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My Special Place enrollment My Special Place is now accepting entrollment for children ages birth through four years old. Call 495-3446 for more information.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service The First United Methodist Church will hold a Chrstimas Even candlelight service Tuesday, December 24 at 10 p.m. All are invited to come and celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Holiday Bells at OS Museum

"Holiday Bells are Ringing" at the OS Museum during its special Chrsitmas exhibit. On display are nativities, creches, Old World Santas and other unique Christmas season collections. The exhibit continues through January 30. There is no admission fee. The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a,m. to noon and 1 o 5 p.m.

As Lubbock city officials con- spring break, Memorial Day, Henry, local residents who fre- crowds at the Lubbock-owned Dalby said.

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Earlier this month it was an- weekend, Garza County Judge nounced that officers from the Giles Dalby said. Local deputies Lubbock Police Department were dispatched to help handle will be dispatched to the lake the overflow, and even EMS during "peak" weekends - personnel were called out to di-

GCHCD directors

rect traffic.

The Post Dispatch

Big fee hikes expected

at Lake Alan Henry

times, but it's been a struggle," County officials might also be

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contractual agreement with the fee changes at Lake Alan City of Lubbock, Garza County Henry. has provided law enforcement According to a PowerPoint for the lake area for the past presentation presented to Lubcouple of years. Three con- bock city officials Dec. 12, Lubbut Dalby said as the numbers use fee structure. Plans call for ment personnel are needed. Plans call for up to eight Lub- through water fees, to receive

In addition to reviewing the "We've tried to beef up at contract, the judge said Garza interested in addressing a City Through a \$110,000-per-year of Lubbock proposal calling for

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stables routinely serve the area, bock may soon revamp the lake of lake visitors continue to City of Lubbock residents, who climb, additional law enforce- already pay toward the Lake Alan Henry debt service

tinue planning the growth and the Fourth of July and Labor development of Lake Alan Day - to help handle heavy quent the recreational area lake. may soon see some new faces More than 5,000 people visited the lake over the Memorial Day

Ronald McDonald grant requests sought Ronald McDonald House Charities of Lubbock Inc. is accepting funding requests for projects and programs in Lubbock and surrounding South Plains and Eastern New Mexico communities. Requests will be accepted from non-profit organizations whose programs and projects help improve the quality of life for children and their families. Grants will be considered for three distinct areas: civic and social services, education and the arts, and health care and medical research. To obtain a grant application form or for more information, contact the Lubbock Ronald McDonald House at 806-744-8877. Deadline for applications is Jan. 31.

Jan. 3 next edition of Post Dispatch

The Post Dispatch office will be closed December 24 through December 29. The next edition will be published Friday, January 3, 2003. Deadline for the January 3 edition will be Tuesday, December 31 at noon.

Big benefit organized to help **Mike Short family**

A series of events designed to benefit the Mike Short family forbids the closing of meetings will be held Saturday, Jan. 18, a the VFW Hall in Post. Barbecue plates will be sold beginning at 11 a.m. at a cost of \$5 ering purchase or sale of propeach. Orders may be called in at 495-3785.

Also scheduled are a cake walk, a live auction and a raffle draw- issues. ing for a .243 Savage rifle with scope and case.

Tickets for the rifle raffle are available from Tommy Reed at day, December 19 meeting, Ira Pump; Fred Stephens at City Hall; Wanda Mitchell at the board members were advised Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau; Charles Hardin at Wells that officials with the Texas Fargo; Fred Myers at Citizens Bank; Brady's; and The Caprock. Tech Health Sciences Center The live auction will begin at 3 p.m.

A dance featuring Tommy Reed and Texas Mesquite will run ducting a community health from 8 p.m. until midnight.

Proceeds from all events will benefit Monique Figueroa and children.

> Member Texas **Press Association 2002**

consider choosing design builder

During their regular meeting last week, board members for the Garza County Health Care District (GCHCD) continued hearing proposals for building a new hospital here. At the conclusion of a briefing by Bryon Corp. representatives, board president Mike Travis announced that the board would meet in secret session January 2 to make a decision about which of three design building contractors would be selected for the proposed project.

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by Sheri Lewis

and new fees.

No board members expressed opposition to the closed meet ing, apparently unaware that the Texas Open Meetings Act to the public except for considerty, personnel matters or legal

In other matters at the Thurshave shown interest in conassessment in Garza County. According to interim administrator Tanya White, TTHSC representatives have requested a Texas Department of Health grant to fund the survey. If funded, the survey will attempt to identify any health problems

that might exist within the county.

White said.

County residents.

bers:

• Heard reports from the Bryon Corp. and BLGY Architects, both out of Austin. Representing Brycon were Gene Holmes, division vice president, and Alex Alexander, general operations manager.

BLGY officials attending the session included Robert (Bob) Kallstrom, AIA, chief operating officer and director of health care services; Bill Richardson, AIA; and J.T. Guthrie, field observer and construction administrator and a former Plainview resident.

These reports, as well as others previously received by the board, deal with the possible reopening of a local hospital facility.

• Discussed some of the terms of the proposed building lease agreement between the Garza County Health Care District and Covenant Medical Systems. No action was taken, and board members agreed that

additional "refinements" to the proposed agreement would be requested.

• Received a report on the county's indigent health care (Continued on Page 6)

bock law enforcement person- a discount on lake use fees. nel to be utilized at Lake Alan Additionally, Lubbock officials Henry during peak times, the are eyeing the use of vehiclejudge said. Additionally, City of entry fees as opposed to indi-Lubbock law enforcement vidual entry fees, as well as the equipment also may be made implementation of higher weekavailable.

Local officials will be apprised have climbed. Due to these in- attractive to large families of the results of such a study, creases, Dalby said he is sure planning to visit the lake, as The board voted to support the County contract will be re- Also, bumping weekend fees effort, noting that the survey viewed in coming months to higher than weekday costs could prove beneficial to the determine if additional funds should help encourage more overall well being of Garza are needed to satisfy the in- weekday visits to the lake while In other business, board mem- forcement presence at the lake. revenues needed to cover in-

City opens water project bids

Post city officials met last week to open bids relating to the municipal water project. In a memo to the mayor and council members, City Manager Fred Stephens indicates the bid opening resulted in the following:

For supply line -\$1,892,106.50 • For tanks -\$1,190,620

Total for the two bids listed above is \$3,082,726.50. That figure added to a previous bid of \$867,000 for pipeline materials plus approximately \$400,000 worth of professional fees to date boosts the project total to \$4,349,726.50, according to Stephens' memo.

"There will be additional unanticipated expenses," the Dec. 19 memo states. "There will be more surveying and inspection fees for sure, but as of today our expenses are about \$4.4 million."

end rates.

With increased traffic, law According to the proposal, the enforcement-related costs also vehicle-entry fee will be more the City of Lubbock/Garza well as more efficient to collect. creasing demand for law en- helping to generate additional creased staffing costs related to heavier weekend lake usage.

The following rates are listed under the proposed fee structure included in the Dec. 12 presentation:

• Daily per vehicle fee — \$6 per weekday; \$8 per weekend (Lubbock residents); \$8 per weekday, \$14 per weekend (non-Lubbock residents).

• Daily boating fee — \$4 per weekday, \$6 per weekend (Lubbock residents); \$6 per weekday and \$10 per weekend (non-Lubbock residents).

• Daily camping fee — \$5 per weekday, \$8 per weekend (Lubbock residents); \$8 per weekday and \$12 per weekend (non-Lubbock residents).

• Annual vehicle fee — \$48 (Lubbock residents); \$96 (non-Lubbock residents).

• Annual boat stickers — \$32 (Lubbock residents); \$64 (non-Lubbock residents).

• A 50 percent discount on annual permits will be offered to Lubbock seniors, ages 60 and older).

Under the current fee structure, fees and costs include:

• Daily use fee — \$3

• Daily boating fee — \$2

• Daily camping fee — \$5 Annual individual fee — \$25



Post High School band director Aaron Rathbun (right) leads the high school band in a popular medley of Christmas music during last week's concert. The high school and middle school bands performed for an appreciative audience.

Post ISD sets two January meetings

The Post Independent School District board of trustees will meet twice in January.

The first meeting, set for 7 p.m. on Jan. 8, will involve a closeddoor discussion on superintendent applications. Any action deemed necessary in the closed-door meeting will be taken in open session.

The board will meet in regular session the following evening at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 9. Trustees will discuss the proposed covered walkway at the elementary school and will observe a closed session in which personnel - substitutes and the superintendent will be discussed.

Both sessions will be conducted in the administration office.

• Annual family fee - \$100 Annual boat sticker — \$10 • Annual senior fee — \$20 Although Dalby said he was not familiar with the specifics regarding the proposed fee changes, he did say he believes Garza County residents also should be afforded some sort of cost break.

"I certainly intend to bring it up," he said.

Lake Alan Henry, constructed almost a decade ago as a future water source for the City of Lubbock, lies primarily in Garza County.

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Letters to Santa Claus

I wish I got a remote control car, a bike, some Pokemon cards and Dragon ball Z cards. a shirt of dragon ball Z, skates, Lead Pencils, Colors, A basketball and some wallballs, a watch and a folder! Please.

Cesar Ceja

A stereo, go cart, a bike, some clothes, a drum set.

Brooke Morris

I wish I could have an X-box, a Game cube, clothes, a water-bed, a basketball, a globe, goosebumb books, goosebumb stuff, a Pokemon deck, a Yu-gi-oh deck, a Pokemon-V trainer video games, and a game boy advance. Jonatan E.

CD, TV, baik Ball, Nelly CD. Nicholas

I want a laptop, Pixter plus, computer games. stereo, Nintendo games, cloths, big live goldfish, James for the Rixter. Michael Porter

I want a CD player, a good computer. digital camera, a labe top, a tape player, a bume box, a bout, a colored tree, a caryocey, computer games, playstasion 2 or x box. Brittany B.

Dear Santa.

I wish to have a playstation 2, portable cd player, a 4 wheeler, and storage shach. I want to have great Christmas for all my family. I hope Maneal and I get a very big toolset. John R.

I want a D.V.D. player, laptop, and a computer. Melinda Vega

I would like these things a yogioh cards. play station 2, bom box, game boy color. skanerz, roller blade, airreboard, Pokemon cards.

Joel Horton

Camera, tv, coumputer, jaket, turtle, dog. phone, frogs, cat, scincekit, walkietalkies, legos. John Bocko

I would like a Jerry Rice Jersey, Medal of Honor Frontline, Clothes, Mandaline, bongos. Gamecube, Jacket, 30-30, Shotgun shells. Clint Windham Dear Santa.

May I have 2 little things for Christmas? Can I have a girl and a boy Bratz doll? A e-kara hand free dill. Thats all I want for Christmas.

Bye! Alex Cruz Pokéman cards, Yo-Kio cards, Travis Brostrona racing car. Luis Duran

Remote control airplane, computer, digital camera, computer games, karaoke machine, playstation 2 or X box, paintball gun. Janett White

Dear Santa, I want three things I want this Chistmas. I am wishig for two scooters, an xbox and several games and santa clayse to. The reason I want two scooters is because you can have fun on them. Mine and my brother's scooters have flat tires. I want an Xbox whith several games because you can always have fun when you play them. It's something I can play with my brother. I want Santa Clause 2, The Movie because I engoied first Santa Clause. So I'm sure I'd enjey the Second one. Love, Caden Dean

Dear Santa, There are three things on my wish list. They are a Jessis and Bullzeye. I want a Woody doll becase he's really fun to play with I used to have one but my sister has him now. I would like a Jessie doll so that I could take her to school and home again so I cold play with her. I like her because her hair is red. I want a Bullzeye hors becase he is a horse I think he'd be fun to play with becase he is Jessies horse. I like toy story 2 so I'ed olike the characters. Love, Kaylyn

Dear Santa, There are three things on my wish list this Christmas. I would like a jeep, a bike, and a swimming pool. A jeep is on my list because 1 would like to drive everywhere and take my cousin for a ride. I would like a bike because I have a bad tire on my old bike and I can't ride it right now. I would also like a swimming pool because I don't have one and I would like to jump in it when it gets hot. I'll be waiting for these presents under the tree. **Bobbie Escobar**

Dear Santa,

There are there things I'm wishing for this Christmas. They are an Xbox, a computer and a Gameboy. I want an Xbox because I like to play the games the games on the Xbox. I had one but it broke because the batteries weren't working. I want a computer. I love to type and I could write more letters to Santa. I could get some information of the computer. I want a gameboy because I could play the games on thera.

Love, Marceno Martinez

Dear Santa,

I will give you a tray of cookies and milk. I want skates because my other skates broke and I can't fix them. I want a new skatebord because my other one is torn in pieces and the wheels are broken. I want a new gun because my other gun is broke and won't take any buillets.

Love, Jacob Carter McAuley Dear Santa,

There are three things I rilly want for crismas. 1. A new young painted horse. 2. A bullseye toy. 3. A Jessy doll. I want a new young painted horse becays my horse is 16 years old and I can't run her in the road. I want a bullseye toy because it is a horse. I love it and it comes with a sattle. I want a Jessyh doll becayse she has red hir. I love red hir and I love her show.

Love, Miley Dear Santa.

There are three things I really want for Christmas. I want a Rapunzel doll, a snouzer, and a camera. I want a Rapunzel doll because mine got chewed up. I want a snouzer because mine died. I want a camera because my other one broke. When I get my new camera I'll take pictures with it.

Love, Mariah Morales Dear Santa.

For Chrismas this year I'd like for you to bring me an X-box a snowboard and a four wheeler. I would like an x-box this year because they are cool to play with. The games are fun to play. I would like a snowboard because I go to the mountains and play in the snow. I could ride it down a snowy mountain. I would like a four wheeler because they go on wheels. I want to be able to go riding with Heath.

Love, Vance Blair Dear Santa.

There are three things on my wish list this Cristmas. I would really like a Xbox because I enjoy the games with my cousin. I would like a go cart to ride in. And when I grow up, and ride it I hope I'm on race T.V. I would like a trampoline to Jump on, play on, and to do front flips on.

Love, Brandon Carrell Dear Santa.

I want a 22 rifle because coyotes chaes my cows and I can chase them away. I want a 33 shotgun because I can hunt deer so I can eat the meat. I want a four wheeler because I can race my Dad on the dirtbike. Love, Bradley Crawford

> aunt Delenn. Love, Kaitlin Wheeler

Dear Santa.

Shelby Odom

Dear Santa,

There are several things on my wish list this

Christmas. I would like a goldfish, a go-cart,

and a slinky. A goldfish is on my list because

I don't have one and I like to watch it swim. I

would like a go-cart because I would like to

ride it everywhere. I would also like to give my

brother. Riley, rides in it. I would also like a

slinky because I have seen my friends with one

and they look really fun to play with. I'm

Ther are thee things I'm really wishing for

this Christmas. I want a four wheeler, a dirt

bike and a 22 rifle. I want a four wheeler so I

can race. I want a dirt bike so I can go play up

and down hills in Lorraine. I want a 22 rifle so

I can hunt coyotes. I don't like them around my

I want three thigs for Christmas. What I

want is a game Boy Advance, a new dog, and

a trampoline. I want a game Boy Advance because they are fun to play. I would like one

because I could take it in The car with me to

Lubbock or Mexico Its fun to pick up, turn on.

and play. I want a new dog because I want to be

able to take it on a walk I've never had a dog

befoe so I think it'd fun to have one. I think I'm

responsible to hav one. I want a trampoline

because you cago ouside and exercise on them.

There are three things I'm really wishing

for this Chrismas. I want an race car track.

skate shoes, and an xbox so me and my brother

can play with them. I want a race car track for

chrismas, because I can play with it and race

cars on it. I want some skate shoes olso so I can

There are three things on my wish list this

Christmas. I would really like a new bordor

coulie. And a Repunzzel dall that is 3 feet tall.

And a 4 wheeler. I want a dag that is a red

bordor coulie because I had one that died and

I had a lot of fun with her. She made me happy.

She made the hole family happy. Her and I had

tuns of fun together. She had 3 litters of puppies.

I want the Repunzzel dall that is 3 feet tall

because I can put the braded hair. And I can put

her dress on. I want a 4 wheler because I can

race Michelle's step dad Jeremy King and my

looking forward to seeing you.

house. They scear myself.

They are fun to jump on.

Love, Kubi

Dear Santa.

skate on them.

Dear Santa,

Love, Tavish Soto

Love, Joel Poe

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas this year are thee things. I'd like you to bring me. They are new clothes, adoll, and a puppy.'I would like new clothes because they are fashionable. Hike to be dressed style. I want a doll because it is fun to play with. I can play like I have a baby brother or sister. I want a puppy because I haven't ever had one.1 have played with my best friend's puppy and it

was fun. Love, Veronica Zuniga

Dear Santa.

There are three things I really want this

Dear Santa.

I would like a Game Boy Advance, a VCR and a TV, and a basketball goal. Love, Evette Rodriguez Dear Santa.

I would like a guitar, Aggie cap, and the new Scooby-Doo movie for Christmas. Thank you

Love, Caitlin Cravy Dear Santa,

I always wanted a gocart with four seats, a new cool outfit for all seasons, and shoes that go into skates that a size 1's or 2's. Yours Truly, Alissa Morrow

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a Bratz doll. I would also like to have a My Game girl. Would you mind getting me a new sweater too?

Sincerely, Morgan Williams I wish for some more games for my Nitido 64. I want to get a Game Boy Advance. I want to get a bike so I can ride my bike in the park. Henry Apolinar

Dear Santa, I whant a computer for Cristmas, a new pear of close, and a charledering sute with pompom's.

Alexandra Tuttle

Dear Santa. I wish to have PS2 wich is a PlayStation 2. I realy want the game Grand Threft Auto 3, the game Smack Down Wrestling, and the game bee gun with bee bees. Terry Wright

Dear Santa.

I hae always wonted to get a cat for my prizent and I wont a ring I always wonted to get some science stuff like rocks, a telescop, and I wont a CD player.

From you friend, Shylo To Santa Dear Santa.

Please give me a new bike, four willer, and a big molkin troll monster truck that I saw at Wall mart in Labbock but I live in Post oh yeah tell your raindear I maid food for them and it's some Cd to. I want a new bike, and some

allright? From your friend, Kyle Copeland Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a brand new go kart one that goes really fast. I want a new chalkboard and chalk holder a red one like Mrs. Porters so I can remember her and a CD player with a ababby monkey, and a takleing bird, and a lam. microphone so I can sing sing sing. Santa these and a raccoon, and guinea-pig, and a grass are the things I want and I will be good forever if I can have these things and I am leaving you a new fish I wan't 6 fish. I wan't a bodgetr, and cookies when you come to my house and milk. a bristle that all Stanta. I love you very much Miranda Hair Dear Sant.

I wish for a comper with a printer, a new seadplaery and a game boy went one of the bairdy game. Raquel Lopez

Dear Santa.

I would like a M8 tank for my GI Joes, a 155 mm Havitser cannon for my GI Joe and finaly The British Sniper GI Joe. Sincerely, Jake

Dear Santa, These are the things I really want for Lemozine. Christmas an xbox, one game, and one more game. There's one more thing it's to have my

Dear Santa.

This year me and my mom are going to decorate my Christmas tree and I will help my dad set the fire place so this year I would like a cool bike, and an ebox that is all I want this jett

Dear Summer 1 was wonderi things. So Im going

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Your best friend, Christian Vasquez Dear Santa,

I have been a very good girl all year. For Christmas I want a new bike and a collectible Movie Scene Doll, if you know what that is! I also want a green glitter lava lamp and my favorite, chlothes! Another thing I would like is rubberbands, clips, and a mini brush. The good one, Tierni Crenshaw

Dear Santa Clause.

I am having a good year. You know what I get to switch rooms with my brother tomorrow also I get a perm tomorrow too. I want art stuff. Like an easel, paint, paintbrushes, pastels, drawing pencils, paper all kinds of paper, canves paper, black paper and white paper. I love to draw and stuff. Oh yeah we are going to have a Christmas Play can you come? Merry Christmas.

Love, Amber Wilson Dear Santa.

I want a new game for my Nintedo 64 game. called Pokénib Stademan 2 and playstattion? and a new mongoose and make it blue and black and I want a GI Joe action figure with Snake eyes and Frostbite and Duke and I want Spider Man. Plus I wanted A gocart, and a bee a Game boy advantce with all of the pokemon games and the new ones to please and a new tennis ball and a football and a black and blue basketball and I want all the cards of yu-gi-ov cards and all the yu-gi-oy toys and the people to and I want all the pokemon cards and toys and IK want all the dragon ball Z cards and toys and I want dragon ball Z game for the Game boy advance. .

Your favorite boy. Gregory Kyle Striblin

Dear Santa. I wan't a new T.V. and a new Cd player, and laying in the front of the house. Is the raindear clothes. I wan't a new VCR, and Ledpirdes and some ponetail to. I wan't some pens to. I wan't a raindeer his name is Rudolph plese sstanta. I wan't a now dog, and a cat, and a ribbit, and a gout, and apig to. Stanta is it fun in North Pole in Post it fun to. I love you Stanta to. Stanta I wan't a shrew. I wan't one mom deer. I wan't snake that wan't bite no bide ok Stanta. I wan't

> Love? Kelsey? Hair? Dear Santa,

I would like to have NFL Blitz 2003 for playstation. I would also like to have Smack down two for playstation and I would like to have Dragonball Gt for playstation in English. Love, Brandon Martin

Dear Santa. I want a Game Boy Advance. And a playststion two. I will leav you some cheese and milk. And a goat cart and trillion dollars.

Yours truly, Chase Dear Sa



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Chrismes. I want a kotten stoking, 4 weler and new skates. I want a kotten stoking so there will be lots of stuff to hide. I want a 4 weler so I will not be late for schoole and my-mom will not use all of her money or gass and I do not minde. I want skates so if I go to Readosa I can ride down the big hill by our caben but I do not want to hit a black bare ore a dumstor or the big tree. See you in Chrismes. By Love, Aspen

Dear Santa.

I have been a very good little girl well at least my grandfather and my grandmother think and I want to have everyone to have a good Christmas could I have the new creed CD and the new and old Snig Twaine CD. A New CD player and some coumpter games and I want a lab top coumpter and the joke book Scooby Doo the Movie.

Love, Madison Cash Dear Santa and Mrs. Santa, I want a like and a baby hamster and a dog a cat and a cd player with cd to come with it like nelly and Brittany spears and a tramp o lian and a bed and a tea cup dog and a lamp and a TV!

Dear Santa Ciause, How are you doing? I have been good. I would like you to know that I been good. I would like to have a coat, new shoes, and a ring, a teddy bear. Love, Marisela Minoz Dear Santa Clause, Hi Santa Clause, I have been fine. How abot you? I would like a remote control dirt bike, Have a good time in Christmas eve. Thank you for the present. Love, Edgar Garcia

Dear Santa Clause,

Love, Kimberly Rivera

I would like My Sceane Barbie doll. Barbie as Repunsle movie. I would like one more thing a

new pair of shoes. Love, DeAmor Garcia

Dear Santa, I would like the movie Spirit. I would also like some new tea-shirts. The last thing I would like is boots to wear. From, Alexis Dunn

whole family there for Christmas. Yours truly.

Chess Postell Dear Santa.

I can only think of a few things I want for Christmas. My parents are getting me everything I told them. I know you can't carry many things even with your magic. I want something small for Christmas like a basketball. The basketball Papa game me got stolen. Basketball is my favorite sport. I would also like a Meygan Bratz doll, shes my favorite. I am trying to learn how to play football, so I need a football also. I don't care if you really

Sincerely, Allisha Ann Jones Dear Santa,

Can I please have a mocomtrole care, a sled and, some spy gear plase. P.S. Thank you. Your friend, Katelyn Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I want a plug in fan. a Sonicare toothbrush and a Playstation 2 for Christmas, P.S. Can I have some games and 2 controllers for the Playstation 2 please? Sincerely, Christian Bergin

Dear Santa,

I want the brat girl dolls. Also the brat boys. The brat mobil too. Sincerely you friend, Tiffanie Pearson

Dear Santa, Christmas is almost hear. I will like to leave you some cheese and cookies and milk. I will

not be a naught girl I will be a good girl for you. This is what I want for Christmas. I will like a puppy with brown fur, a computer, and a radio or Christmas. And Merry Christmas Santa. Sincerely, Alex Lang

Dear Santa,

I want the brand new jet stream it is on remote control car but its like a jet but it's a car. I also want a whole Dalas Cowboys uniform with the halmet, shirt, pants, shoes, and a profootball. I want a monggose bike with pegs on front and back. Sincerely, Ernest Saldivar

I hope you come to my house on Christmas eve, What I want for Christmas is a Transformer toy for my brother! He has always wanted one for Christmas. If you come to my house I will have a big present in my living room on the couch. I would apreshiate it if you got a toy for my brother. It would make my brother happy H he had a cool toy. He would play with it all day. Sincerely, Jackie Davis Dear Santa,

How are you. For Christmas I would like a bike and my own phone. That's all I want If you don't mind. I will leave you milk and cookiest. I would appreciate if you would bring me those things. Santa it would be pretty super cool to need a football also. I don't care it you really get me these things. If you can't please use your magic to help Bubba, Lindsey, Hayley, and the you extra milk and cookies. Love, Tanisha Paez

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Dear Santa,

Can I please have a CD player I've been wanting it for last Christmas. I would like a sterio with CD's in it. The mail man came and gave my mom a news paper thing that had Christmas and I asking for is a 19" vertical and horizonaled. Can I please have a horse with black and white spots and help my mom get a new house and stop struggling with money. Sorry lask for so much ljust want those things. Love your good friend, Kyla Perez

Dear Santa, I want a oven baker for Churmus. My surster had thes I want a keokey mushen for thurmus. And I want a talking dall. For my mom I want to geve her a some ducks. Love, Jayta Whitehead

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Dear Santa.

How are you doing. I will like to have a DragonBallz to yo. I will like to have Yu-Gi-Oh cards and toys. I would like to have DragonBallz cards. I want some shoes from Sears. I also want some new clothes from you. I would like to have a mocontrol car. I would . like to have a telescope. I would also like a full grown pitbull dog fro, you. Have a nice Christmas Eve. I would like to have a Harry Potter book. That's all I want if you care. I would be Happy if you give me all that stuff. Your Best Friend, Mario Ceja Dear Santa,

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your raindeer talk ever if you ever try to talk to them like Prancer if you would to say Prancer come hear and talk would he talk with you. Your friend it's a boy, Tanner Clark

Dear Santa, I want a Xbox with two games Metroid and Kingdom Hearts. I want A brand new Dragon Ball Z game for game boy advance and Harry Potter and the Chamber of secrets. I want some GiJoes army men, a brand new computer for I

can play games. Sincerely, Shawn

Dear Santa.

You are a nice guy. When you come on Christmas Eve I will leave cookies and milk by the Christmas tree. I wish I know what kind of cookies you like. I wish for a DVD player, a scooter?, a bike, a Gameboy Advance, a Karoke Machine, a Super Mario for a Gameboy Advance and my Super Nintendo. Santa will you bring this six things to me. If you do I will belive in you, I will say a pray for you. Thanks Santa Claus for all of the great toys and all of the rest. I love you Santa Clause you're my biggest fan ever. I belive in you Santa forever. Plese bring me this things on the lists please I'am began to cry if you don't. Merry Christmas Santa your in my heart you will be forever. Tell you elves TANKS A LOT for me plese, Your Truly, Jill Cody Thompson

Dear Santa

I've been a good girl this year. For X-mas I would really like to have a pink watch that talks with a girl on it. And also a new play kitchen that also talks, with a little broom that comes with it. Thank you Santa, I will leave milk and cookies for you when you come. Love, Janikah Collazo

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ley achieved consecutive holesin-one on a course in Saugus, Calif.—and both holes were par-4s.

Birthdays This Week

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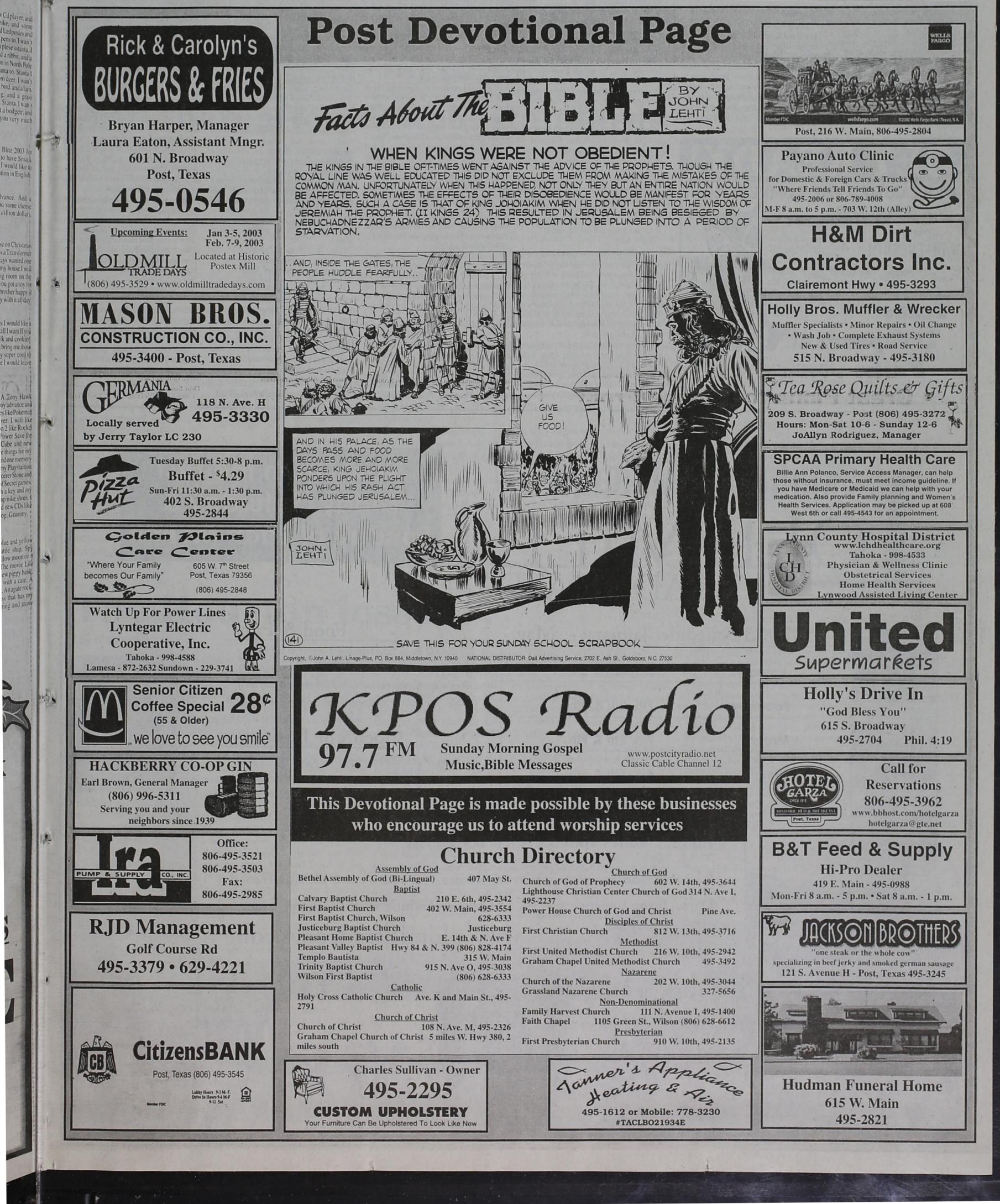
If you can't win, make the fellow ahead of you break the record.

When lions are reunited after a

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-Anonymous





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Letters to the Editor

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The Myth of GOP Conservatism The Ugly Truth About the

Republican Party

"An elective despotism was not the government we fought for." -Thomas Jefferson

"Degrees do not matter... one does not bargain about inches of evil." -Ayn Rand, Atlas Shrugged

As a paleoconservative, I find myself these days looking back at the Clinton Administration with a sort of warm, golden nostalgia. Much has changed since those days...and not for the better. To anyone with even a basic understanding and respect for the Bill of Rights, the United States, since September 11, 2001, has begun a nightmarish descent. To put it simply, the Bush White House has put the Constitution on the chopping block in ways the Clintons would have never dared to attempt.

The US public-naive and obedient as always-blithely sucked up the maudlin flag-waving and crocodile tears that accompanied the passage of the Patriot Act and the Office of Homeland Security. Authorities can now invade homes without warrants, arrest people without charges, and jail people without trials.

The Feds have declared <I style="msobidi-font-style: normal">Posse Comitatus obsolete, and they are creating hordes of military police to be unleashed upon the country. A new branch of the military is now on the drawing board, to deal with "domestic threats"-i.e., common American citizens.

Despite the fact that we are not at war, the government continues to hold hundreds of military prisoners in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and apparently will deal with them using military tribunals. People in the Press continue their ongoing demonstration that there's no lie the Federal government can tell that they are willing to expose, and no usurpation of power that they will ever find objectionable. Even the United States' 'shadow government' has been openly discussed-and no one dares to criticize the concept. Orwellian newspeak abounds.

The government continues to turn the word Treason on its head with its unconstitutional treatment of the public and its illicit treatment of 'enemy combatants' like Yaser Esam Hamdi and Jose Padilla. In the latter case, the 'terrorist' is an American citizen being held without any charges, denied all legal representation, denied the right to defend himself, and the right to face his accusers.



No one in the Imperial Media cares. Machiavellian plotting to establish armies of secret police and citizen informants goes on unabated, despite the fact that these measures did not pass Congress. The small public outcry generated by the TIPS plan is swept aside...a citizen informant system will be implemented anyway. Why?

Because the Attorney General says

Apparently, Mr. Ashcroft learned a very valuable lesson from his predecessor, Janet Reno: The Attorney General is-absolutely and without question-above the Law, and is capable of creating policy by fiat, just like the President does. We now have a modern triumvirate of entities that create policy, and answer to no one: the Supreme Court, the President, and the Attorney General of the United States. All Americans are subservient to their whims.

The abuse of liberties in the name of safety goes on. The government continues to push for National ID cards and a computer chip implant tracking program for children-it would appear that human privacy is just as irrelevant now as human liberty. Only human 'safety' is important, even if it's the safety of the gulag.

The New York Times published an article suggesting that the Feds have built concentration camps within the United States...there was no real denial from the Executive Branch. Media talking heads have actually asked citizens if they think torture of 'terrorist suspects' is a good idea-as if to suggest that favorable public opinion would legitimize such tactics. In the War On Terror, no potential abuse of civil liberties goes unconsidered.

One gets the queasy feeling that once official Washington has finished off what is left of the Constitution, they will revive the Inquisition and go after the Magna Carta next.

It is time for a realistic assessment: We are living in a Police State right now. Not six months from now. Not ten years down the road. Not if someone we do not like gets elected President. Not if all our guns are taken away. Right now.

been essentially stripped away. The Independent Counsel Act is dead, thereby making it much harder to

investigate the Executive Branch. The FBI is rewriting its own rulebook to make Federal whistleblowing a dangerous and difficult thing to do. The Freedom of Information Act has essentially been nullified-to protect our "national security". The Fourth Amendment is effectively dead until the USA-Patriot Act is repealed, or until it is declared unconstitutional by a high court.

The Patriot Act's deadly provisions do not sunset, despite government misinformation to the contrary. Most of the other nine amendments of the Bill of Rights have been ignored for years. They will certainly be ignored now that the Federal government has voted itself unlimited power and control over our domestic liberties in the name of security.

Meanwhile, we are inches away from full-blown Martial Law, and in constant danger that it will be put into effect at the slightest new terrorist provocation. Unfortunately, these changes are

pretty much unknown to the typical indolent, unfocused US citizen. While the average American was lazing around, stuffing his face with potato chips, and watching "Big Brother"on TV, the Federal Government became Big Brother in real life. Sadly, it requires effort-like reading and thinking-to see that our liberties are being threatened from within; this is apparently beyond the scope of most modern Americans.

has been little outcry is because there has been very little information disseminated by the official state propaganda corps we once euphemistically called "the Free Press". The biggest problem, however, is not the fat, lazy American or the many goose-stepping little Goebbels of our news media-the big problem is that these changes have been wrought by a Republican President who was elected by millions of gullible conservatives. There is no "lesser of two evils" or philosophical core to the Republican Party, and the inarticulate Mr. Bush is

and seem only interested in discussing the joyful topic of going to war in the Mideast again, and killing more fleeing Iraqi soldiers.

There are no philosophical principles behind the policies of the Bush Republicans; they simply want to seize as much Federal power as possible, and make war. The 21st Century conservative movement is not just an intellectual wasteland..it has become a primary threat to our freedoms as well. However, the real reason the Republican Party is a threat to liberty is not because conservatism itself is an errant philosophy. The reason is because the Republican Party never stood for conservative values in the first place, and is lying to the public whenever it attempts to co-opt the values of conservatism.

Ronald Reagan and Barry Goldwater were never the standard bearers, or the rule. They were the exceptions to the rule, at least when they were at their best, and were not being manipulated by empire builders themselves. The real Republican Party is and always has been an arrogant political body, dominated by snobs and big business people who are more interested in Robber Baronism than honest capitalism

They have always been ready and willing to use Big Government to enforce their schemes, to hand out corporate welfare to them, and to protect their investments-particularly in the case of petroleum. The Republican establishment backs the Federal Of course, another reason why there Reserve, the IRS, and other unconstitutional agencies while giving shifty-eyed lip service to the concept of small government and lower taxes.

> Such people have no populism in their soul, and no concern for the constitutional rights of the little people-and they couldn't possibly care less about the size, scope, and intrusiveness of the government. Snotty corporate monopolist wannabes and closet socialists are the true heart and soul of the GOP ... not the poor, misled middle-class voters who believe "that government is best which governs least"

radio are now silent about civil liberties, masses have proven beyond any shadow of a doubt that they are every bit as much a bunch of partisan lemmings as the Clintonistas were.

> And they have also disproven-with their popular President, who is treated with kid gloves-their own long-held contention that the elitist news media is liberal. On the contrary. The elitist news media is a whore, dancing to the tune of those with power and influence-and if it is firmly anything at all, it is firmly Anti-Liberty and Pro-Big-Government. How fortunate for the Bushies that their beloved "President 911" stands for exactly the same things. The word 'conservative' implies preservations of values and important traditions. In America, our most important traditions would be embodied in the Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence. By this standard, the most conservative Americans around today are libertarians, not Republicans. However, very few libertarians today would willingly claim the word 'conservative'..and I can hardly blame them.

What is called 'conservative' today is warmongering 20th Century statism drummed to a flag-waving beat. The common diatribe used by liberals-that Republicans are still living in the 1950s'-is incorrect; they are actually living in the 1940s, instead. It is very telling, for example, that Rush Limbaugh is a huge fan of the Spielberg film "Saving Private Ryan", and had nothing but praise for Tom Brokaw's book "The Greatest Generation". How apropos that Limbaugh calls himself the "Doctor of Democracy"

If Republicans pine for the histrionic days of World War II, they are nationalists-not conservatives. They are longing for the nostalgic trapping of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's world, not a conservative culture. FDR was both a Communist and a liar, but, additionally, he was also a very effective warmonger and militarist.

War, apparently, is very important to the Republicans-they do not worry much about little things like rights or liberties; they want to be fantasy heroes with a gun, like Rambo or Dirty Harry. The star-spangled clock that selfproclaimed conservatives like Rush and Hannity and O'Reilly and Kristol wrap themselves in is a fabric of biggovernment nationalism and military expansionism. If boot-stomping nationalism is all conservatism really stands for, the warmed-over '60s peacenik academics who have called

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The only reason you are reading this article here is because they haven't that have come from Washington since started censoring political dissent on 9-11-01 are an official product of the Internet...yet. There are many evils Republican governance. They cannot that have not been implemented to be blamed on Bill Clinton or Al Gore or date, but the mechanical apparatus of Tom Daschle. The GOP has been wholly totalitarianism is completely in place, in charge of oiled, idling, and ready for use, thanks to the War On Terror.

proof of that pudding. The massive abrogations of freedom

post-War-On-Terror Washington, and is fully responsible for the America was fascistic and centralized unconstitutional policies that have been before, but not nearly this bad. enacted. These are oppressive American citizens at least had some government policies that-if legal protections against government implemented in the 1990s, under abuse in the past, and some means to Clinton and Reno, would have provoked keep an eye on the Feds-these have screams of outrage. The mavens of talk

That is not to suggest that the Democrats are any better. They aren't; their party is a massive fraud as well. But they are also not any worse. Those voters who mistakenly thought they were worse are responsible for voting Bush into office, and thereby destroying the 4th Amendment.

This abrogation of human liberty probably never would have happened under Gore, had there been a President Gore, because talk radio and the FOX News Channel would have provided large-scale political dissent that we do not have today. Unfortunately, the GOP

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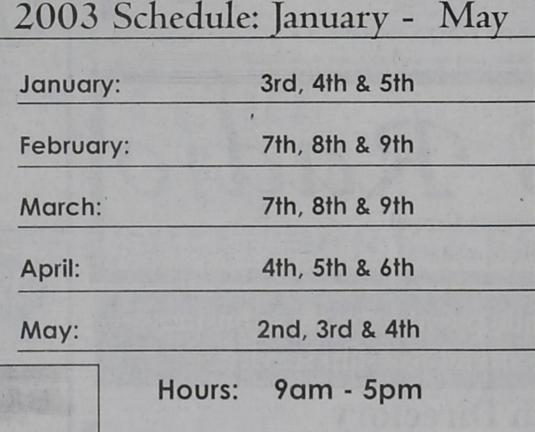


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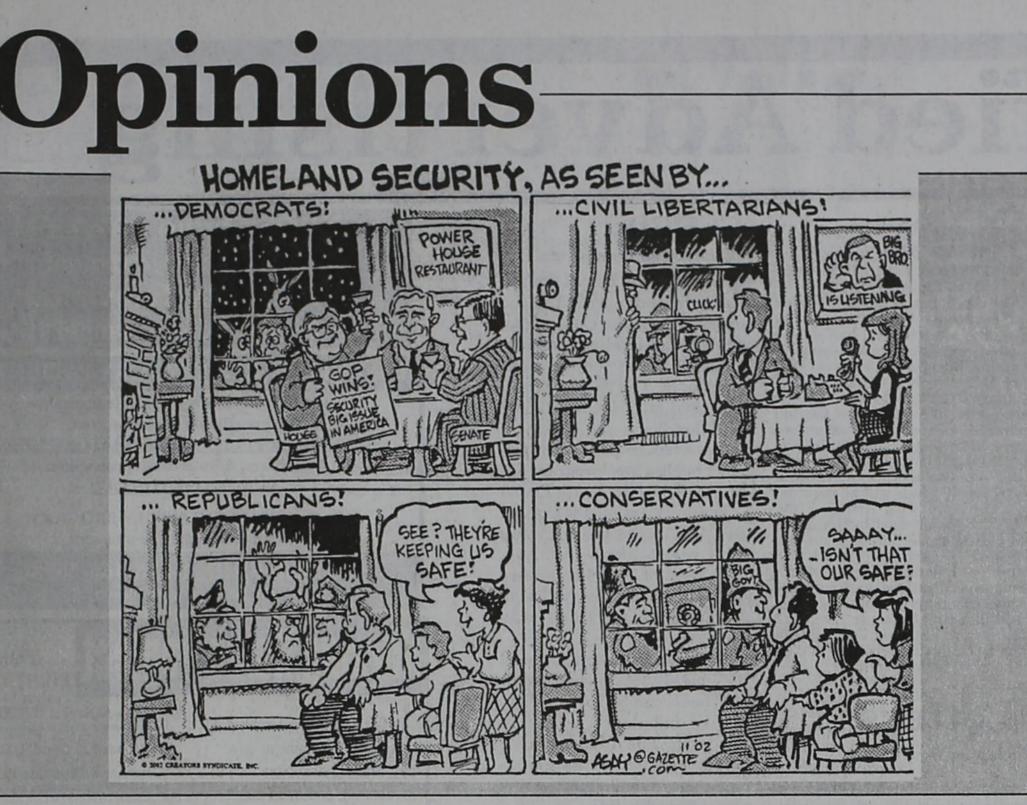
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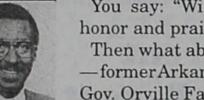
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During World War II, ex-Ku Klux Klansman, now U.S. senator, Robert Byrd vowed never to fight "with a Negro by my side. Rather I should die a thousand times, and see Old Glory trampled in the dirt never to rise again, than to see this

beloved land of ours become degraded by race mongrels, a throwback to the blackest specimen from the wilds."



You say: "Williams, that's different. High officials shouldn't honor and praise racists or ex-racists."

Then what about Bill Clinton's acknowledged political mentors -formerArkansas Sen. J. William Fulbright and formerArkansas Gov. Orville Faubus — who were both rabid segregationists? Yet the former president highly praises Fulbright and bestowed upon him the Presidential Medal of Freedom Award.

Just a couple of years ago, Byrd lectured us on the floor of the statement titled, "The Southern Manifesto," condemning the Senate that "there are white niggers. I've seen a lot of white 1954 Supreme Court decision of Brown vs. Board of Education and

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Iraq, Iran, Sept. 11:A Chronology by Jacob G. Hornberger

1951-Iranian people democratically elect Dr. Mohammed Mossadegh as Iranian premier.

1953-U.S. government, operating through the CIA, ousts Mossadegh in favor of shah of Iran, Reza Pahlavi, a cruel and tyrannical dictator who, with U.S. government support, brutalizes his own people for the next 25 years. See: The C.I.A. in Iran by James Risen The CIA's Greatest Hits by Mark Zapezauer

1979 — Iranian people revolt and oust the shah of Iran from power and take U.S. officials hostage in anger and retaliation against the United States. U.S. government is outraged over the ouster of the shah and the hostage-taking.

1981—Iranian people release hostages to the United States.

1980s-U.S. government enters into partnership with Saddam Hussein, dictator of Iraq, to retaliate against Iran. U.S. government furnishes chemical and biological weapons to Saddam. See: Iraq Got Germs for Weapons Program from U.S. in '80s by Matt Kelley Following Iraq's Bioweapons Trail by Robert Novak A Tortured Relationship by Chris Bury

Late 1980s-With U.S. government's support and assistance, Saddam uses U.S.-government-supplied chemical weapons against Iranian troops. By the way, Fulbright was one of 19 senators who issued a See: Officers Say U.S. Aided Iraq in War despite Use of Gas by Patrick E. Tyler Rumsfeld Key Player in Iraq Policy Shift by Robert Windrem

niggers in my time." I wonder whether he was talking about defending segregation. whites who act like blacks. San Francisco's esteemed mayor Willie Brown once described a successful legislative battle this way: "We House. Does Clinton's praise of Fulbright mean that he supported beat those old white boys fair and square."

interracial couples a look. Daggers. They get uncomfortable when stand in 1948? they see me on the street." The National Association of Black Social Workers drafted a position paper calling white adoptions of theories on the responses to Lott's rather stupid remarks - stupid black children "cultural genocide."

culture overpowers and forces another culture to accept a foreign and decorum than liberals. In other words, it's like behavior that's form of existence." Donna Brazile, Al Gore's presidential campaign tolerated in the case of children but ostracized when adults do the manager, called Republicans "white boys" who seek to "exclude, same thing. denigrate and leave behind."

At a celebration for retiring Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., said that Mississippians were proud to have voted for Thurmond in his 1948 presidential campaign "and, if the rest of the country had followed our lead, we wouldn't have had all these problems over all these years."

have received the most media coverage and which caused the most angst? Clearly, Lott's statement received the most media coverage and created the most angst, but it doesn't begin to qualify as the most racist.

That's a bit more recent than Thurmond's run for the White "The Southern Manifesto," just as the assertion that Lott's praise Spike Lee said in disapproval of interracial marriages: "I give of Thurmond means he supported Thurmond's segregationist influence.

If so, why not also condemn Clinton? I have several possible in the context of our politically correct world. My first theory is They warned against "transculturation ... when one dominant that conservatives are held to higher standards of decency, conduct

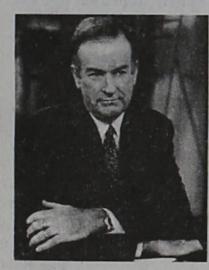
> That theory might also explain why racist statements made by blacks are excused. Another theory is that since 9-11 and President Bush's public popularity, both appointed and unappointed black leaders have had no platform and been paid no attention.

Lott's gaffe gives them platform, voice and mission. Finally, the Democrats, having lost all branches of national government in the Which among the above statements are the most racist, which recent elections, are desperate to get something on Bush and the Republicans, and Trent Lott's statement is the answer to their prayers.

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The Houston lesson...

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is having on her 9-year-old daughter. television, the highlights of the interview being harmed.

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called in from the bullpen and promptly told Diane Sawyer that he is bipolar and uses pot "every other day" to smooth himself out. parents who are substance abusers, but in America today, that is At this point, I was about to change the channel because I have impossible. Just three days after Whitney Houston's embarrassing seen dysfunctional adults before, and having them intrude on my admissions, thousands turned out to cheer her in a New York leisure time is not a good thing. But then, Ms. Houston allowed her performance. little daughter, who apparently had been listening to the whole pitiful interview, to sit before the camera. I was stunned. The poor child looked frightened and insecure. Was it the TV camera or just being in the same room with her nutty parents? I went on television the next day and said I thought Whitney make a statement by shunning the diva. Houston's lifestyle and conduct could be seen as child abuse. I interviewed a few child-care experts, and they all agreed that a parent abusing drugs and alcohol in front of a child is committing abuse. They all agreed that becoming intoxicated in a place where little kids are living is damaging to children almost every time. And they all agreed on one more thing: That no action should be modern America, that many kids don't have a chance. Groove on taken against Whitney Houston. The experts hemmed and hawed, but the consensus was that Ms. Houston and her husband probably loved the little girl, and that was enough to override any emotional damage the child might sustain living in a home with two parents who embrace intoxication. The child-care people pointed out that removing any kid from his or her parents is usually more traumatic for the child than continuing to live in a chaotic household.

As usual, the media has missed the and Human Services says that more than half a million American main point about Whitney Houston. The children are under the supervision of various states right now. distressed diva's story is not that she is The numbers are so great that social services systems cannot skinny, or drug-involved, or married to adequately monitor the children, and abuse in foster homes and some loon. The importance of Ms. state facilities is rampant. Child protection agencies are Houston's story is the impact that her life overwhelmed with violent abuse cases, so passive abuse like parental drug and alcohol involvement is often overlooked.

In case you didn't see Ms. Houston The result is that millions of American kids are growing up in making a fool of herself on national homes where intoxication is on display. And those children are

are these: She admitted abusing alcohol, I know of an Irish-American family in Charlestown, Mass., just pills, pot and cocaine. But she insisted no across the bridge from Boston, where a functioning alcoholic addiction was involved, she just had a "bad habit." She also father and his saintly wife raised 12 children on a longshoreman's reserves the right to get blasted in the future, and if you don't like salary. This father carried a flask and a thirst every day of his life.

Nine out of the 12 kids grew up to become alcoholics. The pain Then, Whitney's husband, a singer named Bobby Brown, was those people endured and inflicted on others was enormous.

The only solution to this problem is a societal condemnation of

1986 — U.S. government enters into partnership with Osama bin Laden and other Islamic radicals to resist Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. U.S. government furnishes partners with weaponry, including U.S.-made Stinger missiles.

1991—Soviet Union falls and Cold War ends. NATO faces abolition and U.S. military-industrial complex faces massive reduction in budget and

1991 — Saddam contends that neighbor Kuwait is stealing Iraqi oil through slant drilling and is also violating contractual agreements in OPEC. Saddam signals partner U.S. government of intention to invade Kuwait to resolve dispute. U.S. government, through U.S. Ambassador April Glaspie, expresses no objections, stating, "We have no opinion on your Arab-Arab conflicts, such as your dispute with Kuwait Kuwait is not associated with America." See: Whatever Happened to U.S. Ambassador April Glaspie? by Carleton Cole

1991 — Saddam invades Kuwait to resolve slant-drilling and OPEC dispute. President George H.W. Bush turns on partner Saddam and declares him to be a new "Hitler," effectively dissolving the long partnership between U.S. government and Saddam. Bush declares intention to attack Iraq with UN assistance to repel Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

1991 — Persian Gulf War. UN forces, led by U.S. government, defeat Iraq and oust Iraq from Kuwait. UN and President George H.W. Bush leave Saddam in power but require him to dismantle his nuclear facilities and chemical and biological weapons.

1991-U.S. government attempts to oust Saddam from power through UN-enforced military-economic blockade, also known as "sanctions," against the Iraqi people, which continues to the present. According to UN officials, sanctions contribute to the deaths of multitudes of Iraqi children. with estimates ranging from hundreds of thousands to a million. See Iraq: Paying the Price by John Pilger Iraq's Children Suffer as War Looms by Caroline Hawley The Silent War by Leah C. Wells Iraq's Shortage of Medicine May Grow More Severe by Peter Baker Early

1990s — U.S. government establishes illegal no-fly zones over Iraq, resulting in a continuous U.S. bombing campaign against Iraq to the present. Illegal bombing campaign kills hundreds of Iraqi people. See: Inside Iraq by John Pilger Attacks on Iraq Violate Law by Robert Jensen 1993 — U.S. World Trade Center terrorist bomber cites death of Iraqi

children as a motivating factor in bombing attack. See: Religion Isn't Sole Motive of Terror by John V. Parachini 1996 — Osama bin Laden turns against former partner U.S. government and declares war against United States, stating in part, "More than 600,000 Iraqi children have died due to lack of food and medicine and as a result of the unjustifiable aggression imposed on Iraq and its nation." See: Bin Laden's Fatwa (PBS) 1996 — U.S. government, through U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Madeleine Albright, announces that the deaths of half-a-million Iraqi children resulting from the military-economic blockade against Iraq have been "worth it." See: Iraq Adds Its Weight to a Sad Day of Remembrance by Robert Jensen

1998-2000 — High UN officials resign posts in protest against deaths of Iraqi children from sanctions. See: Squeezed to Death by John Pilger 2001 — September 11 terrorist attacks on World Trade Center and Pentagon. U.S. government declares perpetual "war on terrorism" and begins indefinite campaign to restrict rights and freedoms of the American people. NATO is reinvigorated, military spending soars, and militaryindustrial complex expands, all for the indefinite future.

2002 — President George W. Bush repeats President George H.W. Bush's 1991 declaration that former U.S. government partner Saddam is a "Hitler" and that therefore he must be ousted from power, 12 years after the Persian Gulf War. Bush claims that former partner Saddam hates America for its "freedom and values." Bush cites former partner Saddam's acquisition of nuclear components and biological and chemical weapons (including those obtained from the United States) as proof that Saddam presents a dire threat to the United States.

It is hard to argue with that thinking. The Department of Health

We have become a nation that refuses to make judgments about bad behavior, even when that behavior hurts innocent children. If we lived in a righteous society, Whitney Houston would be singing to herself, as decent people concerned for her daughter would

But no, we aren't willing to make that kind of stand. It really is none of our business, you see. What Whitney Houston or any other parent does is not for us to judge.

Hillary Clinton was right, it does take a village to raise a child. But right now there are so many idiots in the village that is that thought for a while, Whitney.

Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the new book "The No Spin Zone," in addition to last year's best-selling book "The O'Reilly Factor: The Good, the Bad, and the Completely Ridiculous." To find out more about Bill O'Reilly, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

2002 - UN Security Council, prodded by U.S. government, requires Saddam to file updated weapons report fully accounting for nuclear components and biological and chemical weaponry.

2002 - Saddam files updated nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons report with the UN Security Council. U.S. government objects to public release of identities of suppliers of nuclear components to Iraq. UN turns report over to United States, which releases censored summary that deletes identities of nuclear suppliers, but information on suppliers nevertheless leaked to press. United States among suppliers of nuclear components to former partner Saddam. See: Iraq Used Many Suppliers for Nuke Program by Dafna Linzer

2002 — Bush administration announces that former partner Saddam is in breach of UN resolutions by providing an incomplete accounting of nuclear components and biological and chemical weaponry, possibly on the basis of a comparison between the nuclear, biological, and chemical weaponry that the U.S. government originally furnished Saddam and what he has accounted for.

Mr. Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation in Fairfax, Va.

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Letters....

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people might misinterpret this as a compliment. I refer to the real Abraham Lincoln. The same Lincoln who suspended the writ of Habeas Corpus, and the same Lincoln who used a noble human idea-the freeing of the slavesto wage a bloody war of aggression on a separate and sovereign nation, and to grind its culture and people into the ground.

The same Abraham Lincoln who ordered the arrest and imprisonment of newspaper editors and publishers who disagreed with his war, and ordered Federal troops to demolish their printing presses. The same "Honest

Abe" who ordered troops to interfere

with the election process in opposition

Congressional districts, and who

ordered the arrest and imprisonment

of several dozen state legislators. The

same brooding tyrant who went on to

order the military arrest of a sitting

member of Congress who was a war

opponent, and then have him deported

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services. Eleven Garza County residents were enrolled in the program as of the close of November, and total indigent expenses for the month were \$18,905.28. The fiscal year-todate total stood at \$20,175.07 as of Nov. 30.

· Received a report on the primary health care program administered by the South Plains **Community Action Association** (SPCAA). During the program's fiscal year, which ended Aug. 31, a total of 228 clients were served in Garza County. Cost of all services provided was \$107.270.

 Took formal action to cancel the monthly \$500 payment that has been made to the citycounty ambulance service in the past. The funds are no longer needed as the ambulance service has reported it is now self-supporting.

The health care district will continue to provide office space and other non-monetary support to the ambulance service as needed.



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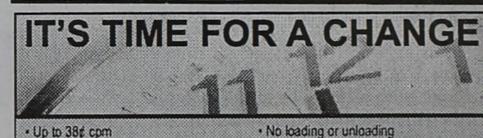
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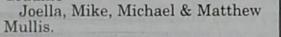
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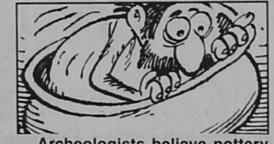
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from the United States. Abraham Lincoln was the ultimate booster of Federal power and the ultimate propagator of War. He was the summation and the embodiment of the essence of Republicanism. There is nothing new about this; it is how things have always been. Republicans in authority have almost always kowtowed to corrupt business interests and marched the US to war for greedy causes, just like Lincoln did.

Any list of historically prominent GOP leaders is predominantly a list of globalists and elitists who have believed in a strong, centralized government. There is no grand and glorious history of GOP conservatism ... GOP conservatism is a sham. They are not capitalists or constitutionalists; they are statists.

And that is the ugly, untold truth of the Republican Party. Kevin Tuma



Archeologists believe pottery was invented about 12,000 years ago.

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and physically. I couldn't deal with the notion that after nine years of marriage, five of which included kids, I would have to leave my family.

A few months after the separation, a friend suggested I contact a group called Parents Without Partners, Inc. (PWP). Reluctantly, I took his advice.

It turns out joining PWP was the best decision I ever made. The members I met made me feel comfortable and right at home. Many of those people were in the same situation as me and could relate to my feelings.

Also, I could hardly believe how many events were planned. Not only were dances, parent educational and social functions scheduled, but there were also many activities geared toward the children of PWP members.

I recommend PWP to any parent who has become single through separation, divorce, death of a spouse or simply never married. For more information, visit the Web site www.parentswithout partners.org.

• Mr. Weiss was president of the Greater Northeast Chapter of PWP. He is now married and no longer a single parent.





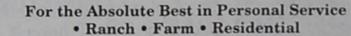
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Kristine Morris December 22, 1982 20 Years Ago Dear Santa

I want a Strawberry Shortcake dook, a Ken doll, a Dallas horse, a Speek and Read for. Shelly Haney

Dear Santa

I do not have a doll and I do not have a gun. I love you, Amanda Dear Santa

How are you. I will like to have a go-cart and a dictionary. My sister wants a cart and a doll. And

friend I've got. She want's a big big swimming pool and me too. Lisa Holly

Dear Santa Please bring me a red SL motorcycle and a red helmet. There will be some milk and cookies for

you. Do you like the North Pole? I love you. We have not got a chimney, you will have to come through the door.

Kim Norman Dear Santa

I want a G. I. Joe, a football and a pocket knife and an I. D. bracelet. Charla Dean Williams

December 20, 1962 40 Years Ago

Dear Santa I want a walking doll for Christmas. And if you bring it. I might let her walk to you.

Willie Ann Harper Dear Santa I want a BB gun, an electronic

robot and some candy. I loye you. Dale Walls

Dear Santa

I am trying to be good. Please be good to all boys and girls everywhere. Please bring me a Jimmy Jet. I love you.

Steven Dean Mason Dear Santa

I have been as good as I could. Please bring me something nice I would like a cry-baby doll.

Sally Guerrero Dear Santa I have been a good boy. I have helped my father amdn mother. I

would like a figure eight racing track.

> Bobby Norman December 18, 1952 50 Years Ago

Dear Santa

Did You Know?

(NAPS)-The Centers for Disease Control estimates that tens of thousands of Americans are killed each year by drug-resistant bacteria picked up in hospitals and other medical facilities. Thousands more die from infections picked up at home, at work, on vacation, etc. In The Killers Within: The Deadly Rise of Drug-Resistant Bacteria (Little, Brown, \$24.95), leading journalist Michael Shnayerson and worldrenowned ethnobotanist Dr. Mark J. Plotkin team up to bring readers the true account of bacteria that, through rapid evolution, have managed to consistently outwit once-effective antibiotics and the physicians who administer them.

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hepatitis C-a blood-borne virus that affects almost three million americans. A new study published in the New England Journal of Medicine reports that combination therapy of ribavirin with a once-weekly form of interferon called PEGASYS (pegy-

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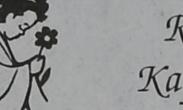
by Katie Brown (NAPS)—My PC is the best tool I've found to make life work dur- those I've mentioned here, also I want a train. I am a good boy. ing the holidays. And just like a make great holiday gifts for active kitchen, a useful PC must have all the right ingredients and supplies to keep things moving smoothly. I've developed a few tips on how to "Deck Your Desktop" for the busy season T ahead. These tips will help you see Katie Brown your PC in a whole new light. Happy entertaining. Make Your List and Check it Twice. Before I even sit down at my computer, I do my prep work-just like I do in my kitchen. I figure out my holiday tasks and decide what software and other tools I'll need to get them done. This way, I know my PC will be as ready for the holidays as I am. • Fill Your Holiday Toolbox. Once I've decided how I'm going to use my computer during the holidays, I find the right software to help me. The best approach I've found is to rely on several different programs to build holiday lists, research holiday traditions and turn holiday snapshots into keepsakes. Strike a Holiday Pose. I'm a stickler about getting my holiday cards out early, so that's always the first thing on my todo list. But, to me, sending a store-bought card is a little like serving stuffing out of the boxit's never as good as homemade. The easiest way I've found to edit my photos and make my own cards is with my favorite pictures and Microsoft Picture It! Digital Image Pro. Say goodbye to red eye. • Find a Few Favorite Things. Before I plan a menu, I like to check with my guests about their likes and dislikes. That way, I can almost always guarantee my dinners will be a success. I do the same thing when making my holiday gift lists by encouraging my family to create online holiday wish lists. Popular Web sites such as Amazon.com are a great place to start. Discover Traditions. Some people can't imagine celebrating the holidays without cranberries. I can't imagine the holidays without celebrating some of our nation's wonderful cultural traditions. I like to incorporate traditions I find in Microsoft Encarta Reference Library into my party themes, menus and even my cocktail chatter. Create Festive Folders. To keep my sanity during the holidays, one of the first things I do is create folders on my desktop for each of my holiday tasks. This way, everything I need is right at my fingertips. · Get the All-Purpose Holiday Tool. In my kitchen, my stand-mixer is the all-purpose tool that does almost anything. With everything I have to juggle between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve, I need a software program that lets me do it all, from tracking my to-dos to organizing recipes to building my guest list to managing my budget-the list is endless. Microsoft Works Suite helps me do all of that plus give my holiday party guests door-todoor directions.

Software programs, such as



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As you observe Christmas with those near and dear to you, may you rejoice anew at the true, deep meaning of this most glorious time. And may the peace and joy of the season be an ever present blessing, to light hte way for all men, everywhere.



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thats all now, Merry Chustmas. **Dusty** Clary Dear Santa

How are you? It will be Christmas soon. I want some roller skates if you can please. Bring me a doll house and a Barbie.. I would like a Speak and Spell or Math Speak and Spell. That will be all. Crossvette Lopez Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. I've been wanting a Yamaha 80 all year long. How is Rudloph? Is he dbing fine?

Eric Hair December 21, 1972 **30 Years Ago** Dear Santa

Thank you for the roller skates and the breeches. That's all. Cindee Jackson Dear Santa

Thank you Santa Claus for the toys you bring me. I'm happy cause you bring me toys. Merry X-mas Gilbert Perez

Dear Santa

I hope you give me a dolly with a botle and some diapers and some shees from Wackers. I love you also Santa Claus and a toy for a girl named Carolina she is my best

I love you, Billy Max Gordon Dear Santa

Please bring me a little record player, a ranch set and two guns. Thank you, Ronnie Gradine

Dear Santa Please bring me a cattle truck

and a ranch set. Also a Roy Rogers cowboy suit. Please remember all of my litle friends.

With love, Danny Richardson Dear Santa

Please bring me a coo doll, a bathanet, set of dishes and pleanty of candy, fuit and nuts.

Love you, Janice Moreman Dear Santa I want a BB gun. I am a good boy. I love you,

Curtis Hudman Dear Santa

I have been a pretty good boy this year. Please bring me a gun and holster, spurs and a fire engine I can ride in. I am three years old and have a little sister two, who wants a tricycle, a doll and some dishes. We would like some fruit, nuts and candy in our stocking. Don't forget mommie, daddy and grandmother and granpa, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Long, and Uncle Fred. Jakcie and Judy Huff

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Neighbor to Neighbor by Julie Neitsch,

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The holiday season is here, and it is easy to get rapped up in social holiday events, buys gifts, Christmas plays, church parties, and decorating for the season. Just remember to stop and enjoy the things that matter. Take time out to sing Christmas carols and bake cookies with your kids/ grandkids, to spend time with those who mean the most to you, and remember to be thankful for the blessings that are so often overlooked.

Here is wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and joyous Holiday!

The Night Before Christmas-Texas Style: author unknown "T'was the night before Christmas, in Texas, you know. Way out on the prairie, without any snow. Asleep in their cabin, were Buddy and Sue, A dreamin' of Christmas, like me and you. Not stockings, but boots, at the foot of their bed, For this was Texas, what more need be said, When all of a sudden, from out of the still night, There came such a ruckus, it gave me a fright. And I saw 'cross the prairie, like a shot from a gun, A loaded up buckboard, come on at a run, The driver was "Geein" and "Hawin", with a will, The horses (not reindeer) he drove with such skill. "Come on there Buck, Poncho, & Prince, to the right, There'll be plenty of travelin' for you all tonight." The driver in Levi's and a shirt that was red, Had a ten-gallon Stetson on top of his head. As he stepped from the buckboard, he was really a sight, With his beard and moustache, so curly and white. As he burst in the cabin, the children awoke, And were so astonished, that neither one spoke. And he filled up their boots with such presents galore, That neither could think of a single thing more. When Buddy recovered the use of his jaws, He asked in a whisper, "Are you really Santa Claus?" "Am I the real Santa? Well, what do you think?" And he smiled as he gave a mysterious wink. Then he leaped in his buckboard, and called back with a drawl, "To all the children in Texas, Merry Christmas, Y'All"

households. For more holiday tips, visit: www.microsoft.com/katie. Lifestyle expert Katie Brown is

the author of the new book, Katie Brown Decorates: 6 Styles, 12 Rooms, 126 Projects.

> Hoping your Christmas will be merry Your holidays bright and gay, And all the good old fashioned joys Cross your hearth and stay.

Heartfelt thanks for your valued friendship.



To all of our friends, we say Merry Christmas

Wes and Pat Burnett Tim Burnett James and Gail Burnett Kim and Allen Dolberry and children. Alyssa, Cailee, Whitney and Lindsey

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Sports

PHS basketball teams host Bold Gold Holiday Classic Dec. 26-28

The Bold Gold and the Lady 'Lopes will play host to the Bold Gold Holiday Classic basketball tournament Dec. 26-28 at the Antelope Arena. The girls will kick off tournament play with the first game set to begin at 10 a.m. Thursday. Girls' games will be played according to the following schedule:

• 10 a.m. - Petersburg vs. Lubbock Christian High School • 1 p.m. -Brownfield vs. Borden City • 4 p.m. - Crane vs. Snyder • 7 p.m. - Post vs. Sands

Tournament play for the boys also will begin Thursday. Their schedule will be as follows:

• 11:30 a.m. - Petersburg vs. Lubbock Christian High School • 2:30 p.m. - Spearmen vs. Borden City • 5:30 p.m. - Post JV vs. Crane • 8:30 p.m. - Post vs. Sands

Games for both boys' and girls' teams will continue on Friday, with the championship games set for Saturday.



Tayler Starker (23) lays the ball into the basket for the Post Lady Lopes in action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)







Jarrett Vickers puts the finishing touches on a two-pointer for the Post Antelopes in action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Patricia Hester (25) jumps high for the basketball for the Post Lady Lopes. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)





Kaycee Gorman brings the ball toward the basket for the Post Lady Lopes during action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

8th grade girls edge **New Deal** 33-28

Post Middle School's eighth grade girls pulled out a 33-28 win over New Deal last week.

New Deal led scoring in the first period 10-9, but the Lady 'Lopes rebounded to take a 16-12 lead into the half. The Post girls continued to carry the momentum throughout the game.

"This was a very hard-played game," the coach said. "The girls were behind at the end of the first quarter and really came back the rest of the game and played hard. "Kylie Easterling had a great game offensively. She had some really good moves under the basket and ran the floor well. Steffi Norman had a very good defensive game. She came up with 4-5 steals in the game."

Easterling had 10 points in the game to lead scoring for the Lady 'Lopes. Gabby Paiz and Rachel Gray each scored five points, Keisha Odom and Jackie Hays, four apiece, and Sarah Kirkpatrick had three points.

PHS Bsketball Schedule

ec. 26-28	Bold Gold Holiday Classic	
Dec. 31	Abernathy @ Post	
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pointer for the Post Antelopes in action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

New Deal trounces 7th grade girls

The seventh grade girls from Post Middle School dropped a 31-9 game to New Deal Dec. 16.

New Deal grabbed an early lead, logging an 11-3 first period lead that stretched to 21-5 at the half.

"New Deal is a very tough team," the coach said. "They ran the floor well and got a lot of easy buckets from us not hustling down the floor. They played using a zone, and we needed more people to step up and shoot the ball and drive to the basket.

"After the break we have a tournament in Lubbock, so we will be working hard until then."

Samantha Hoover was Post's leading scorer with six points. Lori Jones added three.

VB, VG

JVB, VB

Melinda Fannon earns honor at WT A&M

JVG, VG Melinda Fannon, a senior nursing JVB, VB major at West Texas A&M JVG, VG University, was one of 16 new JVG, JVB, VG, VB members inducted into Sigma Theta JVG, JVB, VG, VB Tau International Honor Society JVG, JVB, VG, VB Dec. 13 in the Mary Moody Northern JVG, JVB, VG, VB Hall. JVG, JVB, VG, VB Sigma Theta Tau International is JVG, JVB, VG, VB dedicated to improving the health JVG, JVB, VG, VB of people worldwide by increasing JVB, VB the scientific base of nursing JVB, VB practice. Members are nursing scholars committed to the pursuit of excellence in clinical practice, education, research and leadership.



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Coaches: Randy Courtney, Varsity Girls; Dane Vickers, Varsity Boys

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