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Post High School Lady Lope Brittney Courtney was recently named to the All-State Basketball Team by the Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA). Other honors included 1st team All-Region 2nd Team All-State and All-State All Academic Team, by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC). Courtney will play in both the TGCA and TABC All-Star games. TABC will be played in May as part of their coaches clinic. In July she will play in the TGCA game as part of their coaches clinic. (Photo by Fred Postell).

## 12 year old boy hit by pickup truck

by Sheri Lewis

A 12-year-old Post boy was transported to a Lubbock hospital Saturday after he was struck by a pickup in the 400 block of West 10th Street.

The accident occurred at about 7:42 p.m. as the youth and a relative, also a juvenile male, were walking "in the roadway," Sheriff Kenny Ratke said. The 12-year-old was struck by a 1974 full-sized Chevrolet pickup driven by a 39-year-old Post man. The pickup was traveling westbound and carried two children in addition to the driver, according to reports.

None of the pickup's occupants were injured, and the second pedestrian was not struck by the vehicle.

The investigation indicates the pickup was traveling at a speed between 28 and 30 mph "at the time the skid started," the sheriff said. The speed limit in that neighborhood is 30 mph.

The driver, whose name was not released, told authorities he was unable to see the boys walking in the road "due to darkness," the sheriff said.

A local resident who had driven past the pair of pedestrians just seconds before the accident said he, too, had difficulty seeing the boys in the roadway. He told authorities he failed to see the youths until he was "almost upon them" and forced to swerve into the eastbound lane to avoid hitting them.

The victim was wearing a light blue shirt and blue jeans at the time of the accident, according to reports.

Ratke said two deputies and a Department of Public Safety trooper worked the scene. As soon as the boy was placed into the ambulance, authorities began administering field sobriety tests to the driver involved in the accident. No level of intoxication could be determined, and no criminal charges have been or are expected to be filed.

"There was no evidence of intoxication. Neither was this an intentional act," the sheriff said. "This was an unfortunate accident."

The accident report lists "pedestrian failure to yield right-of-way to vehicle" as a contributing factor.

The victim was in stable condition at University Medical Center in Lubbock, Ratke said Tuesday afternoon. Specific information regarding the young man's injuries was unavailable as of press time.

## Post Notes

### Pancake Supper

A pancake supper will be held Friday, April 2, from 5-7 p.m. at the school cafeteria. \$5.00 a plate, which includes a drink. All proceeds will benefit the Relay for Life for American Cancer Society. For more information call Anita at 495-4411 or Carolyn at 495-4420.

### Relay For Life Team Captain's Meeting

There will be a Team Captain's meeting for this year's Relay For Life on Thursday, April 1 at 5:45 p.m. at Wells Fargo Bank. All team captains should make effort to attend as well as anyone interested in having a team. For more information, contact Michelle at 495-0040.

### Benefit Rummage Sale Set

A rummage sale to benefit scholarships for the White River Youth Camp will be held Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Post Community Center, 113 W. main. The sale will include clothing, furniture, household items, home decor items, toys and many other items of interest. A snack bar will be open both days.

### Turkey Shoot Fund Raiser

A turkey shoot sponsored by the 2-P Gun Club of Post will be held Saturday, April 3 from 10 a.m. till dark. Cash prizes awarded to winners. \$4.00 per shoot - 50% back to shooters. \$20.00 Annie Oakley - 2 p.m. (limited to factory shells). \$25.00 Annie Oakley - 3 p.m. (no limits). Proceeds go to the Garza County 4-H Shotgun Sports.

### "Eggs 'N Art" at the OS Museum

The OS Museum has announced the opening of its "Eggs 'N Art" exhibit. Viewing hours for the exhibit are Monday thru Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. The Museum is located at 201 E. Main. For more information call 495-3570.

### Free Christian Rock Concert

The Post Church of the Nazarene Youth welcomes Zugia. The Christian rock group will perform a free concert on Sunday, April 18, beginning at 6 p.m. at 202 W. 10th street.

### Sonic Boom damage claims

Those businesses or individuals interested in submitting claims of damage from last week's sonic booms should call the U.S. Air Force at 325-696-2862.

## Lab work continues on murder investigation

by Sheri Lewis

A lab analysis of evidence gathered last week through a second evidentiary search warrant is pending as local law enforcement officials continue the investigation into the March 21 fatal shooting of 58-year-old Margie Smith Reed.

Sheriff Kenny Ratke said he, his staff and the Texas Ranger working the case are conducting a "very intensive" investigation into the shooting, which resulted in the arrest of the victim's 57-year-old husband, Bill Henry Reed. Ratke declined to comment on the items seized through the search warrant.

The Department of Public Safety crime lab is analyzing the evidence gathered. Results from the lab analysis may not be available for a couple of weeks, the sheriff said.

The suspect, charged with first-degree murder, remained in custody Tuesday on a \$750,000 bond. He is being housed in the Lynn County Jail in Tahoka, which handles the Garza County Jail 'overflow' inmates.

Bill Henry Reed was arrested shortly after summoning authorities to his home in the 300 block of East 5th Street. There, lawmen discovered Margie Smith Reed's body in the living room of the home. Reed was arrested because "physical evidence at the scene appeared to contradict unsolicited statements (Reed) was making," Ratke said.

Reed told investigators the shooting involved the accidental discharge of a .30-.30 lever rifle while his wife was standing at the front door. He said he had placed the gun in his lap and it accidentally went off.

A bullet recovered at the scene and a bullet hole at the site "totally contradict" Reed's claims, the sheriff said.

## Post ISD sets public meeting

The Post ISD will host a public meeting Tuesday, April 6, to gather input on the operation and performance of the district's Special Education Program. Information will be gathered through one or more community focus groups that address a set of pre-determined questions. The meeting is a required component of the new performance-based Texas Education Agency's Special Education Monitoring System. The meeting, to be held in the Post Elementary Auditorium, will be conducted in a structured format over a three-hour period. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m., and the meeting will run from 6-9 p.m. All interested parents and community members are urged to attend. For more details, call 495-3414.

## MTC gets nod for Dalby Correctional Facility contract

by Wes Burnett

Following a three hour plus work session last Saturday, the Garza County Commissioners' Court approved Management and Training Corporation's (MTC) proposal for the contract to operate the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility.

The current contract is due to expire July 31.

Judge Giles W. Dalby informed the court that a few modifications would need to be made, including terms of the termination clause and agreement on major repairs to the facility. He said he wanted the minutes to reflect that it was the most favorable proposal for the county.

Other proposals received by the court Monday, March 22 came from GEO and CCS (see The Post Dispatch 03/25/04).

The MTC proposal included a \$400,000 one time benefit to the county with MTC offering to relieve the county of the remaining debt that was incurred four years ago upon opening of the facility. Judge Dalby explained that the county had to put up funds when the expected contract with the State of Texas failed and the facility was left empty until a contract with the Bureau of Prisons could be implemented.

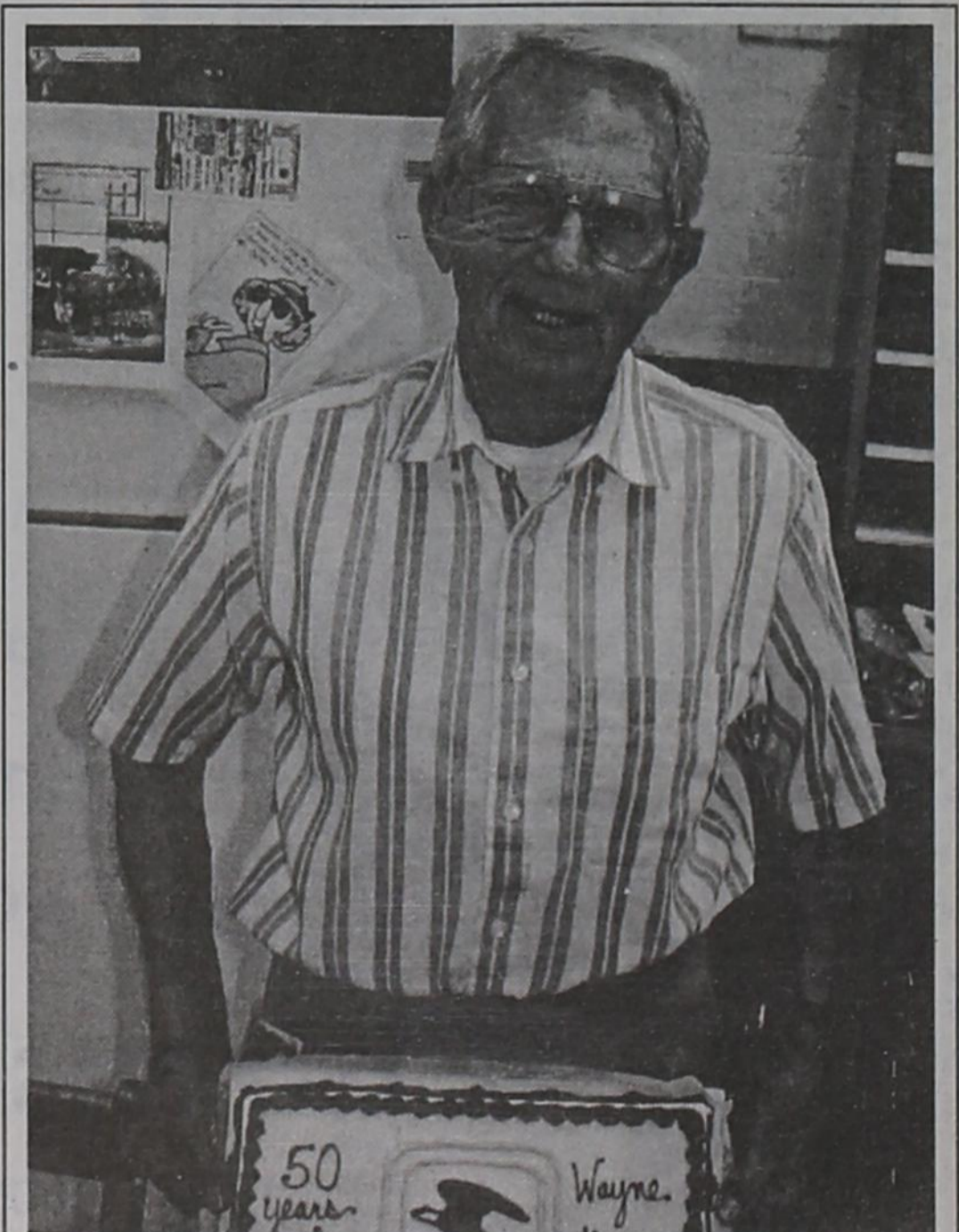
MTC will also pay the county \$1,000,217 per year based a per-inmate estimate.



Post Middle School 7th grade student, Travis Rasbeary captured first place in his division and second place overall biological at the South Plains Science and Engineering Fair in the United Spirit Arena. Rasbeary also won a \$25 cash prize and the Caprock Award. He will advance to the Exxon Mobile State Science Fair, April 1-3 and has been nominated to the Discovery Channel Young Science Challenge to be held in Washington, D.C., in August. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett).



Post High School Senior, Coby Jones (center) won Reserve Grand Champion Simbrah with his steer, "Bubba" at the 2004 San Antonio Stock show and Rodeo. He was joined at the event by his father Greg Jones (left). Coby is a member of Garza County 4-H. When not showing his steer across the state, Jones is very active in Student Council, UIL, National Honor Society, football and baseball. Jones plans to attend Texas



### 50 Years of Service

Wayne Thomas was honored earlier this month by co-workers at the Post Office here in recognition of his 50 years of service to the U.S. Postal Service.

# Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush



Hey everyone, Here we are at the end of March. Where does the time go? I know the seniors are already counting the days.

It certainly won't be long at this rate of speed.

## ATTENTION GARAGE SALE LOVERS

There is going to be a great rummage sale April 2-3 at the Post Community Center. All proceeds from this sale will benefit scholarships for the White River Youth Camp. The time for this event is 8:00 am - 5:00 pm each day. There will be everything and anything for you to look at. Furniture, clothing for the entire family, home decor, household items, toys for all ages and much more. There will even be a snack bar open all day for your convenience. What more could you ask for? Be sure to go by and shop, it is for a good cause and

you will have fun to boot!  
TO THE KIDS IN THE ONE ACT PLAY

I just wanted to let you kids know that everyone thought the play was fabulous and should have advanced. I know you all worked so hard and you should all be proud.

**SYMPATHIES** To the Mary Welborn family, Mary had been a long time resident of Post, but had never lost that wonderful Mississippi accent. The Welborn's were long time friends of our family and I know my mom will miss her dearly. Her family remains in our prayers.

**GET WELL SOON** I wanted to wish Pete Hays a speedy recovery. Pete had to have a stint Tuesday morning. I hope he is feeling much better very soon. Also, I'm glad to hear that Quannah Maxey is feeling better and is at home. These are two of my favorite folks!

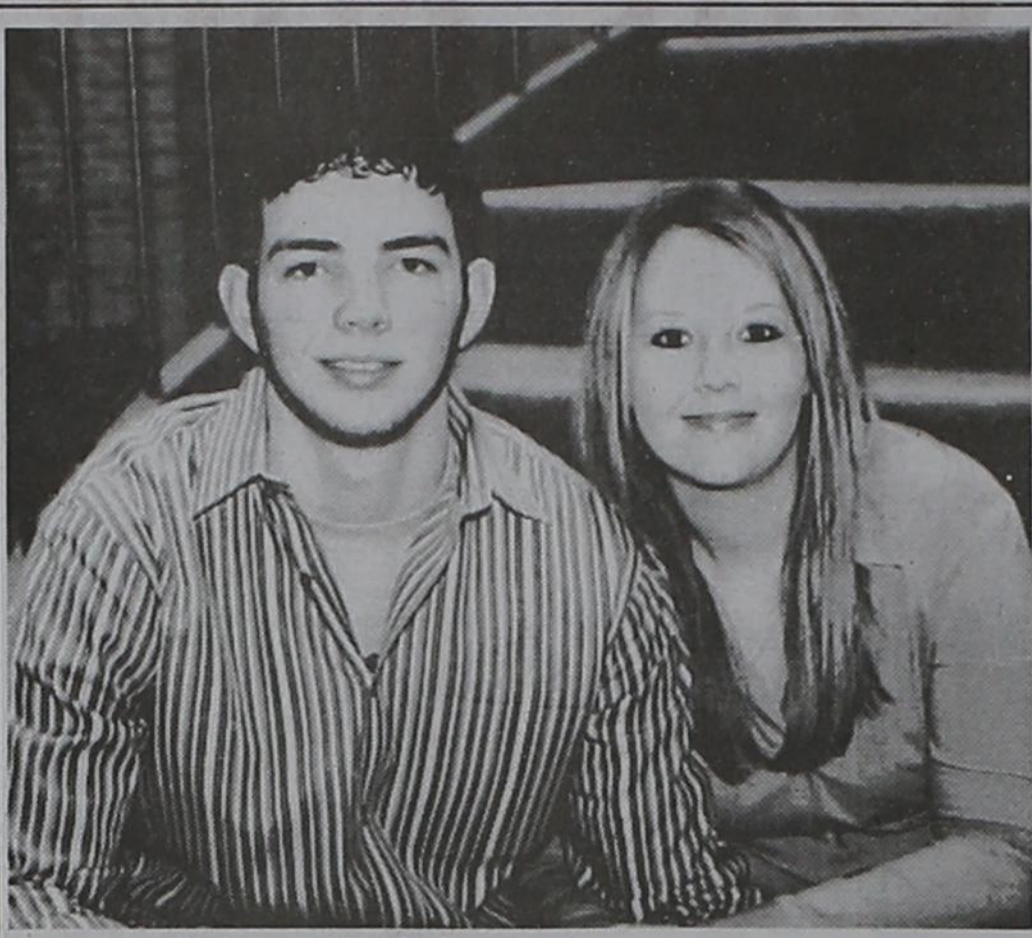
**PLEADING AGAIN** I know you all get tired of hearing

this, but please call me with your news. It is almost impossible to keep the "Jabberin'" column going without some local "news". So if you take a trip, attend a party, are proud of something your child did, have a birthday or WHATEVER!!! Please

call and let me know. I would appreciate it so much.

**TILL NEXT WEEK**

Guess that is all for this week. May God bless each of you and keep you safe. See you next time.  
Judy



Jarrett Vickers & Kenda Josey

## Kenda Josey, Jarrett Vickers announce wedding plans

Kyle and Diane Josey have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kenda, to Jarrett Vickers, son of Dane and Kathy Vickers of Port Lavaca.

The couple plans to exchange vows July 24 at the Post Church of Christ. The bride-elect and prospective bridegroom are both 2003 graduates of Post High School. They are attending Abilene Christian University.

## Lacey Gannon, Phillip Vinson plan April 17 wedding

Lacey Gannon and Phillip Vinson have announced their engagement and approaching marriage. The couple plans to wed April 17, 2004, in San Angelo.

A 2000 graduate of Wall High School, the bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Gannon of San Angelo. She is the granddaughter of Adell Gannon Dickens, Bobby Elrod, George West and the late Dale Elrod Sr. She graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in animal science in 2003.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Duwain and Sue Vinson of Midciff. A 1999 graduate of Rankin High School, he is the grandson of George and Maydelle Jackson of Midciff and Midland, Mrs. Doris Vinson of Mertzon and the late H.D. Vinson. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in animal science from Texas A&M in 2003.



## Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Neitsch

Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science

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It Could be More Than Just a Headache...

That's right, you could have a migraine. Migraine headaches have very specific symptoms including throbbing pain on one or both sides of the head and sensitivity to light or noise. Because migraines may also cause nausea or vomiting, they are sometimes called sick headaches.

Migraines are also known as vascular headaches, because they are believed to be caused by changes in the flow of blood in the vessels of the head.

Although a migraine comes on quite suddenly, it is sometimes preceded by visual disturbances, such as zig-zagged lines, called an aura. Dizziness and numbness on one side of the body may also precede a migraine. The headaches last from a few hours to a few days and recur from several times a week to once every few years. Migraines are more common in women, and may begin during childhood, but most begin during the teens and early twenties.

If you suspect you are having migraine headaches, keep a diary of your headache symptoms. Once you know what events, foods, medications, or activities bring on a headache you may be able to prevent or limit the recurrence.

**Home Treatment:**

- At the first sign of a migraine, lie down in a darkened room with a cool cloth on your forehead.

- Relax your body, starting with the forehead and eyes and working down to the toes. Sleeping can relieve migraines.

- Many people find aspirin or ibuprofen helps relieve a migraine.

- If a doctor has prescribed medication for your migraine, take the recommended dose at the first sign of the migraine starting.

- If you use over the counter prescription headache medications, too often, they may actually make the headaches more frequent or severe.

**When to Call a Health Professional:**

- If you suspect your headaches are migraines. Professional diagnosis and treatment combined with your self-care can help decrease the impact of migraines on your life.

- Discuss relaxation techniques, which help many people prevent migraines.

- If headaches are becoming more frequent or more severe, contact your doctor.

- If you have a headache with stiff neck, fever, nausea, vomiting, drowsiness, or confusion.

For more information on migraine headaches contact the Garza County Extension Office at (806) 495-4400 or contact your family physician.

Source: Healthwise Handbook: A Self-Care Manual for You and Your Family. Headaches: Migraine Headaches.



Wedding Featured on TLC April 5

Kimberly Rae Robertson of Fort Worth and Joel Wayne Terry of Post were wed at 3 p.m. December 6, 2003, in Snyder, Texas at the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch. The couple's wedding will be featured Monday, April 5 at 1:30 p.m. on The Learning Channel.

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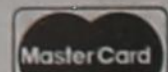
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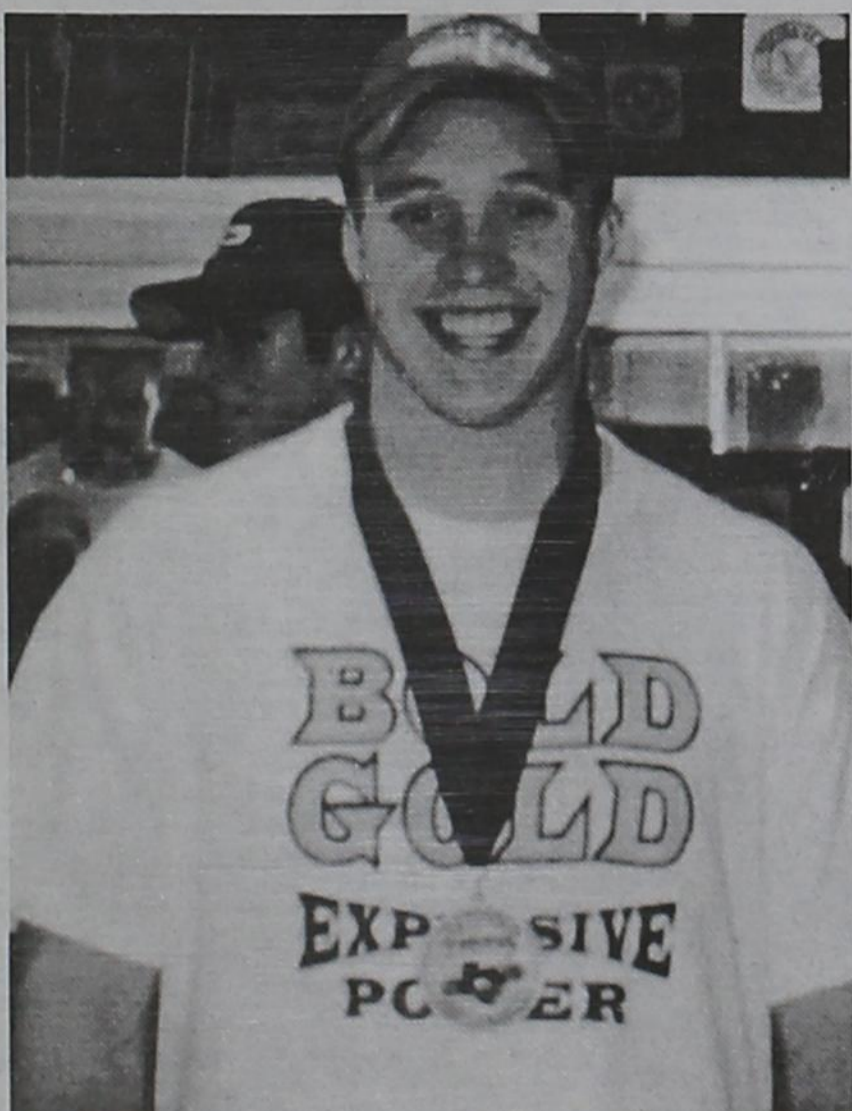
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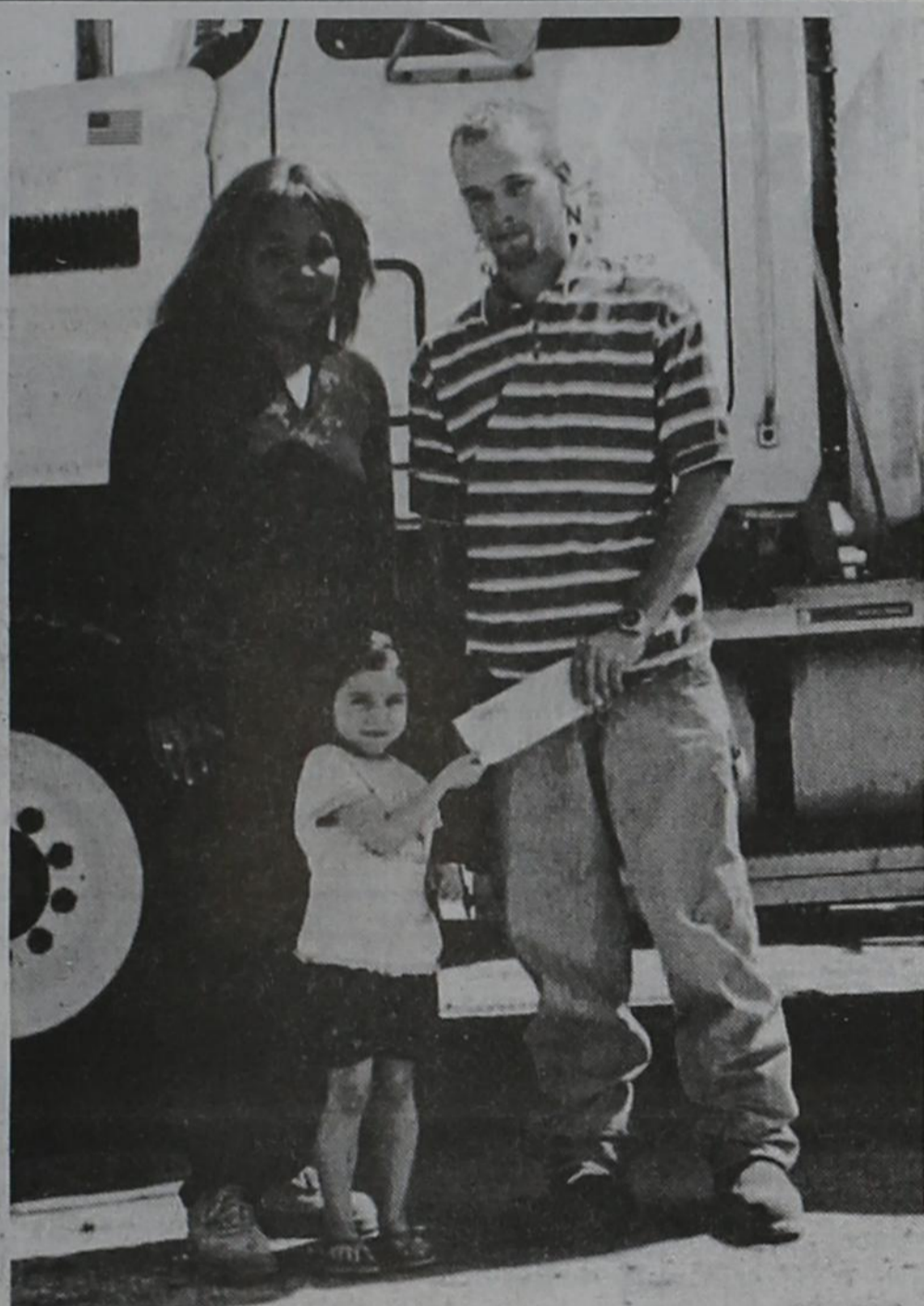
### Regional Science Fair Competitors

Post Middle School students who participated in the South Plains Regional Science and Engineering Fair are shown (back row left to right), Tianna Reyna (1st place), Travis Rasbeary (1st), Mitchell James, Suhani Bhakta, Staci Bocko, Meagen Howard-Griffis, Mysty Ayala, Thorn Greathouse and Madison Mason (front row), Kelsy Hays (1st), Sabrina Sanchez, Kenzi Mason, Chase Odom, Michael Porter, Brenna Postell and Nicholas Rodriguez. The Science Fair was held on Friday, March 26 at the United Spirit Arena. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)



### Regional Science Fair Competitors

Post Elementary students who went to the Texas Tech Regional Science Fair are shown (back row left to right), 5th grade Morgan Williams, Alexis Dunn, Crystal Hernandez, Amber Wilson (1st place), and Kelsey Overton (front row), 4th grade, Grant James, Anthony Bishop (1st place), Skylar Jones, Kari Dunn and Kambry Mason. The Science Fair was held on Friday, March 26 at the United Spirit Arena. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)



Paige Ayala (center) accepts donation from Jay Waylan Strawn (right) of Strawn Transport, for the MDA Hop-a-thon. Paige is accompanied by Willie Ann Thurman (left). This year's MDA theme is "Shaping Success."



Greg Costillo (right) presents a donation for the MDA Hop-a-thon on behalf of United Supermarkets, to Paige Ayala (center). Ms. Ayala is accompanied by Willie Ann Thurman (left).

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Rotary Club members shown (left to right) Ray Bagby and Lee Norman, enjoyed part of their day selling various cleaning supplies during the Annual Rotary Club Broom Sale held Tuesday, March 30 on the corner of West Main and Highway 84. They reported approximately \$300 in sales as of 1 p.m. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

### 'Arsenic and Old Lace' continues at Garza Theatre

The Garza Theatre production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" is under way, with performances set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, as well as April 9 and 10.

Directed by Mitchell Britton, the show features a cast of more than a dozen. Cast members include Chris Davis, Christy Morris, Laura Mac Bryan, Britton, Jeff Conner, Bill Woodard, Valerie Conner, Shane Floyd, Michael "Mikey" Gonzales, Brian McClelland, Mark Martin, Darryl Lippe, Jay Young and Jason Porter.

Jacqui Neal is assistant director and stage manager, while Joshua Blevins is handling lights and sound for the show. Other crew members include Britton, Michael Vorauer and Davis, set design; Vorauer, set construction; Davis, set dressing; Britton and Cordell Green, music selections; Alex Chapa, Alejandra Ceja, Kayla Dunn, Stephanie Gearhart, Christina Zellmer and Naomi Matsler, box office staff; Juanetta Bocko, cover design; and Melissa Flanigan, program design.

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Baptists did not come out of the Reformation under Martin Luther, for they were never a part of the Catholic Church. In fact Baptists were on the scene long before the Catholic Church ever came into existence. For those who are interested in studying more on this subject we recommend The Trail of Blood, by J.M. Carroll.

We do not believe in a so-called "Universal Invisible Church." We believe that Jesus established a local, visible church, and we are sure that this is the only kind of true church that is in existence today.

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# Obituaries

## Eliberto Solis

Eliberto Solis died March 18, 2004. He was born April 8, 1939. Survivors include his wife, Lupe; daughters and sons-in-law Deborah and Phillip Escamilla, Dolores Aggas, Sylvia and Ruben Valdez and Jennifer and Jack Chancey; five grandsons; three great-granddaughters; one great-grandson; seven sisters, Sara Gonzalez, Rebecca Quinonez, Mira Sanchez, Mary Martinez, Ernestina Genter, Christene Sifuentes and Edna Palacios; his brothers, Ruben Solis and Jerry Solis; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one grandson, Ruben Valdez Jr.; his parents, Gene and Hilda Solis; his brother, Solomon Solis; and a nephew, Larry Quinonez.

## Jewel Inez Yeary

Services for Jewel Inez Yeary, 87, of Weatherford were held March 6, 2004, at 11 a.m. in the Galbreath Pickard Funeral Home. Burial followed in the East Greenwood Cemetery. She died March 3 in a Weatherford hospital. Born in Brownsville May 20, 1916, she moved to Garza County at an early age. She was a star basketball player, first in Graham Chapel and then at Post High School in 1933. She moved to Weatherford in 1936. Survivors include a daughter, Freddie Ann Springer of Weatherford; a son, Darwin Yeary of Weatherford; three sisters, Valaine Berdine, Oleta Pickett and Zona Browder, all of Weatherford; two brothers, T.E. Berdine and E.H. Berdine, also of Weatherford; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and an aunt and uncle, Sue and Quannah Maxey of Post. She was preceded in death by her husband, Starlon, in 1995; her mother, Ona Maxey Berdine; her stepfather, E.H. Berdine Sr.; her father, Carl Richards; and a brother, Allen Richards.

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## Mary Welborn

Services for Mary Welborn, 86, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, 2004, in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Lloyd Stice officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home. She died March 24. She married Lonnie Welborn Sr. in 1934. He died Nov. 16, 1973. She retired from the Postex Textile Mill and was a member of the Methodist Church. Survivors include one daughter, Margaret McBee of Odessa; one sister, Alice Parish of Jackson, Miss.; one brother, D.W. Clingon of Laurel, Miss.; two grandsons, Wes McBee of Arlington and Mark McBee of Duluth, Ga.; and five great-grandchildren. On son, Lonnie Welborn Jr., preceded her in death in 1990. Pallbearers were Ted Tatum, Don Tatum, Randy Babb, Mike Babb, Barry Morris and Ken Bell.

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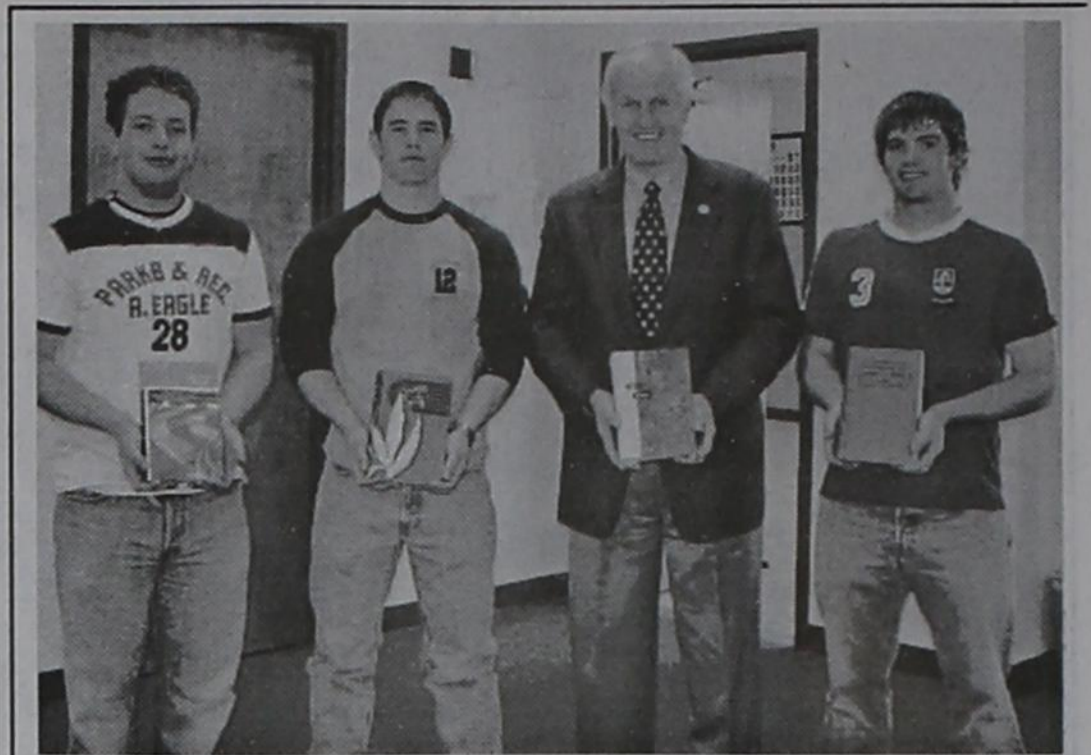
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Congressman Charles Stenholm (second from right) presented the school with historic agricultural year books. Accepting the books are PHS seniors (left to right) Coby Jones, Kyle Gunn and Mitchell Mills (right).



## 'Arsenic and Old Lace'

Bill Woodard (left), Christy Morris (center) and Darryl Lippe keep the action lively in the current Garza Theatre production of "Arsenic and Old Lace." The play, directed by Mitchell Britton, continues at the Garza Theatre April 2, 3 and 4, and again April 9 and 10. Reservations are available by calling 495-4005. (Staff Photo by Tim Burnett)

# Post Devotional Page

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## On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

### God Sent His Word...

God's word is able to heal our hearts and minds to the end that we can humbly and meekly tap into the more than abundant life He promised in John 10:10b. We have God's word where it says, "He sent His word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions" (Psalms 107:20). What a fantastic truth for us to meditate on and plant in our hearts. This has already come to pass. Jesus Christ voluntarily gave his life as God's purchased price for all of mankind. Jesus was beaten and scraped brutally so that we can be mentally and physically healed. As it is written, "by whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24). Now Jesus is Lord. He is the living Messiah who is seated at the right hand of God's authority. Jesus Christ is our power of attorney to step boldly to God's throne of grace and receive healing in time of need.

In the name of Jesus Christ we can receive with boldness the living word of God. We can get the dynamically positive results God promises in His word. When people get filled with holy spirit and born-again, they have full and complete access to all of God's promises unto to the glory of God. See 2 Corinthians 1:20, "For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him amen, unto the glory of God by us." The words "yea" and "amen" are better translated "indeed" and "guaranteed." The verse more accurately reads, "For all the promises of God in him [Jesus Christ] are indeed, and in him guaranteed, unto the glory of God by us." In the name of Jesus Christ, who is alive and in heaven, all of God's promises are guaranteed to the end that God is glorified by us.

In order to live in that gracious healing from God, we must spend more time in His rightly divided word. His word should be magnified in our hearts and minds. You see, it's all about God's word which is alive for us through our Lord Jesus Christ. Yet even now, God is a God of free will. His ability to work in our lives is limited only to our willingness to act on His word. And our willingness to act on His word is limited only to our willingness to think on His word. We have seen God's word where it says, "Guard your heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23). Our life's deepest thoughts, decisions and actions issue from the heart. And to guard these we must put God's word in the heart. We must pray to God often with a thankful heart, making our requests known to Him.

Philippians 4:8-9 sums it up perfectly, "Finally Brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if any praise, think on these things. Those things which ye have both learned, received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you." All those deep pains and anger and fear and strong desires will truly disappear when we continue to think on those things mentioned above, and the God of peace absolutely shall be able to work mightily in our lives when we do those things which we both learned, and received, and heard, and saw in God's servant the apostle Paul. We have God's word written to the body of Christ in the epistles. This is our instruction manual for tapping into God's powerful and healing words of everlasting life. We have the book of Acts which show how God is able to work mightily for His people during this age of the grace. God truly sent His word and healed us.

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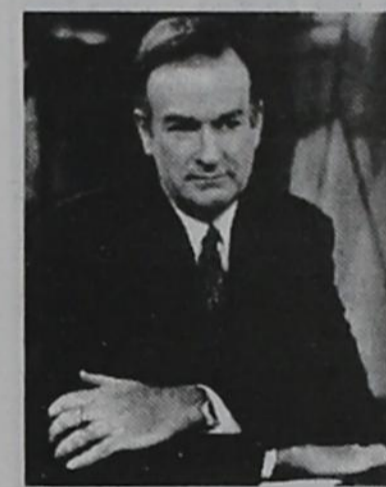
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## Activists should not be journalists

by Bill O'Reilly

A few weeks ago in this space I opined that partisan journalism was getting out of control in America, and that ideological fanaticism was badly damaging journalistic standards because, in some cases, facts



were being altered to fit the agendas of certain reporters and commentators. Now comes more disturbing news about the news.

According to an article in The New York Times Magazine, a non-publicized meeting was held in New York City early last December attended by Senator John Kerry and a number of liberal-leaning journalists, including CNN's Jeff Greenfield, Newsweek's Jonathan Alter, Richard Cohen of the Washington Post and Frank Rich of the aforementioned New York Times.

Now this pow-wow might have been just an innocent âget to know youâ soiree, but there are hints it might have been quite something else. One of the attendees, Jim Kelly, the managing editor of Time magazine, was quoted as saying that Kerry was asked a number of times about his vote on Iraq, and, according to Kelly, "by the third go-round the answer was getting shorter and more relevant."

The "third go-round"? That sounds like coaching to me, but I could be wrong. Maybe the senator simply wasn't making himself clear. What I'm not wrong about is that more than a few so-called journalists have turned into "activists": people who are dedicating themselves to getting a certain party or person elected and are using their positions in the media to do it.

There is nothing wrong with news organizations endorsing a candidate or a columnist writing about his or her political preferences. But actively participating in political campaigns by coaching candidates and strategizing with them is absolutely against every journalistic standard, and it is happening, usually under the radar.

John Kerry invited me to his Nantucket home a couple of years ago, and I went over to chat with the senator and meet his wife. Nice time. We both have deep New England roots, and that's what we talked about. I stayed away from politics, and so did he. Nothing wrong with a journalist getting a personal look at a senator.

But let's face it, with the rise of entertainers like Rush Limbaugh and other radio talk show people who openly root for the Republicans, those on the Left feel they are at a disadvantage. Thus we now have that vacuum being filled by some opinion journalists who never met a left-wing cause they didn't espouse. Again, fanatical news analysts are allowed, even though they're boring. But crossing the line into actively helping a political campaign cannot be tolerated by any news operation.

The exposure of the liberal journalists who met with Kerry received scant attention from the media. Can you imagine if executives from The Fox News Channel, The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Times had gathered at Camp David for a little slap and tinkle with W? And nobody was told about it? And The New York Times found out about it? Can you say PAGE ONE BOLD FACE HEADLINE?

So, you as a news consumer should know that American journalism is becoming increasingly partisan and that ideologues on both the right and the left have infiltrated the news business at very high levels. But remember this: Passionate news analysis is one thing, abusing the public trust is quite something else.

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## Price gouging? What's that?

by Walter E. Williams



The Virginia Senate just passed the Virginia Post-Disaster Anti-Price Gouging Act of 2004, which now awaits Gov. Mark Warner's signature. In part, the act says, "During any time of disaster, it shall be unlawful for any supplier to sell, lease, or license, or to offer to sell, lease, or license, any necessary goods and services at an unconscionable price within the area for which the state of emergency is declared. Actual sales at the increased price shall not be required for the increase to be considered unconscionable."

Background for the law was last year's devastating impact of Isabel, a category-five hurricane that caused widespread property damage and destruction in parts of Virginia that included losses associated with power outages, flooding and wind damage. In Virginia alone, Isabel's death toll was about 36, with many more injured. The hurricane's effects were felt for months and in many cases still linger.

Whenever a major disaster strikes, the public is confronted with all sorts of unpleasantness. The source of the unpleasantness is a sudden change in scarcity conditions: The immediate demand for many goods and services exceeds their immediate supply. What to do? The typical response is for prices to rise dramatically. While buyers are not thrilled by rising prices, rising prices are one of the ameliorative responses to changes in scarcity conditions. They get people to voluntarily do what's in the social interest. Let's look at it using a couple of goods and services important to disaster recovery and ask a question or two.

In Isabel's wake, private contractors from nearby states brought their heavy equipment to Virginia to clear fallen trees from people's houses. Producers and shippers of generators, plywood and other vital supplies worked overtime to increase the flow of these goods to Virginians. What was it that got these people and millions of others to help their fellow man in time of need? Was it admonitions from George Bush? Was it conscience or love for one's fellow man?

I'll tell you what it was. It was rising prices and the opportunity for people to cash in on windfall profits. Windfall profits are one of the vital signals of the marketplace. It's a signal saying that there are unmet human wants, leading people to strive to meet those wants. It stimulates the supply response to a disaster.

Imagine for a moment that prices aren't allowed to rise. Would it be reasonable for anyone to expect workmen to give up their nights and weekends and drive hundreds of miles to Virginia to remove trees from people's houses? Yes, there would be some motivated by charitable instincts, but I'd hate to count on charitable instincts as the major source of help. If, as the Virginia Senate has decreed, prices are not allowed to rise in the wake of a disaster, lest they risk being deemed unconscionable, pray tell me what will produce the incentive for people to travel long distances, work overtime and make other personal sacrifices to provide goods and services to Virginians?

The Virginia Senate has provided a defense for sellers against charges of selling goods at an "unconscionable" price, saying, "Proof that the supplier incurred such additional costs during the time of disaster shall be prima facie evidence that the price increase was not unconscionable." That vision reflects gross economic ignorance on the part of the Senate. Costs alone do not determine price; demand plays a role as well. When there's a disaster, demand is likely to be the major element driving prices up.

Here's my recommendation to the governor and Virginia legislature if they're really interested in doing something about price gouging. Their energies would be better focused on their ever-increasing charges for government services and their subsequent tax gouging of Virginia taxpayers.

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## No wonder people feel disfranchised

by Sheldon Richman

In a recent poll of cable-television viewers, only 20 percent said the general public has much say in what the government does. Maybe people are finally catching on. It's about time.

The poll by Peter D. Hart can't be pleasing to those who make a holy shrine of the ballot box. "Our key finding was that people are really unhappy about their role, or lack of it, in the democratic process," Hart told the Washington Post.

Recent events could hardly be expected to build confidence. It may be starting to dawn on people that government has been largely inept at what they would regard as its most important task: keeping them safe from foreign attack. The revelations after 9/11 demonstrate what some people have long known: government is like the Wizard of Oz. Behind the imposing façade are a bunch of clueless bureaucrats and politicians who are more interested in extending their tenures in office than anything else.

This is a bipartisan phenomenon. The current debate over who was more incompetent, the Clintonites or the Bushies, is just a distraction. When it comes to the fraud known as "national security," it's strictly a one-party system. (It's really not that much different in domestic affairs.)

Bill Kristol, editor of neoconservative magazine The Weekly Standard and a leading advocate of replacing the old American republic with an empire, gave the game away the other day. On Fox News's Special Report with Brit Hume, Kristol had harsh words for former Clinton and Bush anti-terrorism specialist Richard Clarke, whose new book indicts the Bush administration for not taking al-Qaeda seriously enough before 9/11. Kristol criticized Clarke for breaking a tacit agreement between Democrats and Republicans. What was the agreement? Not to score political points by pointing out each other's failings in guarding the American people against terrorism.

Close observers wouldn't have been surprised by Kristol's point. But I wonder what the average American would think about this agreement. Perhaps "conspiracy" is a more precise word for what Kristol was talking about.

Several hundreds of billions of dollars are extracted from the earnings of the American people every year, ostensibly to keep them safe. But they were not kept safe, beginning with the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center. Then they were lied to - by Democrats and Republicans. After 9/11 administration officials, such as National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, said they never dreamed anyone would hijack airplanes and crash them into buildings. But we know there were intelligence warnings about just this tactic before the attacks. Why do they lie to us, except to save their own skins?

Then there are those phantom weapons of mass destruction. Need anything more be said? Since U.S. forces took over Iraq, the administration has been spreading money around like melted butter. No scientist or other informed person in that country could fail to realize that providing evidence of such weapons would bring a small fortune. That's a sure sign that there is no evidence. It also refutes any administration official, such as Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who insists that weapons might still be found.

Given all this, why shouldn't people believe that the government is something separate from them and out of their control?

In the presidential season one might expect people to feel that this is their chance to make a difference - until one looks at the "choice" facing them. Who is set to oppose the incumbent who ignored warnings about terrorism and then misled the American people into war against a country that had nothing to do with that terrorism? John Kerry, a senator who voted to give President Bush a blank check to go to war (in violation of the Constitution); who voted to give Attorney John Ashcroft astoundingly un-American powers to curtail civil liberties (including habeas corpus); and who now says his votes don't mean what they clearly do mean. Or as your eyes Marx said once, "Who are you going to believe, me or your eyes?"

Two hundred and eighty-five million people cannot rule a country. But a small clique can rule and say it's on behalf of the people. The last few years have been a valuable civics lesson.

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# Yesteryears

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## 10 Years Ago March 30, 1994

Several local students received degrees during Texas Tech's fall commencement exercises held in December. Jennifer Hudman and Ben James Kirkpatrick received their Bachelor of Science in Recreation and Leisure Services. Randy Lewis received a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Agriculture and Robert Wilson received his Master of Education in Educational Leadership.

The team of Phil Leininger and Jeff Redman placed fifth at the State Debate Spring Meet held in Austin. Redman was also named one of the top five speakers in the entire state. For his efforts, Redman received one of the Gavel Awards recognized by the UIL.

Stace Norman, son of Kim and Rhonda Norman, was the winner of the new Schwinn "Predator" bicycle at the Saturday Bike Safety Rodeo. Norman also received a matching safety helmet and lock set.

Steve and Patti Babb are proud to announce the birth of their son, Landry Seth born March 21 at Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Fisheries Division continued this month stocking Lake Alan Henry with game fish. To date, the lake has been stocked with 321,032 fish. Three hundred and forty nine of these are adult Largemouth Bass, each about 12 inches long.

## 20 Years Ago March 28, 1984

The Post High School One-Act play cast took top district honors during last week's competition, advancing to the area contest in Plainview. Lawrence Housenman's "Victoria Regina" is under the direction of Dramatic Arts instructor Candace McConell. Mark Stark was named best actor and LaDonna Craig best actress in the district competition.

L. D. Harper placed first in the discus throw at last weekend's Colorado City track meet, leading the varsity Antelopes at the event.

The Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority met with the County Commissioners Court Monday to advise them that Garza County is one of 16 counties that have possible sites for the waste program. Radioactive waste is produced by hospitals, universities, research laboratories and power plants. The site would be a landfill on about 400 acres of land, and will look like any common industrial facility.

The wind blew from the southwest last Thursday morning at sunrise, and "Chief" Frank Runkles pointed the pipe toward the direction of the stiff breeze, much to the disappointment of farmers and ranchers attending the annual Tana'ua-Yuan'e.

## 30 Years Ago March 28, 1974

The completely remodeled and expanded Allup's 6-11 store at 419 E. Main opens its three-day Grand Opening today. The food chain purchased the business last July from Conor Howell.

Keith Davis, who resigned as chief of police last Thursday afternoon, was indicted by a 106th District Court grand jury Tuesday morning on charges of forgery and passing in connection with an allegedly forged letter of recommenda-

tion from the sheriff of Sutton County which Davis presented to the city council when they hired him last December.

Births: Mr. and Mrs. Leslie G. Gavis announce the birth of a son, Aaron Lynn, born March 23 in Garza Memorial Hospital; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wells announce the birth of a daughter, Shelley Kay, born March 21 in Garza Memorial Hospital.

Post High School senior Joe Craig won a number of honors with his Hydrogen for Fuel exhibit at the South Plains Regional Science Fair in Lubbock. Joe's exhibit was chosen by the U. S. Navy as the best senior exhibit in the fair, and he received a brief case as a prize. He also received a \$50 savings bond from the Texas Tech chemical engineering department, awards of excellence from the Army, Air Force and NASA, placed second in physical science exhibits and third place overall.

## 40 Years Ago April 2, 1964

Postings: Things usually move pretty fast when sons or daughters come home to visit - but not quite as fast as they did for Mrs. Inez Capps last Friday when her son Army Private Dwayne Capps flew into Lubbock on a 10-day furlough. As soon as they arrived home Dwayne first wanted to go see as many of his friends as he could find. Before retiring, Mrs. Capps turned on the electric blanket on Dwayne's bed. About 1 a.m. she was awakened to find the house full of smoke. Dashing into her son's room she found his bed aflame, but no Dwayne. Mrs. Capps called the fire department, but somehow the 116 N. Ave. L address of the Capps home got garbled and the firemen went racing all over town looking for the fire. Meanwhile Mrs. Capps got the garden hose and extinguished the blaze herself.

Post has a new cafe! It is operated by Jim and Lois Brown and will feature short orders and home made pies. Jim and Lois arrived in Post a few weeks ago to begin the Yellow Cab taxi service and now have added the cafe operation at the same location at 204 W. Main.

The Public Housing Authority of Post after over six years of preparation, today advertised for construction bids for its long sought 25-unit public housing project. The 14 duplex housing units will be built on the former site of the Lincoln grade school.

Lupe Cisneros was over-all winner in the 4-H Favorite Food Show here and will represent Garza County in the district contest in Lubbock.

## 50 Years Ago April 1, 1954

Two places on the board of trustees of the Post Independent School District will be filled in an election to be held Saturday. The names of five candidates on the ballot for the election are: Robert E. Cox, S. E. (Shelley) Camp, O. C. (Oscar) Garner, J. W. (Pat) Henderson and George Tracy.

Jack Rex, manager of the Garza Memorial Hospital since March 13, 1952 - five months before the hospital was opened - submitted his resignation Saturday. Another resignation at the hospital is that of Mrs. Yourlanda Petty, supervisor of nurses.

Verne D. Winslow, of Beloit, Wis.,



Kelly and Allyson, daughters of Dr. Scott and Pam Miller of Southlake and Granddaughters of Leon and Jo Ann Miller of Post are shown with trophies their cheerleading teams won in recent national competitions. Kelly's team placed first in the National Cheerleaders Association national meet in Dallas for the Mini Novice Group. Allyson's team placed first in the small senior Advanced Division at the American Showdown held in Fort Worth.

who resided in Post in the town's early years, visited here last week with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crider. It was his first visit in Post since he moved away in 1914. The visitor said he was impressed with the many changes. One landmark which is just as it was then is the Algerita Hotel, he said.

Bobby Cowdrey and Jan Haynie won first place in the senior and junior division, respectively, in the Tower Theatre's amateur show. Both are singers. Other winners were: Senior - Junior Leathers, second, and Pearl Craig, third; Junior - Charlene Holland, second, and Kenneth Cook and the Hagler Sisters, tie for third.

## 60 Years Ago March 30, 1944

Winter was close behind spring Tuesday when rain, hail, sleet and snow, whipped by a stiff northern, hit the county, dropping the temperature to below freezing. Wednesday morning reports on temperature readings in Post varied from 18 to 22 degrees.

Four former Post men, three of whom have served as teachers in Post schools, were ordained Sunday as deacons of the First Baptist church of Lubbock. Those ordained were Morris Cox, and the three former teachers, Lt. M. L. Penn, Gordon Deering and Lloyd Croslin.

The Baptist R. A. boys celebrated the birthday of O. K. Bowen, jr Thursday with a hay ride and wiener roast at Two Draw lake. Cookies, deviled eggs and bottled pops were served with the wieners. Those attending were Bobby and Issac Tension, Charles Boyd, O.K. and Jimmy Bowen, Robert Smith, John J. Bilberry, Bowen Stephens, Bobby Dean Woods, Wayne Miller, Paul Wright, LeRoy Holly, Mrs. J. W. Webb and Sonny.

Bluejacket Grady Glenn Norman, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Norman of Post received recognition as eligible to qualify for the promotion to the petty officer rate of machinist's mate third class during recent graduation ceremonies at the naval Training School on the University of Kansas campus.

## Menus

### Post ISD

- April 5 - Breakfast-Donut, sausage, fruit, milk
- Lunch-Chalupa, spanish rice, salad, rosey applesauce, milk
- April 6 - Breakfast-Bacon, eggs, toast, fruit, milk
- Lunch-Ham macaroni & cheese, green beans, hot roll, pineapple slices, milk
- April 7 - Breakfast-Cinnamon toast, sausage, fruit, milk
- Lunch-Fajitas, refried beans, onions & peppers, salad, fruit cocktail, milk
- April 8 - Breakfast-Cereal, toast, juice, fruit, milk
- Lunch-Chili dog, french fries, mixed greens, cake, milk
- April 9 - School holiday!!

### Garza Trailblazer

- April 5 - BBQ beef, baked potato, broccoli & cheese, pears, hot roll, peanut butter cookies
  - April 6 - Cornflake chicken, potatoes, spinach, tossed salad, cornbread, frosted cake
  - April 7 - Hamburger steak w/gravy, rice, squash, wheat roll, jello salad
  - April 8 - Pork chop & potato casserole, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, hot roll, applesauce cake
  - April 9 - Closed for Good Friday
- ### Southland ISD
- April 5 - Breakfast-Donuts, fruit, juice, milk
  - Lunch-Enchilada casserole, refried beans, tossed salad, oranges, milk
  - April 6 - Breakfast-Breakfastburritos, juice, milk
  - Lunch-Spaghetti, garlic toast, salad, corn, cake, milk
  - April 7 - Breakfast-Pop tarts, fruit, juice, milk
  - Lunch-Chili beans, cornbread, tossed salad, fruit cup, milk
  - April 8 - Breakfast-Cereal, graham cracker, juice, milk
  - Lunch-Sandwiches, lettuce/tomato/pickle, chips, milk
  - April 9 - No school

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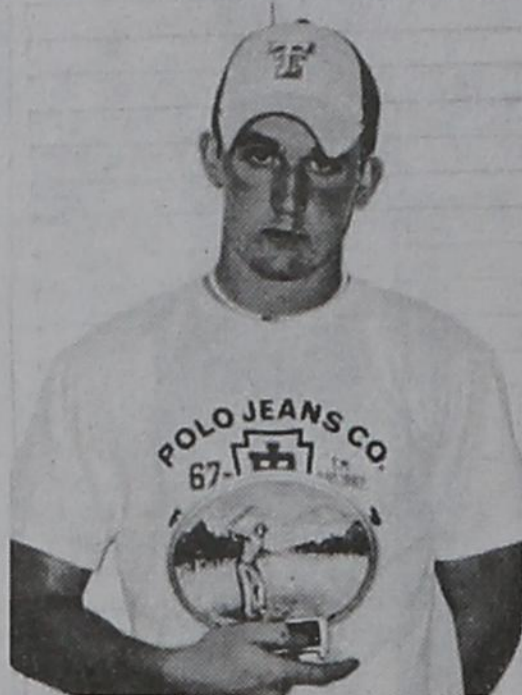
## Norman, golf team take tourney wins

The Post High School golf team has been hauling home some hardware in recent week with winning performances in Sundown, Lubbock and Idalou.

On March 22, the team won first place in the Sundown Golf Tournament with a score of 339. Individual results included Mark Norman, 83; Zack Lopez, 87; Jonathan McGregor, 87; Mitch Holly, 84; and Jarred Grisham, 83.

The Post team won second place in the Lubbock Invitational Golf Tournament held March 9 at the Meadowbrook Golf Course. Team members, logging a score of 341, included Lopez, 85; McGregor, 90; Holly, 92; Sterling Smith, 110; and Grisham, 101. Norman won a second place medal with a score of 74.

At the Idalou Invitational Tournament March 2, Norman finished with an 81 to take a third place medal. The Post team landed a second place finish with a score of 356. Individual scores included Holly, 93; McGregor, 87; Lopez, 95; and Smith, 111.



Mark Norman won second place with a score of 74 at the Lubbock Invitational Tournament.

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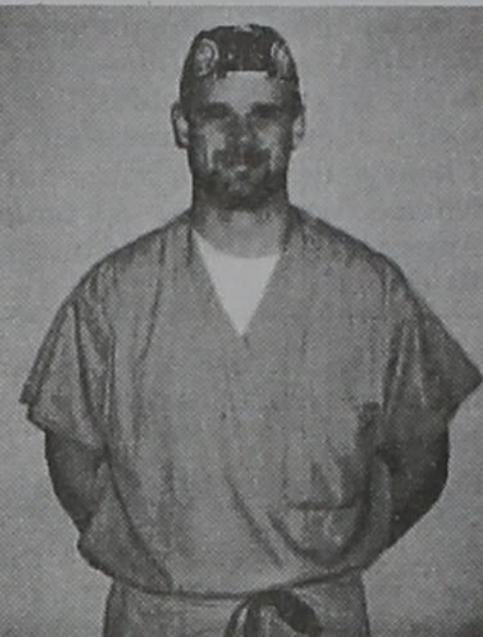
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## Stephen R. Ellis M.D. appointed chief resident

Stephen R. Ellis M.D. was recently appointed chief resident of the Anesthesiology Program at the University of Texas at Houston.

This award was based on interpersonal skills and academic achievement. He will serve as one of three chief residents over a body of 65 fellow residents.

Ellis and his wife, Sonya, and son Cade reside in Pearland. He is the son of Christine Triggs of Houston and Richard Ellis of Scotland, United Kingdom, and the son-in-law of Jacky and Thressa Harp of Post.

## Lady 'Lopes third in Whirlwind Relays

Conflicting activities and a busy spring schedule left the Lady 'Lopes at less than full strength Saturday at the Whirlwind Relays in Floydada, but the team pulled out a third place win out of a field of 12.

Lyndee Strawn won two gold medals and Meagan Hoover won one gold and a bronze. Silver medal winners were Rachael Gray, Kayla Dunn, Jenee Lott and Larissa Halford. Winning bronze medals were Christin Collier (two), Halford, Courtney Short and Gray.

Results from the meet, as provided by the coach, were as follows:

- 3200 meters - Lyndee Strawn, first place, 13:28.79; Sunnie Barbosa, 16:31.00.
- 400 meter relay - Rachael Gray, Kayla Dunn, Larissa Halford, Jenee Lott, 54.41.
- 100 meter hurdles - Steffi Norman, 19.05.
- 800 meter run - Christin Collier, third place, 2:43.50; Barbosa, 3:13.00.
- 100 meter - Meagan Hoover, 13.9; K'Neil Dalby, 14.74.
- 400 meter - Hoover, first place, 65.78; Courtney Short, fourth place, 68.47.
- 300 hurdles - Lott, fourth place, 55.17.
- 200 meters - Halford, third place, 29.8; Dalby, 31.14.
- 1600 meters - Strawn, first place, 6:18.21.
- 800 meter relay - Gray, Dunn, Lott, Halford, second place, 1:56.12.
- 1600 meter relay - Collier, Short and Gray, third place, 4:35.35.

## Middle School students earn high marks at South Plains Science Fair

Post Middle School students fared well at the South Plains Regional Science & Engineering Fair held March 26 at the United Spirit Arena on the Texas Tech campus in Lubbock.

Post sixth grade students who earned top places in the contest included Tianna Reyna, first place; Mitchell James, first place; Misty Ayala, second; Michael Porter, second; Chase Odom, second place; and the team of Nicholas Rodriguez and Thorn Greathouse, third place.

Seventh grade student Travis Rasbeary captured first place in his division and second place overall biological. He won a \$25 cash prize and the Caprock Award. He will advance to the Exxon Mobile State Science Fair April 1-3 and has been nominated to the Discovery Channel Young Science Challenge to be held in Washington, D.C., in August. Other Post Middle School seventh grade students taking top honors were Stacy Bocko, second place, and the team of Sabrina Sanchez and Kenzie Mason, second place.

Eighth grade Post students snagging top finishes were Kelsey Hays, first place; Suhani Bhakta, second place; Meagan Howard-Griffis, second place; and the team of Brenna Postell and Madison Mason, third place.

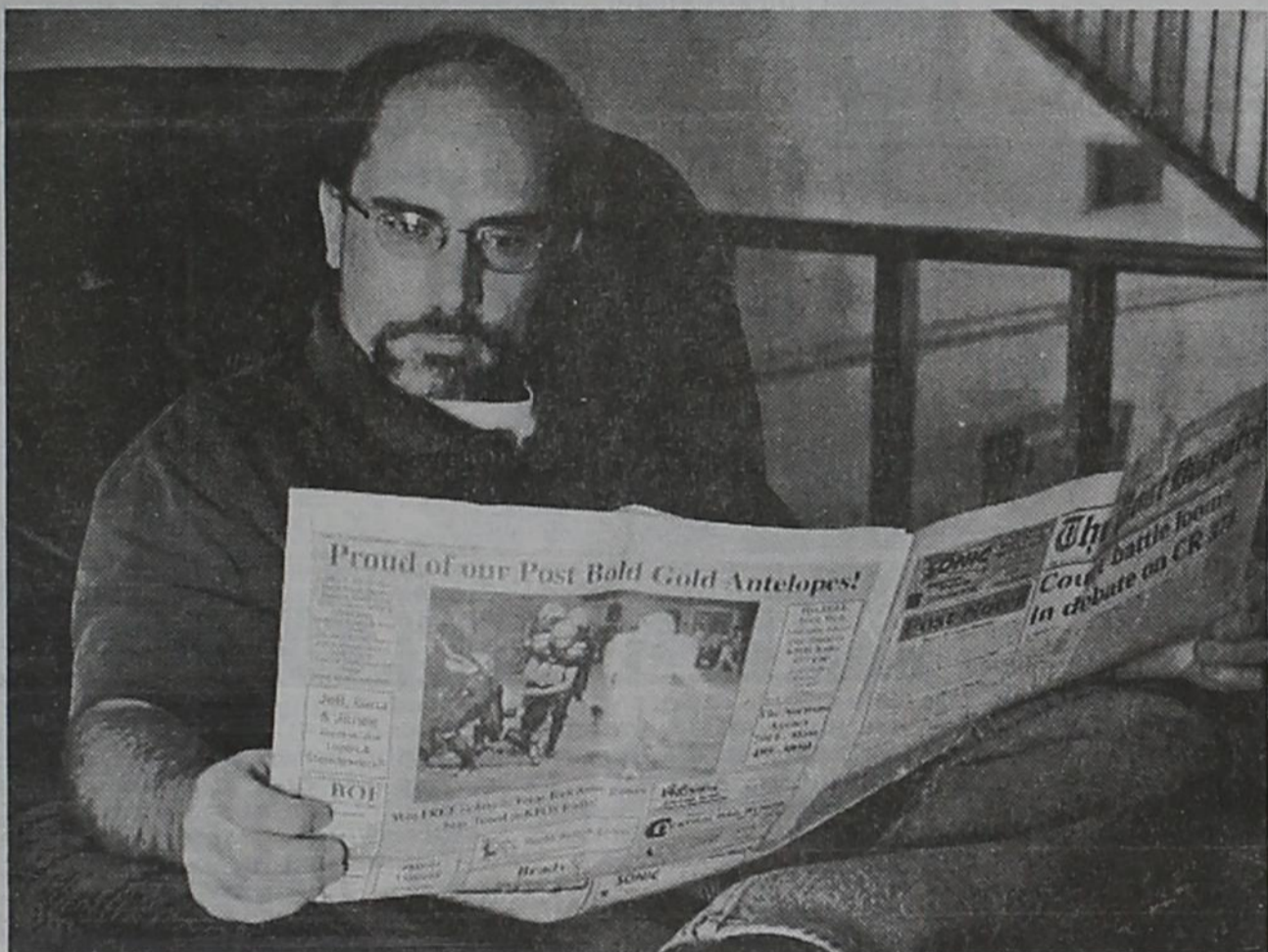
## Sheriff reports nine arrests

Nine arrests were made during the past two weeks, according to Garza County Sheriff's Department records.

A 31-year-old male was arrested for possession of marijuana, less than two ounces, while a 43-year-old male was picked up on a commitment. A 57-year-old man was arrested for murder.

A 34-year-old man was jailed on Garza County warrants, while a 28-year-old man was picked up for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

A 34-year-old was picked up for INS, while a 47-year-old female was arrested on a Henderson County warrant. An 18-year-old male was arrested on a warrant, and a 63-year-old female was arrested for DWI first offense.



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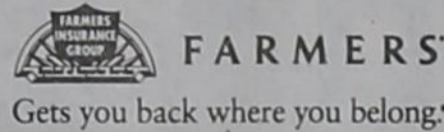
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