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SWCD reports successful year

The County Commissioners received the annual report on the Garza Soil & Water Conservation District and NRCS Report during Monday's regular

According to the report on 2004 EQIP contracts, 20 applications were approved for funding, including 5,520 acres brush control (\$98,212) and 100 acres drip irrigation (\$41,747) for a total of \$139,959.

Total EQIP in Garza County included 58 contracts approved for funding totaling \$514,793 in cost-share dollars - 10,000 acres brush control, 736 acres drip irrigation.

For 2005 EQIP, the local work group chose to prioritize funding as follows: Ogallala Funds – drip irrigation, high priority, and irrigation pipelines.

medium priority. · Base Funds - terraces and waterways, high priority; chemigation valves, high priority; flow meters, high priority; and brush control, medium

priority. With regard to water quality management plans funded through the Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board, the Garza SWCD funded another \$20,000 for drip irrigation in 2004.

According to the report, the Garza SWCD, in cooperation with the Extension Service, offered a brush control workshop that included demonstrations on chemicals to use, amounts and timing for various types of brush. Joe Marts demonstrated brush excavator.

The Garza SWCD also purchased several plant identification books that were provided to the Post and Southland school district ag departments. The Garza SWCD purchased drip torches, a portable weather kit and some firefighting equipment to assist ranchers with prescribed burns for brush control/grass improvement.

Riley Kitchens, the RC&D coordinator stationed in Sweetwater, assisted the Post Volunteer Fire Department's Darrel Reece in writing a grant application for equipment and dry hydrants through the Texas Forest Service. Cost-share money was approved for several sets of firefighting

The NRCS also has its GPS system tied into aerial photography to assist farmers and ranchers in measuring or designing fencing, pipeline systems, terraces, etc.

In other matters, the court approved an indigent application for assistance with rent and utilities in the amount of \$193.

The court also approved a routine maintenance contract for the Post-Garza County airport and although the item was not posted as an executive session, entered into a secret meeting to discuss the purchase of property at 227 W. Main.

PHS trustees propose 2005-2006 calendar

Classes for the 2005-2006 school year in the Post Independent School District could begin Aug. 15, according to a proposed calendar being eyed by district trustees.

According to the proposed schedule, new staff in-service will begin Aug. 8, followed by staff development on Aug. 9-11. A staff preparation day would

be observed Aug. 12 prior to the beginning of classes. Students would see one holiday in September in observance of Labor Day and three days off in November for a Thanksgiving break. The Christmas holiday break would begin Dec. 19, with classes resuming Jan. 3, 2006. Teachers would observe a preparation day on Jan. 2, 2006, under the

proposal. Students would have a holiday in honor of Martin Luther King day, but that date would serve as a teacher in-service date.

Spring break would run March 13-17, and April 14 would serve as the students' Easter holiday.

High school graduation for the Class of 2006 would be May 26.

Alfred Segovia advances in state solo competition

Alfred Segovia, a senior horn player with the Post High School Pride of Post Band, has advanced to the second round of the Class 2-A Association of Small School Bands All-State competition.

Segovia's next round of competition is set for Jan. 8 at Lubbock Cooper High School.



'I Need a Little Christmas Vacation' at Post Elementary School

Post Elementary 4tha dn 5th Grade students entertained parents and the community with the musical 'I Need a Little Christmas Vacation' in the Elementary auditorium last Thursday, December 9th. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

Post Elementary School "Holiday Revue"

The Post Elementary musical, "I Need a Little Christmas Vacation: An All-School Holiday Revue," was staged Dec. 9 under the direction of Karen Nichols, assisted by Carla Perez.

The setting: "Just a few hours until Christmas vacation and what to our wandering eyes should appear? An untimely blizzard that threatens to keep the students of the school snowbound for the duration of the holiday season. 'I Need a Little Christmas Vacation' is the story of how this happened and how the students coped on a vacation eve they'll never forget. From holiday shopping online to cooking the holiday meal in the chemistry lab, from creating a south-of-the-border experience to modifying the school play to fit this wintry occasion, things get wacky as the students learn how fortunate they are to spend this epical time of year surrounded by friends."

Cast members included, as the janitors, Steven Howard as Ralph and Skylar Jones as Betty; Madison Cash as girl on cell phone; "I Need a Christmas Vacation" school children - Alejandra Flores, Jacie Kimmons, Cody Blacklock, Cassie Perez, T.J. Basquez, Marcelo Martinez, Jose Rodriguez, Jonah Garza and Isaac Stern; and "A Winter's Tale" student director, DeAnna Hudson, and thespian actors Cade Mason as Mark Anthony, Brandon Carrell as Romeo, Veronica Zuniga as Juliet, Tavish Soto as King Lear, Chelci Hair, and Aspen

Also, in "Christmas Fiesta," matador, Fermin Rivera, Daniel Gonzales as the bull, solo by Deamor Garcia, and Cruz Alaniz, Monica Mendoza, Rebecca Horton, Melissa Whitehead, Ernesto Esparza, Serafin Lopez, Jacob Perez, Patrick McDougle, Destinee Wilson, Aaron Perez, Cody Pickett, John Eustace, Edgar Garcia, Adriana Gonzales and Denise Rodriquez.

Playing parts in "Surfin' the Web" were Janice Curtis, Miley McKee, Julie Boren, Joshua Curtis, Danny Martinez, Taylor Soto, Abe Klassen, Julian Gomez and Ashley Collazo as children on the computers; in "Santa Claus - Be There For Me," as children writing letters to Santa, K'Lenn Hair, Patricia Lopez, Fernanda Contreras, Travis Morris, Seth Babb, Shelby Odom, Dalton Holly, Vanessa Esparza, Caden Dean and Frank Klassen, and Michael Huffman

In "Holiday House Party," ballet dancers were Macie Clark, Torie Whisenant, Morgan Permenter, Macie Merritt; football players were Francisco Gonzales, Tylo Kirkpatrick, Aaron Macy, Brandon Soto, McLayne Hall, Paul Martinez and Vance Blair; Mariah Morales as the cafeteria worker; and Armando Martinez, Jordan Duran and Isaac Andrade as the scientists.

Skylar Jones has a solo in "Christmas With My Friends," followed by a reprise of "I Need a Christmas Vacation."

The following teachers, parents and businesses contributed to the success of the school musical: Mr. Self, Mrs. Marts, Mrs. Wright (video), Mrs. Cimental, Mrs. Pequeno, Kay Postell (programs), Terri Cash (pictures), Rosa Gonzales, Linda Coers, Bianca Carrell, Paul Perez, Staci Hadderton, Linda Chapa, Maria Gomez, Mrs. Morris (sound), Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Gribble, Mrs. Reece, Mr. Tatum, United Supermarkets and B&T Feed Stores

Post Notes

Fund established to benefit Baker

An account has been established at Citizens Bank for Martha Baker, Kindergarten teacher here in Post. Martha has battled cancer for several years and is now preparing for a bone marrow transplant at M.D. Anderson in Houston. Insurance will pay for medical expenses, but Martha will have to be in Houston for approximately three months after the transplant and will have to make monthly trips to Houston for a least a year after she returns home. Anyone interested in contributing to this account can do so at Citizens Bank.

Post Office extended hours

The Post Office will have extended holiday hours on Saturday, December 11 and Saturday, December 18 from 9 a.m. until noon.

Reception honoring Wyvonne Kennedy

The public is invited to attend a Retirement Reception honoring Wyvonne Kennedy for thirty-one years of dedicated service to the City of Post on Saturday, December 18 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Hotel

Toys for Tots under way

The Post Lions Club Toys for Tots campaign is in full swing, with unwrapped toys being collected at Cellular One. Both new and used toys in good condition are being accepted. Donations to the program also may be made at Cellular One or mailed to the Post Lions Club, c/o Toys for Tots at P. O. Box 644, Post, TX 79356. Checks should be made out to Toys for Tots. Contributions will be accepted until Christmas

Theatre presents "A Christmas Story"

Garza Theatre proudly presents "A Christmas Story" directed by Laura Bryan. Seven performances only beginning Decmeber 3-5, 10-11, & 17-18. Call for reservations at 495-4005. Box office hours are Monday-Friday from 12:30-5:00 p.m.

Bands to present Christmas concert

All bands, 5th grade through the "Pride of Post" will perform Christmas music in the Elementary auditorium on Thursday, December 16. The 5th and 6th grade bands start at 6:30 p.m., with middle school and high school beginning at 7 p.m. Come join us!

Church to present video

The Bethel Assembly of God Church is sponsoring "Christmas Human Video" on Saturday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Post Elementary auditorium, 211 W. 8th street. Goodie bags will be given out.

Elementary to dismiss early on Friday

The Post Elementary School will dismiss at 1 p.m. on Friday, December 17 for the Christmas holidays. Classes will resume on the regular schedule on Tuesday, January 4, 2005.

New subscriptions through Dec. 23

The Post Dispatch will donate \$10 to Toys for Tots for each \$30 new subscription.

Exchange student program seeks reps

ASSE International Student Exchange Program is looking for individuals interested in becoming area representatives. As an ASSE area representative, individuals provide opportunities for high school exchange students who want to experience the American way of life for either a school year or a semester and local youths interested in studying abroad. Area representatives receive training, are reimbursed for expenses and enjoy friendships with people from all over the world. For more information, call 409-745-2433 or 1-800-473-0696.

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.

Christmas Cantata at Grassland Church of the Nazarene The Grassland Church of the Nazarene will present its Christmas

Cantata "Celebrate the Gift!" Sunday, December 19 at 6 p.m. Soloist will be: Steve Mason, Brenda McCleskey, Rick Taylor, Jenni-

fer Crank and Pastor Dave Parker. Narration will be by Steve Mason. Refreshments will follow the service.

"A Christmas Story" stages final performances this weekend

Final performances of the Garza Theatre's "A Christmas Story" will be offered at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Directed by Laura Bryan, the play is based on the movie by the same name and "In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash." Cast members include Stan Tucker, Michael Porter, Laura Bryan, Lori Holt, Ryan Opton, Bill Woodward, Nolan Bryan, Grayson Young, Taylor Garland, Tanner Britton and Bethany Ratliff.

Tickets, available at the Garza Theatre box office, cost \$9 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-12.



Community Christmas Sing at First United Methodist Church

The Post Ministerial Alliance produced the annual Community Christmas Sing last Wednesday, December 8th in the First United Methodist Church. The event concluded with the traditional singing of 'Silent Night.' (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

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Grassland Church of the Nazarene announces holiday services

December 19th - Fourth Sunday of Advent 10: 45 AM Christmas: A Time for Joy Luke 2: 8-14

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December 24th Christmas Eve Candle light Service, 6:00 PM December 26th 5th Sunday of Advent 10:45 AM Christ-mas: A Time for Healing Matthew 1: 18-25 If you need a physical, emotions or spiritual touch, then this is the time for you.

December 31st Snak-N-Yak (Games, etc) and a Watch Night Service 8:00- Midnight

January 2nd "John Wesley Covenant Service" 10:45 This is a special service designed to aid in making and keeping your News Years Resolution with the end goal of 2005 being a better and more enjoyable year than 2004. Sunday AM Worship 10:45

Sunday School / Adult Bible Study 9:45

Wednesday Night Adult, Teen and Children Programs 7:PM Located 2 miles South of 380, half way between Post and Tahoka Transportation Available

City manager accepts TCMA presidency

Post City Manager Fred Stephens was recently tapped to serve as president of Region 2 of the Texas City Managers Association.

Stephens was elected as the association's July meeting and will serve in the post through June 2005.

The organization, also known as the West Texas City Managers Association, is comprised of city managers from communities in 40 West Texas counties. It is dedicated to dealing with up-to-date issues faced by West Texas residents and their local governing bodies.

Flanigan ears WBU degree

A Post resident was among students receiving diplomas from Wayland Baptist University in Lubbock during commencement exercises held Dec.

John N. Flanigan, son of Billy and Nancy Gordon of Post, received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in agribusiness, management and marketing.

A total of 65 students received diplomas during the ceremony.



The Texas A&M University System Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Curriculum Enrichment

Extension Agents Julie Dirks and Greg Jones teamed up with Jana Middleton of Texas Farm Bureau and Seth Redman from United Supermarket in Post to bring educational information to Post ISD 4th. and 5th. Grades on cotton and beef cattle production and their by-products. The Extension staff would like to thank Post ISD Elementary Principal Marvin Self, Vice-Principal Stacy Marts and the 4th. And 5th. Grade teachers for their cooperation. We would like to also thank Texas Farm Bureau and United Supermarket for their assistance with the program.

4-H Christmas Party

All 4-H members make plans to attend the county-wide Christmas Party December 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension office. A food drive/scavenger hunt will be held to gather non-perishable food items for needy families. 4-H'ers need to bring a personal grooming item (i.e. toothpaste, lotion, deodorant, soap) to be given to Ronald McDonald House.

Sheriff reports four arrests here

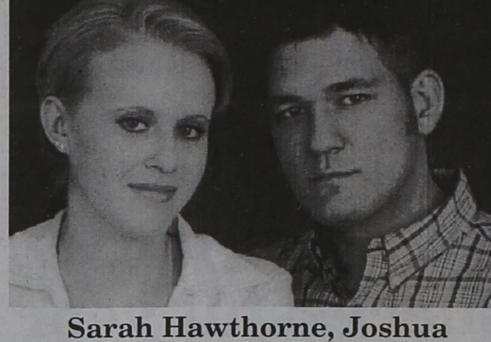
Four arrests were made during the past week, according to reports from the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

Those arrested included a 30-yearold for possession of a controlled substance; a 24-year-old, parole violation; a 40-year-old, assault; and a 20-year-old, possession of marijuana/under two ounces.

White River Lake Weekly Report

Dec. 13, 2004 Gauge reading: 2353.2 Feet below spillway: 19'3" Rise - 0 Rainfall (past week): .31" Rain to-date: 43.28" Rainfall since Dec. 1 — .40" Source: Mickey Rogers, WRMWD

general manager



Fumagalli announce engagement

Mark and Cindy Hawthorne of Tahoka have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Hawthorne, to Joshua Cole Fumagalli, son of Danny and Jenifer Fumagalli of Post.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Marlin and Diana Hawthorne and Dorothy Craig, all of Tahoka. A graduate of Tahoka High School and South Plains College, she will attend Texas Tech University in the spring where she plans to major in dentistry.

The prospective bridegroom, grandson of J.C. and Patsy Fumagalli of Langley, British Columbia, and Woodrow Bishop of Post, is a graduate of Post High School. He is employed by South Plains Community Action as a network administrator.

A March 5, 2005, wedding in the Tahoka First Baptist Church is planned.



Post Volunteer Fireman Tommy Basquez (left) was presented the Rookie of the Year award by Garza County Judge Giles W. Dalby at the recent annual Post Volunteer Fire Department banquet.



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Post Volunteer Fireman Jason Powell (left) was presented the Fireman of the Year award by Garza County Judge Giles W. Dalby at the recent annual Post Volunteer Fire Department banquet. New firemen Jeff Blaylock, Jay Waylon Strawn and Bryan Looney were also introduced at the event.

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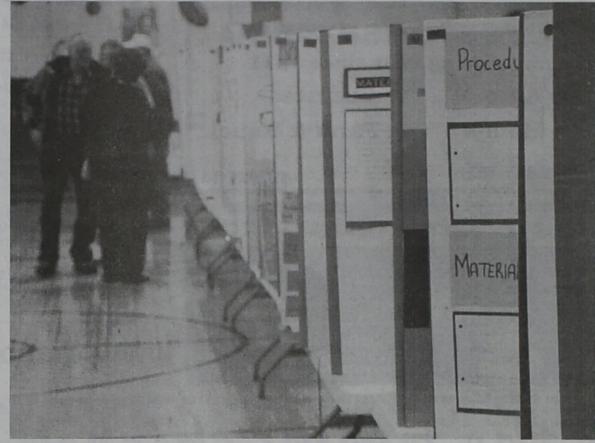
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Post Elementary students enjoy recent Thanksgiving feast

Melanie Morris demonstrates how to enjoy a good Thanksgiving feast along with students Aaron Macy (center) and Tylo Kirkpatrick (right). Also enjoying the festivities in the background is Jason Porter. (Photo by Kelly Macy)



Post Elementary students display science projects

Post Elementary students displayed their science projects last Thursday, December 9th in the elementary auditorium. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)



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Santa at Post VFW

Satna made his visit to the Post VFW last Saturday and h anded out goodies for children attending the event. Among those participating were (back row, left to right) Janet Ratliff, Terri Reese, Alva Shepherd, (middle row) Ashlee Gray, Santa (Bobby Smith), Autumn Locke, Tayhlor Gray and (front) Shelby Tunaitis. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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Services for Robert T. (Bob) Dickson, 79, were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2004, in the First United Methodist Church of Post with the Rev. Lloyd Stice officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery. He died Sunday, Dec. 12.

Born July 11, 1925, in Loving to William and Mary Dickson, he married Joy Petty on March 16, 1947. He was a World War II veteran, having served with the 313th Infantry in Europe from the D-Day campaign through France and Germany until the end of the war. A member of the Lubbock Scottish Rite Bodies for more than 50 years, he was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church.

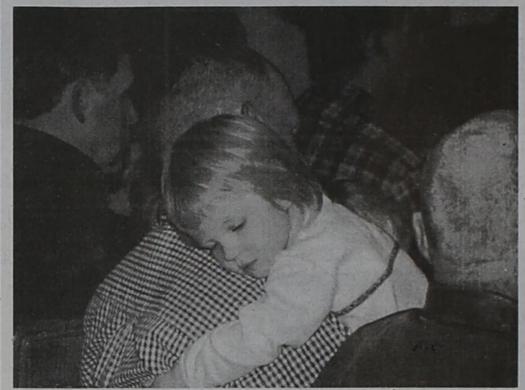
Survivors include his wife; two children, Bobby Dickson of Albuquerque, N,M., and Debra Redman of Post; five grandchildren, Jarett Dickson of Stephenville, Heather Dickson of Karnack and Christopher Redman, Jeffrey Redman and Seth Redman, all of Post; one great-grandchild, Bryce Redman; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Jarett Dickson, Seth Redman, Jeff Redman, Chris Redman, Bobby Blair and Russell Benham.

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Under the direction of Nancy Gordon, the students of the First Baptist Church School entertained a packed house with "A Penny in My Pocket" and "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ" during the Community Christmas Sing last Wednesday, December 8th in the First United **Methodist Church** (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)



Doug Flanigan enjoyed the Community Christmas Singlast Wednesday, December 8th, as his daughter Hattie rested peacefully against his shoulder during the singing of 'Silent Nicght.' (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

God Sends Gabriel To Mary...Luke 1:26-34

The three most significant events in the history of mankind were the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. According to God's word, the most important of these are his death and resurrection. These two events brought about the righteousness and new-birth that is available now. It is with this in mind that we dive into the wonderful records of Jesus Christ's early years. Starting with his. conception, the next series of articles will lay out the first two years of Jesus Christ's life. Luke 1:26-27, "And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary." In his book Jesus Christ Our Promised Seed, author Victor Paul Wierwille pinpointed the dates of many events related to Jesus Christ's early years. He calculated Gabriel's appearance to be on December 4th, 4 B.C. Later we will see how this date chronologically fits the date of Jesus' birth. Luke 1:28-30, "And the angel came in unto her, and said, 'Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou amount women.' And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be." In Genesis 3:15, God gave His word about the seed of the woman. Throughout the Old Testament there are many records of faithful and humble women of God. Yet only one had the meekness and humility to receive God's seed that would miraculously conceive His child. Not only would she receive His seed, but also she and Joseph would faithfully raise His son according to His will. Jesus Christ's faithful service toward His Father during his last year on earth was a result of his upbringing under his mom and stepfather. God chose the best of

all His people to raise His child. Luke 1:31-33, "And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." God revealed some very important information through Gabriel. He said that she would conceive in her womb, and that she would give birth to a son. God had no plans to break any of His laws of reproduction. He basically told her that He was going to plant seed in her that would give life to her egg. Since God is not a man, then He had to do it by a miracle. It should be noted that there was nothing miraculous about Jesus Christ's birth. He came out of his mother just like all other people. Mary fully understood the basic principle of conception. This is why she gave the following response in verse 34, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" She had not conceived by any man. Nor had she even been with any man. This was a reasonable question. In the next verse, Gabriel gave the perfect answer, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the son of God." The phrase "The Holy Ghost" refers to God Himself. The terms "come upon thee" and "overshadow thee" are used throughout the Old Testament to describe the man coming upon the woman with the intent to conceive a child in her. The angel spoke plainly with her, and used language that she would understand. Next week we will look at Mary's humble response to God's word.

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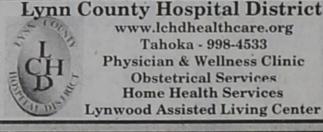
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many cases, it's difficult to find a college where per-student costs are under given to a representative sample of 700 college seniors, found that 25 percent \$20,000 each year. Most often, tuition doesn't measure the true cost because taxpayer and donor subsidies pay part of the expenses. While costs are rising, education quality is in precipitous decline, particularly at the undergraduate level. Part of the reason is the political climate on college campuses, where professors use their classrooms for proselytizing and indoctrination and teach classes that have little or no academic content. Let's look at some of it.

In a study to be published in Academic Questions, sociologist Charlotta 57 percent could not figure out how much change they should get back after Stern and economist Daniel Klein found in a random national sample of 1,678 university professors that Democratic professors outnumber Republican professors 3 to 1 in economics, 28 to 1 in sociology, and 30 to 1 in anthropology. As George Will said in his Washington Post column, "Academia, survey of seniors at the nation's top 55 liberal arts colleges and universities Stuck to the Left" (Nov. 28, 2004): "Many campuses are intellectual versions of one-party nations."

That strong campus leftist bias goes a long way to explain mindless university courses like: "Canine Cultural Studies" (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), "I Like Ike, But I Love Lucy" (Harvard), "History of Electronic Dance Music" (UCLA), "Rock and Roll" (University of Massachusetts) and "Hip-Hop: Beats, Rhyme and Culture" (George Mason University). There are many other examples documented by Accuracy in of political activism and academic fraud. There are a few universities where Academia (academia.org).

(NAS) to compare the general cultural knowledge of today's college seniors Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio, and others listed at the Web page to that of yesteryear's high school graduates. The questions for the survey were drawn from those asked by the Gallup organization in 1955 covering literature, music, science, geography and history. The results were reported in a NAS publication titled "Today's College Students and Yesteryear's High School Grads." It concludes that "Contemporary college seniors scored on average little or no higher than the high-school graduates of a half-century ago on a battery of 15 questions assessing general cultural knowledge."

College costs have risen dramatically over the last several decades. In A 1990 Gallup survey for the National Endowment of the Humanities, did not know that Columbus landed in the Western Hemisphere before the year 1500, 42 percent could not place the Civil War in the correct halfcentury, and 31 percent thought Reconstruction came after World War II.

> In 1993, a Department of Education survey found that, among college graduates, 50 percent of whites and more than 80 percent of blacks couldn't state in writing the argument made in a newspaper column or use a bus schedule to get on the right bus, 56 percent could not calculate the right tip, putting down \$3 to pay for a 60-cent bowl of soup and a \$1.95 sandwich, and over 90 percent could not use a calculator to find the cost of carpeting a room. But not to worry. The American Council of Trustees and Alumni's 1999 found that 98 percent could identify rap artist Snoop Doggy Dogg and Beavis and Butt-Head, but only 34 percent knew George Washington was the general at the battle of Yorktown.

Americans as donors and taxpayers have been exceedingly generous to our universities. Given our universities' gross betrayal of trust, Americans should rethink their generosity as well as rethink who serves on boards of trustees that, in dereliction of duty, permit universities to become hotbeds there's still integrity and academic honesty, and they don't cost an arm and AZogby survey was commissioned by the National Association of Scholars a leg. Among them are: Grove City College, Pa., Hillsdale College, Mich., of Young America's Foundation (www.yaf.org).

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Same ole, same ole big spending

by Wes Burnett

Last month at its regular meeting, the Garza County Hospital District Board of Directors agreed (without a vote) to spend tax funds to support an who use those services must pay enough to offset the subsidy. We'll have to intern in anticipation of the young doctor accepting a contract to work and rely on the accountants to figure out the difference, but it's a safe bet that live in Post.

In addition, board members present at the meeting voiced their strong from tax payers. approval of a proposal by Physician Network Services executive Paul Acreman for building a new clinic here. That is an important ingredient the hospital district. Let those who think this is a good idea step forward and necessary for retaining a new doctor, according to Acreman.

We wonder if they have forgotten the overwhelming vote of no-confidence forever pay against their will. that was cast not too long ago when a similar proposal was put on a ballot. Voters here slammed the door to building a new hospital, although it was touted by board members and "community leaders" that "everyone in this has the authority to call an election to dissolve the district. Maybe it's time community" wanted it.

Truth is, as it was in that vote against a new hospital, the great majority of people here have no interest in having their tax funds spent on building satisfy a purely socialist program. a new clinic. In fact, the proposal simply changes the name of "hospital" to "clinic." If the voters have a chance, the outcome will be the same as before. Likewise, the board pushed legislation to change its name from "hospital" district to "health care district." Names may change, but it doesn't fool most

Hospital district board members might be asking, "Why the opposition?" It is really quite simple. If these projects were to be paid through private funds, there would be no opposition. The fact that people are forced to pay against their will is, and will continue to be, the major source of opposition to these socialist projects funded by taxes.

Board members should take heed from Fred Howell, who before he became the states, such as occurred in California. a board member, insisted that assumptions be carefully studied before But he is really saying that medical oppression by an elite is better than medical making important decisions. That is especially good advice when spending oppression by the mob. Are those our only choices? Why must we have medical other people's money.

 $\textbf{Board members have made a fundamentally flawed assumption regarding} \quad \text{on the table shows how far our society has moved from its individualist foundations}.$ the district's purpose. They have assumed that they have the responsibility to provide health care for everyone in the county. That is a blatantly false assumption.

The district is responsible only for providing health care to qualified Garza County indigents. The district was established for that purpose, and that purpose alone. Organized and created under the authority of Article 9, Section 9 of the State of Texas Constitution, the district has no other mandate than to care for the indigent.

There are, on average, 12-18 people in this county declared as indigents year in and year out. With an annual budget of more than \$500,000, that's almost \$28,000 per each and every indigent in the district. Sound a bit governments. Back then, people saw their respective states as sovereign and never expensive? You bet it is.

The district's own records show that on average, less than \$100,000 is spent annually for indigent care. So, where is the rest of the money going? The excess is used to fund a socialized medical scheme, where local tax payers subsidize health care for the non-indigent among us. It is not only a waste of our tax funds, it borders on malfeasance. Why? Because tax funds may not be used to subsidize the health care of the non-indigent.

The district may allow non-indigents to use the clinic it operates, but those if the board held to the limits of its authority, there would be no opposition

If these grand schemes were privately funded, we'd be the first to applaud pay for it. But don't make the false assumption that you can force others to

If the board continues on its present course, there will be growing opposition. One answer is to settle the matter at the ballot box. The board to put it to a vote.

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States should end "drug war"

by Sheldon Richman

"Medicine by regulation is better than medicine by referendum." U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer said that during last week's arguments over the much-watched medical-marijuana case. Breyer, in other words, prefers that any change in the government's prohibition of marijuana use be accomplished by an Court's permissive attitude toward Congress and the Constitution's "commerce appeal to the federal drug-enforcement authorities rather than by a public vote in clause." Until recently, Congress could get away with passing any law as long as

oppression at all? Why not medicine by free individual choice? That this is not even

The case Ashcroft v. Raich has two dimensions, procedural and substantive, and it is important to consider them separately. People who approve of "medical marijuana" - that is, empowering doctors to prescribe pot to certain sick people - tend to favor letting the states partially nullify the federal drug ban. And people who disapprove of medical marijuana tend to favor having the federal government veto such state nullification. But a mix and match is coherent and even sensible. That is, one can oppose the federal government's effort to stop states from enacting medical-marijuana laws while also opposing those laws. I shall explain.

The Founders of the United States understood the threat to liberty from concentrated political power, so they tried to divide power not only among the three branches of the national government, but also between the national and state would have assented to a scheme in which the states became mere administrative subdivisions of the national government. As a result, the Congress was delegated a few defined powers (to use James Madison's term) and the states retained other powers by default. (See the Tenth Amendment.)

Unfortunately, the eminently sensible division of powers, called federalism but mislabeled "states' rights," acquired a bad name, primarily because of the violations of blacks' rights after the War between the States. (Before the war, the slave states The Post Dispatch, Thursday, December 16, 2004 Page 5

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Take your Christmas and stuff it

by Bill O'Reilly

"Christmas with the Kranks" is not only the name of a holiday movie this year, it is also a national trend. Once again, Christmas is under siege by the growing forces of secularism in America. Put these facts in your stocking:

□ - Federated Department Stores, which includes Mack, has suggested that managers avoid displaying "Merry Christmas" banners and have ordered employees not to talk about it.

□ — In Denvera church was banned from the "Festival of Lights" parade because it wanted a religious theme to its float.

☐— The Maplewood, N.J., school board has banned all religious music from "holiday" concerts. (Would somebody please tell me exactly what holiday

□-And New York City Mayor Bloomberg insists that the lighted tree outside City Hall is not a Christmas tree, it's a holiday tree. (What holiday,

Surveys show that more than 90 percent of Americans celebrate the federal holiday of Christmas, signed into law by President Grant in 1870. Despite that overwhelming number, the tradition of Christmas in America

continues to get hammered. The anti-Christmas forces say it's all about diversity, protecting the sensitivities of those Americans who get offended by the mere mention of the birth of Jesus. Somehow I haven't been able to locate any of these people;

folks who find a baby in a manger so off-putting it ruins their day. So the diversity excuse is a bunch of bull. What's really going on here is a well-organized movement to wipe out any display of organized religion from

the public arena. The secular-progressive movement understands very well that it is organized religion, most specifically Christianity and Judaism, that stands in the way of gay marriage, partial birth abortion, legalized narcotics, euthanasia, and many other secular causes. If religion can be de-emphasized in the USA, a brave new progressive society can be achieved.

It has happened in Canada. Once a traditional religious country, Canada has become like Holland in its embrace of the secular movement. Some facts: In 1980, 79 percent of Canadians said that religion was important to the country. That number has now fallen to 61 percent, according to an Environics Focus Canada poll.

In 1971, less than one percent of the Canadian population reported having no religion whatsoever; now that number has risen to 16 percent.

The fall of religion in Canada has corresponded to a change in public policy. Unlike Americans, Canadians have legalized gay marriage and any kind of abortion. Also, the age of consent for sex up north is just 14 years old. Can you imagine American adults being allowed to fool around with children that age? I can't.

Even drug legalization is close to being a reality as the city of Vancouver is developing a heroin giveaway policy and pot has been largely decriminalized across the country.

The Canadian model is what progressive Americans are shooting for, and, so, religion must be dealt with. Since Christmas is the most demonstrative display of organized religion, the strategy of minimizing the birth of Jesus makes perfect sense.

I know this sounds kind of conspiratorial, but it really isn't. Most of those marginalizing Christmas have no idea about the big picture I've just presented. They simply think they're looking out for the minority of Americans who don't celebrate the birth of Christ.

But committed secularists in the media, in the courts and in the education system, know exactly what's going on. And now so do you. Merry Christmas! Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Who's Looking Out For You?" To find out more about Bill O'Reilly, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com. This column originates on the Web site www.billoreilly.com.

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were not consistent advocates of states' rights; they self-righteously objected when northern states passed personal-liberty laws that in effect nullified the federal fugitive-slave act.)

Since the New Deal, federalism has essentially been abolished by the Supreme it claimed authority under that clause. That has begun to change. In recent years the Court has found two cases in which Congress's resort to the commerce clause was just too transparent to tolerate.

Now it has to contend with Raich and state medical marijuana. Here's the rub: most people who say they like federalism want no part of anything that looks like a loosening of the marijuana laws. And those who embrace medical marijuana dislike states' rights in most other cases. It's a topsy-turvy world! The indications at last week's Court session were that federalism will take a hit.

Here's what ought to happen: The Court should endorse federalism and stop the Bush administration from interfering with the states on medical marijuana. It should also recognize that the federal government has no constitutional authority to regulate drugs. It is worth recalling that the Constitution had to be amended before the federal government could prohibit alcohol in the 1920s. Why then has it been able to ban drugs without an amendment?

Once the feds are disarmed in the war on drug makers and consumers, the states should repeal their own laws against production, sale, and possession. All prescription laws should also be repealed. Then we will have real individual freedom and self-responsibility. Self-medication is as inalienable a right as selfeducation. Medical marijuana does not advance liberty. It only empowers doctors. The idea that government should decide whether marijuana is medicine or not and whether doctors should be permitted to give it to sick people ought to be

offensive to any self-responsible American. Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org) in Fairfax, Va., author of Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State, and editor of The Freeman magazine.

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The Drug War **Toll Mounts**

by Radley Balko

In Washington, D.C., a 27-year old quadriplegic is sentenced to ten days in jail for marijuana possession, where he dies under suspicious circumstances. In Florida, a wheelchair-bound multiple sclerosis patient now serves a 25-year prison sentence for using an out-ofstate doctor to obtain pain medication. And in Palestine, Texas, prosecutors arrest 72 people - all of them black and charge them with distributing crack cocaine. The scene bears a remarkable resemblance to a similar mass, mostlyblack drug bust in nearby Tulia five years ago.

These examples aren't exceptional. They're typical. America's drug war marches on, impervious to efficacy, justice, or absurdity. Drug prohibition was nowhere to be found in Election 2004. There was no mention of it in the debates, the conventions, or the endless cable news campaign coverage.

In some ways, that was a blessing. Campaign discussion of drug prohibition has too often focused on which candidate took what drugs when, and who was more sorry for having

While it's refreshing that we've moved beyond apologies, it's also true that under the laws many of today's politicians support, a kid who experiments with illicit drugs the same way many of them once did may not get the chance to finish school or go to college, much less run for political office.

The number of policymakers who've dared to question any aspect of the drug war could comfortably fit on the back of a pocket-sized edition of the Bill of Rights. This needs to change. America should reexamine its drug policy.

Today, federal and state governments spend between \$40 and \$60 billion per year to fight the war on drugs, about ten times the amount spent in 1980 and billions more to keep drug felons in jail. The U.S. now has more than 318,000 people behind bars for drug-related offenses, more than the total prison

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Our prison population has increased by 400 percent since 1980, while the general population has increased just 20 percent. America also now has the highest incarceration rate in the world - 732 of every 100,000 citizens are behind bars.

The drug war has wrought the zero tolerance mindset, asset forfeiture laws, mandatory minimum sentences, and countless exceptions to criminal defense and civil liberties protections. Some sociologists blame it for much of the plight of America's inner cities. Others point out that it has corrupted law enforcement, just as alcohol prohibition did in the 1920s.

On peripheral issues like medicinal marijuana and prescription painkillers, the drug war has treated chronically and terminally ill patients as junkies, and the doctors who treat them as common pushers. Drug war accoutrements, such as "no-knock" raids and searches, border patrols, black market turf wars and crossfire, and international interdiction efforts, have claimed untold numbers of innocent

For all that sacrifice, are we at least

Even by the government's own standards for success, the answer is unquestionably "no." The illicit drug trade is estimated to be worth \$50 billion today (\$400 billión worldwide), up from

\$1 billion 25 years ago. Annual surveys of high school seniors show heroin and marijuana are as available today as they were in 1975. Deaths from drug overdoses have doubled in the last 20

According to the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the price of of a gram of heroin has dropped by about 38 percent since 1981, while the purity of that gram has increased six-fold. The price of cocaine has dropped by 50 percent, while its purity has increased by 70 percent. Just recently, the ONDCP waged a public relations campaign against increasingly pure forms of marijuana coming in from Canada.

So despite all of the money we've spent and people we've imprisoned, despite the damage done to our cities and the integrity of our criminal justice system, despite the restrictions we've allowed on our civil liberties, despite the innocent lives lost and the needless suffering we've imposed on sick people and their doctors - despite all of this the drug trade isn't just thriving, it's growing. Illicit drugs are cheaper, more abundant, and of purer concentration than ever before.

Like alcohol prohibition before it, drug prohibition has failed, by every conceivable measure. Isn't it about time for America to take a hard look at its drug policy.

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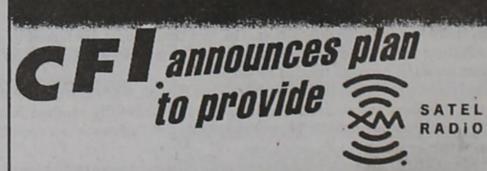
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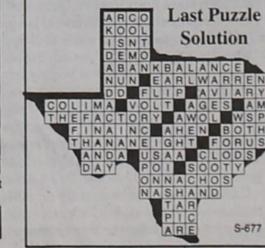
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has announced plans for a larger and

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10 Years Ago December 21, 1994

Post Middle School STAR members performed a special puppet for elementary school students in a drug prevention campaign this week. Puppeteers are Kevin Hart, Ryan Wulfjen, Clinton Curtis, Dianna Williams, Anaili Simental, Tim Pena, Miranda McClain, Raul Ortiz, Mandy Terry and Joey Cimintal.

Citizens Bank chairman E. W. Williams, Jr. and president Jeff D. Wilson have announced the promotion of Fred Myers and Ann Stelzer at the Post branch of Citizens Bank.

The children of the late Wes and Mollie Morris met last Sunday for dinner at the Chaparral Restaurant. Joining in the family gathering were from Post, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Morris, Juanita Peel from Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Morris and from Marion, S. C., Beatrice Dodson.

Navy Seaman Recruit Joey D. Cowley, son of Donnie and Debbie Cowley of Post, recently completed U. S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois.

20 Years Ago December 19, 1984

For What It's Worth: It seems as if Jay Lott, Mike Tatum and Rex Cash went off to go deer hunting and a successful hunt they had. They didn't bring a deer back as originally planned, but did bag a Wild Boar.

Inez Richie was named Extension Homemakers' Club Woman of the Year. Attending the event were Jewel White, Virginia Custer, Lucille Bush, Hooter Terry, Nona Lusk, Faye Payton, Henrietta Warren, Sue Maxey and Collen England.

Mrs. Bobby Cowdrey was winner of the Christmas arrangement given away at Maurine's Flower Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Don W. Collier of Arlington, announce the birth of their son, Don Wilson Collier Jr. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Collier of Post.

The Post Art Guild are now selling T-shirts. The quote on the shirt reads "Post, where it all began.". You can purchase the item at Glenda's Gallery.

30 Years Ago December 19, 1974

The singing group from the Post Future Farmers of America chapter walked off with first place in the talent contest at the annual Mesa District FFa banquet. Making up the group are Danny Guthrie, lead guitar and singer; Bruce Sanderson, rhythm guitar; Nan Hair drums and singer; and Wesley Redman, bass

Mrs. Alberta Martin of Post completed her free "five minute run" through the United Super Market last Saturday after winning the Garza County, Jaycees "Five Minutes in a Super Market" contest. She checked out with a \$123.57 tab.

On Christmas Day, the Holy Cross Catholic Church will hold its first services in its new church in the 200 block of West Main street across from the post office.

Kim Mitchell and Lorry Chapman are in charge of "recruiting" teenagers and animals for the 14th annual Teenagers Live Nativity Scene to be presented three times on Christmas Eve in the double carport of the Jim Cornish residence at 307 Osage.

40 Years Ago December 17, 1964

Post School Trustees elected Earl Chapman to fill the vacancy created last week by the resignation of Board President, E. R. (Buster) Moreland, who stepped down for health rea- Hughes; Third grade - Jackie Sue

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The 7th grade girl's basketball team played all three days of the December 9-11 Post Jr. High tournament on the championship side of the bracket. Their first game on Thursday of the Jim Cornish residence. Mary was a victory against Roosevelt. The score Ann Stone is scheduled to portray was close pretty much throughout the game Mary this year with Benny Owen as and Roosevelt started pulling ahead in the 4th quarter. The girls really fought hard in the Joseph. Other teen-agers in the cast last minute of the 4th quarter and ended up include Larry Osman, Pat Sullivan coming out on top. Branda Stevens led all and Buddy Howell, as wisemen, scorers with 8 points followed by Alex Miller Marcia Newby, Susan Ramsey, Lynn with 7 points. Alex Miller did a great job of Edwards as angels, Meredith Newby, executing our offense and got some great Teddy Scott and Tony Hutto as sheplooks at the basket. Final score: Post 15, herds, and Susan Cornish, Peggy Thorne, Linda Stephens and Dee

7th Grade Girl Take 4th

We played Floydada on Friday. We really struggled in this game. We were 1-12 at the free throw line and that really hurt us. We just complimented with a layette shower could not get our offense started and therefore, did not score a lot. Branda Stevens led all Jim Boren. Other hostesses were scorers with 8 points followed by Alex Miller Mmes. Douglas McWhirt, Bud & Kelly Chapa with 2 points each. Final Schlehuber, Riley Miller and Mason Score: Post 12, Floydada 33

In the third place game we played Slaton. Donnie Joe Hare, son of Mrs. Rosa It was a very physical game and I really thought we handled it very well. We struggled on our press offense and their press started to for a three-year tour of duty with the hurt us. Toni Wait had a good game for us offensively. We still did not do well at the free throw line and shot 2-12 from the line. Toni Wait led all scorers with 6 points followed by Branda Stevens with 5, Crystal Sanchez with 4, Danica Williams with 2 and Alex Miller with 1 point. Final score: Post 18,

8th Grade Girls at Post tourney Championship Game

by Kara Swindell

The 8th grade girls were very successful at the Post Jr High tournament last weekend weekend. We started off with a win against Meadow. This was a good win because it was Fourteen thousand square feet of the first win of the season. We really played well and the girls were playing hard. Shyra Perez had a great game offensively and led all scorers with 12 points followed by Gaby Gomez with 5 points and Haley Lester with 2 Miss Elfreda Buck and Wayne points. Final Score: Post 19, Meadow 10

Friday's game against Floydada was the Dec. 8 in the Central Baptist Church hardest fought game of the season. The girls came to play and played their hardest until the final buzzer. We led as much as 14 and ended up being ahead only 1 point with 9 seconds remaining in the 4th quarter. Sabrina Sanchez hit a key basket in the 4th quarter and then hit game winning free throws with 9 seconds remaining. I've never seen the girls so determined to win and determined to not settle for less. This win was huge and the girls deserved every bit of it. Shyra Perez led all scorers with 15 points followed by Shawnda Wiley with 6, Sabrina Sanchez with 4 and Jackie Slaugh, Haley Lester & Gaby Gomez all with 1 point each. Final score: Post 27, Floydada 22

of the church's building committee Saturday's game was the championship are Abel Castro, Gabriel Saldivar, game of the tournament against Tahoka. We Hermilo Martinez and Jesus Mohad just played them Monday and did not play very well. I felt we really started off strong and everything was working for us. We got down almost 10 points and seemed to never recover from it. The girls fought hard Advertising Ads: McCrary's Appliand I really appreciated it. They had an ance Company, Mason & Company, outstanding tournament and recieving 2nd Post Auto Supply, Bryant-Link Co., place was a great accomplishment for them. Shawnda Wiley shot the ball extremely well Post Produce, West Texas Gas and led all scorers with 14 points followed by Compay, Haws Dry Goods, Warren's Shyra Perez with 2 points. Final score: Post Drug Store, Pioneer Cookie Co., 15, Tahoka 40 Northside Grocery, Ideal Laundry, B.

Post Jr. High girls vs. Slaton

by Kara Swindell

The girl's gold teams were combined again for a game December 13 game because Slaton only had one team. We started off slow, but came back from being behind 7-2. It was a close game all the way to very end. We were tied 11-11 with one second to go and Slaton was shooting a free throw. Slaton got the rebound and shot it in to win 13-11. Alexandra Rodriguez led all scorers with 3 points followed by Kristen Leach & Valerie Moreno with 2 points each and Chelsey Sapp and Tianna Reyna with 1 point each. Final score: Post 11, Slaton 13

The 7th grade game was very physical and I thought we handled their press better than we did on Saturday during our tournament. I feel like we forced the ball too much to players that were not open. We tended to force the ball inside when we got it across half court when we needed to slow down and run an offense. Branda Stevens led all scorers with 6 points followed by Toni Wait with 3, and Alex Miller & Danica Williams with 2 points each. Final Score: Post 13, Slaton 27

8th Grade

Again, this was another physical game. Slaton runs the floor very well and we weren't able to stop them as much as we needed to. We had the shots at the basket, but it seemed like nothing was going in for us. We didn't run the offense as well as I thought we should and we were a little too timid on our press. Our inside game was lacking as well & that hurt us. The girls fought hard and I appreciated all of their effort until the very end. Shyra Perez led all scorers with 4 points followed by Gaby Gomez & Shawnda Wiley with 2 points each and Whitney Williams with 1 point. Final Score: Post 9, Slaton 28

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scored twelve points in the quarter. The Lady Lopes travelled to Denver Megan Hoover scored fourpoints in the

free throw by Laurel Tatum was all the 8 more points from the low post while scoring for the Lady Lopes in the first Laurel Tatum and Courtney Copeland quarter who trailed Denver City 4 - 6. added two points each from high post. In the second quarter the Lady Lopes Rachel Gray added two more points post game game to life with Nikki and Kirkpatrick a free throw as the Norman with the help of good passes Lady Lopes increased its lead to 35-22. In the fourth quarter Patricia Hester

scored 4 points from the high post while Norman and Tatum added two points each from low post. Kirkpatrick added two more off a fast break from a good pass from Gray. Gray added a free throw and the Lady Lopes win the game

The Lady Lopes improved their season record to 7-3 and their district 5AA

The Lady Lopes were led in scoring by Nikki Norman with 22 points. Rebounder leaders were Gray 7 and Norman 6. Assist leader was Kirkpatric with 7. Leading the team in steals were Tatum, Gray, Hoover, and Hester with 3

Lady Lopes fight for consolation at O'Donnel tourney

by Jerry White

play with a tought team from Garden 12, Rachel Gray 8, Sarah Kirkpatrick from Crosbyton. The Lady Lopes City. The game was close through 8, Courtney Copeland 6, Patricia were playing without their starting out but the Lady Lopes came up Hester 4, Ashley Wilson 3, and Laurel post player in Nikki Norman and a short in the end 56 - 60.

recorded 4 assists each.

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the 23 of 31 free throws made by Kirkpatrick, and Logan Gregory with while Lott, Gray, and Wilson had Garden City.

Tatum 2.

In the game the Lady Lopes made In the second round the Lady Lopes four three point goals, two by Sarah played Abernathy JV. The Lady Lopes Kirkpatrick, and one each by Meagan started their second team and won out and played for the team, but just Hoover and Ashley Wilson. Nikki the game 49-8. Scoring for the Lady Norman pulled down 12 rebounds, Lopes were Nikki Norman 10, Laurel while Jenee Lott pulled down 7 and Tatum 8, Asheley Wilson 7, Meagan Sarah Kirkpatrcik 5 rebounds. Hoover 5, Rachel Gray 4, Patricia Rachel Gray and Sarah Kirkpatrick Hester 4, Sarah Kirkpatrick 4, Logan Gregory 3, and Donae Dalby 2. Defensively Meagan Hoover had 5 Making a three point goal was Ashley steals while Logan Gregory had 4. Wilson. Leading rebounders were Ashley Wilson 6, Sarah Kirkpatricl Meagan Hoover and Nikki Norman Laurel Tatum 7 and Nikki Norman each sunk 2 of 2 free throws and as a 5. Leading with assists were Ashley team the Lady Lopes made 4 of 8 free Wilson 5 and Patricia Hester 3. Defensively with steals were Ashley The Lady Lopes could not evercome Wilson 4, and Nikki Norman, Sarah 8. Sarah Kirkpatrick had 3 steals 3 each.

Scoring for the Lady Lopes were In the consolation the game the point goal.

The Lady Lopes open tournament Meagan Hoover 13, Nikki Norman Lady Lopes faced a scrappy team reserve Logan Gregory who were taking college boards. Four other Lady Lopes were sick but toughed it could never really get it going.

> The Lady Lopes were once again or the short end of the free throw game making 8 of 15 while their opponen made 19 of 30. Top it off with cold shooting and the Lady Lopes lost 2! -45. Scoring for the Lady Lopes were 6, Rachel Gray 4, Meagan Hoover 4 Jenee Lott 2, Laurel Tatum 2, Dona Dalby 2, and Patricia Hester 2 Rebounding went to Jenee Lott witl each. Ashley Wilson made a thre



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