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## Post letters

### Scopes trial still relevant

DEAR EDITOR:  
Rich Fiegelman may worship at any altar he wishes, including evolutionary humanism, but he errs when he claims that the "Darwinian Evolutionary Theory...does not necessary contradict the teachings of the Old Testament."  
One does not have to be an expert Old Testament scholar to understand the plain sense of Gene-

sis chapters one through three. It is clear that God made the world we know, including all its life forms, in an instant of time. Of course, one does not have to believe this, but an honest person will at least acknowledge that this is what the Bible teaches.

For anyone to say that there is no contradiction between the Bibli-

cal account of creation and the evolutionary theory is just an admission of ignorance as to one or both accounts of the origin of man. Fiegelman might as well have said that Darwin taught creationism as to imply that the Bible might, after all, teach evolution.

in Fiegelman's postulation; absolute truth is compromised with fallible human wisdom to give us a palatable alternative to absolute responsibility.

God sits in His Heaven and laughs!

Your truly,  
Don Laity  
Bakersfield, CA 93309

It seems that all liberal thinking has this one fatal flaw so apparent

## It happened in Harrisburg

### Nurse task force set up

BY CARMEL SIRIANNI  
Special to The Post

Public hearings should begin in the near future as part of a study to address recruitment for the nursing profession and to keep nurses in the nursing field. There is a deep concern with the serious decline in the number of registered nurses in the nation. Between 1985 and 1986, the vacancy rate in United States hospitals doubled and there has been a documented decrease in enrollment in nursing programs.

The task force's staff has begun to gather data to provide to the task force and to prepare for the public hearings. Pennsylvania has not conducted a statewide survey of nursing manpower since 1981 and there is no statistical data solely in

regard to Pennsylvania which shows which specialty areas are in particular need of increased numbers of nurses. A plan is needed to meet changes in the health care delivery system which have created changing demands for nursing personnel.

Anyone in the 111th District with suggestions concerning this issue may forward them to my office in Harrisburg, I will pass them along to the task force. My address is P.O. Box 103, House of Representatives, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

Remember, the Primary Election is April 26. Please take the time to study the issues and the candidates and cast your vote. There is every reason to believe that many of the contests will be very close. You will regret it on the 27th if you did not vote on the 26th.

## Fiegelman says...

### A light should shine from every window

BY RICHARD FIEGELMAN  
Special to The Post

A light should shine from every window in the free world during the month of April to commemorate the millions of souls who lost their lives to the madness of the Third Reich during World War II. There have been dark periods of inquisition and imperialism throughout Man's violent past, but none ever orchestrated with the vile calculation of the Holocaust. Not only civilian Jews and Christians, and soldiers were killed during WWII, a part of the "Spirit of Man" vanished for the duration of this horrid pogrom of the European continent. Hitler and his henchmen, most degenerates of one sort or another, over a decade carried out the most terrifying torture of Mankind ever seen.

Germany in the early 1930's was ripe for Nazi ascension. Racked by depression and still bearing the guilt and bitterness of losing WWI, Germans of all walks were drawn to Hitler's captivating tirades. He promised a new Germany, one that would want for nothing, and in time would dominate the world. Hitler appealed to the intensely patriotic Wagnerian fantasies of these people, and through subversion and strong arm tactics became the defacto ruler of Germany in 1933. The world would lose its last vestige of innocence beginning that year.

Because of the acute depression (bread literally cost a wheelbarrow full of Deutschmarks) Hitler needed a scapegoat for his country's trauma. Who better to pick than the Jews? They had been pummeled around Europe for centuries. They were generally businessmen and intellectuals, so they made an excellent target for the common man to point his finger at. Once Hitler had the masses behind him, the fate of European Jewry was sealed.

Hitler and his cast of lunatics including Goebbels, Eichmann and Mengele, set in motion a systematic elimination of all Jews, political risks and sympathizers, which is unrivaled in history. The victims were told that they were being relocated to work camps where their needs would be taken care of. For many, herded like animals onto cattle cars, it would be their last ride on this Earth.

The Nazis constructed death camps at Auschwitz, Bergen-Belsen and Dachau, where millions suffered maniacal termination. Many were forced into large rooms under the auspices of getting disinfecting showers. Instead they writhed in mortal agony as Zyklon-B gas pellets emitted their fatal fumes through the shower heads. Children were forced to watch their parents murdered. After death, the bodies were desecrated by soldiers who tore gold fillings from teeth and rings from fingers. Many others were lynched, or machine-gunned into pits which they had dug themselves. Some were used in medical experimentation. The Nazis had a preoccupation with the phenomenon of twins. Because of this many prisoners had their genitals scarred or torn from them. Millions were incinerated in the infamous ovens of the concentration camps.

Yes, this really happened, and it should be confronted, and spoken about, and NEVER forgotten. Any society which has a spark of hate or prejudice is never immune to such despicable happenings.

Ever since childhood, I have asked myself and others, "How could this have gone on?" There are many reasons. Economic depression blinding a patriotic and prejudicial people, apathy and fear by those who disagree but dared not say so, a Pope who sat in the Vatican and said nothing though he knew exactly what was transpiring, the people of the U.S., who knew too little too late. In reality, at this point it doesn't matter how many shared fault, it only matters that it happened, and woe be to humanity should it ever occur again. This time we'll have nuclear showers.

Credit must be given to the brave souls in Holland, France, and other Nazi-occupied territories, who risked their lives to save these people who Hitler so desperately and depravedly sought to exterminate. These partisans who so despised the Nazis had the courage to hide entire families in closets or basements, and sacrifice their nations and in some cases their lives to defy this dictatorial arrogance.

When the Allies finally poured into Germany and Poland, they were revulsed by what they saw at the death camps. Skeletal spectres which barely resembled men and women. Ovens which would reek of seared flesh for years to come. Pits filled with thousands of bullet-riddled corpses. And of course they found Nazis groveling with denial. They should have put them right in the ovens so that they could hear their own agonized screams. Thankfully most of the leaders of the cancerous Reich received their just due.

America and the world must always remember this scar on history. We must not tolerate groups which attempt to perpetuate Nazi myths; those that say that the Holocaust never happened, and the fools that believe them. We must give no credence to supremacy groups, and given the chance should relegate them back to the sewers from which they originated. There is no place in a democracy for hate, or those who attempt to continue its ugly existence through fear. NEVER FORGET! See you next week...

## Off the top

### Calling all volunteers

BY DEBBY HIGGINS  
Post Editor

Recently, two gentlemen walked in The Dallas Post offices. They had come to pass along some information about the Jaycees and to invite the community to become aware of the existence of the organization.

After a brief conversation, they invited this writer to become a member of the Jaycees. The invitation was accepted with pleasure.

The volume of community projects groups like the Jaycees support and conduct is amazing.

Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis, Shriners, and other church and civic organizations fulfill a great community need. Their projects benefit the soup kitchen, senior citizens, homeless people, under-privileged, and handicapped groups and individuals, and a host of other worthwhile causes. And these projects go on year-round - no time off.

The men and women who make up these organizations come from all socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds. They unselfishly give of their time and efforts. The rewards they receive are the satisfaction and gratification from a job well done. They form a vital part of every community and we need their good works.

There is one collective group of involved people who desperately needs more members. This group is the ladies auxiliaries that represent the various volunteer fire companies in the Back Mountain.

Helen Franklin, of the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Company told this writer that her organization is seeking more women to help build up membership.

Helen said, "We need more members. It seems many women don't have time anymore for this type of thing."

The ladies auxiliaries form a terrific support group for the fire company as well as offer a community service.

There are no advertising gimmicks or membership drives that will urge people to get off their livingroom chairs and volunteer. A great desire to help the community in which one lives is the primary ingredient that motivates. Perhaps that ingredient is lacking in our contemporary fast-paced society.

But it's for certain, without these groups of concerned individuals, our communities will no longer be such nice places in which to live. Maybe we should all think about that.

## A note from the editor

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## Rooney speaks

### Don't call him Reverend

BY ANDY ROONEY  
Special to The Post

If the class will please come to order, today we'll take up the use of the word "reverend."

It appears now as though Jesse Jackson will be part of the American political scene for years to come and we might as well get his title right. According to every book on grammar that I can find, it is wrong, incorrect, ungrammatical and dumb to call Jesse Jackson "Reverend Jackson."

If you decide to use his ecclesiastical title just to stick it to him, as some people are doing, you may choose to continue using the somewhat comic "Reverend Jackson." If you mean it as a sign of respect, however, the proper form is "the Reverend Mr. Jackson" or "the Reverend Jesse Jackson." The word "reverend" is an adjective. It must be followed by either a title like "Mr." or by a first name or initials. Catholics call Pope John Paul "His Holiness Pope John Paul." They do not call him "Holiness John Paul," which would be something like calling Jesse Jackson "Reverend Jackson."

Many of the people who were enthralled by Mr. Jackson's oratorical ruffles and flourishes in his first life as a fire-and-brimstone Baptist preacher responded to his bombastic style with high hosannahs in church and popularized the tendency to call him "The Reverend" outside it. In some cases he was known simply as "The Rev." The term is popular with the people who call doctors "Doc."

The alarming thing about this now is that some network anchors and many of the reporters following Jesse Jackson's campaign have referred to him as "Reverend Jackson." This does not make it right. Most newspapers don't make

the mistake.

For homework today, I'll ask you to memorize the following excerpts on the subject from a wide variety of textbooks:

"Reverend is used as we use Honorable. That is, the article "the" is required and the title cannot stand immediately before a last name. Either the given name or initials must be used or some title of respect must take their place as in "The Reverend Edward Pusey or The Reverend Mr. Pusey." - Dictionary of Contemporary American Usage.

"Reverend is strictly speaking an adjective meaning deserving of reverence." - "American Usage and Style"

"To describe a clergyman as Reverend, Smith instead of The Reverend Mr. Smith is a common vulgarism, so common indeed that it may soon cease to deserve the description." - "Fowler's Modern English Usage"

"Reverend is not used without the first name or initials of the person to whom it refers. The abbreviation is used in newspaper and informal writing as Rev. James Shaw or Rev. J.T. Shaw. NOT: Rev. Shaw." - "Writer's Guide and Index to English"

"The Reverend Henry Brown; the Reverend Mr. Brown, never Reverend Brown or the Reverend Brown." - "A Manual of Style," The University of Chicago Press.

It's difficult to know where to draw the line when it comes to grammar. I'm not an expert, but I do use the language to make my living so it's always on my mind. The things that bother me most about misusing English are the things that confuse the meaning of something because they are illogical.

## The Post asks: "What's your remedy for the common cold"?



BETH MUSSOLINE

Beth Mussoline  
Student  
Hazleton  
"A vaporizer, Vicks and Sudafed."



MARIE KRITCHEN

Marie Kritchen  
Housewife  
Shavertown  
"Chicken soup and Tylenol."



PATRICIA ARLAND

Patricia Arland  
Church Secretary  
Shavertown  
"Lots of Vitamin C and keep on working."



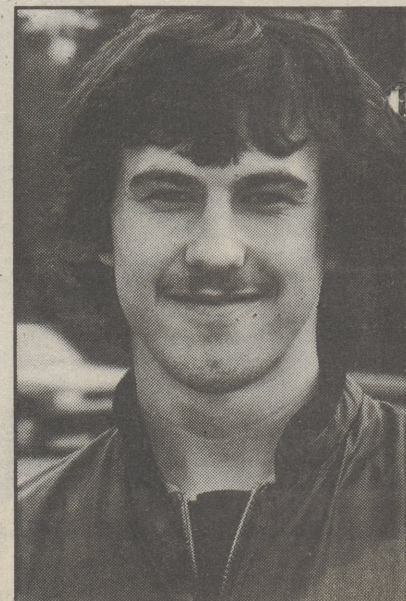
JAY VAN ORDER

Jay Van Orden  
Student  
Shavertown  
"Stay in bed and eat a lot of soup."



BRIAN MILLER

Brian Miller  
Student  
Shavertown  
"Don't go to school, stay in bed and watch TV and take Tylenol."



LARRY HUNLOCK

Larry Hunlock  
Dress Factory Operator  
Dallas  
"Take aspirin and rest."