To critics, casinos look like Satan's playground. But to some plant is a drain on the state economy. people, anything fun looks suspicious. The view of wagering as wicked is hard to square with the personal experiences of millions of Americans who have visited casinos and found them highly overrated

as dens of iniquity. Why is there such hysteria at the sight of competent adults and dinner, why should we prevent them from doing that? spending a little of their time and money on a harmless diversion? Casinos alarm conservatives, who worry about letting people think they can get something for nothing, while infuriating liberals, who resent the idea of corporations making money off the gullible. Gambling triggers the conservative impulse to police personal morality as well as the liberal urge to suppress the functioning of soulless economic markets.

Much of the opposition, of course, stems from a fear of the side effects that supposedly come with slot machines and roulette tables. Opponents delight in portraying casino gambling as a fountain of social wreckage. But most of the debris is imaginary.

Contrary to myth, casinos don't pull lawlessness in their wake. Jeremy Margolis, who was superintendent of the Illinois State Police when 13 riverboat casinos began operating here, testified to Congress last year that in the communities where they were opened, "crime has not been a problem." Joliet Police Chief Joseph Beazley says the casinos in his city produce no more criminal activity than a typical discount department store.

Casinos are accused of fostering compulsive gambling, which allegedly leads to poverty, domestic abuse, divorce and suicide. But a Maryland task force that opposed legalizing casinos discounted this concern, noting in a report last year that the estimated number of compulsive gamblers is no higher in New Jersey, Atlantic City and all, than in Maryland. "The estimates of the social costs of pathological and problem gambling come from sources that are likely to overstate the average financial and behavioral damages experienced by persons with gambling problems," it cautioned.

Some opponents cloak their fears in supposedly incriminating economic data. The Chicago-based Better Government Association, for example, recently issued an absurd study claiming to prove that riverboat casinos are a net drain on the Illinois economy. Why? Because they get their revenue mostly from locals, not tourists, and send their profits to out-of-state owners. By that standard, every electronics store, movie theater, chain restaurant and automobile

Casinos, we are told, hurt local retailers by capturing dollars that used to be spent elsewhere. Sure - just like a new book store or a new art gallery. So what? If Mr. and Mrs. Smith want to spend their leisure funds playing cards at a casino instead of going out for drinks

Lost in all the phony calculations of harm is an appreciation of the value of casinos in providing pleasure to their customers. Most patrons are not desperate gambling addicts or unwitting suckers they're rational grownups who like to risk a few dollars on the chance of winning a few, and who think the diversion is worth the possible

Some people like to bowl, some like to garden, some like to watch TV, some like to cruise the Internet, and some like to play blackjack or Keno. It's hard to see how recreational betting is morally inferior to lots of pastimes we accept. Some people disagree, of course -and they are free to avoid it, just as teetotalers are free not to drink.

What they should not be free to do is ban it for everyone. Like any benign activity, gambling can send a few unstable sorts over the edge. But that is no reason to deprive the vast majority of people who are perfectly capable of enjoying it responsibly. Critics claim to be appalled by the specter of ruined lives. What really seems to bother them is the sight of free people making their own choices.

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Political extremism affects us all...

by Walter E. Williams

Congressional Democrats and the news media love to label certain Americans as extremists. Usually, the victim of their appellation is the American who demands that government respect both the letter and spirit of the

United States Constitution. The Gun Owners of America and the National Rifle Association are extremists because they fight government encroachments on our Second

Amendment guarantee to bear arms. In that regard, there are some other extremists who should be identified. Patrick Henry warned, "The militia, sir, is our ultimate safety.... The great object is that every man be armed ... everyone who is able may have a gun." Richard Henry Lee said, "To preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them.'

The framers gave us the Second Amendment not so we could go deer or duck hunting but to give us a modicum of protection against congressional tyranny.

The Fifth Amendment says: "(N)or shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation." There's nothing complicated about those 12 words. You tell me: Which of those words permits the Fish & Wildlife Service to come upon your property, find a red-cockaded woodpecker and then prohibit you from using 1,000 acres, resulting in a \$1.8 million loss of value, as in the case of a North Carolina farmer?

Americans shouldn't passively comply with tyrannical acts like this. Of course, politicians and the news media would label me an extremist. But I'm proud to be in good company. Thomas Jefferson's seal said, "Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God." And, if you're like many and think I'm too critical and suspicious of government, there's another with similar suspicions. George Washington said, "Government is not reason, it is not eloquence. It is force. Like fire,

it is a dangerous servant and a fearsome master.' Liberals and the news media are constitutional extremists in one way. They revere the First Amendment that says, "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press." If you don't believe they have an "extremist" vision of the First Amendment, ask them in what ways Congress should regulate the press "in the public interest." They'll say none. Try to tell them that freedom of the press is an anachronistic, simplistic idea inconsistent with a complex, dynamic society. They still won't accept any government regulation of what they print and broadcast.

Why is it that news media people and liberals are so "extremist" when it comes to First Amendment guarantees and can easily find justification for government restrictions on other liberties? The simple answer is people love freedom for themselves but not for others. But of greater explanatory worth is the fact that free speech is critical to a tyrant's pursuit of tyranny. Once a tyrant has accomplished that goal, free speech becomes a thing of the past as well. That was surely the pattern of 20th century tyrants like Hitler, Stalin, Castro and Mao.

An extremist like Thomas Paine warned, "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it." We can't rest on the fact that the framers gave us the world's greatest Constitution. In 1789, Benjamin Franklin admonished, "Our new Constitution is now established, and has an appearance that promises permanency; but in this world, nothing favored by the white majority -alcohol and tobacco.

can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.' Fourth of July celebrations? After all, why honor a bunch of anti-

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Common law as it would apply here...

by Wesley W. Burnett

accused to exercise the right to trial at common law, but let's pretend and Canada via Mountain Media Syndications, P.O. Box 4422, Las for a moment that there is opportunity (as is constitutionally 'egas Nev. 89127. required) for us to transfer state charges from the courts of equity into a court of common law. And while we're pretending, let's use a real situation as an example.

Last week we reported about two people who were arrested and charged with illegal possession of marijuana. Complaints had been called by neighbors to the sheriff concerning the two women. One of entertain the least suspicion. the calls was from a mother who said that one of her children had gotten sick when one of the accused women gave the child some marijuana to smoke.

At common law, the process would be like this:

1. The child's parent or guardian files a formal, written complaint

with details as known, with the common law clerk.

2. The clerk, having determined that there is an injured party and there is a formal complaint filed, sets a date for the case to be heard. This could take place as a grand jury for more investigation to determine if there is enough evidence for trial, or it could go directly to trial by jury.

3. Jury volunteers are notified of the date, along with the defendant and accuser. 4. On the scheduled date, all arrive at the proper time and place.

from the accused or the accuser. 5. The formal charge is read, the accuser presents evidence to support the charge. Jury members ask questions. The accused

presents a defense. 6. After questioning both the accused and the accuser, the jury deliberates and passes judgment. The judge maintains order, decorum

and insures common law procedures are followed. The main question will be ... is there an injured party, and if so, what rights of the injured party were violated? Only then can justice be determined and proper restitution demanded.

You be the judge. That's what common law is all about... citizens judging each other, being judged by their "peers."

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Backsliding court

Vin Suprynowicz

The Supreme Court on June 24 showed new deference to the convenience of our ever-expanding police state, as it restricted the constitutional rights of criminal defendants on at least two fronts. First, in two related decisions, the high court ruled the government

may move separately to seize a defendant's property while also pursuing criminal charges, without triggering constitutional protections against double jeopardy.

The Fifth Amendment guarantees that no person shall be "subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb."

Since the high court recently ruled that the amount of property seized from criminal defendants must not exceed what could reasonably be assessed

as a fine, lower courts had quite sensibly drawn the inference that property seizures are like fines - they constitute punishment. Therefore, lower courts in both California and Michigan had ruled that to lodge criminal charges against a defendant after his or her property had already been seized, or vice versa, constituted double jeopardy.

Writing for the court, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist overruled that perfectly sound logic Monday: "Congress long has authorized the government to bring parallel criminal proceedings and civil forfeiture proceedings, and this court consistently has found civil forfeitures not to constitute punishment under the double jeopardy clause."

Justice Rehnquist reasoned that: "Requiring the forfeiture of property used to commit federal narcotics violations encourages property owners to take care in managing their property and ensures that they will not permit that property to be used for illegal purposes.

Problems with such logic include the facts that civil property seizures are now regularly used in many cases not involving drugs; that owners of such property are granted none of the rights of due process; and that property is frequently seized without even a token effort to demonstrate that the owner knew a crime had been

Then, in an even more serious move to help prosecutors side-step an inconvenient provision of the Bill of Rights, the court ruled 5-4 (also on June 24), in the case of a Brooklyn postal worker facing multiple mail theft charges, that criminal defendants who face more than one minor charge are not entitled to a jury trial, even if the possible sentences add up to more than six months in prison.

"No jury-trial right exists where a defendant is prosecuted for multiple petty offenses," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the court. "Where the offenses charged are petty and deprivation of liberty exceeds six months only as a result of the aggregation of charges, the jury-trial right does not apply," she added.

In fact, the Sixth Amendment right to a jury trial is not limited to cases where a defendant may face six months in jail, at all. The Amendment states: "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury. ... No one has ever been able to convincingly explain why the Founders

wrote "In all criminal prosecutions," if they meant something else. The pragmatic argument is made that enforcing this right, as written, would swamp the courts. If so, the solution is surely to force our legislators to confront just that reality, to repeal the cornucopia of new statutes that allow faceless bureaucrats to routinely criminalize the violation of mere bureaucratic edicts.

It is precisely the difficult job of the legislatures to carefully choose those violent, predatory crimes which are worth prosecuting quickly and firmly, while leaving the rest of us in peace. Justice Anthony M Kennedy, in dissent, called this ruling "one of the most serious incursions on the right to jury trial in the court's history." Of course it is. It won't take long for clever prosecutors and judges to figure out how to send citizens away for 10 years by piling up 20 or more "minor" offenses - all without consulting that unwieldy and increasingly despised anachronism, the citizen jury.

The role of the court is to protect us - and our inalienable rights against the short-term political enthusiasms of the legislative and executive branches. The War on Drugs is just such a pitchfork-

bearing crowd-pleaser.

The Constitution grants neither the Congress nor the president the power to meddle in any way with which plant extracts individual citizens choose to place in their own bodies - let alone to ban those favored by the black, Hispanic, and Asian minorities (cocaine, marijuana and opium) while legalizing the far more toxic nostrums

The clear duty of the court here was to mark out for the fearless Do you think Clinton should enact an executive order banning drug warriors the shoals of our civil rights, and then leave it to the politicians to steer clear of them, or to wreck on those immovable rocks, as they choose. Instead, the justices here indulge in precisely the kind of "trade-off" of our "minor" liberties in behalf of a current, evered political agenda, which I might have expected of politicians eeking the approval of the mob.

Vin Suprynowicz is the assistant editorial page editor of the Las The past few weeks I have editorialized regarding the common Vegas Review-Journal. Readers may contact him via e-mail at sense involved in common law. Unfortunately, it is difficult for the vin@intermind.net. The column is syndicated in the United States

Wisdom

"... for it is a truth, which the experience of all ages has attested, that the people are commonly most in danger when the means of ensuring their rights are in the possession of those of whom they

Alexander Hamilton

The Constitution for the United States Preamble

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 4 Section 4. The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion; and on Application of the Legislature, or of the Executive (when the Legislature cannot be convened) against Jurors are selected at random from the community, with no input domestic Violence.

> In a Constitutional Republic... What an individual can do, government can do... What an individual can not do, government can not do.

New Texas declaration of independence issued by Republic of Texas provisional government

In a series of three filings addressed to the United Nations dated June 1, June 5 and June 13, 1996, the Republic of Texas completed all the steps necessary to secure its independence from the United States of America by lawful process under international law.

Texas gave notice with respect to Article 12 of Resolution 263 passed by United Nations general assembly December 9, 1948 and ratified by the U.S.A. in 1988, which covers the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide.

 Thereby, Texas has perfected its prior standings in foreign relations with the united States and reverts to the April 25, 1838 treaty between them. Thus, agents of the U.S. and officers of its subcorporation State of Texas can be tried and punished for imposing laws and policies extinguishing the national and ethnic character of

 Texas gave the U.N. notice that all treaties, conventions or international agreements which the U.S. may have represented to extend as the contracting party over the territory of Texas by acts of foreign relations are revoked

 Hereafter, the Republic of Texas is no longer a member of the United Nations, NAFTA, GATT or military alliances, and no federal bureau may lawfully operate on the soil of Texas. All federal laws are now null and void in the Republic of Texas.

 Texas demands that the U.S.A. and its political subdivision, the State of Texas, immediately cease and desist their attempts to continue to exercise foreign relations acts and law on the land and territory of Texas and demands that the U.N. general assembly formally recognize the independence and sovereignty of the Texas nation and force its signatory, the U.S.A., to comply forthwith.

 All people domiciling on the soil of Texas for at least six months prior to June 13, 1996 are now considered the People and Citizens of the Republic of Texas except for foreign nationals and imported

 All private and public debt owed by Texas Citizens to Federal Reserve banks, United States Treasury, the International Monetary Fund or their third-party agencies are cancelled since these loans were made out of created credit instead of based on money. This does not revoke contracts or obligations held between private parties that constitute lawful debt based on lawful exchange and demand.

• The nation of Texas, its People and its government known as the Republic of Texas will not be responsible for the illusory debt created by the United States or its entity, State of Texas, by and through the acts of March 9, 1933, as amended. This is reciprocal in accordance with the previous acts in color of March 1, 1845, where the United States did not accept the debts of the Republic of Texas.

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New Texas Declaration

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· All existing military armaments, equipment, and facilities on, over, or under the soil and waters of Texas are hereby deemed the property of the People of the Republic of Texas, and an immediate notification is to be served on all base commanders, advising that Memories of these properties will be absorbed into the Texas defense system.

 The Texas State Bar Association is hereby dissolved, and shall have no legal tie to courts of the Republic of Texas or to any operation in transition for the extradition of cases from the absorbed former Texas state courts. This does not limit the right of the former attorneys' association to reorganize and operate as a common law guild for purposes of legal education and setting standards for their private membership:

The General Council of the Provisional Government is organized and prepared to assume the administration of the restored nation of Texas. Its members have been assembling the necessary personnel and information to immediately begin the transition of government

The entire legal system of the Republic will be based on Common Law, and the financial structure is to be based on natural resources with gold and silver deposits in the treasury.

No foreign troops will be allowed within the borders of Texas. Homes and farms of Texas Citizens will be held in absolute allodial title rather than by deed. Personal freedom of all sovereign Citizens will be greater than

anywhere else in the world; and with relief from taxes, prosperity should soar throughout the Republic.

Editor's Note: For the complete Declaration of Independence, see the August edition of the Republic of Texas Magazine, which will be available at bookstores beginning July 1, and in Post at El Matamoros Restaurant and The Post Dispatch.

Summertime challenging for working parents

working parents, especially those Medicine in Houston. with pre-teens and young teens.

but too young to be on their own."

Summertime is challenging for psychologist at Baylor College of

When work obligations make it "Children ages 11 to 14 are too hard to supervise young teens, old to willingly go to a baby-sitter Mock suggests thinking creatively. The key is figuring out said Dr. Lou Ann Todd Mock, a how to provide some sort of supervision without making it look like baby-sitting.

Mock suggests looking for organized programs, like science, art or sports camps, that address a child's areas of interest.

"Helping your child find his talent and develop it can make for easier summers," Mock said. "The kids who get in the most trouble are the one's who have no interests and too much time on their hands."

Other activities that provide supervision include:

Helping a relative or neighbor care for younger children.

Working or volunteering as an assistant at church or day care

Visiting grandparents, aunts or

"It may be impossible to get the temperatures create higher whole summer covered, but risks for heat stroke. Heat children can have activities that emergencies are common in the take up blocks of time during U.S.; approximately 175 heatvacation," Mock said.

Parents should be prepared to let their child have some input in Medical Association want you the summer decision-making to stay safe and healthy this

tell a child what they want them dangerous but preventable to do and expect it to happen," Mock said. "Be ready to negotiate and talk about the different body can't keep itself cool. possibilities."

When a child must stay at home, Mock encourages parents to stays cool when your sweat arrange some type of calling evaporates. When sweating system. She also recommends isn't enough to cool your body, dropping by the house your temperature rises and you occasionally and having a neighbor keep an eye on the house if possible.

summer bedtimes.

sleeping late and staying up late. confusion; and loss of Kids need time to be kids," she consciousness. said. "The problem arises when children don't get back on a heat stroke: routine before school starts."

responsibilities can help keep a possible. child from getting too far away from the structure of school.

Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

Enjoying summer days with family

Some people dream about

eating popsicles on the front lawn, running through the sprinkler, and picking wild blackberries are often on the minds of many.

These simple, spontaneous, close to home activities are cherished

Unfortunately, work schedules, to-do lists and scheduled activities result in more crazy days than lazy days! Would you like to have more memorable days than hectic days this sum- the day- a weekend breakfast, a

involves loosening up on routines, and making conscious choices about structured activi- and focus on conversation and ties. Ask each family member what they enjoy the most about summer. Then plan summer acpicnic table with a vinyl tabletivities that reflect your family's cloth, bring lots of cupcakes,

unplanned time for just hanging chocolate chips, sprinkles, raiout with your family around sins and fruit home. Do you feel comfortable with the idea of just hanging out? Here are a few ideas to keep on hand to spur your imagina- possibilities. Working parents

vide the center for many activi- let our sense of urgency about an ties; an instant picnic, laying on over-schedules life prevent us your back relaxing while your from taking some time to enjoy toddler plays with toys, a place our children. This summer let to enjoy stories or listen to the yourself relax and enjoy the lazy evening sounds

*tents become forts for toddlers and pre-schoolers; a great of all ages regardless of socioecocamping trip can take place in nomic level, race, sex, color, religion, your own backyard

*play games; infants and todthose long warm summer days. dlers love to play with balls, and bubbles; pre-schoolers enjoy hide-and-seek, Frisbee, t-ball, Mother may I, red light, green light; think of outdoor games you played as a child, build an obstacle course, get neighbors involved in a giant game of hideand-seek, or team children and parents up for a mini-scavenger

play with water; sprinklers, swimming pools, water balloons, washing the car, watering the plants, anything to be in or near the water

*spontaneous gatherings; invite the neighbors over to share a meal, it could be any time of lunch, or a week night supper; Slowing down your busy pace each family brings their own food or something to share, no planning ahead, and keep it simple good company

*have a cupcake party; cover a frosting, and an assortment of Be sure and leave plenty of different toppings including

*take a walk or fly a kite; make a sidewalk picture

Summer is a season of so many can easily fill every day with *blankets on the lawn can pro- tasks and "to-do's." It is easy to days of summer!!!!!!!

> Extension programs serve people disability or national origin.

Prevent heat stroke

Turn up the A/C and pull out last year's bathing suit. It's time for another hot Texas summer. It's also time to take Higher precautions. related deaths occur each year.

The physicians at Texas summer and avoid the "At this age, parents can't just conditions that can lead to this

Heat stroke occurs when your Normally, as the air temperature rises, your body may develop heat stroke.

Frequent signs and symptoms of heat stroke are: One battle not worth fighting is skin that is hot, dry, and flushed but not sweating; a high body "There is nothing wrong with temperature; a rapid heartbeat;

To decrease your chances of

* Stay indoors in air-Summer chores and conditioned areas when

* Drink plenty of water before

starting an outdoor activity. Drink extra water all day. Drink less tea, coffee, and acholic beverages, which can lead to dehydration.

* Wear lightweight, loosefitting, light-colored clothes.

Schedule vigorous outdoor activities for cooler times of the

Protect yourself from the sun by wearing a hat or using an

* Increase the time you spend in daily outdoor activities slowly and gradually.

* Don't spend time outdoors during the hottest hours of the

* During an outdoor activity, take frequent breaks and drink water or other fluids every 15 to 20 minutes, even if you don't feel thirsty. If you have clear, pale urine, you are probably drinking enough fluids.

* If you have a chronic medical problem, ask your doctor about drinking extra fluids and about; your medicines.

If you are with someone with heat stroke-related symptoms, cool the person rapidly. Remove his or her clothes, then help cool the person with cold, wet sheets or a cool bath. Arrange for transportation to the nearest hospital - this is an emergency.

The Texas Medical Association is a professional organization of more than 34,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 119 component county medical societies around the state. The Association represents 84 percent of the doctors of medicine licensed and residing in Texas and 96 percent of the state's allopathic medical students. TMA's key objective is to improve the health of all Texans.

Lisa Zap of Andrews

We were lost and stuck in the sand.

"I wanted to take a group of young people from our church on a picnic and fishing at a local farm pond. However, my good intentions almost turned into a disaster when I received the wrong directions on how to get to the pond. After driving what seemed like in circles, we ended up stuck in sand four or five miles from the main road. Fortunately, I had a Digital Cellular car phone. I called for help and 30 minutes later we were pulled out of the sand and headed in the right direction."

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Obituaries

Roy Arval Siewert

Funeral services for Roy Arval Siewert, 74, were held Monday, July 1, 1996 at 3 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Post with Rev Billie Smith of Lubbock officiating. He was assisted by Rev Darryl Smith, pastor First Baptist Church

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

Mr Siewert died Saturday, June 29, 1996 at his residence.

He was born January 4, 1922 in Southland and was the son of Julius Gustav Siewert and Lelia Mae Head. He was a veteran of World War II. He married Joyce Snow on June 10, 1963 in Post. He was a farmer and a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife Joyce of Post; two daughters, Sharon Redden of Anton and Valarie Watson of Dora, New Mexico; three sons, Kerry Siewert of San Angelo and Jerry Siewert and Mark Forrer both of Dora, New Mexico; one sister, Clara Elliott of Brownfield and 14 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Robert Craig, E.A. Howard, R.G. Havens, Bill Havens, Bo Jackson and Marion Mathews.

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Lois Carrie Winningham

Graveside services for Lois Carrie Winningham, 72, will be held at 2 p.m. (today) Wednesday, July 3, 1996 in the Logtown Cemetery in Jacksonville,

Burial will be under the direction of Conger-Morris Funeral Home. Mrs Winningham died Sunday, June 30, 1996 at Twin Cedars Nursing

She was born November 9, 1923 in Montana. She was a retired receptionist and a Methodist.

Survivors include a son, Randy Dibble of Anderson, California; four daughters, Delcy Mathis of Post, Shuana LeMay of Sacramento, California, Toni King of Fairfield, California and Carla Johnson of Phoenix, Arizonia; one brother, Dale King of Winterhaven, Florida; 15 grandchildren and six greatgrandchildren.



from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

assessment on failed acreage.

Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) signature only.

Service Agency (FSA).

Fortunately the situation automatically.

offices and to producers is that 15. accounts is a copy of two forms happens to be loan eligibility.

and return them to TBWEF's Abilene office and their account will be changed to reflect the failed acres.

Producers filling out the TBWEF form should simply include their name, address, farm number, and acreage figures, both planted and failed. That and their signature is all that is necessary.

PCG officials expect to hear on Friday a final decision on whether or not any other signatures will be required on the Proof of Crop Destruction form.

"We have been working with the TBWEF since this issue first came up a few days ago to develop a workable solution for High

Plains producers," says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Producers going about the Johnson. "As a result of this effort unhappy task of certifying and it appears that the Foundation failing cotton acreage DO NOT will indeed eliminate the have to pay a boll weevil requirement for any additional signatures on the form and accept According to Lubbock-based them with the producers

some producers are concerned, Another important piece of and rightly so, that they have information is that when a been billed for assessments on producer sends in these forms it cotton acres that had been failed will clear all accounts associated with the individual farm Officials at the Texas Boll numbers. Landlords do not have Weevil Eradication Foundation to send in a second form. Any have confirmed that invoices are accounts that have payments printed automatically as soon as received prior to receipt of the certification information is FSA 574 and the Proof of Crop received from USDA's Farm Destruction forms will be reviewed and refunds issued

appears to be under control and Producers who want to have producers can easily clear their 1996 cotton production eligible account with the Texas Boll for the upland marketing loan Weevil Eradication Foundation program, or who would like to by providing two easily obtained receive Loan Deficiency Payments should they become "The message we are trying to available, must certify their 1996 get out to all of the FSA County cotton acreage prior to August

when they fail their acres they According to Lubbock-based will not owe an assessment even Plains Cotton Growers, the FAIR though a bill may come in the Act of 1996 does not require a mail," explains Tom Allen, Chief producer of program crops to Financial Officer of the TBWEF. certify acreage except in specific "All we need to clear these instances. One of those instances

the producer can get at the time Some producers are electing to they certify their acreage - a copy certify their crop acreage in order of FSA Form 574 and TBWEF's to keep their Farm Service Agency Proof of Crop Destruction Form." files as up to date as possible Allen notes that producers even though they are not simply need to fill out these forms specifically required to do so by

"Most producers are already in the habit of certifying their acreage and will continue to do so voluntarily," notes PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "With the situation that currently exists regarding farm programs, it may be that producers who keep these records up to date will be in a more favorable position down the road.

Laws die, books never. -Edward Bulwer-Lytton

Here's a good rule of thumb Too clever, is dumb

-Ogden Nash



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"We had a very enthusiastic crowd, very willing to help. They offered a lot of suggestions." Harris and National Windmill Project President Mark Durham were on hand for the session, which revolved around a discussion of possible sites for the museum. Project supporters are hoping to find a scenic site for the facility. which will require about 30,000-square-feet of interior space and several acres of land to house the 100-plus windmill collection currently held by the non-profit organization.

"We have 60 fully-restored windmills and 40 awaiting restoration," Harris said. "The museum would include a working park that would display working early American water-pumping windmills from throughout the country." There are other windmill museums in the U.S., Harris said, but they limit their collections to a specific would be a good dog to have around kids - one that would watch out brand-name or type of windmill.

This project would "take a broad view," he said, and would be the only windmill museum of its type in the nation. The National Windmill Project was formally organized in August 1993 under the leadership of a retired Texas Tech professor, Ms. Billie Wolfe.

Project supporters posed the museum proposal to Garza County commissioners several weeks ago and received a "very receptive" response, resulting in last week's town meeting. Another town meeting on the proposal has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday. Tentative site for the gathering is the conference room at the Old Mill. Harris said he hopes for an even larger turnout at next week's meeting.

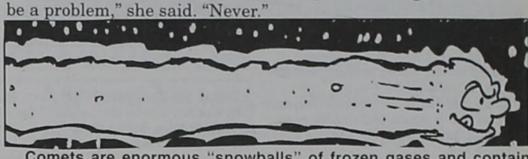
(Continued from Page 1) Garza County veterinarian Dr. Larry Mills (DVM) said the 30-day quarantine originally planned for the animal was waived and the dog was destroyed so that health care officials could have a definite

answer on the question of rabies exposure. The dog's head was sent to the Texas Department of Health in Austin for rabies testing Friday. Dr Mills reported that test results were negative. The animal showed no signs of disorders prior to

being destroyed, according to Mills. The Farris's had recently acquired the pup from a local resident, according to Ratke. No other incidents involving the dog's litter mates or mother have been reported.

Sweeten said that when her son acquired the puppy he was told it for the children and help keep them safe - if it was raised with the two young boys.

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God's Spirit guided men to write the Bible

by Paul D. Jones, Post Church of Christ

God loved His creation enough to have His Spirit guide men to write the Bible. God has given us proof that he is the Author, working through His Son and Spirit. By studying God's book, we can determine where we stand with God. All references in this short article are in 1 John.

First God is righteous (2:29)! Second, Jesus is righteous (2:1)! Then the question for us, "Are we righteous?" In 2:29 we, read, "You know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of God." In 3:7, we read, "the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as he is righteous." John goes on to say that the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: everyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother (3:10).

God is righteous because it is His nature. He is holy, just, right and fair in all of his dealings with man. His motives are pure. In fact, His is light, and in Him is no darkness at all (1:5). God is truthful at all times. Are we? John helps us take a good look at ourselves, and we can tell whether or not we are truthful.

If we say we have fellowship with God, and we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth (1:6). If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us (1:8). If we say we have not sinned, we make God a liar (1:10). If we do not believe god's witness concerning His son, we make Him a liar (5:10).

We are righteous when we believe God and keep his commandments (2:3-4°. John makes it clear that we know God, if we love God's children (5:1).

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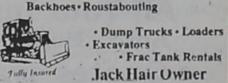
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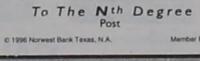


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By Gladys Blair

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Donations were requested for the Main Street Project, Garza the Women's Protective Services and Tower Theaters, helping the in Lubbock, which services Garza Lion's Club each Christmas with County as well.

The community graciously redecorating and furnishing one came forward with all the items a room at the local hospital, and woman and her children would hosting seminars for Alzheimer's need: clothes, shoes, linens, make- testing and Women's Safety up, purses and toys. Afterall, Alliance. when these victims come to the backs.

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Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

July 2, 1986 10 Years Ago

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Trudy Wood and Jeff Lambare Mexico. competing this week in the National Competition in Acrogymnastics in Mobile, Alabama.

Recent births were Quinton Adam and Clinton Alan, twin boys of Daniel and Melodie Yarbro. They were born June 25, 1986.

July 1, 1976 20 Years Ago

Jack Alexander was recognized as Rotary service man of the year at their luncheon last Tuesday.

Jerri Baumann is in Petersburg this week visiting her grandparents, Mr and Mrs J.D. Saffel.

Mr and Mrs Pat Blacklock were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner hosted by all their children. Blacklock and the former Nancy Doyel Shedd were married June 26, 1926 in Pearl, Tex.

Happy Birthday today goes to Larry Mills, Martha Jean Jones, Jimmy Bartlett, Jerry Don Sinclair, F.B. Cearley and Jodi Norman.

July 7, 1966 30 Years Ago

Last rites for Jim M. Hays, 71, retired Post businessman who first moved here in 1912 were conducted Wednesday in Calvary Baptist Church.

Dr. and Mrs Surman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary quitely with their daughter and her family, the Doyle Justices. The couple were married July 4, 1916 in Rockport, Texas.

Mr and Mrs Benny George visited

48 a Texas "good-bye"

recently with her parents, Mr and Mrs Thurman Francis.

July 5, 1956 40 Years Ago

Mr and Mrs Reese Carter Jr. and daughter accompanied Mr and Mrs Bill Cates to Lake Thomas, where they spent the weekend fishing. Leroy Fenstemaker, new Post High School football coach and his wife have moved here from Llano.

Mr and Mrs Alton Clary and Judy spent the weekend visiting in New

The Bud Mason family is spending the week with relatives at Laverne, Okla.

July 4, 1946 50 Years Ago

Mr and Mrs Robert Collier, Jr. left Sunday night for Austin where Robert will enroll in the Pharmacist College of the University.

Jo Nancy Power, seven month old daughter of Mr and Mrs J.N. Power, was baptized Sunday at the Power home by Rev. O.C. Dooley, Presbyterian minister of Snyder.

Miss Doris Kirkendoll, bride- law courts, filed "charges" of elect of Harold Lucas, was honored last Thursday with a gift tea at George W. Bush and others.

Trail Blazers

Friday, July 5, 1996

Roasted turkey, cornbread dressing, carrots, tossed salad/ Ranch dressing, hot rolls, pineapple cake, choice of beverage.

Monday, July 8, 1996

beverage.

Tuesday, July 9, 1996 Baked ham, candied sweet potato, green peas, wheat roll,

cherry cobbler, choice of beverage. Wednesday, July 10, 1996 Chicken fried steak, white gravy, baked potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, apricots, choice

of beverage. Thursday, July 11, 1996 sliced tomato, tossed salad/Ranch in tobacco, which have to be used dressing, cornbread, fruit to educate students to avoid the cocktail, choice of beverage.



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Dan Morales filed suit last week against the "Republic of Texas" accusing the group and 25 of its members of filing fraudulent liens, tampering with government records, interfering with property sales and restraining trade.

State District Judge Paul Davis of Travis County signed a temporary restraining order prohibiting the Republic of Texas or the 25 members from breaking the law or filing false claims.

The restraining order also allows the attorney general's office to undo liens without going to court.

The Republic of Texas members believe the state and its officials are acting without authority, and the group has created its own commonsedition against Morales, Gov.

Morales said members of the group "are not free to misrepresent their organization as an official government" and he spoke of the havoc group members have caused, costing time and money of public clerks, title companies and property owners trying to sell their

The Republic of Texas' chief Beef stew, noodles, broccoli, ambassador, Richard McLaren of wheat rolls, celery sticks, Fort Davis, has been arrested on strawberry cake, choice of federal charges connected with filing false documents.

Official Wants Tobacco Dumped

State Board of Education Chairman Jack Christie sent a letter dated June 17 to the managers of the Permanent School Fund asking that they sell off any holdings in tobacco-producing companies.

"This is to let them know how a few of us feel," Christie told the Dallas Morning News.

"I find it incredible that we Green chili chicken, red beans, generate funds through investments very product that our investments support," Christie said in the letter. The state filed a lawsuit March 31 against major tobacco companies, seeking \$4 billion for money spent on treating tobacco-related illnesses.

Other Capital Highlights

■ The cost of providing ATM services is decreasing but Texans are paying more for them, according to the Texas Consumers Union. When a bank customer uses another bank's automated teller machine, 65 of 93 Texas banks surveyed charge fees of up to \$1.50 per transaction. The report urges the Texas Legislature to monitor ATM fees for a possible cap, or prohibition on the non-customer surcharge.

 Sixteen universities in the state have increased fees to the point that they exceed tuition, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board said in a report to the House higher education subcommittee. Rep. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, vice chairman of the subcommittee, said the Legislature should try to simplify the fee structure "so parents have a better idea why they are paying so much and what the money is going for."

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FERC sets expedited schedule for review of SPS-**PSCo** merger

The Federal Energy Regulatory Wednesday Commission announced an expedited schedule and a date of Jan. 31, 1997, for an initial decision on the proposed merger of Southwestern Public and Public Service Co. of Colorado (NYSE: PSR) to create New Century Energies, Inc.

Based on that January date, the companies would expect a 13) wrote to Vice President Gore final decision by the commission tonight to clarify and completion of the merger in Administration's spring 1997. However, settlement regarding the U.S. military with all parties before the issue mission in Bosnia after goes to hearing could result in an statements made by Defense earlier completion.

Executive Officer Bill D. Helton upon to stay in the country beyond said the issues identified by FERC their one year scheduled are those that the companies deployment. expected to be addressed; the protection for rate payers.

benefits for our customers that cannot begin until the merger is be. complete."

"By teaming this an expedited schedule, the FERC is indicating it wants this review to proceed quickly," said PSCo President and Chief Executive Officer Wayne H. Brunetti. "We continue to make required approvals from various other regulatory authorities. hearings are under way in Texas, and are set to begin next month in Colorado and New Mexico. Approval already has been obtained in Wyoming and Kansas."

Panhandle of Texas, the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwestern Kansas. Through its Utility Engineering Corporation and Quixx Corporation subsidiaries, the company also provides engineering and construction management services to a variety of industries and invests in nonutility power generation projects. Corporate headquarters is in Amarillo, Texas.

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-Woodrow Wilson



Mr and Mrs S.C. "Buddy" Sharp to celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

of Gail will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary from 2-4 p.m., July 6, 1996 in the cafeteria at the Borden County School.

The event will be hosted by their children.

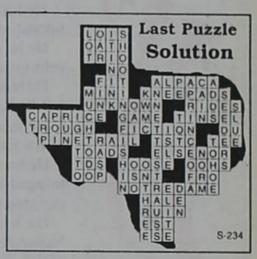
They are the parents of Barbara Sharp (deceased), Hollie Sharp of Granbury, Helen Warden of Waverly, Tennessee, Bevery Beatty of Brownwood and Ross Sharp, Toby Sharp and Renee Hobson, all of Gail.

Buddy and the former Margaret Hallmark were married July 2, 1936 in Bell County, Texas. They

Mr and Mrs S.C. "Buddy" Sharp have lived in Borden County since

They have 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The couple has requested no gifts, please.



Service Company (NYSE: SPS) and Public Service Co. of Colorado Thornberry pushes Gore on setting date for leaving Bosnia

position Secretary Perry indicated that SPS Chairman and Chief American troops may be called

Thornberry's letter to Gore impact on competition and follows up on a meeting he had with the Vice President last "We are very pleased with the December 13 before the start of limited and focused scope of the the military mission. At the FERC issues, and we are pleased meeting, which was called by the to be moving forward," Helton Administration to convince said. "We had been working several House members to toward a completion as early as support the deployment, this fall, but we understand the Thornberry said he specifically degree of change in the utility asked Gore whether American industry with which the FERC is troops would be out of Bosnia having to deal. Still, it is within the one-year time limit important to proceed as quickly set by the Administration as reasonable, because there are regardless of what conditions merger cost-savings and other might exist within the country at that time. Gore said they would

"In light of this response," Thornberry wrote in his letter to the Vice President, "I am hoping you can clarify remarks made earlier today by Defense Secretary Perry indicating that U.S. troops may remain in Bosnia good progress as well in seeking longer than one year. Secretary Perry's remarks are disturbing because they contradict what you Glass" Series said in our meeting and what Administration officials had been saying in hearings before the County Courthouse House National Security Committee."

Thornberry is a member of the Community Center. Southwestern Public Service House National Security Company provides electric service Committee and strong opponent to a population of about one of the U.S. mission in Bosnia. million people in a 52,000- Thornberry visited U.S. troops in square-mile area covering the region in January. After he eastern and southeastern New returned, he said he was struck Mexico, the South Plains and by the devastation, and the fact meeting,

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (TX- that the political situation itself remained inherently unstable. He also said the trip reinforced his belief that while American troops were doing an outstanding job in an extremely difficult situation, they should not be kept on the ground any longer than December 14, the date Vice President Gore and other Clinton Administration officials have promised the mission would end -- and, Thornberry noted, one of the main reasons Congress did not vote to limit spending on the mission.

"While I have never supported sending ground troops to Bosnia," Thornberry wrote, "I believe that the Administration's promise of a limited, one-year deployment was the key factor in Congress not passing a provision to limit the use of funds for any such deployment. If that promise is not kept, it raises serious questions about the ability of Congress and the Administration to work together on national security issues for the best interests of the country. It also could serve to unnecessarily lengthen the exposure of our young men and women to harm.

Community Calendar

Saturday, July 6, 1996 OS Museum - "Our States

Monday, July 8, 1996 9 a.m. - Commissioners Court,

Tuesday, July 9, 1996 12 Noon-Rotary, Rotary Room,

Thursday, July 11, 1996 7:00 a.m. - Lions Club, Chaparral Steak House. Garza Historical Museum Exhibit "Theatre Memories".

7:30 p.m. - School board Administration Building

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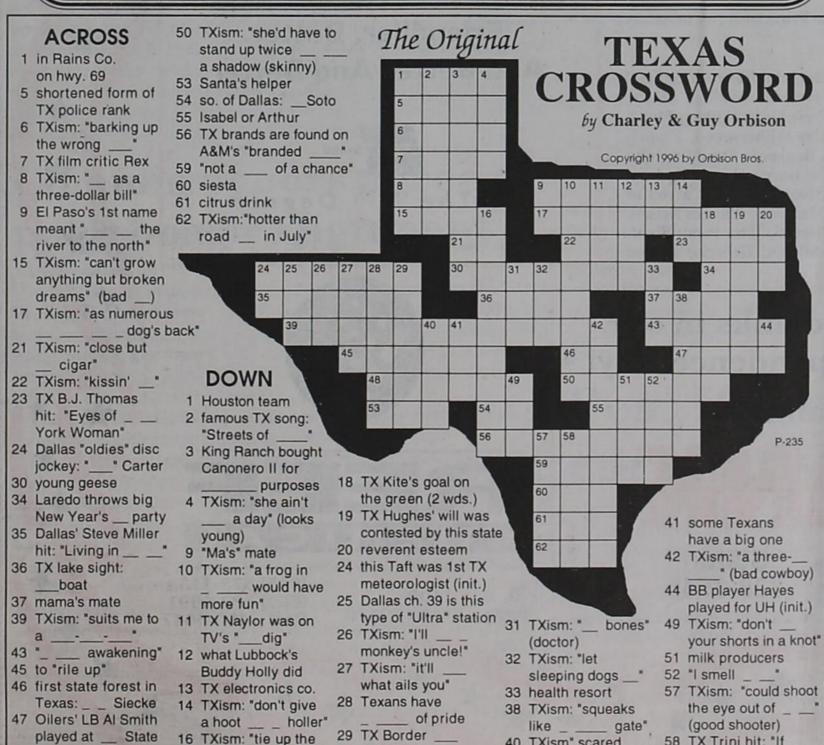
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The Declaration of Independence of the Thirteen Colonies In CONGRESS, July 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.

But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain [George III] is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained, and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only. He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their

public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures. He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights

of the people. He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the meantime

exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within. He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers. He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies, without the consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

* For protecting them by a mock Trial from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States: * For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world: * For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent: * For depriving us in many cases of the benefits of Trial by Jury: * For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences: * For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies: * For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments: * For suspending our own

Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever. He has abdicated Government here by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people. He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms. Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which

may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people. Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren.

* We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. * We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. * We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow

these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends. We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by the authority of the good

People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare. That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from

all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances,

establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually

pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

The signers of the Declaration represented the new States as follows:

New Hampshire: Josiah Bartlett, William Whipple, Matthew Thornton; Massachusetts: John Hancock, Samual Adams, John Adams, Robert Treat Paine, Elbridge Gerry; Rhode Island: Stephen Hopkins, William Ellery; Connecticut: Roger Sherman, Samuel Huntington, William Williams, Oliver Wolcott; New York: William Floyd, Philip Livingston, Francis Lewis, Lewis Morris; New Jersey: Richard Stockton, John Witherspoon, Francis Hopkinson, John Hart, Abraham Clark; Pennsylvania: Robert Morris, Benjamin Rush, Benjamin Franklin, John Morton, George Clymer, James Smith, George Taylor, James Wilson, George Ross; Delaware: Caesar Rodney, George Read, Thomas McKean; Maryland: Samuel Chase, William Paca, Thomas Stone, Charles Carroll of Carrollton; Virginia: George Wythe, Richard Henry Lee, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Harrison, Thomas Nelson, Jr., Francis Lightfoot Lee, Carter Braxton; North Carolina: William Hooper, Joseph Hewes, John Penn; South Carolina: Edward Rutledge, Thomas Heyward, Jr., Thomas Lynch, Jr., Arthur Middleton; Georgia: Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall, George Walton.

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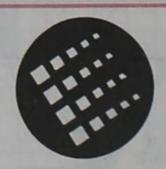
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