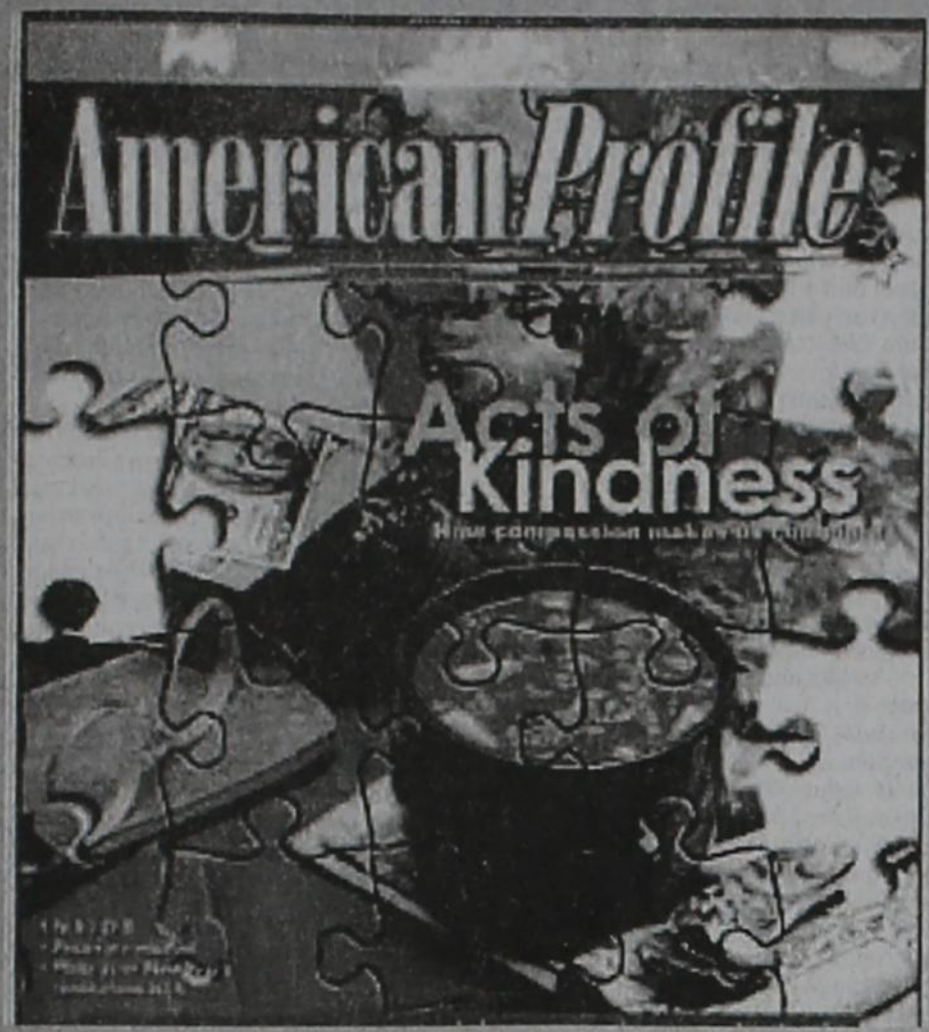


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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## The Post Dispatch

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### Big fee hikes expected at Lake Alan Henry

by Sheri Lewis  
As Lubbock city officials continue planning the growth and development of Lake Alan Henry, local residents who frequent the recreational area may soon see some new faces and new fees.  
Earlier this month it was announced that officers from the Lubbock Police Department will be dispatched to the lake during "peak" weekends -

spring break, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day - to help handle heavy crowds at the Lubbock-owned lake.  
More than 5,000 people visited the lake over the Memorial Day weekend, Garza County Judge Giles Dalby said. Local deputies were dispatched to help handle the overflow, and even EMS personnel were called out to di-

rect traffic.  
"We've tried to beef up at times, but it's been a struggle," Dalby said.  
Through a \$110,000-per-year contractual agreement with the City of Lubbock, Garza County has provided law enforcement for the lake area for the past couple of years. Three constables routinely serve the area, but Dalby said as the numbers of lake visitors continue to climb, additional law enforcement personnel are needed.  
Plans call for up to eight Lubbock law enforcement personnel to be utilized at Lake Alan Henry during peak times, the judge said. Additionally, City of Lubbock law enforcement equipment also may be made available.

In addition to reviewing the contract, the judge said Garza County officials might also be interested in addressing a City of Lubbock proposal calling for fee changes at Lake Alan Henry.  
According to a PowerPoint presentation presented to Lubbock city officials Dec. 12, Lubbock may soon revamp the lake use fee structure. Plans call for City of Lubbock residents, who already pay toward the Lake Alan Henry debt service through water fees, to receive a discount on lake use fees.  
Additionally, Lubbock officials are eyeing the use of vehicle-entry fees as opposed to individual entry fees, as well as the implementation of higher weekend rates.

According to the proposal, the vehicle-entry fee will be more attractive to large families planning to visit the lake, as well as more efficient to collect.  
Also, bumping weekend fees higher than weekday costs should help encourage more weekday visits to the lake while helping to generate additional revenues needed to cover increased staffing costs related to heavier weekend lake usage.  
The following rates are listed under the proposed fee structure included in the Dec. 12 presentation:

- Daily per vehicle fee — \$6 per weekday; \$8 per weekend (Lubbock residents); \$8 per weekday, \$14 per weekend (non-Lubbock residents).
- Daily boating fee — \$4 per weekday, \$6 per weekend (Lubbock residents); \$6 per weekday and \$10 per weekend (non-Lubbock residents).
- Daily camping fee — \$5 per weekday, \$8 per weekend (Lubbock residents); \$8 per weekday and \$12 per weekend (non-Lubbock residents).
- Annual vehicle fee — \$48 (Lubbock residents); \$96 (non-Lubbock residents).
- Annual boat stickers — \$32 (Lubbock residents); \$64 (non-Lubbock residents).
- A 50 percent discount on annual permits will be offered to Lubbock seniors, ages 60 and older.

Under the current fee structure, fees and costs include:  
• Daily use fee — \$3  
• Daily boating fee — \$2  
• Daily camping fee — \$5  
• Annual individual fee — \$25  
• Annual family fee — \$100  
• Annual boat sticker — \$10  
• Annual senior fee — \$20  
Although Dalby said he was not familiar with the specifics regarding the proposed fee changes, he did say he believes Garza County residents also should be afforded some sort of cost break.  
"I certainly intend to bring it up," he said.  
Lake Alan Henry, constructed almost a decade ago as a future water source for the City of Lubbock, lies primarily in Garza County.

### Post Notes

#### My Special Place enrollment

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

#### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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

#### Holiday Bells at OS Museum

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

#### Ronald McDonald grant requests sought

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

#### Jan. 3 next edition of Post Dispatch

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

### GCHCD directors consider choosing design builder

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

No board members expressed opposition to the closed meeting, apparently unaware that the Texas Open Meetings Act forbids the closing of meetings to the public except for considering purchase or sale of property, personnel matters or legal issues.

In other matters at the Thursday, December 19 meeting, board members were advised that officials with the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center have shown interest in conducting a community health assessment in Garza County.

According to interim administrator Tanya White, TTHSC representatives have requested a Texas Department of Health grant to fund the survey. If funded, the survey will attempt to identify any health problems

that might exist within the county.

Local officials will be apprised of the results of such a study, White said.

The board voted to support the effort, noting that the survey could prove beneficial to the overall well being of Garza County residents.

In other business, board members:

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

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

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

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

• Received a report on the county's indigent health care

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### City opens water project bids

Post city officials met last week to open bids relating to the municipal water project.

In a memo to the mayor and council members, City Manager Fred Stephens indicates the bid opening resulted in the following:

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

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

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

### Big benefit organized to help Mike Short family

A series of events designed to benefit the Mike Short family will be held Saturday, Jan. 18, at the VFW Hall in Post.

Barbecue plates will be sold beginning at 11 a.m. at a cost of \$5 each. Orders may be called in at 495-3785.

Also scheduled are a cake walk, a live auction and a raffle drawing for a .243 Savage rifle with scope and case.

Tickets for the rifle raffle are available from Tommy Reed at Ira Pump; Fred Stephens at City Hall; Wanda Mitchell at the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau; Charles Hardin at Wells Fargo; Fred Myers at Citizens Bank; Brady's; and The Caprock. The live auction will begin at 3 p.m.

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

Proceeds from all events will benefit Monique Figueroa and children.



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

### Post ISD sets two January meetings

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

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

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

Both sessions will be conducted in the administration office.

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# Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
I was wondering if you can get me a few things. So I'm going to put a list of them on here and you can pick some out. Well heres what I want for Christmas. 1. A skate board. 2. One of your reindeers or just a mood board unicorn. 3. Some tools to fix up my go-cart. 4. Some pink and blue diamonds. 5. Don't tell anyone but a dalmation puppy. 6. A remot controle motorcycle. 7. Not the least but not most a movie "that you got on a video camera" of you and all those people up there in the north pole. 8. Oh Im sorry I forgot to tell you the thing I've ever wanted a jewelry box with a real lock and 2 keys. If you can't get that give me a locket. Well that's all theres some cookies and milk rite there in the corner. Well I guess that's all got everything... good. Hope I get to see yah at my house, solong!

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

Dear Santa,  
I want a oven baker for Churmus. My surster had Ihes I want a keekey mushen for churmus. And I want a talking duck. For my mom I want to geve her a some ducks.  
Love, Jayta Whitehead

Dear Santa,  
I have dein a goind doy for you I hlop I git whot I whottid for crismis and I will jora my gifs for cris coming to tian and I wich you a mary crismis.

Jonathan  
Dear Santa,  
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Your Best Friend, Mario Ceja

Dear Santa,  
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Tanner Clark

Dear Santa,  
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Sincerely, Shawn

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

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

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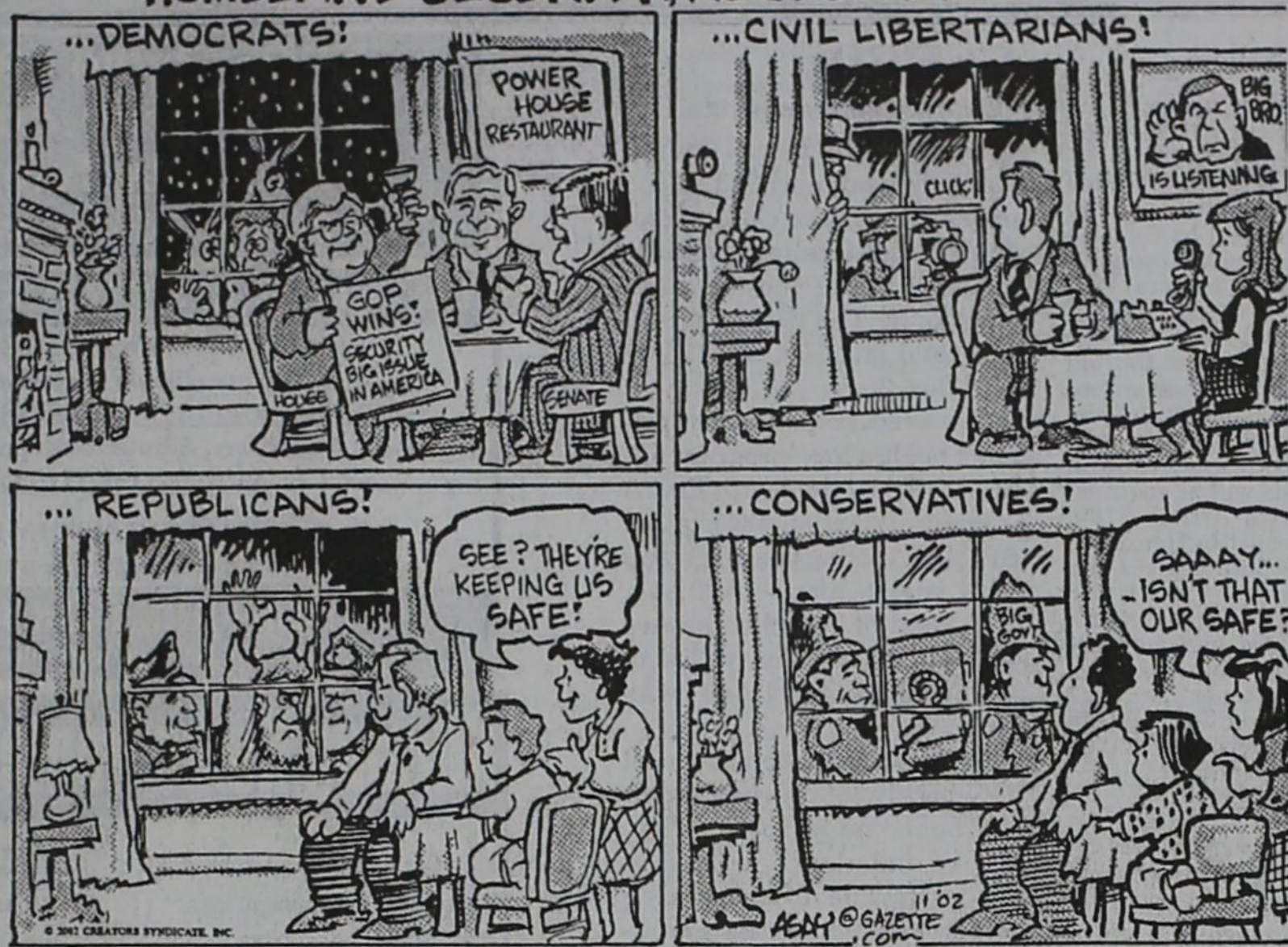
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# Opinions

## HOMELAND SECURITY, AS SEEN BY...



## And thereafter, double standards

by Walter E. Williams



During World War II, ex-Ku Klux Klansman, now U.S. senator, Robert Byrd vowed never to fight "with a Negro by my side. Rather I should die a thousand times, and see Old Glory trampled in the dirt never to rise again, than to see this beloved land of ours become degraded by race mongrels, a throwback to the blackest specimen from the wilds."

Just a couple of years ago, Byrd lectured us on the floor of the Senate that "there are white niggers. I've seen a lot of white niggers in my time." I wonder whether he was talking about whites who act like blacks. San Francisco's esteemed mayor Willie Brown once described a successful legislative battle this way: "We beat those old white boys fair and square."

Spike Lee said in disapproval of interracial marriages: "I give interracial couples a look. Daggers. They get uncomfortable when they see me on the street." The National Association of Black Social Workers drafted a position paper calling white adoptions of black children "cultural genocide."

They warned against "transculturation ... when one dominant culture overpowers and forces another culture to accept a foreign form of existence." Donna Brazile, Al Gore's presidential campaign manager, called Republicans "white boys" who seek to "exclude, denigrate and leave behind."

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

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

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

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

By the way, Fulbright was one of 19 senators who issued a statement titled, "The Southern Manifesto," condemning the 1954 Supreme Court decision of *Brown vs. Board of Education* and defending segregation.

That's a bit more recent than Thurmond's run for the White House. Does Clinton's praise of Fulbright mean that he supported "The Southern Manifesto," just as the assertion that Lott's praise of Thurmond means he supported Thurmond's segregationist stand in 1948?

If so, why not also condemn Clinton? I have several possible theories on the responses to Lott's rather stupid remarks — stupid in the context of our politically correct world. My first theory is that conservatives are held to higher standards of decency, conduct and decorum than liberals. In other words, it's like behavior that's tolerated in the case of children but ostracized when adults do the same thing.

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

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

To find out more about Walter Williams, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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## The Houston lesson...

by Bill O'Reilly



As usual, the media has missed the main point about Whitney Houston. The distressed diva's story is not that she is skinny, or drug-involved, or married to some loon. The importance of Ms. Houston's story is the impact that her life is having on her 9-year-old daughter.

In case you didn't see Ms. Houston making a fool of herself on national television, the highlights of the interview are these: She admitted abusing alcohol, pills, pot and cocaine. But she insisted no addiction was involved, she just had a "bad habit." She also reserves the right to get blasted in the future, and if you don't like it, well, tough.

Then, Whitney's husband, a singer named Bobby Brown, was called in from the bullpen and promptly told Diane Sawyer that he is bipolar and uses pot "every other day" to smooth himself out.

At this point, I was about to change the channel because I have seen dysfunctional adults before, and having them intrude on my leisure time is not a good thing. But then, Ms. Houston allowed her little daughter, who apparently had been listening to the whole pitiful interview, to sit before the camera. I was stunned. The poor child looked frightened and insecure. Was it the TV camera or just being in the same room with her nutty parents?

I went on television the next day and said I thought Whitney Houston's lifestyle and conduct could be seen as child abuse. I interviewed a few child-care experts, and they all agreed that a parent abusing drugs and alcohol in front of a child is committing abuse. They all agreed that becoming intoxicated in a place where little kids are living is damaging to children almost every time. And they all agreed on one more thing: That no action should be taken against Whitney Houston.

The experts hemmed and hawed, but the consensus was that Ms. Houston and her husband probably loved the little girl, and that was enough to override any emotional damage the child might sustain living in a home with two parents who embrace intoxication.

The child-care people pointed out that removing any kid from his or her parents is usually more traumatic for the child than continuing to live in a chaotic household.

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

and Human Services says that more than half a million American children are under the supervision of various states right now. The numbers are so great that social services systems cannot adequately monitor the children, and abuse in foster homes and state facilities is rampant. Child protection agencies are overwhelmed with violent abuse cases, so passive abuse like parental drug and alcohol involvement is often overlooked.

The result is that millions of American kids are growing up in homes where intoxication is on display. And those children are being harmed.

I know of an Irish-American family in Charlestown, Mass., just across the bridge from Boston, where a functioning alcoholic father and his saintly wife raised 12 children on a longshoreman's salary. This father carried a flask and a thirst every day of his life.

Nine out of the 12 kids grew up to become alcoholics. The pain those people endured and inflicted on others was enormous.

The only solution to this problem is a societal condemnation of parents who are substance abusers, but in America today, that is impossible. Just three days after Whitney Houston's embarrassing admissions, thousands turned out to cheer her in a New York performance.

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

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

Hillary Clinton was right, it does take a village to raise a child. But right now there are so many idiots in the village that is modern America, that many kids don't have a chance. Groove on that thought for a while, Whitney.

Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the new book "The No Spin Zone," in addition to last year's best-selling book "The O'Reilly Factor: The Good, the Bad, and the Completely Ridiculous."

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## Iraq, Iran, Sept. 11: A Chronology

by Jacob G. Hornberger

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

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

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

1981 — Iranian people release hostages to the United States.

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

Late 1980s — With U.S. government's support and assistance, Saddam uses U.S.-government-supplied chemical weapons against Iranian troops. See: *Officers Say U.S. Aided Iraq in War despite Use of Gas* by Patrick E. Tyler *Rumsfeld Key Player in Iraq Policy Shift* by Robert Windrem

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1993 — U.S. World Trade Center terrorist bomber cites death of Iraqi children as a motivating factor in bombing attack. See: *Religion Isn't Sole Motive of Terror* by John V. Parachini 1996 — Osama bin Laden turns against former partner U.S. government and declares war against United States, stating in part, "More than 600,000 Iraqi children have died due to lack of food and medicine and as a result of the unjustifiable aggression imposed on Iraq and its nation." See: *Bin Laden's Fatwa* (PBS)

1996 — U.S. government, through U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Madeleine Albright, announces that the deaths of half-a-million Iraqi children resulting from the military-economic blockade against Iraq have been "worth it." See: *Iraq Adds Its Weight to a Sad Day of Remembrance* by Robert Jensen

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### Letters....

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

The same Abraham Lincoln who ordered the arrest and imprisonment of newspaper editors and publishers who disagreed with his war, and ordered Federal troops to demolish their printing presses. The same "Honest Abe" who ordered troops to interfere with the election process in opposition Congressional districts, and who ordered the arrest and imprisonment of several dozen state legislators. The same brooding tyrant who went on to order the military arrest of a sitting member of Congress who was a war opponent, and then have him deported from the United States.

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

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

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



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

### GCHCD...

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

Received a report on the primary health care program administered by the South Plains Community Action Association (SPCAA). During the program's fiscal year, which ended Aug. 31, a total of 228 clients were served in Garza County. Cost of all services provided was \$107,270.

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

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

### Parent To Parent Helping Single Parents

by Rich Weiss  
(NAPS)—Help often comes when you need it most and expect it least.



There are ways single parents can find friendship and support.

When my wife told me she wanted to end our marriage, the news hit me very much by surprise.

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

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

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

I recommend PWP to any parent who has become single through separation, divorce, death of a spouse or simply never married. For more information, visit the Web site [www.parentswithoutpartners.org](http://www.parentswithoutpartners.org).

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

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# Sports

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



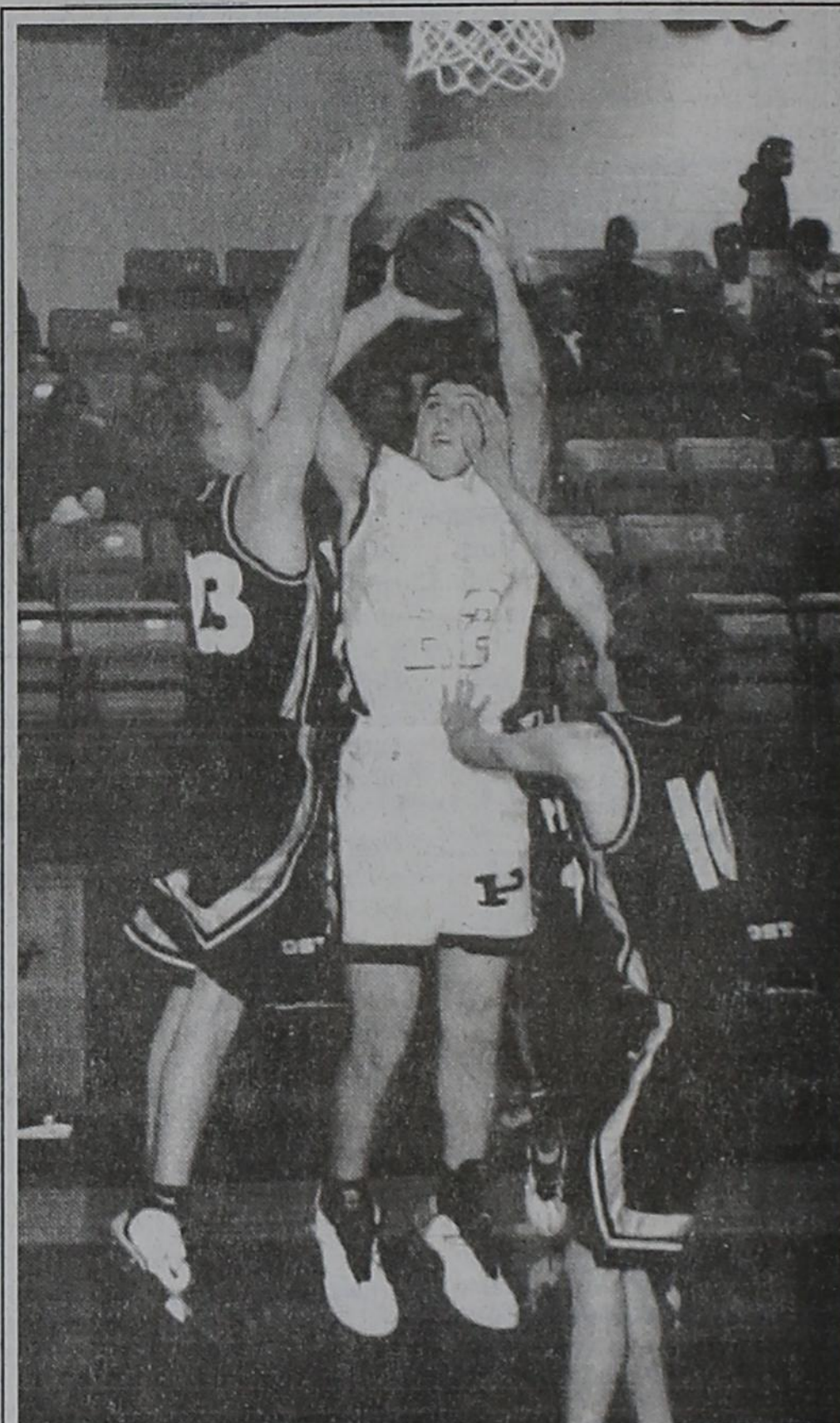
Jarrett Vickers puts the finishing touches on a two-pointer for the Post Antelopes in action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



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



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



Brice Easterling jumps over defenders to score another two pointer for the Post Antelopes in action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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from Wes, Pat, Michele, Sheri & Kerri

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

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

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

"This was a very hard-played game," the coach said. "The girls were behind at the end of the first quarter and really came back the rest of the game and played hard."

"Kylie Easterling had a great game offensively. She had some really good moves under the basket and ran the floor well. Steffi Norman had a very good defensive game. She came up with 4-5 steals in the game."

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

### New Deal trounces 7th grade girls

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

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

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

"After the break we have a tournament in Lubbock, so we will be working hard until then." Samantha Hoover was Post's leading scorer with six points. Lori Jones added three.

### Melinda Fannon earns honor at WT A&M

Melinda Fannon, a senior nursing major at West Texas A&M University, was one of 16 new members inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society Dec. 13 in the Mary Moody Northern Hall.

Sigma Theta Tau International is dedicated to improving the health of people worldwide by increasing the scientific base of nursing practice. Members are nursing scholars committed to the pursuit of excellence in clinical practice, education, research and leadership.

### PHS Bsktball Schedule

Dec. 26-28	Bold Gold Holiday Classic	VB, VG
Dec. 31	Abernathy @ Post	JVB, VB
Jan. 3	* New Deal @ New Deal	JVG, VG
Jan. 3	Anton @ Post	JVB, VB
Jan. 7	* Shallowater @ Shallowater	JVG, VG
Jan. 10	* Idalou @ Post	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 14	* Tahoka @ Tahoka	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 17	* Roosevelt @ Post	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 21	* New Deal @ Post	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 24	* Shallowater @ Post	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 28	* Idalou @ Idalou	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Feb. 4	* Roosevelt @ Roosevelt	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Feb. 7	* New Deal @ New Deal	JVB, VB
Feb. 11	* Shallowater @ Shallowater	JVB, VB

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