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The Post Dispatch

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Farmers begin effort to kill eradication plan

Garza County farmers seeking redress from the High Plains zone of the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation may join farmers in Hale County in recall election. A group of Hale County farmers have started a petition drive to force a recall election on the issue. Tommy Applewhite of Cotton Center was named by the Hale County farmers to coordinate recall election efforts.

PHS band members excel in regional contest

Bill Cole qualified to advance to the state U.I.L. solo contest following regional competition in Lubbock last weekend. Cole will compete at the state contest the last weekend of May. Five PHS band members earned First Division ratings for their solo efforts: Leticia Ortiz, flute; Elizabeth Stegall, clarinet; Shelley Shifflett, clarinet; Jose Diaz, alto saxophone and Cole, trumpet.

Other students participating in the regional event were Lacey Hodges, clarinet; Marty Dissinger, trumpet; LaTricia Martin, clarinet; Heather Mason, contra-alto clarinet; Isaac Perez, alto saxophone; Leonard Rodela, timpani; Robert Kilmer, timpani; Jake Loreda, trumpet; Tammy Matthies, contra-bass clarinet and Jason Abraham, alto saxophone. "Our congratulations to these students for their dedication and hard work," band director David Lewis said.



Bill Cole

Vaudeville show continues at Garza

"Salute to 80 Years of Vaudeville," a nostalgic tribute to that early form of entertainment, continues this weekend at the Garza Theatre.

The show is produced by The New Musical Gray's Stock Company, with performances set Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 23-25 and March 1-3. Shows begin at 7:45 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. Call 495-4005 for reservations.

Blue Prairie's 'Cowboy Night' Tower

"Cowboy Night" this Saturday at the Tower is hosted by Blue Prairie and features music by The New Pioneers, entertaining with the famous music of Bob Wills, The Sons of the Pioneers, Roy Rogers and Marty Robbins. The evening will also include trick roper Brice Chapman and cowboy poet Howlin Harry Wolf.

The country and western show is a really family entertainment event, which starts at 7 p.m. Saturday, February 2. Tickets are \$7.50 and \$6.50. Special discounts for parties of eight or more are \$6.50 and \$5.50. Tickets may be purchased at the door or by calling 806-495-3461 or 495-3854.



The Fort Wood Gunslingers of Colorado City will entertain guests at Old Mill Trade Days Saturday in two shows, from noon until 12:30 p.m. and from 1 to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Rainmaker amphitheatre stage. Members of the

group are (left to right) Gary West, Bob Terry, Hoss Crow, Bobby Smith, Berry Kellon, Vernon Gross, "Slim" and Michael Gross. Old Mill Trade Days begins Friday morning and continues through Sunday. (See "The Tradin' Post" in this week's edition for additional details).

Commissioners settle damage claim, set ban on open fires

by Wes Burnett

A \$5,750 settlement was approved by the Garza County Commissioners' Court at the regular meeting Monday morning, related to damages owed the county from a 1994 accident. The issue was discussed in executive session with county attorney Leslie Acker, then the court voted in open session to accept the payment from Farm Mutual on behalf of their customer Fernando Trevino, who was driving a vehicle that collided with a county-owned truck in August 1994.

Commissioners also approved a resolution proposed by Judge Giles Dalby to ban outdoor fires for an unspecified period of time due to the extreme fire hazards caused by extended dry weather. The ban allows for approved CRP and soil conservation burns, trash and outdoor food grills.

Judge Dalby issued a state of emergency statement related to dry conditions throughout the county, and the order prohibits "any open burning in the unincorporated areas of Garza County except the burning of combustible material in approved enclosures, such as trash barrels and charcoal grills, which are designed to contain all flames and embers. CRP and Wind Strips land that has been approved by the Soil Conservation Service and notification will be given to the fire marshal of Post, Texas."

The resolution calls for the implementation of the order "immediately and will be in effect for the next 10 days, and then will stay in effect until significant moisture occurs."

In other action, commissioners approved a budget amendment to include \$3,918 for the summer youth program, which will be expanded to six weeks. Dalby emphasized the importance of the program, pointing out that more than 300 youth participated last year. There was no opposition to the project. The program is also expected to get equal funding from the Post ISD and the City of Post.

The court approved the sale of property being held in trust by the Post ISD related to tax foreclosures.

A budget amendment was approved to pay for the cost of repair and replacement of the emergency generator at the Sheriff's Department. The total cost was \$13,610.

An agreement was approved, extending the current contract with

Lubbock County for space as needed at the juvenile detention center in Lubbock.

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

Post Notes

"Echoes of the Past" at OS Museum

The OS Museum, located at 201 East Main in Post, invites you to view "Echoes of the Past." This exhibit features type specimens from the Garza County Neyland Sight (Trassic Period, c230m years). The exhibit was planned and mounted by Museum Science Students at Texas Tech University. The museum is open Monday thru Saturday, 10-12 a.m. and 1-5 p.m. Hurry and see this exhibit before it closes on March 16, 1996.

Girls' baseball adds 13-15 year-olds

The Post Summer Baseball program is adding a 13-15 year old girls' softball division for the 1996 season. Those young ladies interested may register with all other summer baseball registrants on March 4 and 5 at Norwest Bank. There is a \$10 per player registration fee and a birth certificate must be presented.

Lions Club to hold drawing

The Post Lions Club will hold a drawing for 1/2 beef on Thursday, February 29. Two halves will be given away. You have two chances to win on each ticket purchased. This is a fund raiser for eye glasses. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and may be purchased from any Lions Club member.

First day of early voting

The first day of early voting for the March primary will be February 21 in the county clerk's office. Early voting will end March 8th. Applications for mail-out ballots is in effect until March 5th. Contact the county clerk at 495-4430.

Benefit for David & Trena Woods

A benefit will be held for David and Trena Woods on Saturday, March 9. The event will be held at the Post Community Center from 5-8 p.m. A bar-b-que with all the trimmings, raffle, auction and cakewalk will be held. The event, which is sponsored by Xi Delta Rho Sorority, V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary and Volunteers from the Sophomore Class of PHS, is to help offset medical expenses. A bar-b-que pit, built by Tim Gaydos, will be raffled off. You may purchase tickets from any of the sponsors.

Class of 1976 seeking information

The Post High School Class of 1976 is seeking information on class mates. If your address has changed or you know where someone else is please contact Kim Mitchell Mills at P.O. Box 519, Post, Texas 79356.

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.

Asthma in-service to be held Friday

A asthma in-service will be held at Garza Memorial Hospital Friday, March 1, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. If you need more information contact Debbie Jenkins, CRTT, at 495-2828.



High school teacher Delton Moore (left) and middle school teacher Debbie Palmer (right) were recognized as Teachers of the Year at the Post Chamber of Commerce awards banquet.



Jo and A.C. Cash celebrate A.C.'s award as Citizen of the Year following the presentation at last Saturday evening's Post Chamber of Commerce awards banquet. A.C. was recognized for his years of community service and Tower Theatre renovations.



OS Ranch Museum founder Giles McCrary and Louise McCrary (right) are joined with staff members Gladys Blair and Marie Neff in accepting the Business of the Year award at last Saturday's Post Chamber of Commerce awards banquet.



Members of the Clyde Miller family attending the Post Chamber of Commerce annual awards banquet last Saturday night were recognized by Ronnie Dunn in the presentation of the "Cowboy Hall of Fame" award to the late Clyde Miller. Family members are (back row, left to right) Jarrad Tortorelli, Riley Miller, David Smith, Excel Smith, Willie Moreno, Ben Miller, Clay Miller, Clell Knight, Ralph Miller, Mike Valentine, (seated, front) Jonalea Tortorelli, Jamie Smith, Elizabeth Miller Smith, Mary Elizabeth Murphy, Becky Miller, Dewey Fay Miller, Taneya Valentine, Mary Miller, Jennifer Miller Smith, (children front) Jessica Tortorelli, Bonnie Murphy, Gage Murphy, Miles Valentine and Miller Valentine.

See Page 8
 for details of
 Clyde Miller



Ida Mae Wilks was recognized as Conservation Farmer of the Year at the Chamber of Commerce awards banquet.

Dusty Diamond Softball League now forming men's open rooster

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Trevah Bush becomes the bride of Daniel Yarbro February 17, 1996

The First United Methodist Church was the setting for the wedding of Trevah Bush and Daniel Yarbro on Saturday, February 17, 1996. The 2:00 p.m. ceremony was performed by Paul D. Jones, minister of the Post Church of Christ.

Parents of the bride are Mr and Mrs Jerry Bush. She is the granddaughter of Mrs J.D. McCampbell and Mrs Elmo Bush. The groom is the son of the late Herbert Yarbro.

Double ring vows were read before a fifteen arch brass candelabra centered between two heart candelabras. They were entwined with greenery, strands of pearls and white satin bows. White tapers were used. The background was centered with a large basket of white gladioli, purple larkspur, purple iris, babies breath and a white satin bow. Family pews were marked with hurricane globes, white candles and greenery. Other pews were marked with bows of white satin, purple and teal ribbons and stands of pearls.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a princess style gown of white slipper satin and Alencon lace. The bodice, encrusted with pearls and sequins, featured a V-neckline and long sleeves that came to a point over the hands and a fitted waist. The back featured a large satin bow and swept to a cathedral train adorned with lace appliques adorned with pearls and sequins.

To complete her attire the bride's silk illusion veil was attached to a satin caplet highlighted with pearls and roses.

The bride carried a cascading bouquet of white orchids, purple iris, white stephanotis and entwined with white ribbon streamers.

Carrying out the tradition of something old, she wore her Grandmother Satterwhite's cameo ring, something new was her dress, something borrowed included a pearl necklace belonging to her maternal grandmother and pearl drop earrings belonging to her paternal grandmother, and something blue was her garter, made and given to the bride by Mrs Sue Maxey.

Matron of honor was Traci Bush, sister of the bride; maid of honor was Salli Bess Bush, sister of the bride; bridesmaids were Jayta Cravy and Dottie Beggs. They wore deep purple crepe street length dresses, fashioned with a fitted waistline, long sleeves and scalloped necklines. They wore pearl necklaces, pearl drop earrings and carried long-stemmed white roses tied with purple, teal and white ribbons.

Flower girl was Ericka Cravy. She wore an ankle length white eyelet dress accented with purple and teal ribbons and a purple, teal and white bow in her hair.

Best man was Cliff Laws. Groomsmen were Clinton Yarbro and Quinton Yarbro, sons of the groom, and Ronnie Metsgar. Ring bearer was Ryan Belongia, nephew of the bride. The groom and his attendants wore black tuxedo jackets, white collarless shirts and black wranglers. Ushers were Jerry D. McCampbell, of Roswell, New Mexico, and Ricky Bush, uncles of the bride, and Wendel Johnson and Dee C. Justice.

Guests were registered by Amy Mason, cousin of the bride.

Pre-wedding music was by Jane Terry on the piano. Amy Easterling sang "Wind Beneath My Wings" as the families were seated. Noel White sang "Keeper of the Stars." The attendants entered to "Friends" and White sang "I Cross My Heart" after the vows. The couple exited to "The Lord Bless You and Keep You."

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony in the fellowship hall.

The bride's table was covered with a white satin cloth overlaid with a white battenberg lace cloth. Silver candelabras with white tapers and the bride's bouquet at its base centered the table. A hand cross-stitched bride and groom picture, made by Sallie Bush as a gift to the couple, adorned the table.

The bride's cake was a three pedestal cake in white trimmed with deep purple ribbon with the third cake topped with a Precious Moments cake topper was served by Debbie Mason and Donna Aten, cousins of the bride.

Champagne punch was served from a crystal punch bowl by Laura Vitt, of Crossroads, New Mexico, cousin of the bride.

The groom's table was covered in a teal cloth with a battenberg lace topper. Centering the table was a fireman's hat, firetruck and Dalmatian puppies. Chocolate cake, baked by Eunice Pope, aunt of the groom, was served. Coffee and spiced tea were served by Tricia Metsgar and Amanda Bush.

Rice bags were distributed by Jill Davis of Lubbock and Reece Belongia, nephew of the bride.

Members of the houseparty were Orabeth White, Jennie Cowdrey, Diane Graves, Judy Bush, Donna Craig, Barbara Reece, Jean Morris, Eydie Capps, Jane Mason, Loveta Josey, Lometa Epley, Barbara Ethridge and Josephine Serrano.

After a wedding trip to Ruidoso, New Mexico, the couple will be at home in Post at 301 South Avenue S.

The bride is a graduate of Post High School and Tarleton University and is employed by Citizen's Bank in Post.

The bridegroom, also a graduate of Post High School, is the owner of Fashion Cleaners.

Harp inducted in Honor Society

Sonya Harp's outstanding academic record made her eligible for membership in Phi Theta Kappa, the internal honor society for two year colleges.

The induction ceremony was held Monday, February 12, 1996 on behalf of Kappa Mu, Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. Speaker for the ceremony was State Representative Gary L. Walker.

Kappa Mu is one of the most respected organizations on the South Plains College campus and membership is a highly coveted honor that will remain with students as they pursue their future career and educational goals.

Births

Alexis Gwen Estep

Jase and Gwen Estep are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Alexis Gwen. She was born February 15, 1996 at 9:15 in the Methodist Hospital in Levelland. Alexis weighed 6 lbs. 10 ozs. and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Jay and Treasa Loper and Mike and Freda Harper all of Post.

Paternal grandparents are Bob and Debbie Palmer of Post and Phillip and Brenda Estep.

Great grandparents are Joleina Bridgman of Rockport and Novella Turner and Carel Turner.

Godparents are LaVena and Monk Palmer of Post and uncle and aunt, Sid and Dee'Je Estep of Post.

Common sense is not so
common.

—Voltaire



Mrs Daniel Yarbro

Jodi Maxwell and Trevor Thuett announce engagement

Jodi Maxwell and Trevor Thuett are pleased to announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

Jodi is the daughter of Annette Dewbre of Lubbock and James J. Smith of Waco. She is a 1989 graduate of Post High School and a 1994 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is employed at Compliance Services Group, Inc of Lubbock.

Trevor is the son of Ronald and Nancy Thuett of Post. He is a 1989 graduate of Post High School and a 1994 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is employed at Compliance Services Group, Inc of Lubbock.



Jodi Maxwell and Trevor Thuett

Grandparents' Corner



Papa Wesley Guthrie enjoys the company of his grandson, Trent Laurence. Trent is the son of Terry Guthrie of Post.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF POST TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Post will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on March 5, 1996 at the Council Chambers in City Hall, 105 East Main, in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizens participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities and the use of past TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Rick Hanna, City Manager, at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. If anyone interested in attending the public hearing requires a translator, please contact City Hall. For further information, contact Rick Hanna at the City Hall (806) 495-2811.

Seven percent of Texas dairy farms out of business in last two years

Texas milk consumption has stayed on a relatively even keel in the two years, but seven percent of Texas dairy farms were capsized during the same period by low prices and high input costs, according to a dairy specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"It's an economic thing. Their (dairy farms) cost of inputs — feeds, equipment and services — have risen much more rapidly than the price they get for milk," said Max Sudweeks, who is based at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Overton. "Nearly all are getting by on the good will of their bankers, hope, and the equity they have in their operations."

Most dairies in Texas have become more efficient, better-managed operations in the last decade, but many dairy farmers are finding they just aren't efficient enough for the dairy economy of the mid-1990s, he explained. Only the larger, most efficient dairies are turning a monthly profit. Most farms have been losing money for months. In the last two years, the number of Texas dairy farms have decreased from 1,960 to 1,820.

Sudweeks said it's ironic that the shakedown is occurring while the per capita consumption of milk in the United States and Texas is poised to increase. Nationwide, intensified advertising campaigns for generic and name brands of dairy products, and lower product prices are spurring consumption. Also at play is an increased awareness of the possible role of dairy food in preventing dental decay, hypertension, osteoporosis and rectal cancer, he said.

The seven percent decline may be a harbinger of a more severe shakedown coming. Industry experts predict there will be 51 percent fewer dairy farms by the year 2000.

Those fewer dairies are expected to have much larger herds than

today's farms and produce more milk per cow. The state's population will most likely expand to 20 million by the turn of the century, with a concomitant increase in demand for dairy products, yet one out of two of today's dairy farms will not be in business to meet that demand. As a result, experts expect the average Texas dairy herd of 2000 to be 44 percent larger than the current average of 243 cows.

"Genetic improvements, use of high-production sires and dams, coupled with aggressive testing and culling methods should increase production by at least 100 pounds of milk per cow, per year. Improved feeding and management could contribute another 150 pounds of milk per year for a total increase of 250 pounds per year," Sudweeks said.

The average cow produces 15,250 pounds (1,773 gallons) of milk yearly. If Sudweeks' projections are correct, and farmers adopt the prescribed management strategies, the average cow's production could increase to 16,058 pounds (1,867 gallons) by the year 2000.

These production increases don't reflect use of the newest of dairy technologies, bovine somatotropin, a growth hormone that can greatly increase a healthy cow's production of milk.

"If bovine somatotropin is widely adopted, the average per-cow production could increase to 20,000 pounds by the turn of the century," Sudweeks said.

Historically, the number of Texas dairy farms has steadily declined since 1945, when the total Texas herd peaked at 1,594,000 head. Since then, cow numbers have decreased to 400,000 head. But the herd in 1992 produced nearly 6.3 billion pounds of milk, Sudweeks pointed out, while the four-times larger herd of a half-century ago only produced about 4 million pounds.

Safe because you eat low-fat foods

If you think you're safe from high cholesterol because you eat low-fat foods, think again, says a heart specialist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"For years, physicians have emphasized diet to patients who want to lower their blood cholesterol levels," said Dr. Antonio M. Gotto, Jr., chairman of medicine and scientific director of The DeBakey Heart Center at Baylor and The Methodist Hospital.

Recent studies have shown that a low-fat diet and drug therapy can reduce heart attack risk in people with heart disease.

The key is keeping your cholesterol level in check.

According to Gotto, many heart surgery patients never have their cholesterol checked. At least 50 percent of the people who take a cholesterol-lowering drug stop taking it after six months — a habit that can be fatal.

"Some people can reduce or go off medication and follow a low-fat diet and exercise plan," Gotto said. "For others, taking medication to control cholesterol is a lifetime commitment."

Gotto says, however, that taking drugs to thwart high cholesterol is not a license to eat high-fat foods.

"A bad diet can undo the effects of medication," said Gotto, who is also

chief of the internal medicine service at The Methodist Hospital.

Gotto offers a few tips to help reduce your risk:

* If you are overweight, lose weight

by following a low-fat, low-cholesterol diet and exercise program.

* Keep your cholesterol intake to 300 milligrams a day.

* Look at food labels and check the amount of saturated fat, total fat,

cholesterol, and total calories per serving.

* Get your cholesterol checked every five years. If you have a family history of high cholesterol or other diseases such as diabetes or high blood pressure, get it checked more often.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF POST TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND PROJECT

The City of Post is considering a proposed amendment to its approved 1994 Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to install new 6" water distribution lines and necessary appurtenances. The areas to be served are along East Fourteenth Street and Avenue I; West Third Street and South Ave R; and West Fourteenth Street from Broadway to Avenue M.

A public hearing concerning the proposed amendment is scheduled to be held at 6:30 p.m. on March 5, 1995 at City Hall located at 105 East Main, Post, Texas. The purpose of this public hearing will be to discuss the proposed amendment and solicit citizen input on the proposed change in the scope of the City's 1994 TCDP project.

All citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing and present their views to the city. Disabled individuals who might have difficulty in attending this public hearing should contact the City Secretary's office to arrange for special assistance. If anyone interested in attending the public hearing requires a translator, please contact the City Secretary's office prior to the public hearing so arrangements may be made. If you cannot attend in person, written comments may be submitted and will be accepted by the City until this public hearing is concluded.

A copy of the proposed amendment is available for review during normal business hours at the City Hall address listed above. For further information concerning the City's 1994 TCDP project and/or this proposed contract amendment, please contact Rick Hanna, City Manager, City of Post at (806) 495-2811.

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Post Antelope baseball team gears up for 1996 season

by Cameron Miller

It is time for spring sports again. The end of basketball marks the beginning of track, golf, tennis, and the focus of this article, baseball. Coach Fred Postell is in his fifth season as a head baseball coach for Post. He previously coached baseball for two years at San Saba. I talked to Coach Postell, to get his thoughts about baseball seasons of the past and a forecast of this year's team.

Since starting a baseball program in 1992, there have been a lot of things happen to Post baseball. Coach Postell gave me a review of the past four seasons.

He considered the first year to be just a learning experience. Post finished the season 4-8. The next year he coached the team to a tie with Ralls for the district championship, but they lost in the seeding playoff game and then lost in the first round of the playoffs.

Postell said, "The third year was going to be our year, we played real well and were 6-0 in district, but played Lockney in the be-district round and just had a bad day and got beat. That bunch could have gone far."

Last year was a rebuilding year and the team had many freshman and sophomores playing. Their inexperience was shown as they committed a total of 168 errors in 16 games. The year before they had committed only 12 errors in district play that lasted six games.

Other teams in the district also have had strong baseball programs. Post and Ralls contended for district in the 1993 and 1994 seasons. Tahoka won the district title last year, but Idalou also had a very good team.

The outlook is bright for 1996. Post has 19 players reporting for baseball. When asked about his expectations for this year's team, Postell said, "We expect to win the district

championship, that's our goal."

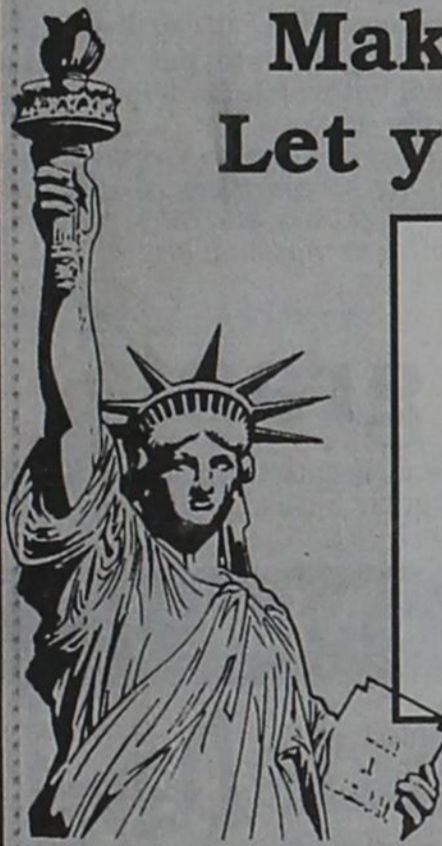
When asked about this year's team's strengths and weaknesses, he indicated that we would have a good pitching staff, a fast outfield and great hitters.

The weakness will be the inexperience in the infield but he expects it to improve over time.

When we discussed whether this team would be stronger offensively or defensively he concluded that, "they are going to have to be both for us to beat Tahoka and Idalou." Tahoka will probably be the pre-season favorite with Post, Idalou, and maybe even Ralls challenging.

To sum it up, Post has a great chance of making the playoffs and maybe even winning the district title. If some of these players step-up this team could be really good. Expect to see them doing well this season. They should be a fun team to watch and should keep building tradition for a young Antelope baseball program.

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For more information call Garza County Libertarian Chairman, Wesley W. Burnett at 495-3884

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10	11 Pool Tournament 7 p.m. \$5 Entry Double Elem. Beer Specials	12	13 Shuffle Board Tournament \$5 Entry - Pays 1st & 2nd 7 p.m. Specials	14	15 Dance "Bangora" C & W 8:30-12	16 9-1
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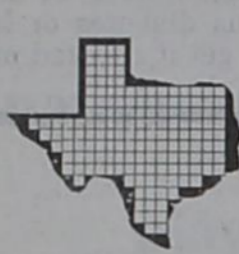
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PHS band members competing at the recent U.I.L. solo and ensemble contest were (left to right) Robert Kilmer, Isaac Perez, Leonard Rodela, Jake Loreda, Jose Diaz, Jason Abraham, Monty Dissinger and Bill Cole.



PHS band members competing at the recent U.I.L. solo and ensemble contest were (left to right) Shelley Shifflett, Lacey Hodges, Heather Mason, Latricia Martin, Elizabeth Stegall, Leticia Ortiz and Tammy Matthes.

Post summer baseball

The Post Summer Baseball program will have registration March 4 and 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Norwest Bank room. Registration fee is \$10 per player for girls ages 5-12 and boys ages 5-15. Players must present their birth certificate at the time of registration.

The program offers boys and girls T-Ball (ages 5 and 6), girls coach pitch (ages 7-12), boys minor league (ages 7-12), girls softball (ages 9-12), boys little league (ages 9-12) and boys senior league (ages 13-15). The age of the child is determined as of their age on July 31, 1996.

A big league team for boys ages 16-18 will be started this year. Registration fee for this league is \$75 per player with a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 15 players. A coach and managers meeting will be held March 7 at 7 p.m. at the Norwest Bank room for anyone interested in helping with the teams at any age level.

Tax 'n Facts

by Terri S. Cash, CPA

Disability Insurance and Taxes

As if it weren't bad enough to become disabled -- too sick to work -- many people then discover that their disability benefits, however slim, are subject to income tax!

Two factors work against the disabled employee. First, company disability benefits are generally limited to 60 percent of base salary, not including commissions or bonuses. Second, the benefits are taxable, says the Internal Revenue Service, unless the employee paid tax on the company-paid premiums -- and few companies include the premiums when calculating the worker's taxable income, not wanting to raise everyone's taxes.

In some cases, where employer and employee have split the cost of premiums, only the employer-paid portion is taxable.

Where possible, workers can ask that taxes be levied on the premiums; the amount is minimal. The more expensive alternative is buying individual long-term disability coverage.

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Up and Down Main Street

by Wanda Mitchell, Post Chamber of Commerce

We believe the Chamber Banquet last Friday night was a huge success. Many awards were given as follows: Citizen of the Year, A.C. Cash; Business of the Year, OS Museum; Conservation Rancher of the Year, Ida Mae Wilks; and the Garza County Cowboy Hall of Fame Award, Clyde Miller.



Teacher of the Year honors went to: Rowena Pierce for Elementary school; Debbie Palmer for Middle School; and Delton Moore for High School.

Special recognition went to Linda Gordon for her constant drive and courage as well as her encouragement to others and her ability to work with her students. Linda is an inspiration to all of us.

Jim Plummer was recognized for his two years of serving as President of the Chamber of Commerce. The Women's Division recognized their outgoing President, Marie Neff and welcomed their new President for next year, Gladys Blair. They also recognized outgoing director, Diana Collier and Carolyn Halford as a new incoming director.

People began to get a little uneasy when a total stranger (and I do mean strange) came into the banquet and wanted to sit and eat with us. He said he had a flat tire and needed some help to change it but in the meantime, he could eat supper with us. As it turned out, he was part of the entertainment but he

really had people wondering for a little while. Isn't that right, Barbara?

The food was great and we thank L.D.'s Daughters for doing such a wonderful job. The entertainment, The Holyghost Express, was just the kink of lift we needed to make everyone go home with a great attitude and a positive feeling about Post and the Chamber of Commerce. The Women's Division decorated and as always it was a tremendous job. A big "thank you" to everyone involved.

I went to the Garza theatre on Sunday afternoon to see the "Tribute to 80 Years of Vaudeville". It is a really good show. My favorite was the musical singing group, "The Polka Dots" and our ONLY performer from Post, Marlee Plummer made us all so proud of her. Give her a few years and she will be starring at the Garza or the Tower.

Cherri Brooks, a regular at the Garza and Scott Timms were very good in their duet and Scott brought the house down with his George M. Cohan music at the end of the show. If you haven't seen the show, make your reservations because you will be sorry if you miss it.

Be sure and be on hand Saturday night at the Tower Theatre because "Cowboy Nite" is going to be great. A.C. is a little worried about getting a horse on stage for the trick roping but we understand it will surely be worth it. Howlin Harry Wolf will be on hand with his unique brand of cowboy poetry and "The New Pioneers" along with Blue Prairie will be doing music of Bob Wills, Sons of the Pioneers, Marty Robbins, Roy Rogers and a lot of old favorites. Be sure to be there and be sure to... Take Pride and Take Part in Post!!!!!!

Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

EIC explained...

1996 is in full swing, and as always, tax time is upon us. April 15 is not far off, and for those filing in the hope of a receiving a return or at least writing a small check, may want to investigate before actually mailing. There are several changes that have been made for 1995 filing.



Everything from higher exemption amounts to self-employment tax to direct deposit of refunds has made its way into the system.

Earned Income Tax Credit (EIC) is a special tax benefit for working people who earn low or moderate incomes. It reduces their tax burden, supplements wages and makes work more attractive than welfare. Even people who do not owe income tax and qualify can get the credit. A person must file a federal tax return to receive the credit.

WHO CAN GET THE EARNED INCOME CREDIT? 1. Single or married workers who are raising children in their home, and who

earned less than \$26,673 in 1995 (or less than \$24,396 if they were raising only one child) qualify. To determine the amount of and receive the EIC, individuals file Form 1040 or 1040A, and attach Schedule EIC. 2. single or married workers at least age 25 and under age 65, who were not raising children in their homes, and who earned less than \$9,230 in 1995 may receive the EIC by filing any tax form.

Individuals may get information about how to get the EIC and free help filing their taxes by calling the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. EIC can benefit employees, too. By helping qualified employees complete a W-5 form, the employee will have less tax withheld from each paycheck. EIC lets the employer send the worker home with more money without having to increase the payroll.

In March, I will be conducting a workshop on EIC at the M.H. Center. An exact date has not been named, but watch for details in the next few weeks.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, sex, color, religion, disability or national origin.

Museum wins federal grant

The Garza County Historical Museum has been awarded a Museum Assessment Program grant by the Institute of Museum Services. Through guided self-study and on site consultation with a museum professional, the grant will enable the Garza County Historical Museum to evaluate its current practices, establish priorities to achieve professional museum standards, and plan how to best serve the community.

"We congratulate the Garza County Historical Museum on the receipt of this grant," said Ed Able, President and CEO of the American Association of Museums the organization that develops and manages the grant, "and wish them well as they begin this process of self-review and planning for the future."

The Museum Assessment Program is one of several programs offered by the AAM to help museums actively improve their programs and operations in order to achieve the highest standards of quality and professionalism.

The AAM, based in Washington, D.C., is the national organization representing the concerns of the museum community. The AAM assesses museum programs and accredits museums; provides education and training; operates international museum programs; and advocates for the advancement of museums. Since its founding in 1906, AAM has grown to include more than 13,700 members including 9,600 museum professionals, 2,900 museums, and 1,200 corporate members.

The Garza County Museum is located at 119 North Avenue N, Post, Texas; is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to noon and 1 - 5 p.m.

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Bryony Martin featured with Lubbock Youth Orchestra

Bryony Martin, Post Middle School band member is a co-principal flutist in the Lubbock Youth Symphony Orchestra. Bryony, an 8th grader is the 13 year old daughter of Mr and Mrs Jerry Martin. The LYSO continues its 1995-96 concert season on Sunday, March 3, 1996.

The performance by the Lubbock Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Lubbock Youth Symphony Apprentice Program Orchestra will be held at 3 p.m. in Hemmle Recital Hall on the Texas Tech University campus.

Tickets priced at \$4 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens may be purchased in advance beginning February 19 at the LSO office, 8200 Nashville, Suite 204. Call 794-7175 for more information.

Tickets priced slightly higher, \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens, will be sold at the door.

The LYSO, directed by Dr. Eric Fried, presently includes 94 student musicians ranging in age from 12 to 18. Membership in the orchestra is by audition only. Students in the LYSO represent the immediate Lubbock area, as well as Levelland, Plains, Plainview, Post, Slaton, Lamesa, Amarillo and Midland. The LYSAF, a string training program for students aged 9 to 15, is directed by Ann Stutes and Sharon Hershberger.

The LYSO concert will also include Debussy's "Petite Suite" and Herold's Overture to "Zampa". The LYSAF programming includes "Three Rustic Dances" by von Weber, "Sinfonia" by Bach, and "Finale from the Water Music" by Handel.

The public is invited to attend the LYSO-LYSAF Spring concert and hear these talented, young musicians on Sunday, March 3, 1996 at 3 p.m. All proceeds from this concert will benefit the scholarship and touring portions of the LYSO program.



Bryony Martin, an eighth grade student at Post Middle School, is performing Sunday at 3 p.m. with the Lubbock Youth Symphony Orchestra in Lubbock at the Texas Tech Hemmle Hall.

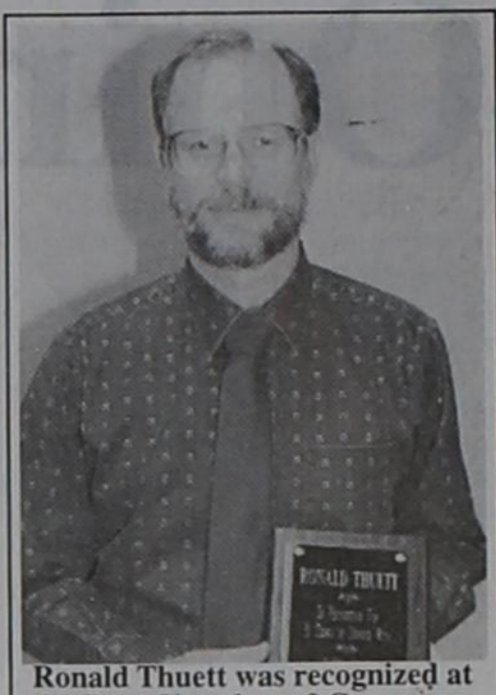
Sheriff's office has quiet week with 56 calls

By Becky Warren
The Garza County Sheriff's office has one of those nice quiet weeks receiving only 56 calls.

On February 21 a 54 year old female was arrested on a class "C" assault. She was released after posting a \$200 surety bond.

On February 23 a 19 year old male was arrested on an assault (family violence) charge. He was released on a \$1,500 bond.

On February 24 a 38 year old male was arrested for public intoxication. He was released after paying \$230 in fines and court costs.



Ronald Thuet was recognized at the Post Chamber of Commerce banquet for his service as a director with the Garza Soil and Water Conservation District.

Ethics: changes implemented at major livestock shows

Unethical behavior at youth livestock shows is kind of like dirty laundry — it's better aired from the inside out.

"My position is that the vast majority of people at the (youth livestock) programs are doing the right thing, but the time has come to not tolerate the people who don't," said Dr. Jeff Goodwin, Dallas County Extension agent.

"As long as we don't discuss it, the unethical people will have free rein," he added. "I've been accused of airing our dirty laundry, but dirty laundry is better aired from the inside out."

The four biggest possible downfalls of the youth livestock program, Goodwin said, are illegal and extra labeled drug use on show animals, physical alteration of animals, false ownership of animals, and excessive involvement of professional fitters who do the work for the exhibitors.

Many of the major livestock shows already have instituted some type of ethics policy, Goodwin said.

A newly implemented lamb validation program was instituted this year for major shows throughout the state, said Ken Cook, district Extension director in San Angelo.

Nose printing has been done on Texas show steers since 1975 with excellent results. By using the process, positive identification of individual animals is unquestionable, Cook said.

This season, all Texas show, or "club," lambs had to be registered to the youngster showing them by November 1. This is to prevent persons from bringing in outside lambs just before a show, he explained.

"It's not fair for someone to show these 'ringers' they've had only a short time when everyone else has been feeding and fitting their animals for months," Cook said.

Offenders at youth livestock show fall into three categories, Goodwin said. They are:

* A small group of people who are just crooks. "They're in every kind of program," he said.

* Those who will cross the line if it's convenient to do so. "If everyone else is doing it, they will. If we can remind them not to, they won't," he added.

* Those who may never break the rules but are at the stock show for the wrong reasons. "Adult egos are at the root of 99 percent of the problems in the program," he said.

Cook added, "The professional lamb fitters are not necessarily to blame for the bulk of the wrong doing, though in a youth show, the child should be doing his own work. It's not

even so much the money anymore like it used to be. Mostly it's the daddies. They just want to beat each other. In the heat of the moment, they lose track of their priorities and some will do anything to have their kid win."

"It's the old little league syndrome. You see it to some degree in all youth activities," Cook said.

"Remember the ultimate purpose for the youth livestock show program — youth development," Goodwin added.

He recommended that parents, vocational agriculture teachers and county Extension agents shift their involvement to more of a coaching mode as the child gets more adept at handling the responsibility of caring for and exhibiting an animal.

Additionally, he recommended, 4-H and FFA clubs should institute local level ethics programs. "We've seen a lot of positive things happen when we do that," he said.

Rules should be enforced, and a "zero tolerance" level developed for unethical behavior.

Goodwin has developed a video called "A Question of Ethics." The 20-minute video is available for \$60.50 (includes shipping and handling) from the Instructional Materials Service, P.O. Box 2588, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, 77843-2588.

"Ninety-five percent of the people who've seen it just love it. They say it's about time. We're just on the side of doing the right thing," he said.

Distrust of government keeps growing: will the Libertarian Party benefit?

Distrust of politicians and the federal government is skyrocketing, according to a series of articles in the *Washington Post* last week — and may present a historic opportunity for the Libertarian Party.

According to a new public opinion study by the *Post*, 75% of Americans no longer "trust the government in Washington to do the right thing most of the time." By contrast, a mere 24% didn't trust the government in 1964.

But the distrust isn't just general — it's also specific. For example:

* 34% say government programs have worsened "the rate of violent crime."

* 37% believe government has

increased "the chances that children will grow up in single-parent families."

* Almost 50% say government has worsened "the income gap between wealthy and middle-class Americans."

On all three issues, only 10% say the federal government "helped make things better."

In the words of the *Post*, "Substantial segments of the public believe the federal government has hurt the economy and society in general."

What's the result of all these governmental failures? "The public is increasingly ... ready to believe that raising taxes to pay for federal programs is a wasteful strategy that may do more harm than good," said the *Post*.

This is good news for the Libertarian Party, said the party's National Director Perry Willis.

"The *Washington Post* theorizes that Republicans may benefit from this distrust of government — but, in the long run, that's not likely," said Willis. "After all, the Republican Party has been an eager co-conspirator in the growth of big government for the past 50 years. And even the GOP's most radical proposals call for the federal government to keep growing at a robust three percent yearly rate."

"Only the Libertarian Party — with its consistent message of smaller, less expensive, less intrusive government — is poised to capitalize on this phenomenon. Only the Libertarian Party is advancing serious proposals to take power away from government, and return it to individuals."

"Our challenge in 1996 and beyond will be to convey our Libertarian message to an increasingly receptive American public," said Willis.

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Martes dia 12 de Marzo 1996
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County Convention

Convencion del Candado
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Sabado dia 30 de Marzo 1996
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(meeting room, NW Corner)
Norwest Bank, 216 Calle Este Principal Post, Texas
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10 a.m.
(a las 10 de la mañana)

All persons who wish to attend the Republican Precinct Convention and the Republican County Convention, must vote in the Republican General Primary Election.

Todas las personas que querran asistir la convencion del precinto del Partido Republicano y la convencion del Condado de los Republicanos deben de votar en eleccion Primaria General Partido Republicano.

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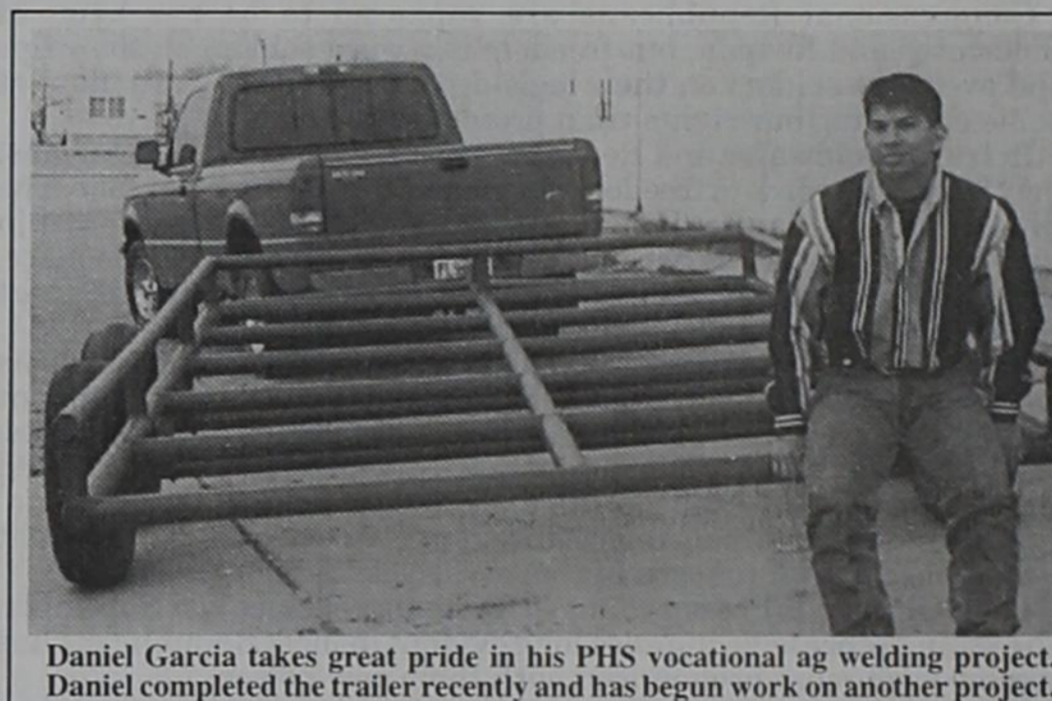
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Daniel Garcia takes great pride in his PHS vocational ag welding project. Daniel completed the trailer recently and has begun work on another project.



Cross-country horseback riders (left to right) Walker Young, Judson Conway, Susan Kimkowski and Eustace Conway stopped in Garza County Sunday evening on their way to California from Georgia. They started on the trip in Christmas 1995 at Jekyll Island on the coast of Georgia and expect to be north of San Diego, Calif. by Easter. While here they camped at Larry and Sandra Scrivner's farm west of Post. (Photo by Barbe Bevers)



Earning All-District honors for their basketball efforts are Post High School Lady Lopes (left to right) Arimya Gradine, Macee Mills and Jody Hawkins. Macee, a sophomore, was named to the second team. Arimya, a sophomore and Jody, a junior, were named honorable mention.



Children of the Grassland Nazarene Community Church collected 32,000 pennies to help send a "Work and Witness" team to Lamarta, Mexico to build a church there. Grassland youth involved were (back row, left to right) James Loftus, Matthew White, Jared White, Danny Rieter, Byron Mason, Jehri Loftus, (middle row) Sierra Rieter, Israel Beggs, Krystal Loftus and Caleb White.

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When, in consequence of such acts of malfeasance and abduction on the part of the government, anarchy prevails, and civil society is dissolved into its original elements, in such a crisis, the first law of nature, the right of self-preservation, the inherent and inalienable right of the people to appeal to first principles, and take their political affairs into their own hands in extreme cases, enjoins it as a right towards themselves, and a sacred obligation to their posterity, to abolish such government, and create another in its stead, calculated to rescue them from impending dangers, and to secure their welfare and happiness.

Nations, as well as individuals, are amenable for their acts to the public opinion of mankind. A statement of a part of our grievances is therefore submitted to an impartial world, in justification of the hazardous but unavoidable step now taken, of severing our political connection with the Mexican people, and assuming an independent attitude among the nations of the earth.

The Mexican government, by its colonization laws, invited and induced the Anglo-American population of Texas to colonize its wilderness under the pledged faith of a written Constitution, that they should continue to enjoy that constitutional liberty and republican government to which they had been habituated in the land of their birth, the United States of America.

In this expectation they have been cruelly disappointed, inasmuch as the Mexican nation has acquiesced to the late changes made in the government by General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, who, having overturned the Constitution of his country, now offers, as the cruel alternative, either to abandon our homes, acquired by so many privations, or submit to the most intolerable of all tyranny, the combined despotism of the sword and the priesthood.

It hath sacrificed our welfare to the State of Coahuila, by which our interests have been continually depressed through a jealous and partial course of legislation, carried on at a far distant seat of government, by a hostile majority, in an unknown tongue, and this too, notwithstanding we have petitioned in the humblest terms for the establishment of a separate State government, and have, in accordance with the provisions of the national Constitution, presented to the general Congress a Republican Constitution, which was, without a just cause, contemptuously rejected.

It incarcerated in a dungeon, for a long time, one of our citizens, for no other cause but a zealous endeavor to procure the acceptance of our Constitution, and the establishment of a State government.

It has failed and refused to secure, on a firm basis, the right of trial by jury, that palladium of civil liberty, and only safe guarantee for the life, liberty, and property of the citizen.

It has failed to establish any public system of education, although possessed of almost boundless resources, (the public domain,) and although it is an axiom in political science, that unless a people are educated and enlightened, it is idle to expect the continuance of civil liberty, or the capacity for self-government.

It has suffered the military commandants, stationed among us, to exercise arbitrary acts of oppression and tyranny, thus trampling upon the most sacred rights of the citizen, and rendering the military superior to the civil power.

It has dissolved, by force of arms, the State Congress of Coahuila and Texas, and obliged our representatives to fly for their lives from the seat of government, thus depriving us of the fundamental political right of representation.

It has demanded the surrender of a number of our citizens, and ordered military detachments to seize and carry them into the interior for trial, in contempt of the civil authorities, and in defiance of the laws and the Constitution.

It has made piratical attacks upon our commerce, by commissioning foreign desperadoes, and authorizing them to seize our vessels, and convey the property of our citizens to far distant parts for confiscation.

It denies us the right of worshipping the Almighty according to the dictates of our own conscience, by the support of a national religion, calculated to promote the temporal interest of its human functionaries, rather than the glory of the true and living God.

It has demanded us to deliver up our arms, which are essential to our defence—the rightful property of freemen—and formidable only to tyrannical governments.

It has invaded our country both by sea and by land, with the intent to lay waste our territory, and drive us from our homes; and has now a large mercenary army advancing, to carry on against us a war of extermination.

It has, through its emissaries, incited the merciless savage, with the tomahawk and scalping-knife, to massacre the inhabitants of our defenceless frontiers.

It has been during the whole time of our connection with it, the contemptible sport and victim of successive military revolutions, and hath continually exhibited every characteristic of a weak, corrupt, and tyrannical government.

These, and other grievances, were patiently borne by the people of Texas, until they reached that point at which forbearance ceases to be a virtue. We then took up arms in defence of the national Constitution. We appealed to our Mexican brethren for assistance: our appeal has been made in vain; though months have elapsed, no sympathetic response has yet been heard from the interior. We are, therefore, forced to the melancholy conclusion, that the Mexican people have acquiesced in the destruction of their liberty and the substitution therefor of a military government; that they are unfit to be free, and incapable of self-government.

The necessity of self-preservation, therefore, now decrees our eternal separation.

We, therefore, the delegates, with plenary powers, of the people of Texas, in solemn convention assembled, appealing to a candid world for the necessities of our condition, do hereby resolve and declare, that our political connection with the Mexican nation has forever ended, and that the people of Texas now constitute a FREE, SOVEREIGN, and INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC, and are fully invested with all the rights and attributes which properly belong to independent nations; and, conscious of the rectitude of our intentions, we fearlessly and confidently commit the issue to the Supreme Arbiter of the destinies of nations.

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