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# The Post Dispatch

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## Post High School students present Veterans Day Program

Students of Post High School organized and presented a Veterans Day Program for local Veterans of Foreign Wars last Thursday. The program included an entrance and exit of a Lubbock based Color Guard, patriotic music performed by the PHS Band, and speeches by Laurel Tatum (Junior), Colter Creech (Sophomore) and Emily Marcum (Junior). (Staff photo by Tim Burnett).

## Post ISD reviews designs for new high school building

Post Independent School District trustees reviewed a pair of designs for the new high school building last week and decided to erect a single-story structure.

During their regular meeting Nov. 9, school board members made the decision on the new school structure and received a report from the district's architects. According to the report, the floor plan for the cafeteria building has been completed, but the elevation has not been finalized.

Plans call for the district to break ground on a new high school, as well as a cafeteria building, shortly after the first of the new year. Both projects will be paid for by the district's fund balance, according to reports. Also scheduled to be built is a bus drop-off lane and covered walkway behind the elementary school. That project is scheduled to be completed during the summer months.

As part of their regular session, trustees heard from a member of the community, Roy Josey, who asked the board to reconsider its decision to build a new high school. Josie suggested the taxpayers be allowed to make the final decision on the matter, since taxpayers' dollars will be required for routine maintenance of the new structure. The board heard

Josie's suggestions, but took no action with regard to his comments.

In other business, trustees:

- Approved the recommendations of the Textbook Committee.
- Approved three Garza County Tax Appraisal District refunds to individuals whose paperwork was in order. One individual, whose paperwork was incomplete, did not have his refund approved,

Superintendent Marlin Marcum said.

- Approved the superintendent appraisal document.
- Handled routine items contained on the Consent Agenda.
- Received routine campus and program reports.
- Conducted an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken as a result of the closed-door meeting.

## Ana Christina Aguilar receives liver transplant

Christian Aguilar, 15 year old daughter of Lupe and Cindy Aguilar of Post, received a new liver on Tuesday, November 9 at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

After several years of struggling with a failing liver, Christina now has a chance of living a long and healthy life. The family remains in Houston for approximately two months, and although most of Christina's medical expenses are covered, the family still needs assistance with lodging, meals, fuel, utilities and other necessities. Lupe will be unable to work during this time.

A fund has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to assist the family under the name of Christina Aguilar, any donations will be greatly appreciated.

The family encourages cards and well wishes. Send them in care of Texas Children's Hospital c/o Ana Christina Aguilar, PICU Bed #23, 6621 Fannin Street, Houston, Texas 77030 or by e-mail to greetings@texaschildrenshospital.org.



Christina Aguilar

## City Council approves motel tax funds for 'Texas Yes' project

Up to \$20,000 of hotel/motel taxes collected in Post were earmarked for the proposed Post City and OS Ranch Celebration Days project at a recent City Council meeting.

City officials, following a recommendation by the Hotel/Motel Tax Committee, agreed that hotel/motel tax funds be used to cover two-thirds of the total project funds up to and not to exceed \$20,000. It was also agreed that 50 percent of the reimbursement be returned to the city and set aside for use in promotion of the

city's centennial celebration. The council also asked that the project be re-titled the Post City and Ranch Celebration Days, according to information provided by city officials.

The event, proposed by a group of local residents, is tentatively slated for June 4-6. Its purpose is to promote citizen interest in similar events while teaching participants how to organize future events.

Possible activities could include a rodeo, motorcycle rally, bash fishing tournament, country and western entertainment, ranch tours,

chuck wagon cook offs, cowboy poets, a dance, antique tractor and/or car shows, wine festival, western art show and themed activities at Old Mill Trade Days.

Proposed sources of funding include private donations, sponsorships, city and county government and Trade Days. Through a partnership with the Texas Yes Hometown Stars program, the city and county may be reimbursed up to \$15,000 upon completion of the event and by meeting certain guidelines.

## Post Dispatch Holiday schedule, deadlines

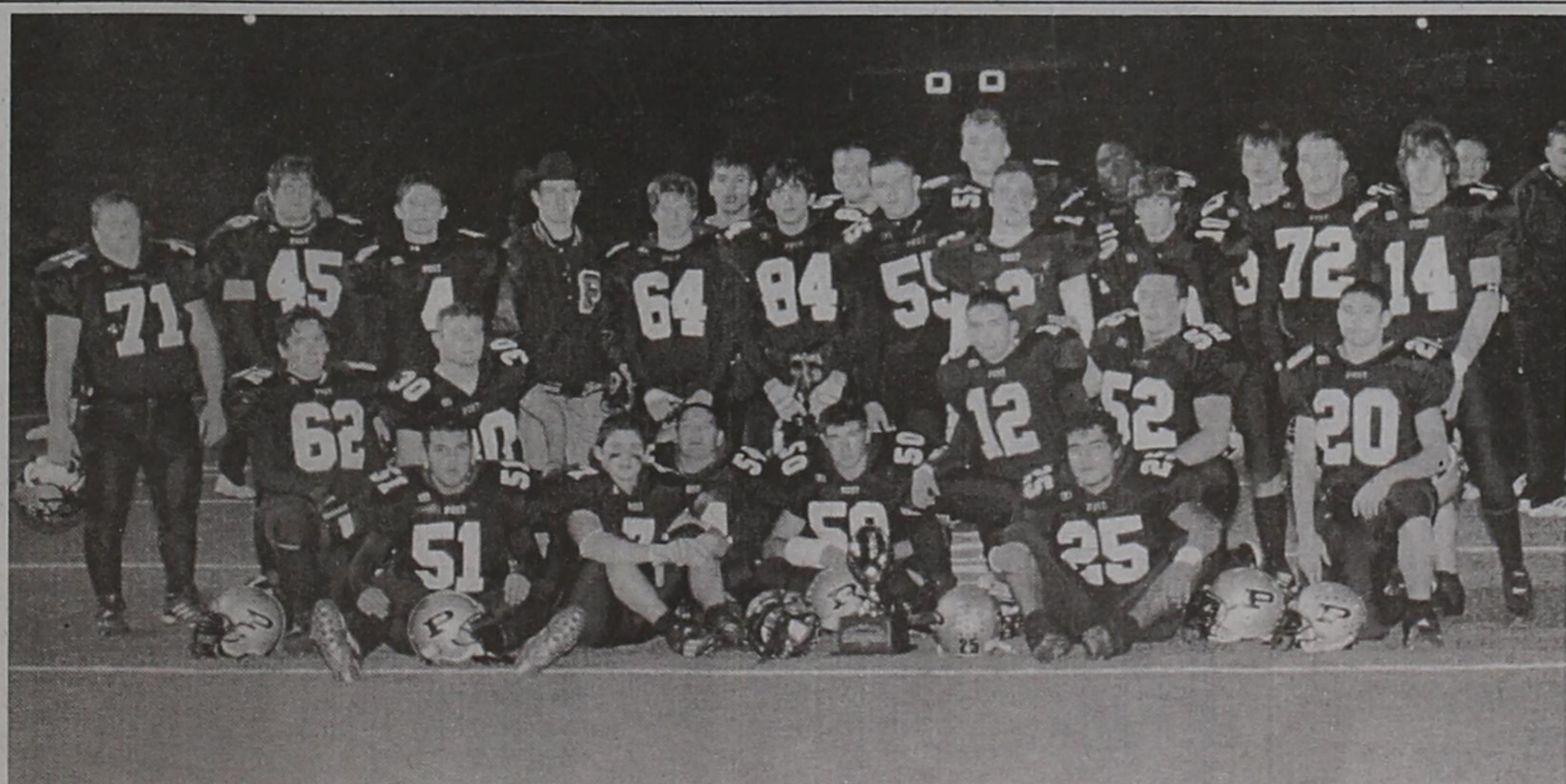
The Post Dispatch holiday schedule includes a 5 p.m. Monday, November 22 deadline for the Wednesday, November 24 edition (Thanksgiving); 5 p.m. Friday, December 17 for the Merry Christmas Special Edition and 5 p.m. Monday, December 20 for all other advertising and news for the Thursday, December 23 edition.

The newspaper office will be closed Friday, December 24 through Sunday, January 2, 2005. Deadlines will return to noon on Tuesdays beginning January 4.

## White River Lake Weekly Report

November 15:  
Gauge reading: 2349.7 Feet below spillway: 22'4" Rise - 5" Rainfall (past week): 2.40" Rain to-date: 38.51"  
Source: Mickey Rogers, WRMWD general manager

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## Post Antelopes return with Bi-District trophy

The Post Antelopes Football team show off their well-earned Bi-District trophy last Thursday at Lowrey Field in Lubbock. The Antelopes went away with a 28-20 victory over the Olton Mustangs. The team travels to Amarillo Friday for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff in the Area Championship game against the Canadian Wildcats. Post City Radio will broadcast the live play-by-play action at www.postcityradio.com and on Cebridge Connections Channel 12. (Photo by Gena Lott)

## Post Notes

### Post Rotary Club Selling Raffle Tickets

A raffle for gift certificates sponsored by United Supermarkets and the Post Rotary Club are on sale for \$1 each. There will be one certificate for \$100 and two for \$50. The drawing will be held on Tuesday, November 23, during the Rotary meeting.

### Bake Sale Set Saturday

Garza County Trailblazers will hold a bake sale all day Saturday, November 20 at United Supermarket.

### PHS Open House

Post High School Open House will be held on Thursday, November 18 from 7-8 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

### Middle School One Act Play

Post Middle School One Act Play recently won first place at U.I.L. The cast and crew would like for you to attend their public performance on Thursday, November 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

### Lord's Acre Set Nov. 20

The community is invited to enjoy fellowship, dining and music at the annual Lord's Acre celebration on Saturday, Nov. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. A silent auction of donated items will precede the dinner. Contributions are being accepted. To make reservations or arrange collection of items, call Tonya Kirkpatrick at 629-4054; Kathy Hamlin at 495-2772 or the First United Methodist Church office at 495-2942. Reservations should be made by Monday, Nov. 15. Sponsored by community churches, the mission of Lord's Acre is to provide funds for local organizations and projects. All funds go directly to local groups.

### Girls of Grace

The Girls of Grace Conference has been cancelled and rescheduled for February 4-5. If you have any questions please contact Melanie Morris at 629-4431 or Janice Plummer at 495-3962.

### Lady Lope Game Rescheduled

Due to Post and Lockney being in the football play-offs the Lady Lopes v. Lockney basketball game on November 19 that was scheduled in Antelope Arena has been changed. Since Post football is Friday night in Amarillo and Lockney football is Saturday, the Lady Lopes will play Lockney in Lockney at 3 p.m. on Friday, November 19, this will allow us to get to Amarillo on time for the football game.

### Art Classes Offered

Glenda Morrow will be teaching art classes at the Algerita Art Center on Friday and Saturday afternoons. Call 629-4393 or 495-4000 for more information.

### Bus Available for Fans

Antelope Booster Club will provide a bus for fans wishing to attend the Post-Canadian play-off game in Amarillo on Friday, November 19. The cost is \$5 per seat. Anyone under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information or to reserve seats call Pixie Grisham at 495-2942 or call 495-4154 after 3 p.m.

### Cowdrey 50th Wedding Anniversary

Honoring 50 years of marriage, the children and grandchildren of Bobby and Jennie Cowdrey invite you to celebrate with us at a reception in their honor on Saturday, November 27 at 2-4 p.m. at the Post Community Center.

### Lighted Christmas Parade

This year there will be 3 first place prizes offered of \$300 each in the following categories: commercial, organizational/individual and novelty or non-float. The parade will be held on Saturday, December 4 on Main Street. Remember all entries must be lighted.

### Get Your Christmas Lights Ready

A reminder to all merchants to have your Christmas lights ready to turn on the weekend after Thanksgiving. Clear lights for all buildings is requested.

### Caprock Music Parties Set

The Caprock Cultural Association will host a music party at the Post Community Center. Performance slated for December 4 include the Batten Family, Talk of the Town, Lonnie Joe Howell and his harmonica and Audrey Pounds Hunt. This event will run from 7-10 p.m. Admission will be free of charge; donations will be accepted.

### Aguilar Fund Set at Wells Fargo

A fund has been established at Wells Fargo Bank in the name of Christina Aguilar, the 15-year-old daughter of Lupe and Cindy Aguilar who received a new liver November 9 at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. After struggling many years with a failing liver, Christina now has a chance at a long and healthy life; however, the family must remain in Houston for approximately two months. Although most of Christina's medical expenses are covered, the family needs assistance with lodging, meals, fuel, utilities and other needs since Lupe Aguilar is unable to work at this time. All donations will be appreciated. Anyone interested in sending cards or greetings may send them in care of Texas Children's Hospital, c/o Ana Christina Aguilar, PICU Bed #23, 6621 Fannin St., Houston, TX 77030. E-mails may be sent to greetings@texaschildrenshospital.org.

### Post High School Dinner Theatre

Post High School will feature various One Act Plays, on December 6 & 13 at 7 p.m. in the Post Community Center. Tickets for the dinner and show are \$10. You must RSVP and purchase a ticket for a specific night. For more information and to buy tickets call the Post High School office at 495-2770.

### Account Set for Cowley Family

A special account has been established at Citizens Bank to help assist the Cowley family. Rani received 2nd and 3rd degree burns last Wednesday and is in ICU at University Medical Center. These funds will help assist the family with medical bills.

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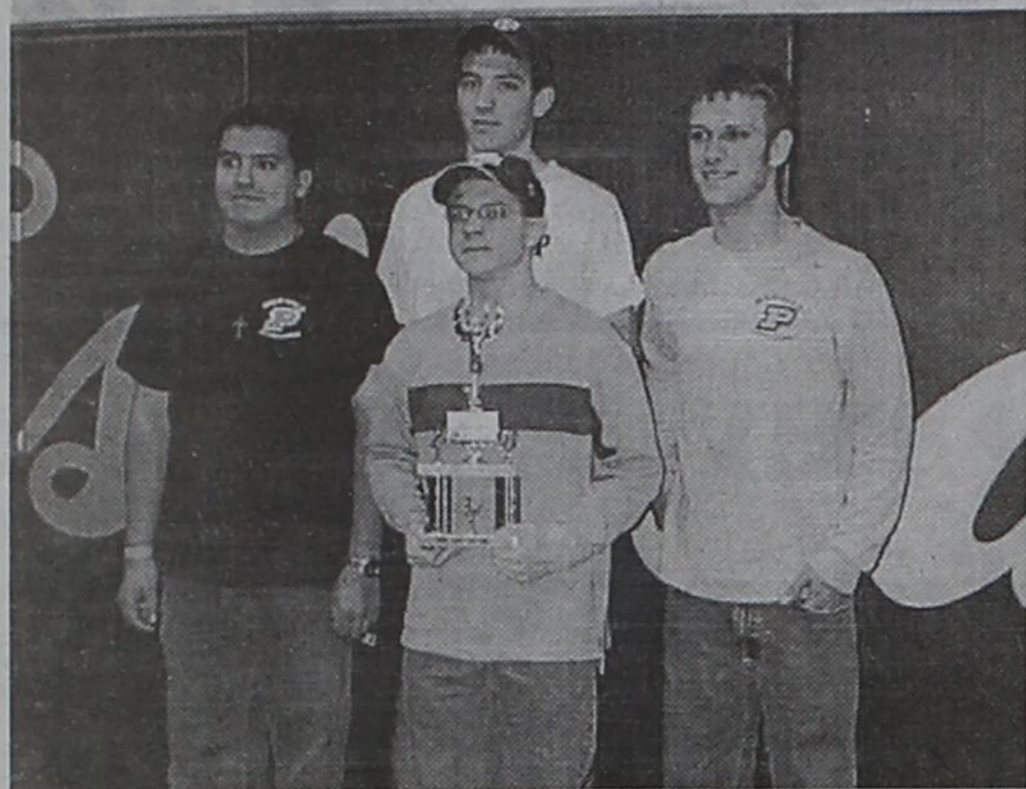
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### PHS Robotics Team bring home trophy

The PHS Robotics Team brought home the third place/alternate to State trophy from the West Texas BEST Robotics competition held at Estacado High School on Saturday, October 30. Members of the team were (back row left to right) vince Robles (Junior), Cole Easterling (Senior) and Jonathan McGregor (Junior) (front row), Steven Short (Freshman).



### PHS Students Host Dinner Theatre

The Post High School Dinner Theatre will feature the One Act Play "Greater Tuna." In the above scene, Tuna Talk Newscasters Thurston Wheelis (Kyle Kirkpatrick) and Arles Struvie (Brant Guthrie) deliver a unique version of the news from radio station OKKK in Tuna, Texas. The Dinner Theatre will perform December 6th and 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the Post Community Center. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)



Donae Dalby



Cole Easterling

### Post Rotary Club recognizes PHS Seniors

Donae Dalby and Cole Easterling, both Post High School seniors, were special guests of the Post Rotary Club this month.

Dalby, the daughter of Giles and Mendy Dalby, serves as president of the Student Council and the student body and is a member of the National Honor Society. A varsity basketball player, she is involved in UIL computer applications and UIL literary criticism.

"I am very interested in politics and law," she wrote about herself. "I also enjoy athletics, reading and writing."

Her awards and honors include awards for outstanding student in World History, English II-AP and Trigonometry, district champion in UIL computer applications and a three-time honoree in the Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Dalby plans to attend the University of Texas where she will pursue a double major in English and political science. She presently is taking a pair of college courses - psychology and college algebra - as well as three AP classes.

Easterling, son of Amy and James Easterling, also is a member of the National Honor Society. His activities include basketball, cross-country, tennis, UIL calculator, debate, headlines, robotics, computer technology assistant and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

His interests include sports, computers and electronics, robotics, engineering, reading, car stereo installation and tuning, and church and youth group activities.

"I am very involved as a leader in my church youth group," he wrote. "I regularly assist people in the community with computer set up, software installation and repair."

Easterling's recognitions have included service as NHS president, three years' recognition as academic all-district in tennis and one year in basketball, Outstanding Web Mastering and Algebra 2 student, all-district tennis for three years and an honoree in the Who's Who Among American High School Students publication. Listed on the 'A' honor roll, he is among the top 10 students in his class.

Easterling plans to attend Texas A&M, Texas Tech or Embry Riddle Aeronautical University where he will major in aerospace or mechanical engineering.

### Hotel Garza hosts Doug Smith Christmas performances

The Annual Christmas Celebration with Doug Smith is set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 3, 4 and 5, 2004 at the Hotel Garza Bed and Breakfast in Post, Texas.

These special performances of Doug's originals and your Christmas favorites will take place in the intimate setting of the Hotel Garza dining room. The hotel will be decked out for Christmas.

Seating is extremely limited for this incredible music event.

Hotel Garza is offering three packages: the Evening, Overnight and Sunday Lunch. All packages include food service and special gifts from the artist and the hotel. Rates vary for each package: Evening (available 12/3 & 12/4) - \$170 Overnight (available 12/3 & 12/4) - \$255 (standard), \$285 to \$305 (suites), \$265-\$315 (cottages) Sunday Lunch (available 12/5) - \$100 (The rates are for two people and include tax and gratuity.) The Evening events start at 6:30 PM. The Sunday event begins at 12:00 noon.

Please call or e-mail Jim Plummer for details and reservations: (806) 495-3962 or info@hotelgarza.com. See more details on our web site: www.hotelgarza.com. See more about Doug Smith's music at www.dougsmith.com. Or, call Doug Smith at 800-269-7552.



Doug Smith will perform at the Hotel Garza December 3, 4 and 5.

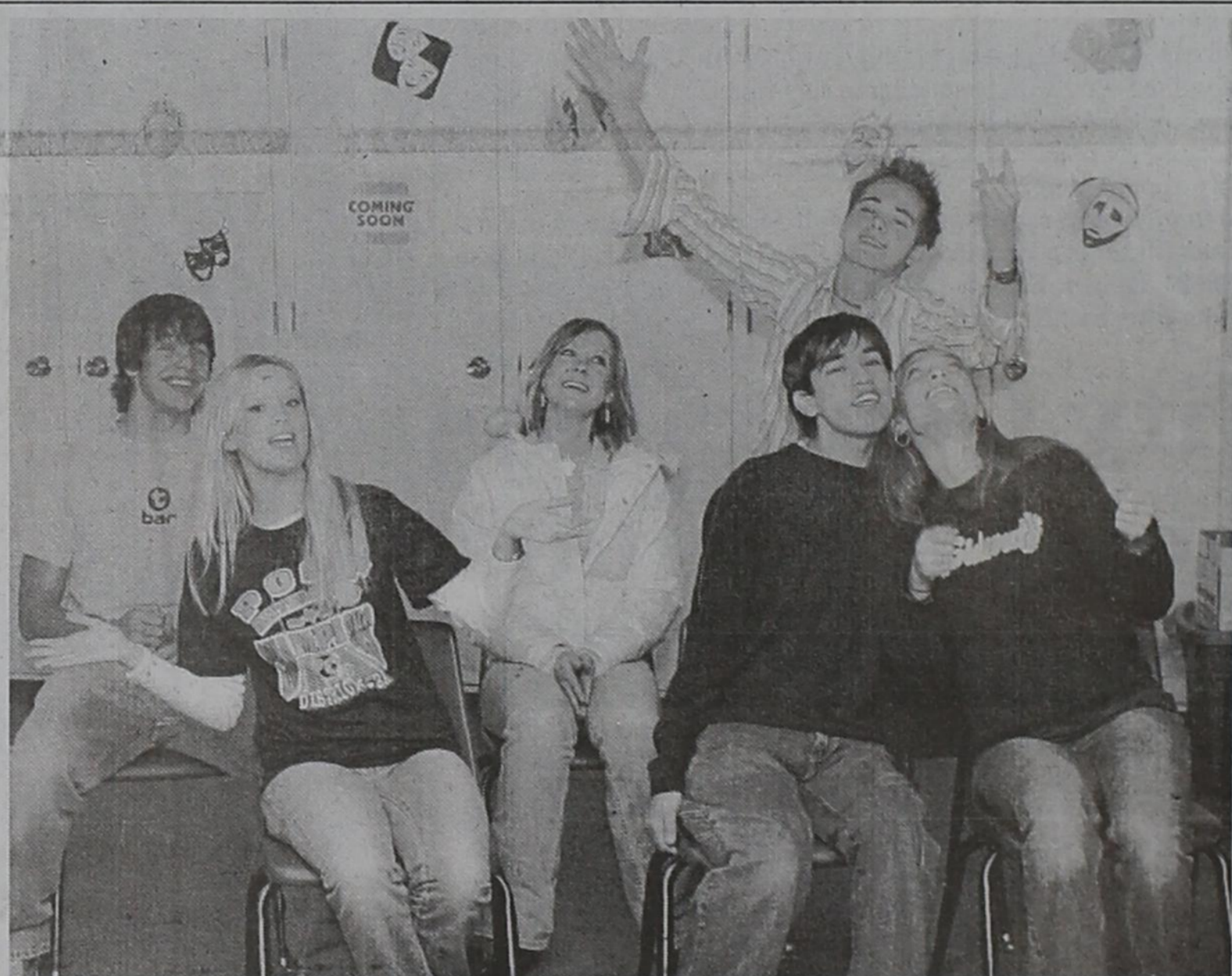
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The comedy, "Antic Spring" will show at the upcoming Post High School Dinner Theatre. Crooning in the car (left to right) Colter Creech, Claire Kirkpatrick, Jerin Tyler, Hayley Massey, Brandon Hernandez and Laurel Tatum sing a rousing rendition of "The Daring Young Man on the Flying Trapeze." The Dinner Theatre is slated for December 6th and 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the Post Community Center. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)



### PHS Band performs at Veterans Day Program

Under the direction of Band Director Aaron Rathbun, the Post High School Band performed patriotic music during the recent Veteran's Day Program in the Elementary Auditorium. The band closed with the National Anthem as local Veterans of Foreign Wars touched their hearts in respect for their country. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

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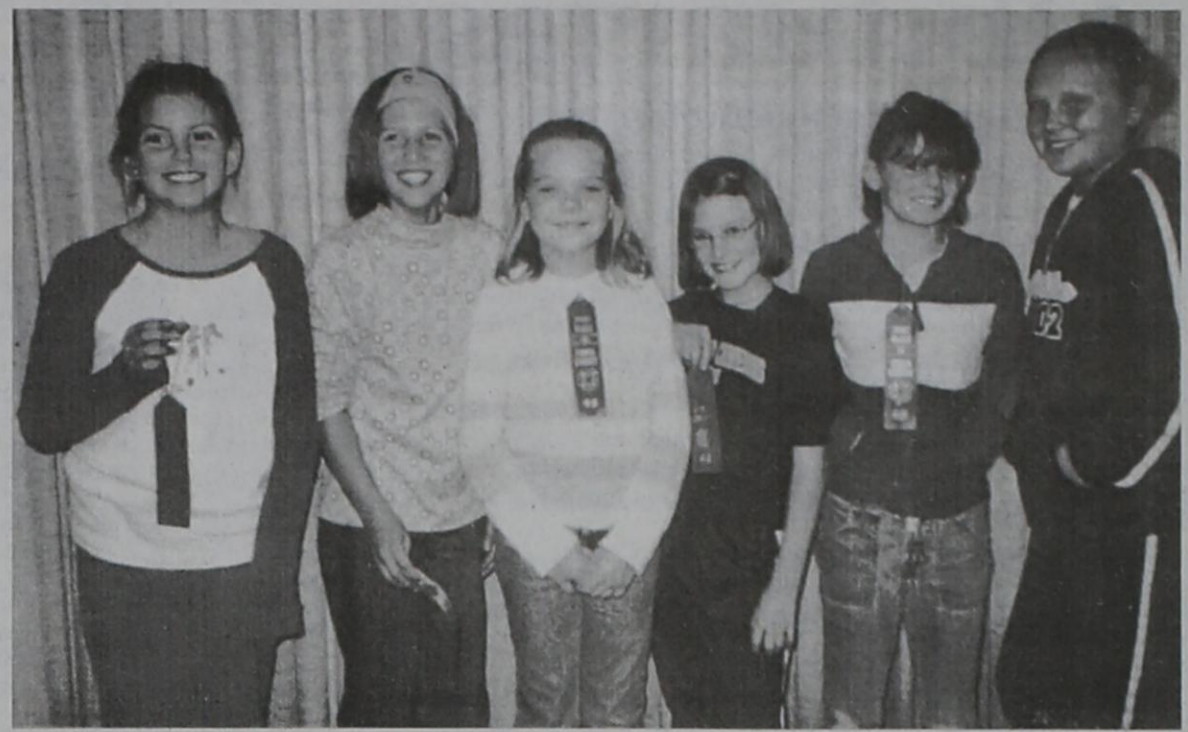
**Garza County 4-H at Cornfield Maze**

Garza County 4-H students participate in the recent field trip to the Cornfield Maze at Shallowater. Enjoying the trip are (back row), Jerrett Blevins (middle row left to right), Ja D Young, Ashley Young, Reagan Belongia and Chelsi Hair (front row), Dionn Heckaman and Skylar Jones



**Avnee Bhakta places 1st in Food Show**

PHS Senior Avnee Bhakta placed first in the recent Garza County 4-H Food show.



**4-H Junior Youth participate in Food Shows**

Junior Youth participating in the garza county 4-H Food Show included (left to right), Kaylyn Dean (2nd in Breads and Cereals), Taylor Osborn (1st in Nutritious Snacks), Sara Greer (1st in Fruits and Vegetables), Matti Smith (2nd in fruits and Vegetables), Meagan Tidwell (1st in Breads and Cereals) and Reagan Belongia (1st in Main Dish). Sara Greer and Taylor Osborn also participated in District competition last Saturday at Levelland.



**Post Junior High One Act Team District Champs**

The Post Junior High One Act Team placed 1st overall during District Competition at Shallowater last Saturday. Other awards went to Travis Bergin (Best Actor), Kelly Chapa (Best Actress), Jaime Hernandez (All Star Cast) and Amber Wilson (Honorable Mention All Star Cast). The Team will offer a public performance on Thursday, November 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Auditorium. Cast members pictured above are (back row, left to right) Alisha Jones, Stacy Boeko, Trent Babb, Jaime Hernandez, Patrick Martinez, Claudia Hernandez, (middle row) Amber Wilson, Travis Bergin, Clint Windham, Michael Porter, (front row) Branda Stevens, Valerie Moreno, Kelli Chapa, Alex Hart and Sydnee Jones.

**Garza County Sheriff's report**

Twelve individuals have been held in the Garza County Jail since the beginning of the month, according to sheriff's department reports.

On Nov. 3, six arrests were made, including that of a 42-year-old for public intoxication; a 23-year-old for driving with an invalid license; two 21-year-old individuals for possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia; a 39-year-old picked up on a Wheeler County warrant; and a 42-year-old for DWI/second offense.

Six arrests were made Nov. 7, including a 31-year-old for possession of marijuana; four individuals, ages 15, 18, 18 and 19 for possession of marijuana and minor in possession of alcohol; and a 21-year-old for possession of marijuana and making alcohol available to a minor.

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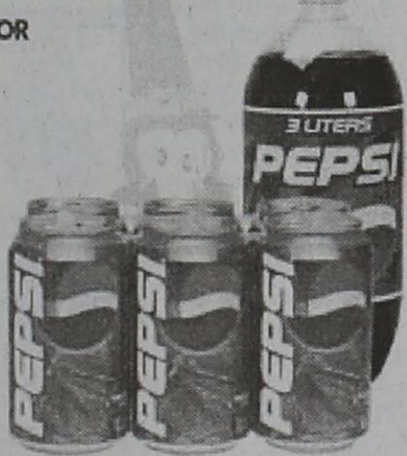
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# Obituaries

## Linda Earlene Robinson

Services for Linda Earlene Robinson, 57, of Lubbock were held Monday, Nov. 15, 2004, in the Hudman Funeral Home with the Rev. Grant Gardiner officiating. Burial followed in the Post Cemetery.

She died Nov. 13 at her mother's home in Post. Survivors include her husband, Michael; two daughters, Elizabeth and her two children of Lubbock and Christi Kirby, her husband and three children of Houston; her mother, Jane Bias of Post; and a sister, Diana Byron of Post.

## Juanita "Hooter" Terry

Services for Juanita "Hooter" Terry, 91, of Post were held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, in the Hudman Funeral Home with Elder George Johnson of the Primitive Baptist Church in Lubbock officiating, assisted by the Rev. John Hedrick of Graham Chapel Methodist Church. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery.

She died Sunday, Nov. 14, at Golden Plains Care Center. Born Jan. 17, 1913, in Fort Worth to Robert Jesse and Eunice (McCampbell) Doss, she married Wade Terry on Oct. 4, 1932, in Garza County. They farmed in Garza County for many years. He preceded her in death on March 2, 1988. She was a member of the Primitive Church.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Bobby and Nita Terry and Mack and Jane Terry, all of Post; four grandchildren and their spouses, Mark and Quenna Terry of Lubbock, Brent and Mandy Terry of Loraine, Cindy and Jibber Herridge of Gail and Jana and Ray Don Underwood, also of Gail; and six great-grandchildren, Cydni and Casey Terry of Loraine, Raylea Underwood and Caden Nowlain of Gail, Cody (Tara) Nowlain of Snyder and Jesse Dean Terry of Lubbock.

Pallbearers were Mark Terry, Brent Terry, Casey Terry, Cody Nowlain, Caden Nowlain, Ray Don Underwood and Jibber Herridge. Honorary pallbearers were Raylea Underwood, Cindy Terry, Jesse Dean Terry, Mandy Terry and Quenna Terry.

# Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor Policy: We require all letters to be signed. Letters may be edited for brevity, grammar and punctuation. Opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect those of The Post Dispatch nor its staff.

## Lookin' back

As life's highway continues, I often look back at changes that could be made if I had to start life all over again.

Some of those things that I seemed to automatically wade off into were smoking starting at age 12, drinking starting at age 12, disobeying God's advice and direct orders beginning at about age eight, and getting married the first time at just under 16, then the next three that fell off the bar stool.

I heard someone say one time that it took everything they had ever done in their life to arrive to this point in time, but I can assure the young people of today that there's bound to be better ways to travel from Day 1 'til now. The bumpy road I took is not recommended to anyone. I am one of the 'been there, done that' people that can look back now and see nothing but bad consequences coming from any of the above.

I am not feeling sorry for myself at all; as a matter of fact, I am feeling quite fortunate, lucky and even happy to be here today. Must have had some very considerate help from above is all I can figure out.

Seems very troubling to me to see the larger percent of the younger folks starting off on the same road I regretfully took.

I notice a lot of kids starting to smoke and drink even younger than I did. I've heard some say it makes them look 'cool.' I'm not even sure what 'cool' is supposed to look like, although I spent many years trying to get there. In my early teens, it was a ducktail haircut, denim jacket with collar turned up and sleeves rolled up, plus a Marlboro or Winston hanging out of the corner of my mouth. The best I can remember, I probably looked like a total idiot. I was 'cool' though, for whatever that's worth.

I would be my best guess that looking 'cool' has an altogether different definition than most people think.

My thoughts on looking 'cool' are that we must look up to our peers, which is usually the wrong crowd. I was a peer at one time, and many youngsters followed my path - which I now regret.

But I believe the main problem is that the real cause of wanting to look 'cool' lies in the areas of 'we don't like who we are, what we are, where we are or where we are headed.' We choose to change that by abusing tobacco, alcohol and drugs; therefore, turning into a total fool just to gain a few people's attention.

Now that I am nearing 60 years old, the true consequences of alcohol and cigarettes are beginning to show up daily - COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) and GOLD (chronic obstructive lung disease). My main symptoms are shortness of breath, chronic bronchitis (daily) and the early stages of emphysema. It is my honest belief that cigarettes are the worst things we can do to ourselves. After smoking for 48 years I can certainly recognize the consequences.

Some folks say, "Why don't ya just quit?" I have no problem with quitting. To stop smoking is really quite simple. But the next problem is, it is very hard to stop starting.

So for whatever 'cool' is supposed to look like to you young folks, I am convinced that looking 'non-cool' surely outweighs being cold. It is my guess that being cold will be the final consequence of smoking and drinking.

I know now that I did not have to kiss any peer's butt, I did not have to look good for anyone but myself and God. All I had to do was just be me.

Now that my effort to look 'cool' has come and gone, somewhere along the way I missed the chance to find out who 'me' was really supposed to be.

So to the youngsters of the world, if you make only a few of the wrong choices, you will also 'fail to discover who you really are....'

I am actually quite happy with a wonderful companion and my health is fairly good, but I certainly could have been a lot healthier had I chose a better road through life.

As I see it & my opinion only,  
O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson



Honored at the recent Graham Chapel Church of Christ building dedication and reunion were members of the late Henry and Dovie Davies family who donated land for the building. Those present and receiving plaques included (left to right) Laura, Frank and Carol (Davies) Tobias of Post; Elwanda (Davies) and Wayne Culvahouse of Midland and Don and Betty Davies of Arlington.

## Graham Chapel Church of Christ celebrates dedication of new building

The Nov. 7 homecoming and dedication of the new Graham Chapel Church of Christ building at 15th and Avenue S drew a crowd of 222 people.

The event began at 10 a.m. with Noel White welcoming everyone and thanking those who worked to make the debt-free building possible. He also opened the baptistry to display the scene from the old church building.

The opening prayer was led by Alvin Davis of Lubbock. Songs were led by David Peebles, Homes Jones Jr. and Don Maxey, all of Lubbock.

Ted Tatum recognized descendants of early day families and former preachers and their families. Families in attendance were asked to stand, with descendants of J.I. Willborn, Z.P. Lusk, J.F. Maxey, S.D. Lofton, R.P. Cowdrey, Augustus Stone and Elva Peel present.

Quannah Maxey, who would celebrate his 94th birthday the following day, was recognized as the eldest member still attending. Other seniors recognized and presented with pictures of the old building were Sue Maxey, Imogene Stone, Mack and Lola Mae Ledbetter and Troy and Joyce Nelson.

Former preachers and their families included the late Henry Lynch, Homer Jones Sr., Dr. Bruce Evans, Dr. David Peebles, Gary Evans, David Hooten and Dave Oakley. Then everyone who had ever preached at Graham Chapel was asked to stand. Pictures of the old building were presented to the early day former preachers.

Bobby Cowdrey introduced members of the late Henry and Dovie Davies family. The Davies family donated the land for the new church building. Those present and receiving plaques were Wayne and Elwanda Davies Culvahouse of Midland, Don and Betty Davies of Arlington and Frank and Carol Davies Tobias and Laura. A large plaque was given to the church to be displayed in appreciation of the land donation.

Minister David Joyner spoke on the church's heritage and dedicated the congregation and building to the service and glorification of God. He also thanked everyone who worked hard to make the building possible and for the foresight of the early church members to begin a building fund.

Following the dedication, Noel White led the congregation in "Holy Ground." Brent Mason led prayer before a short break and the worship service.

The service began with announcements by Robert Wilson, with the song service led by Allen Calvert, youth minister. The opening prayer was by Homer Jones Sr.

The communion service was conducted by a representative of each of the early families, including David Hooten, Lubbock; Dave Oakley of Carlsbad, N.M.; Clay Cowdrey of Milsap; Gerald Dean of Capitan, N.M.; Royce Howard of Midland; and Bruce Ledbetter.

David Joyner presented the sermon and the closing prayer was by Dr. Bruce Evans of Abilene.

After visiting and tours of the building, the group moved to the school cafeteria for lunch prepared and served by the young adults and teens. The meal consisted of brisket, red beans, potato salad, cole slaw, cornbread and homemade desserts. The tables were covered with fall colors, and each was decorated with pumpkins, fall leaves, gourds and mums.

The Graham Chapel Church was organized Sept. 8, 1908, in the Graham community by J.I. Willborn, Z.P. Lusk and J.F. Maxey. Some of those attending services now are fifth generation.

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## On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

### Born again by the word of God

During Jesus Christ's ministry on earth, he encountered a Pharisee named Nicodemus, who came to him privately with an honest desire to understand the purpose of Jesus' ministry. According to John 3:1-6 Nicodemus said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher from God, for no man can do these miracles that you do, except God be with him." Jesus responded, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Nicodemus was a bit confused by Jesus' answer and said, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" This was an honest and realistic question. Jesus came back with more information, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a man be born of water and of spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of flesh is flesh, and that which is born of spirit is spirit." Our readers are urged to mark this scripture with a huge exclamation.

Jesus Christ was talking about something that was not available until the day of Pentecost, as recorded in Acts 2:1-4. After the apostles were filled with holy spirit and began to speak in tongues, they fulfilled the promise of the new spiritual birth. When did they get born again? Was it when they were filled with holy spirit? Or when they began to speak in tongues?

We find more light on this subject in 1 Peter 1:23, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God which lives and abides forever." This verse fits perfectly with John 3:6, "That which is born of flesh is flesh, and that which is born of spirit is spirit." Corruptible seed refers to the fleshly birth. When we are born from our mother's womb, we are born of corruptible seed that was passed down from Adam after he disobeyed God.

The end result of this genetic seed is death.

The incorruptible seed refers to that which is born of spirit (John 3:6). The end result of this spiritual seed is living and abiding forever. Jesus said the new birth involves the birth of a spirit. Because of this, the new birth must be understood as a spiritual matter. Returning to 1 Peter 1:23, we learn that the new birth is of incorruptible seed "by the word of God which lives and abides forever." It involves God's word and incorruptible seed.

Since the new birth is a spiritual matter, we can go to 1 Corinthians chapter 12, which covers spiritual matters. Verses 7-10 list nine ways to profit from the manifestation of holy spirit. While a few of them involve speaking God's word, only one allows people to speak God's word freely with His spirit in them. That is speaking in tongues.

Of course this requires more study with the rest of God's word in the Bible, but after the first 12 apostles were filled with holy spirit, they got born-again not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the word of God which lives and abides forever. This is that ever living and abiding word of God which sprang out of them as rivers of living waters when they began to speak in tongues.

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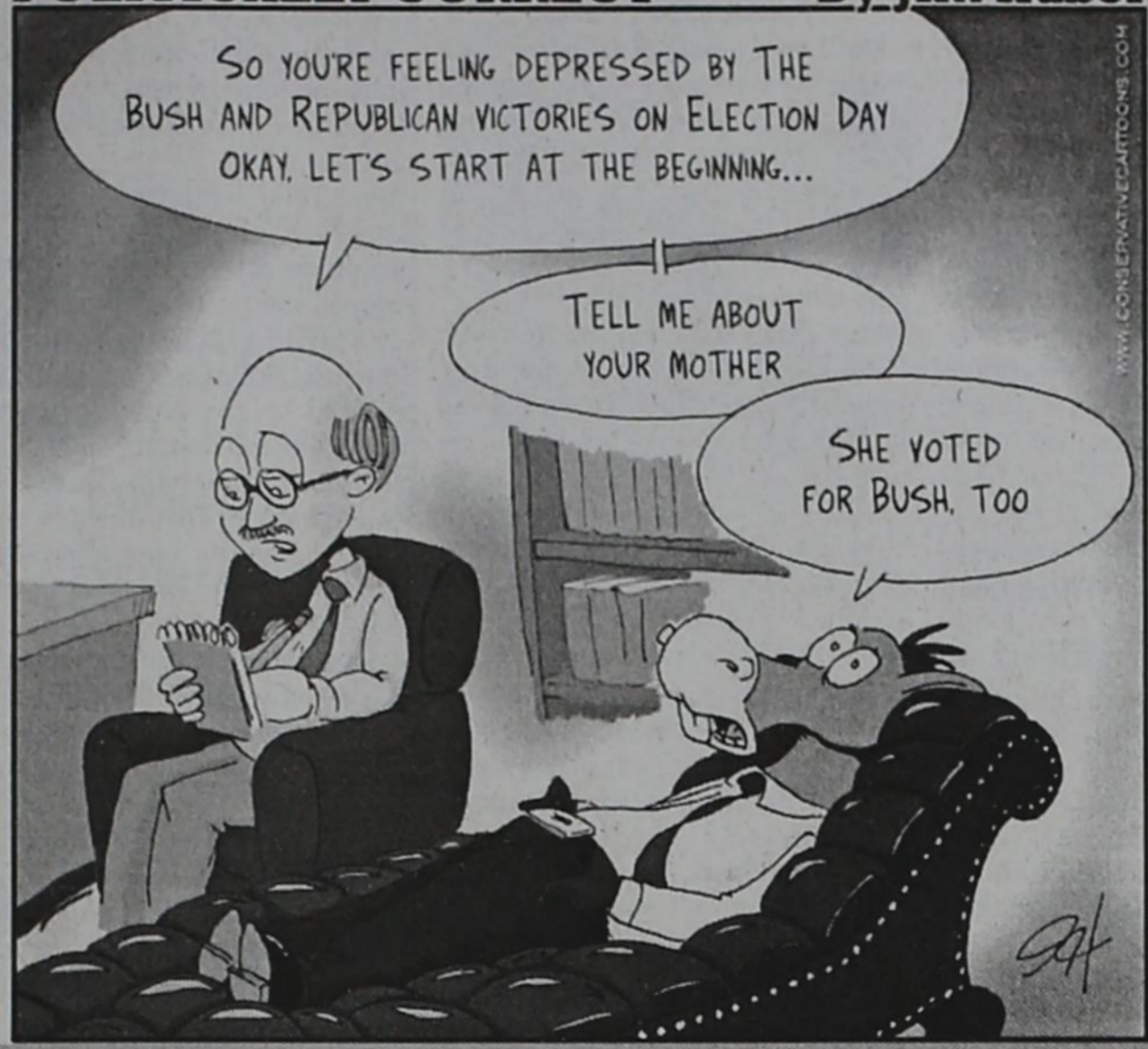
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# Opinions

**POLITICALLY CORRECT** By Jim Huber



## Why we're a divided nation

by Walter E. Williams

Recent elections pointed to deepening divisions among American people, but has anyone given serious thought to just why? I have part of the answer, which starts off with a simple example.

Different Americans have different and intense preferences for cars, food, clothing and entertainment. For example, some Americans love opera and hate rock and roll. Others have opposite preferences, loving rock and roll and hating opera. When's the last time you heard of rock-and-roll lovers in conflict with opera lovers? It seldom, if ever, happens. Why? Those who love operas get what they want, and those who love rock and roll get what they want, and both can live in peace with one another.

Suppose that instead of freedom in the music market, decisions on what kind of music people could listen to were made in the political arena. It would be either opera or rock and roll. Rock and rollers would be lined up against opera lovers. Why? It's simple. If the opera lovers win, rock and rollers would lose, and the reverse would happen if rock and rollers won. Conflict would emerge solely because the decision was made in the political arena.

The prime feature of political decision-making is that it's a zero-sum game. One person or group's gain is of necessity another person or group's loss. As such, political allocation of resources is conflict enhancing while market allocation is conflict reducing. The greater the number of decisions made in the political arena, the greater is the potential for conflict.

There are other implications of political decision-making. Throughout most of our history, we've lived in relative harmony. That's remarkable because just about every religion, racial and ethnic group in the world is represented in our country. These are the very racial/ethnic/religious groups that have for centuries been trying to slaughter one another in their home countries, among them: Turks and Armenians, Protestant and Catholic, Muslim and Jew, Croats and Serbs. While we haven't been a perfect nation, there have been no cases of the mass genocide and religious wars that have

plagued the globe elsewhere. The closest we've come was the American Indian/European conflict, which pales by comparison.

The reason we've been able to live in relative harmony is that for most of our history government was small. There wasn't much pie to distribute politically.

When it's the political arena that determines who gets what goodies, the most effective coalitions are those with a proven record of being the most divisive — those based on race, ethnicity, religion and region. As a matter of fact, our most costly conflict involved a coalition based upon region — namely the War of 1861.

Many of the issues that divide us, aside from the Iraq war, are those best described as a zero-sum game, where one group's gain is of necessity another's loss. Examples are: racial preferences, Social Security, tax policy, trade restrictions, welfare and a host of other government policies that benefit one American at the expense of another American. You might be tempted to think that the brutal domestic conflict seen in other countries at other times can't happen here. That's nonsense. Americans are not superhumans; we possess the same frailties of other people in other places. If there were a severe economic calamity, I can imagine a political hustler exploiting those frailties here, just as Adolf Hitler did in Germany, blaming it on the Jews, the blacks, the East Coast, Catholics or free trade.

The best thing the president and Congress can do to heal our country is to reduce the impact of government on our lives. Doing so will not only produce a less divided country and greater economic efficiency but bear greater faith and allegiance to the vision of America held by our founders — a country of limited government.

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## Seeing and not seeing...

by Scott McPherson

A key element in understanding reality is an accurate representation of reality. And this headline in the November 10 Washington Post — "N. Va. Boom Sparks Economic Recovery" — demonstrates how poorly is the average newspaper editor equipped to accurately describe economic affairs, which may help explain why the average reader understands so little about economics.

The story spoke of "dramatic growth in federal defense and anti-terrorism spending in Northern Virginia" as having "fueled a rapid economic recovery" (and more to the liking of government officials, "boosted tax collections" — but that is another story.) Stephen S. Fuller, a professor at George Mason University, is reported to have found that "federal spending in the region has more than tripled, from \$10 billion to about \$35 billion" per year since 1990, leading to "record job growth in Northern Virginia" — mostly from "increased spending on defense and homeland security projects, salaries for consultants and other professional services."

"But," the writer continues, "the rosy outlook is tempered by two realities": the rest of the state is not likewise experiencing this growth in prosperity and "expenses are gobbling up the money as fast as it comes in." (See parenthetical remark above.)

More important is the reality that wasn't mentioned: government spending does not constitute an economic boom.

In the interest of clear communication, a definition is in order: an "economic boom" is the result of an expansion of the amount of wealth in existence and available for either savings or consumption.

A common misconception is that government has money to spend. This is untrue. Government money is nothing more than the wealth it extracts from private businesses and then spends as it sees fit. Government has no wealth, can create no wealth — and therefore is in no position to expand economic activity.

The only true way to create an economic boom is through savings and free trade.

Take as an example two farmers who wish to better their respective positions. One grows apples, the other oranges. Each desires to have what is offered by the other, so they negotiate an exchange, say, one orange for two apples or two oranges for one apple, or three apples for three oranges. The exact terms of the trade are unimportant.

Now, what happens next is interesting: the orange grower takes his apples to the mango farmer and trades them for mangos, which he loves. He now has mangos — his heart's true desire — and oranges, which he can use to get more apples from the apple grower. Everyone is happy. This is called free trade.

Next, the orange grower gets an idea. He wants more mangos. So he decides to grow more oranges (or consume fewer oranges himself), which will allow him to trade for more apples, which will bring him, in the end, more mangos. This is an expansion of the number of oranges in existence. In time, both the apple farmer and the mango farmer figure out that they can do the same thing, and with equally beneficial results. There are now more oranges, apples, and mangos than anyone is currently consuming. This is called savings.

But then along comes a government official who claims to know better how each of the farmers ought to be spending his produce. He decides to take a large chunk of the surplus of apples, oranges, and mangos and give it to the coconut farmer — whom nobody chose voluntarily to do business with and, for that matter, nobody really likes — in exchange for more coconuts.

Naturally, the coconut farmer is now wealthier than he's ever been. He's got

apples, oranges, and mangos, when he used to have only coconuts. He then uses this produce to hire more coconut workers. Next come all the coconut-related projects, and increased salaries and "other professional services" related to the coconut industry.

The coconut workers now have more apples, oranges, and mangos to use in procuring their other goods and services that were previously unavailable to them. Those living around the coconut plantation experience an increase in business activity. They are of course delighted. They start to speak of the "economic boom" that has come to their region. The government official points to the region with pride.

Unfortunately, what no one sees is that the orange, apple, and mango farmers now have less produce with which to barter for the goods and services they need to better their own lives, creating jobs and raising living standards in their own "regions."

In his classic book, *Economics in One Lesson*, Henry Hazlitt wrote that "for every public job created... a private job has been destroyed somewhere else," which is why he defined the "art of economics" as consisting in "looking not merely at the immediate but at the longer effects of any act or policy; it consists in tracing the consequences of that policy not merely for one group but for all groups."

The federal government, in its zeal to spend more money, takes more of what others have produced and spends it in one favored region — Northern Virginia, for example — and so creates the semblance of an "economic boom."

What happens in reality is that resources must be drained from other regions — "from \$10 billion to \$35 billion" per year — which no one really sees, and that money is then poured into Northern Virginia, funding projects, raising salaries, increasing the number of jobs, and benefiting ancillary businesses. No "boom" has taken place. There is no net increase in wealth, prosperity, or living standards. It should be called instead a simple transfer of wealth.

A true "economic boom" is not a zero-sum game; it doesn't require that anyone lose in order for others to gain. Northern Virginia's "economic recovery" comes, quite simply, at the expense of everyone in the country.

As the great 19th-century economist Frédéric Bastiat observed, in viewing the "benefits" of such government benevolence, "You will doubtless tell me that these little sous, which pass in this way... from my pocket to yours, provide a livelihood for the people around your castle and enable you to live in grand style. May I point out to you in reply that if you left the money in my hands, it would have provided a livelihood for the people around me."

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## A case against the U.S. invasion of Iraq

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by Emily Marcum

"Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, and I, I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." These familiar words from Robert Frost remind us that destinies are created by individual choices, whether these choices are made by a single person or a single nation. The roots of nations are too complex for one nation to take it upon itself to influence and change another. That is why I negate today's resolution. I believe that the United States does not have a moral obligation to promote democratic principles in other nations.

"My value is sovereignty, defined as a nation's right to be responsible for itself. My criterion is Article 2, Section 1 of the United Nations Charter: Nations have the right to be sovereign. Contention 1: Nations have the right to sovereignty. Nations have the right to govern themselves without interference from others. The only time one government should impose its will or theories on another government is if they have been attacked. Even then, in the case of attack, America would not be creating democracy but rather defending itself.

"The United Nations has decided that all nations have the right to be sovereign. The definition of a right is: conforming with justice, law or morality. So according to the rights of nations, it would be contradictory to say that we have a moral obligation to promote democratic principles when it is moral to give nations the right to have sovereignty. Countries have the right to control their own destinies, just like individuals do. This means that other nations have the moral obligation to leave other nations alone and let them create the types of governments they desire instead of trying to turn them into United States clones.

"Contention 2: Other nations resent our interference and do not view us as a utopia, which makes the effort a waste of time and resources. South African leader Nelson Mandela states that he rejects the arrogance of nations who think they have the right to tell other nations how to run their countries. By attempting to be the world's policeman, we only endanger peace and stability in the world by coming across as condescending and by offending those who might become allies.

"Additionally, the countries of the world have not voted the United States as the utopia of the world. We have a huge deficit, hundreds of thousands of homeless, 10 million Americans uninsured, crime, a culture war and a quagmire in Iraq, where we did stick our nose in when we were not directly threatened. Our country is not perfect, so we have no right to flaunt our governing theories to others as if we have the market on good ideas. We are a relatively young nation in the history of the world, which has not withstood the test of time.

"Contention 3: Overextension and arrogance can lead to the downfall of the United States. The Roman Empire lasted from 476BC to 1400 AD or 1,876 years. They became overextended and too zealous to control vast areas. They were the superpower of the world, but because of overextension and their belief that they could make others become like themselves, they became vulnerable to the European hordes. Rome was sacked and overrun by Germanic tribes who were much less civilized and knowledgeable. This could happen to the U.S. if we continue to try to leave our imprint on every nation in the world. We cannot recreate all over the world the American democracy that has taken us 228 years to create. If we try, we will fail and be swallowed up like the Romans. The U.S. has a moral obligation to protect and nurture itself and a moral obligation to leave other countries alone to choose their own road."

"The great rule of conduct for us in regard to foreign nations is in extending our commercial relations, to have with them as little political connection as possible. So far as we have already formed engagements, let them be fulfilled with perfect good faith. Here let us stop. Europe has a set of primary interests which to us have none; or a very remote relation. Hence she must be engaged in frequent controversies, the causes of which are essentially foreign to our concerns. Hence, therefore, it must be unwise in us to implicate ourselves by artificial ties in the ordinary vicissitudes of her politics, or the ordinary combinations and collisions of her friendships or enmities." — George Washington

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# 'Lopes capture Bi-District Title

## Come-from-behind to edge Olton Mustangs 28-20

by Wes Burnett

They had to come from behind twice and overcome four fumbles and one pass interception, but the determined Post Antelope football team came off Lowrey Field last Thursday evening carrying the Regional I Bi-District AA (Division II) trophy home after a 28-20 win over the Olton Mustangs.

"It just shows you that these young men do not allow adversity to stand in their way," Antelope head coach Tim James said. "They play with confidence and they play together, they've really come together as a team. This might not have been our best performance, but championship teams always find a way to win."

The bi-district contest opened up with an impressive Mustang touchdown drive following the kickoff. Olton's fleet-footed and shifty running back David Phares ripped off several long runs on the way to the end zone. Midway through the first

quarter, Olton led the 'Lopes 7-0.

The Antelope offense got its shot early in the second quarter, set up by a Kenneth Garay punt return to the Olton 29 yard line. The six play drive featured running by Wilson Cash, Jett Lott and Randon Blacklock. Cash picked up a first down to the 12, Blacklock burst over left guard to the five, Lott was dragged down just inches from the goal line, then took the ball over right guard to the end zone. With 9:07 left in the first half, the 'Lopes trailed Olton 7-6.

The Mustangs ran off 10 plays before running out of downs at the Post 22 yard line. Big defensive plays in the drive included Eric Reyna, Jonathan McGregor, Trent McDonald, Colter Creech, Theo Paiz, Blacklock, Jace Pollard, Blake Nichols, Zach Sanchez and Chris Reed. Pollard and McGregor stopped Phares short of the first down marker on fourth down to set

up the 'Lope offense at their own 22.

### Second Touchdown

Two plays later the 'Lopes led 12-7. Lott rammed over right guard to the 29, then quarterback Cash faked a handoff to Lott, turned to his right, skirted between would be tacklers, and out ran defenders down the right side line to the end zone. Travis Mathews, McGregor and Jerrad Grisham provided key blocks on the play, but it was the fake to Lott that pulled defenders inside, leaving Cash running room outside. The two point conversion attempt with Lott over right guard fell short near the goal line. With 3:17 left in the half, the 'Lopes took a 12-7 lead.

The Mustangs put up a valiant effort to score, running an 11 play drive that ended with Creech knocking down a pass near the end zone as time ran out. Individual defensive action for the 'Lopes included

Reed, McDonald, Creech, Paiz and Nichols.

### Second Half Action

The 'Lopes opened the second half with a three play drive that was cut short when quarterback Sterling Smith's pass was intercepted at the Post 48 and returned to the 32. Smelling the end zone, the Mustangs got only five yards on the four play drive.

Antelope defenders, led by Nichols, McGregor, Reed and Sanchez held the Mustangs on fourth down, and put the ball back into the offensive unit's hands at the Post 26 yard line.

Two plays later the second fumble stopped the 'Lopes as Smith was stripped of the ball at the Post 33. Olton then proceeded to cash in on the opportunity ... scoring in seven plays with Phares doing most of the damage. With 3:50 left in the third quarter, the 'Lopes trailed again, this time 14-12.

Determined as ever, the Post offense came storming onto the field. Set up by Kenny Garay's kickoff, return to the 26 yard line, the 'Lopes mounted an 11 play drive to paydirt.

Cash and Smith alternated at quarterback, with Lott, Blacklock and Cash carrying the ball downfield. Lott carried four times to the 45, Blacklock picked up a first down at the Olton 37, aided by a clearing block by Grisham. At the end of the third quarter, the 'Lopes trailed 14-12 but threatening to score.

Blacklock took a pitchout wide, scooped up the loose ball, getting the 25. Cash then pulled the patented keeper around right end to the one and Smith came in to polish off the drive with a quarterback sneak behind center Josh Lee and linemen Israel Beggs and Zach

Witcher. Cash came in, faked the ball to Lott who leaped up in the air as if to be going over the top to the end zone. Cash trotted off to his right and lofted a pass to McGregor in the end zone for the two point conversion.

With 10:45 left in the contest, the 'Lopes led 20-14.

Another strong defensive effort stopped the Mustangs after a six play drive. McGregor, Nichols, Sanchez, Pollard and Creech contributed to key plays for the defense, and on fourth down Olton punted to the ball. Garay was trapped at the Post 30 yard line.

Once again the 'Lope offense took charge ... with linemen literally blowing out the Olton defense. Lott blasted to the 35, then to the 41 and into Mustang territory to the 44. On first down, Cash faked the handoff to Lott, then rolled to his left and raced through defenders to the end zone. With 6:35 left on the play clock, the 'Lopes took a more comfortable 28-14 lead following Smith's pass to Kenny Garay in the end zone for the two point conversion.

Another Mustang 11 play drive ate up a big chunk of the clock and was stopped on fourth down when Paiz sacked Olton's quarterback at the Post 17 yard line. With 2:32 on the clock, the Post offense aimed to run out the time.

Lott picked up a first down on a third down play to the 36. Then the 'Lopes were called for an "unsportsman" penalty back to the 21. Lott to the ball to the 25, Olton called the first of three time-outs with 56 seconds left.

Lott took the ball to the 28, Olton called another time-out with 51 seconds left. Cash then kept the ball over right tackle, but had it stripped

from him as he was being tackled. With 46 seconds left in the game, the Mustangs got one more shot at the end zone.

It took seven plays, with quarterback Dustin Synatschk getting the final yard with four seconds on the clock. The two point conversion pass attempt was batted down by Reyna as the 'Lopes held onto a 28-20 lead.

The squib kick was smartly covered by Cash at the 45 yard line ... as time ran out and the Post Antelopes were awarded the Bi-District Championship trophy.

The team advances to the Area Championship against the Canadian Wildcats with a 7:30 p.m. kickoff Friday, November 19 at Amarillo's Dick Bivins Stadium. Fans traveling to Amarillo will find the stadium to the north of IH-40 east of the IH-27 and IH-40 interchange.

Those unable to attend the game may listen to the live, play-by-play action on Post City Radio at www.postcityradio.com or Cebridge Connections Channel 12.

### Team Stats

The Post Antelopes collected 329 yards offense with 313 on the ground and 16 yards passing on five passes. The team had 32 yards in penalties. Wilson Cash led the team in rushing with 161 yards on seven carries, followed by Jett Lott with 119 yards on 23 carries. Randon Blacklock got 19 yards on four carries and Sterling Smith was credited with 14 yards on four carries.

Olton was credited with 305 yards offense, 204 on the ground and 101 passing.



Atop a Post Volunteer Fire truck, The Post High School Varsity Cheerleaders weathered chill winds as they led Antelope fans and team through last Thursday afternoon's pep rally. (Photo by Gena Lott)

## Lady Lopes open 2004-05 season

The Post Lady 'Lopes opened the 2004-05 season last week, hosting a game against Smyer. Post led by nine at the half, but came up short at the end of the 45-38 game.

The Lady 'Lopes played hard

and aggressive, according to their coach. Team highlights included Sarah Kirkpatrick with 11 points, Megan Hoover with 10 (including a pair of three-point goals), Nikki Norman with nine rebounds and Rachel Gray with

six steals. Team stats were as follows: Kirkpatrick, 11 points, one assist, three rebounds, three steals; Hoover, 10 points, one assist, four rebounds, two steals; Norman, six points, nine rebounds, two steals; Gray, five points, two assists, five rebounds, six steals and one blocked shot; Jenee Lott, two points, four rebounds; Laurel Tatum, two points, five rebounds, one steal; Patricia Hester, one point, two assists, six rebounds, one steal; Logan Gregory, one point and one rebound; and Donae Dalby, one rebound.

## Middle School girls square off against Abernathy November 15

by Kara Swindell  
7th Grade

We really got off to a slow start in this game. We were trailing 10-17 at the half and we came back after half time and held Abernathy to zero points in the third quarter.

We really came out at half time and worked hard. I felt if we would've played that well the first half, we would've won the ball game. Also, we were 5-16 at the free throw line and that hurt us.

Toni Wait was our leading scorer with 10 followed by Branda Stevens with 8 points and Alex Miller with 3 points.

Danica Williams did a great job coming off the bench to help us out defensively. The final score was Post 21, Abernathy 24.

8th Grade

We really struggled against a very good team. It would be safe to say that Abernathy is the toughest 8th grade team in our district.

I felt we started off well, but then couldn't pull it back together when we started getting behind. We didn't run the floor well with them & our defensive effort lacked.

Shyra Perez played an outstanding game. She worked very hard inside and really had a great defensive game.

I felt Haley Lester & Sabrina Sanchez came in the game and worked hard until the last buzzer sounded. They never gave up and gave the team all they had.

I really appreciated their effort and their positive attitudes. Shyra Perez led all scorers with 6 points followed by Gaby Gomez with 4 points, Haley Lester with 2 points & Shawnda Wiley with 1 point. The final score was Post 13, Abernathy 56.

## JV Lady Lope Black team wins 37-8

The Post Lady 'Lopes Black team opened its season at home with a win against the Smyer JV.

Post held Smyer to four first-half points while scoring 13. The final score was 37-8.

Scoring for the Lady 'Lopes were Jackie Hays, 11; Sunnie Barbosa, seven; Samantha Hoover, six; Kadie Vernon, six; Kylie Easterling, two; Brenna Postell, two; and Kayla Morris, one.

## JV Lady Lope Gold team wins in OT

The Post Lady 'Lopes JV Gold squad opened its 2004-05 season with a 33-21 overtime win over Denver City.

With the game tied at 21 at the end of regulation play, the Lady 'Lopes came out with full-court pressure to outscore the host team 12-0 in the overtime period.

Scoring for Post were Chasity Yates, 15; Steffi Norman, 6; Claire Kirkpatrick, 4; Lori James, 4; Keisha Odom, 2; and Marlee Plummer, 2.



Zack Sanchez (20) carefully cuddles the ball for a punt return during last Thursday's Bi-District game against Olton at Lowrey Field in Lubbock. (Photo by Gena Lott)



Theo Paiz (25) receives praise for one of many quarter back sacks, from teammates Chris Reed (44) and Jace Polard (52) during last Thursday's game against Olton at Lowrey Field in Lubbock. (Photo by Gena Lott)

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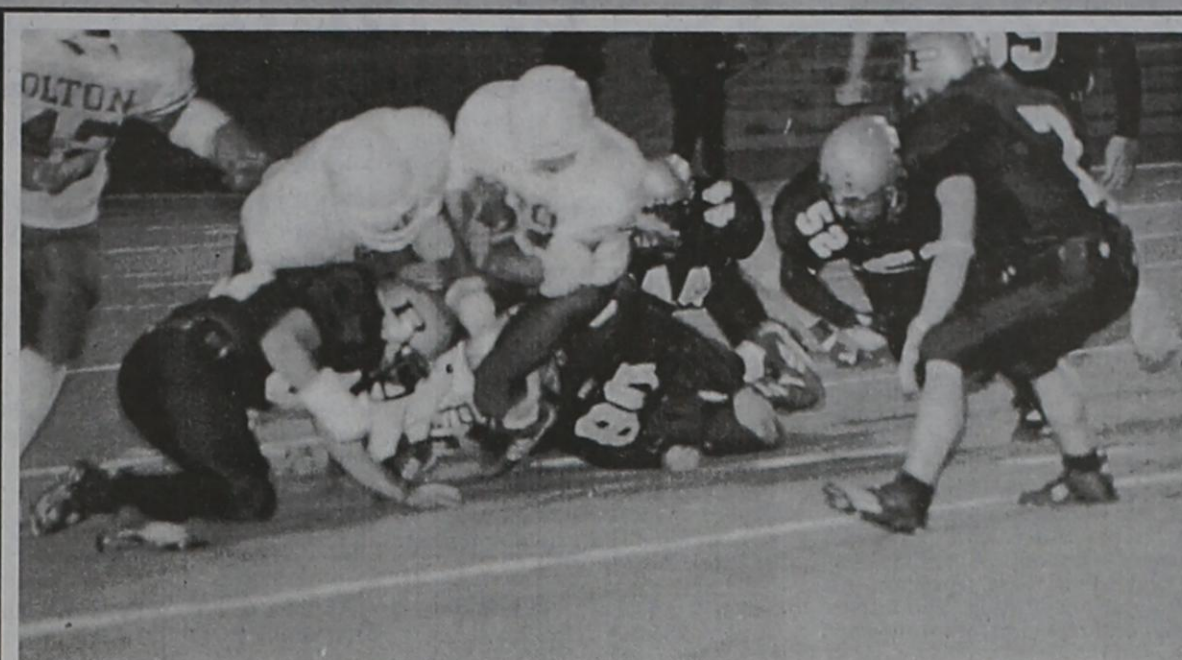
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## Post Bold Gold Antelope Defense

Randon Blacklock (7) is poised for a standoff with an Olton running back as Antelopes Jonathan McGregor (80), Chris Reed (44), and Jace Pollard (52) dive into action during last Friday's Bi-District game against Olton at Lowrey Field in Lubbock. The Antelopes travel to Dick Bivins Field in Amarillo, for the Area Championship against Canadian. Kickoff time will be at 7:30 p.m. Get all the play-by-play action live on Post City Radio (Cebridge Connections Channel 12 and www.postcityradio.com). The DVD recorded action will be broadcast Saturday and Sunday at 1, 5 and 10 p.m. by Post City Television on Cebridge Connections Channel 12 and www.postcitytv.com. (Photo by Gena Lott).

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# Post High School students lead Veterans Day program

A variety of topics and traditions were touched on during the Nov. 11 Veterans Day program at Post High School.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Donae Dalby, followed by "Stars and Stripes" by the PHS Band. Laurel Tatum read the Ralph Waldo Emerson poem, "Concord Hymn."

Following another musical interlude by the PHS Band, Emily Marcum spoke on "Why a democracy?"

Colter Creech followed Marcum's speech with one of his own on "How We Got Our National Anthem."

The band played "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the audience sang along, followed by "This Is My Country."

## 'Concord Hymn'



Laurel Tatum (Junior) competes in UIL Poetry.

Laurel Tatum read the Ralph Waldo Emerson poem, "Concord Hymn."

"Last year in Washington, D.C., the World War II Museum was dedicated to the hundreds of thousands of soldiers who gave their lives in the second World War," Tatum said. "It was right that this memorial should be built to honor their sacrifice as they liberated Europe and beat back an aggressive Japanese army."

"Long ago, another memorial was dedicated to honor those who first fought for American Liberty in 1776. This poem, written by Ralph Waldo Emerson, is titled 'Concord

Hymn:'

"By the rude bridge that arched the flood, Their flag to April's breeze unfurled, Here once the embattled farmers stood, And fired the shot heard 'round the world, The foe long since in silence slept, Alike the Conqueror silent sleeps, And Time the ruined bridge has swept Down the dark stream which seaward creeps.

"On this green bank by this soft stream, We set today a votive stone, That memory may their deed redeem, When like our sires our sons are gone. Spirit! Who made those freemen dare To die, or leave their children free, Bid time and nature gently spare The shaft we raise to them and Thee." (Sung at the completion of Concord Monument, July 4, 1837.)

"These Americans fought in different centuries, but the same valor that led these soldiers to defend and protect our nation leads today's American soldier. In a far and distant country called Iraq, young Americans are fighting our enemies there, so we will not have to fight them here. As we remember past sacrifices on this Veterans Day, may we also remember and pray for those serving today around the world."

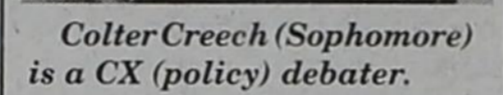
**Editor's Note:**  
Post High School students presented a Veteran's Day Program recognizing Garza County and American veterans. Under the direction of Band Director Aaron Rathbun, the Post High School Band performed patriotic songs, and concluded with the National Anthem. Colter Creech is a Sophomore CX (policy) Debater. Speakers for the Program included Laurel Tatum (Junior), Colter Creech (Sophomore) and Emily Marcum (Junior). Instructor Sterline Marcum emphasized that the Veteran's Day Program truly came from the students. "Debate teaches students that there are always two sides to any issue and that truth is most often found through open, honest debate; hence, the importance of free speech in a democracy," Marcum continued.

## 'How We Got Our National Anthem.'

"The Star-Spangled Banner - we sing it at football games, baseball games, assemblies and other gatherings. And sometimes the words are said automatically without much thought or passion," Creech said. "But like all American symbols, this song emerged from thought and passion. What is the origin of this magnificent song?"

"Most high school students know the struggle of the American Revolution. Patrick Henry's fiery speech, Jefferson's magnificent 'Declaration of Independence' and Washington's desperate winter at Valley Forge. Fewer know that the fledgling nation was severely challenged two decades later once again by the British in the War of 1812.

"In the summer of 1813, Major George Armistead knew that Fort McHenry would be attacked by the British. He asked for a flag so big that 'the British would have no trouble seeing it from a distance.' Two officers were sent to Baltimore where Mary Pickersgille, a 'maker of colors,' was commissioned to make the flag. Mary and her 13-year-old



Colter Creech (Sophomore) is a CX (policy) debater.

daughter, Caroline, worked in an upstairs bedroom, using 400 yards of best quality wool. They cut 15 stars that measured two feet from point to point. Eight red and seven white stripes, each two feet wide, were cut. Laying out the material on the floor of a local tavern, they flag was sewn together. By August it was finished. It measured 30 by 42 feet and cost \$405.90. This was the flag that would inspire Francis Scott Key to write 'The Star-Spangled Banner.'

"Francis Scott Key was a respected young lawyer living in Georgetown with his wife, Mary, and their six sons and five daughters. At the time, Georgetown was a thriving town of 5,000 people just a few miles from the Capitol and the White House," Creech said.

"During the war, the young nation's capitol was almost entirely burned to the ground. On Aug. 24, 1814, the British invaded and captured Washington. They set fire to the Capitol and the White House, the flames visible 40 miles away in Baltimore.

"President James Monroe, his wife, Dolley, and his Cabinet fled to a safer location. Such was their haste to leave that they had to rip the Stuart portrait of George Washington from the walls without its frame.

"A thunderstorm at dawn kept the fires from spreading. The next day more buildings were burned, and again a thunderstorm dampened the fires. Having done their work, the British troops returned to their ships to plan for further attacks.

"In the days following the attack on Washington, the American forces prepared for the assault on Baltimore and Fort McHenry, which they knew would come by both land and sea. Word soon reached Francis Scott Key that an elderly and much-loved physician was being held by the British. They townsfolk feared that the doctor would be hanged. They asked... Key for his help, and he agreed to arrange to have Col. John Skinner, an American agent for prisoner exchange, to accompany him," Creech said.

"At first, the British refused to release the doctor. But Key and Skinner produced a pouch of letters written by wounded British prisoners praising the care they were receiving from this particular doctor. The British officers relented, but would not release the three Americans because they had seen and heard too much of the preparations for the attack on Baltimore. They were placed under guard on the HMS Surprise and forced to wait out the battle behind the British fleet.

"At 7 a.m. on the morning of Sept. 13, 1814, the British bombardment began, and the giant flag at Fort McHenry was ready to meet the enemy. The bombardment continued for 25 hours, the British firing 1,500 bombshells that weighed as much as 220 pounds each. At 1 a.m. on the 14th, the British fleet roared, lighting the rainy night sky with grotesque fireworks of bombs.

"Skinner and Key watched the battle with apprehension," Creech said. "Washington was a burned shell; the president and Congress fled, and the British threatened the gates of Baltimore. Their beloved young nation was struggling to survive. They knew that as long as the shelling continued, Fort McHenry had not surrendered. But long before daylight, there came a sudden and mysterious silence.

"Waiting in the predawn darkness, Francis Scott Key looked for the sight that would end his anxiety. When at last daylight came... the flag was still there.

"Inspired, Key wrote on the back of a letter he had in his pocket and penned the words of our cherished national anthem. The flag that Key saw through the morning fog and smoke now hangs in the Smithsonian Museum of American History. An opaque curtain shields the now-fragile flag from light and dust. The flag is exposed for viewing for a few moments once every hour. This flag is fragile - yes. But on days like today, the passion Francis Scott Key felt when he saw 'O! Glory by dawn's early light' lives on... in you... in me."



Emily Marcum (Junior) is a LD (philosophy) debater. Marcum's speech was her affirmative case for this Fall's LD debates, and was modified for the Veteran's Day Program.

## 'Why a democracy?'

"When we think about our soldiers fighting in Iraq, we sometimes wonder and question why we are there. It is difficult to sort out the best response to the attack of Sept. 11, but perhaps the best response is to make potential enemies into allies. As we try to help create a democracy in Iraq, here are some ideas that explain why we attempt to do so," Marcum said.

"The United States has a moral obligation to promote democratic principles in other nations. Why would we do this? Someone told us why long ago. 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.' Since I agree with this quote from a famous Jewish philosopher, I believe it is right to promote democratic principles in other nations.

"First: Promoting Democracy provides equal opportunity for others to benefit from democratic principles. When a government has no checks and balances and does not serve the people, dictators like Saddam Hussein come into power. Perhaps if the former government in Iraq would have had checks and balances, like a democracy does, maybe hundreds of thousands of innocent lives would not have been viciously slaughtered.

"All people should have an equal opportunity to see what a democratic government is like and have the chance to create some type of government that protects and serves them, instead of butchering them.

"Look at the Sudan. Look at North Korea. The people are suffering and dying at the hands of evil regimes," Marcum said. "Americans have the moral obligation to go into these types of countries and do all that is possible to help make them a more stable nation. When millions of innocents are languishing, it is the obligation of the strongest nation to provide assistance.

"Some might say that ignorance is bliss, but the only problem with that philosophy is that other nations aren't ignorant to the success of America. They see it and they want it. To withhold that knowledge from them of how to get it is immoral.

"For instance, if I have knowledge that could save your life, I have the moral obligation to share the knowledge with you. And if I don't, I would be immoral, unjust and guilty of your death. When Selman A. Waksman discovered the cure for tuberculosis, he didn't keep it hidden. He administered the cure at once. In this same way, since we in the United States know of a type of government that creates equality, justice and freedom, we have the moral obligation to promote this government to all nations who are plagued with an unreasonable government that causes them to suffer bondage and fear.

"Secondly: Helping other nations establish a democracy supports our own national security. During the Cold War, when we supported Afghans against the Soviet Union, if we had stayed in Afghanistan and promoted democratic principles instead of packing up and leaving after the Russians gave up, we would not have left that country as a breeding ground for malicious terrorists like Osama bin Laden. Who knows, if we had stayed after the Russians left in the 1980s and promoted democratic principles, Osama might have embraced those concepts and the World Trade Center would still be standing in New York City. Instead, we left Afghanistan to poverty and despair. Osama grew in his hatred of western culture, the Taliban flourished and Sept. 11, 2001, was the tragic result. This is the definitive example as to why it is our moral obligation to promote democratic principles in other nations," Marcum said.

"Third: Our government was founded on the idea of moral obligations. Our founding fathers were made up of Christians, Deists and Rationalists; an unusual combination of devout believers in Christ, believers in a creator and scientists. Though some were men of faith and some were not, they all believed in personal accountability for choosing right behavior. We see this in many historical documents, such as the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Our laws reflect our sense of moral obligation most explicitly. 'Don't murder' and 'don't steal' are just two of our many laws. One doesn't murder because in the United States we value life. We don't steal out of respect for others. Since our laws are based on the moral foundation of treating one's 'neighbors as himself,' it is only logical that we fulfill our moral obligation to promote democratic principles to all the people of the world.

"Every morning at school we say '... for liberty and justice for all.' This pledge of allegiance is not just a pledge to provide justice for only a select few, we are pledging to provide justice for every human being as much as we possibly can. As our re-elected president George Bush likes to say, 'Freedom is a gift from the Almighty to every human being in the world.' Promoting democratic principles in all nations in the best way Americans can help the suffering masses receive and open that gift. This is what we are doing in Iraq."

## PHS Senior earns national honor

Alfred Segovia, a senior at Post High School, has been recognized by the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program.

The National Hispanic Recognition Program, established in 1983, is a program that provides national recognition of the exceptional academic achievement of Hispanic high school seniors and identifies them for postsecondary institutions.

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