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Wells Fargo Bank's Jana Bullard (right) presents a \$1,000 check to My Special Place director Jenifer Bartlett to help with child care services.

My Special Place gets Reese AFB day care building

A recent \$49,000 grant from the Texas Workforce Commission has put a spark in My Special Place through the purchase of the former Reese AFB day care center.

The building came to Post complete with supplies and equip-

ment. "This was a very special event for us," director Jenifer Bartlett emphasizes. "It gives the ability to serve more children and in a building designed for child care."

A lot of work still has to be done before the building can be used,

and a fund raising campaign is underway to support the completion of the project.

"We're not even real sure how much it's going to cost to get it ready for occupancy," Bartlett added, "but we know we need plumbing, privacy fence heating and air conditioning connections and inside painting and some repairs."

One estimate puts the additional cost at \$50,000. "We're accepting financial contributions of course," Bartlett said, "but we're also accepting help with materials and labor. If anyone is interested in helping, please me at 495-3446."

Wells Fargo Bank recently donated \$1,000 to the project. My Special Place serves 36 children, with 27 considered in economic disadvantaged category.

Post ISD election set May 4

Residents of the Post Independent School District will go to the polls May 4 to fill two open positions on the board of trustees.

During last week's regular monthly meeting of trustees, the board officially called for the school board election. Places to be filled in the May 4 polling will be those of Barbara Hardin, Place 6, and Mark Kirkpatrick, Place 7.

In other business, trustees: Received reports from the campus principals concerning the implementation of TAAS test strategies in their schools. The TAAS tests, administered in the spring, serve as the state's "measuring stick" to grade schools, according to Superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain.

Voted to change the school district's fiscal year to parallel that observed by the federal government. Bain said the school district has traditionally maintained a Sept. 1 to Aug. 31 fiscal year, but beginning this year will move to the July 1 through June 31 calendar used by the federal

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to develop a plan for the rewiring of the courthouse. A sum of \$15,000 was earmarked for the plan's development.

County Judge Giles Dalby said the complete rewiring of the courthouse could cost the county \$200,000 to \$300,000.

"We're already ... subject to a fire, overloading all those electrical circuits up here," Dalby said of the courthouse structure, which was constructed in 1923 and has seen numerous electrical additions over the years.

No timeline has been linked to the project, but Dalby predicted it would be a "long process."

In other business, the court:

- Created several new voting precincts and added extra voting boxes to coincide with the recent congressional redistricting that splits Garza County. The redistricting placed the northwest portion of the county in U.S. Rep. William M. Thornberry's district, while the remainder of the county has been shifted into the

district of U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm.

- Approved the county emergency management plan, updating it to conform to new statutes.

- Renewed the county's Texas Association of Counties membership.

- Asked that the county attorney create a policy for items and/or funds donated to the county.

- Authorized the advertising for bids for the sale of three vehicles.

Stock Show exhibitors net \$48,090 in annual sale

by Diane Graves

Eighty-five 4-H and FFA youth participating in the 38th Annual Garza County Jr. Livestock Show last week received a total of \$48,090 in premiums and prize money for the 2002 show.

Jeremy Bland exhibited the Grand Champion Steer which brought him a premium of \$775 from UAP Southwest. The Grand Champion Steer Buckle was sponsored by the Giles Dalby, Jr. family. Jeremy, the son of John and Shirley Bland, won with his Exotic Division 1st. place light-weight steer.

Chase Miller won the Reserve Grand Champion Steer plaque with his Exotic Breed Champion heavy-weight entry. Chase, the son of Guin and Charla Miller, received \$600 premium from Asco Rental and Central Bail Bond.

Bland also won Grand Champion in the Lamb Division with his Breed Champion heavy-weight Medium Wool. He received a \$750 premium from PLK, Inc. and Mark and Lisa Kirkpatrick. The Grand Champion buckle was sponsored by Cunningham Buckles and Jewelry.

D'Nae Johnson won Reserve Grand honors with her heavy-weight Southdown Breed Champion. D'Nae, the daughter of Michael and Tammy Bland, received a \$400 premium from Borden County Jr. Livestock Association.

For the second year in a row, Mitch Holly won the Traveling Finewool trophy with his breed champion Finewool lamb. He is the son of Mike and Dana Holly. The trophy is sponsored by Junior and Diane Stelzer.

In the Swine show, Dionn Heckaman won Grand Champion honors with her medium-light Cross Breed Champion hog. Dionn received a \$750 premium from United Supermarkets and the Swine Champion Buckle

sponsored by Stanley Transport. Dionn is the daughter of Bobby and Nita Jo Heckaman.

Brittney Bouldin won the Reserve Grand Champion plaque with her heavy-weight Duroc Breed Champion. Brittney, the daughter of Steve Miller and Beverly Mesker, received a pre-

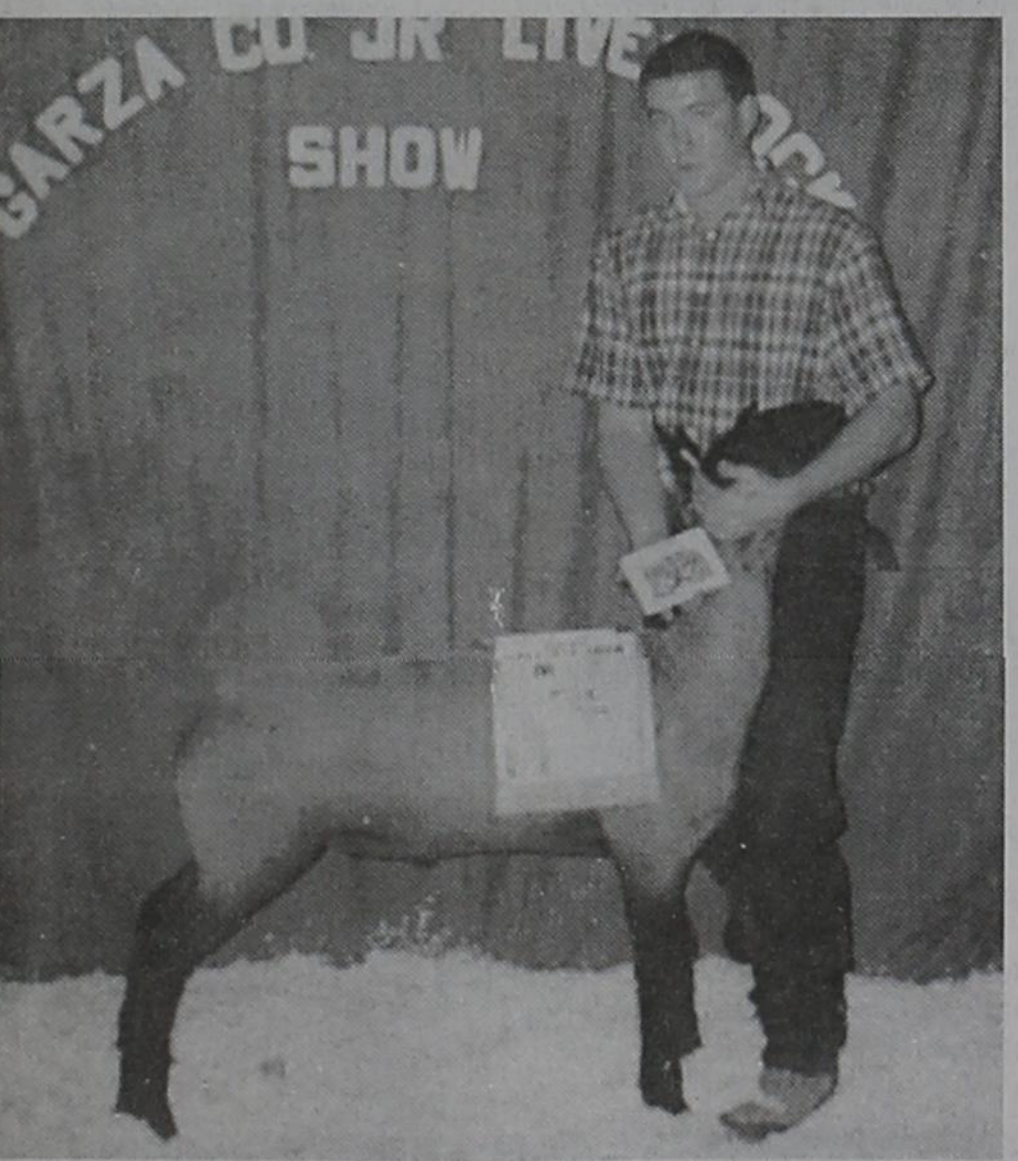
mium of \$400 from Citizens Bank and Excel Energy.

In the Goat Division, Ben Mason won the Grand Champion buckle sponsored by Brad and Penny Mason and Milton and Billy Williams. His 1st. Place medium-heavy weight brought

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Ben Mason took Grand Champion Goat at last week's annual Garza County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. H.C. Gribble was the breeder. (Photo by Roland Davis)



Jeremy Bland took Grand Champion Sheep with his Breed Champion Medium Wool at last week's annual Garza County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. (Photo by Roland Davis)



Dionn Heckaman captured the Grand Champion swine at last week's annual Garza County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. (Photo by Roland Davis)



Jeremy Bland showed the Grand Champion steer at last week's annual Garza County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. (Photo by Roland Davis)

Post Notes

VFW hosts dance

The Post VFW is hosting a DJ Karaoke dance Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight.

Church sets building fund raiser

The Church of God of Prophecy, 602 W. 14th St., is offering a taco plate Friday, January 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plates are \$5 each which include three tacos, rice, beans and salad. Call Lydia or Norma Soto at 495-3644.

Little Dribbler registration

The Post Little Dribblers organization is holding registration Saturday, January 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. and Saturday, January 26 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Wells Fargo community room. Registration is \$15 per child, payable at the time of registration. For more information call Robert or Julie Wilson at 495-2077.

Hamburger dinner

The youth of First United Methodist Church will host a Hamburger Dinner on Sunday, January 27 immediately following morning worship. Everyone is invited to enjoy char-grilled burgers, chips and homemade desserts for a donation to the youth. They are raising money for a Spring Break ski trip to New Mexico.

Barbara Reece scholarship fund

The Barbara Reece Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established with an account at Wells Fargo Bank in Post. The scholarship fund will be used toward the advanced education of a PHS graduating senior. Those interested in contributing to the scholarship fund should call Carol Short at 495-2804.

Free calling cards for armed services

The Post VFW Ladies' Auxiliary is offering free calling cards for active duty U.S. military personnel stationed within the borders of the United States. Call Lana at 495-2173 for more information.

SWCD takes orders for trees

The Garza County Soil and Water Conservation District is taking orders for windbreak trees. Producers may choose from a variety of evergreen (conifers) and hardwood tree species. Call Oneita Gunn at 495-2056, extension 30r visit the Natural Resources Conservation Service office at 210 West Main in Post. The office is open 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Pancake supper

The First United Methodist Church Youth Pancake Supper is set for Thursday, February 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. Participants will enjoy pancakes, sausage, juice and milk for a donation to support the Youth Spring Break ski trip.

Volunteer firemen chili supper

The Post Volunteer Fire Department annual "Chili Supper" is set for Saturday, February 9 at the fire station. Donations are accepted.

Grandma Brag Pages

Grandmothers are reminded that the annual "Grandma Brag Pages" will be published this year in the February 14 edition of The Post Dispatch. The deadline for photos is Friday, February 8. Entries may be dropped at the newspaper office at 123 E. Main. The cost is \$10 per photo, with a limit of two children in each photo. Larger sizes are available, see the ad in this week's edition. Please include names of grandchildren and grandparents and a phone number of submitter.

"Barefoot In The Park" at Garza Theatre

The Garza Theatre has 10 plays scheduled for 2002, opening with "Barefoot In The Park" on February 1. The play continues February 2, 3, 8, 9, 15 and 16. Call the box office at 495-4005 to reserve tickets.

Booster Club offers special calendar

The Post Antelope Booster Club is taking orders for 2002 calendars commemorating the 2001 Post Antelope football season. Each month will have a different photo at the top as a reminder of the great accomplishments by the team. The calendars are \$25 each and may be ordered by calling Larry Mills at 495-3726 before January 25.

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Picking up the 2001 "Willy Award" for best play at the Garza Theatre are "Anne of Green Gables" cast members (back row, left to right) Valerie Buresmith, C.J. Long, Kindyl Keeton, Jay Young, Amanda Workman, Stan Tucker, Kristin Thomas, (front) director Laura Bryan and Mitchell Britton.



Earning "Willy Awards" at this year's Garza Theatre annual Willy Award ceremony are (back row, left to right) Rob Holton, Jim Bocko, Patrick Jones, Matt Ladd, (front) Linda Ellis Somerville, Laura Bryan, Amanda Workman and Kristen Thomas.

Garza Theatre's Willy Awards recognizes talent

by Louella Bilberry

If you noticed all the cars at the bed and breakfast and the little theatre Friday night, we had a gala - we had a party!

The night began at the B&B. Emily Hataway, accompanied by Dedrick Street, sang the theme begun by Will McCrary years ago, "Life is a Caba-

ret." Good food, good punch, good other stuff, good visitin' and laughing followed.

We then all went to the theatre for the main attraction - the 16th Annual Willy Awards. Christy Morris thanked the Hotel Garza staff, Giles Dalby and Giles McCrary, Naomi Matsler and David Nichols for mak-

ing the Willy statuettes. She then introduced the outgoing theatre board of 2001.

Outgoing president Mitchell Britton announced the winner of the Best Program Design - Jim Bocko for "Ten Little Indians." The Best Set Design went to Morgan Mercer and Sam Hatchett for "Harvey."

Moving right along, Richard Whiting presented the Best Actress in a Cameo Role - Teresa McHam in "Anne of Green Gables." Anna Wilson presented the Willy for Best Actor in a Cameo Role to Patrick Jones in "Harvey."

Christy then announced the winners of the silent auction. She presented the Will McCrary Spirit Award for 2001 to Linda Ellis Somerville. Linda's name will be added to the plaque that hangs in the theatre lobby. Christy expressed her thanks

to Anthony Bunton and Naomi Matsler for their service to the little theatre.

Anthony presented the Willy for Best Actress in a Supporting Role to Kristen Thomas in "Anne of Green Gables." Christy presented the Willy for Best Actor in a Supporting Role to Matt Ladd in "Too Poor to Paint."

Anna Wilson entertained us with two songs - the last one was a "knock-out" - "Life is a Road" and I want to "Keep Going!"

Mitchell Britton introduced Jeff Conner to present the Best Actress in a Lead Role to Amanda Workman as Anne in Anne of Green Gables.

Mr. Britton introduced Valerie Buresmith who presented the Willy for Best Actor in a Lead Role to Rob Holton as Elwood P. Dowd in "Harvey."

Linda Somerville announced the "Best Play of 2001" as "Anne of Green Gables." All of the cast took a well-deserved bow!

Our thanks to all the people who help in any way, from being ushers to helping with the sets and to the ones who support us with their attendance at the plays.

Many new and exciting plans have and are being made for 2002. We had five plays last year, but plan to have 10 this year along with other attractions to be announced. We would love to see more Post people on the stage and in the audience.

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Congratulations to all our youth who participated in this year's Garza County Junior Livestock Show and Sale



Congratulations to our Senior Exhibitors (left to right) Jeremy Bland, Emily Smith, LaRinda Ledbetter, GCJLA vice president Milton Williams, Kelly Butler, Zach Ford and Clint Johnson. Looking to a bright future for our youth!



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Fort Worth Star Telegram features Post positives

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In recent weeks, two separate Fort Worth Star-Telegram columnists have put Post or a former Post resident in the spotlight. Polly Cravy's sister sent her a copy of Jack Z. Smith's column, "Hanging tough in West Texas," and Joyce Tatum brought to our attention Mary Rogers' "Out and About" column of Jan. 7. The following are excerpts from those columns.)

"Hanging tough in West Texas" (no date noted on newspaper clipping) - In some areas beyond Fort Worth, there's no new Central Market. They're doing well to keep their Dairy Queen....

"It Texas' small towns fade away, many residents of Fort Worth-Dallas and other metropolitan areas around the state will feel a nagging sense of loss. That's because many of Texas' big-city residents grew up in those small towns...."

Harper graduates at McMurry

Anne-Janett Harper of Post was one of 64 seniors who received their diplomas at McMurry University's commencement ceremonies Dec. 15 in Radford Auditorium, Abilene.

Harper received a degree in multidisciplinary studies III.

Commencement speaker was McMurry University alumnus Dr. Douglas Wofford, senior vice president for College Solutions, the online affiliate for the SAT College Board.

Seniors and their families participated in a baccalaureate service Dec. 14 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church with the university's chaplain, the Rev. Jim Wingert, delivering the message.

"But people shouldn't give up on rural West Texas just yet - at least not as long as communities such as Post and Sanderson are making valiant efforts to overcome adversity.

"On our West Texas trip, my wife and I spent the night in Post, the Garza County seat located 40 miles southeast of Lubbock. Post has suffered a 6.4 percent population loss in the last 20 years, despite aggressive efforts by community leaders who have lured some new employers there.

"But as I jogged down Post's main downtown street a week ago, I was impressed. Highly attractive landscaping has been added, a movie theater restored and an aged hotel turned into an attractive bed-and-breakfast. My wife and I enjoyed a tasty breakfast a few blocks away at a restaurant called George's, where nearly every table was taken. Post not only has friendly people - it also has a vibrancy that makes you feel it still will be around a century from now."

"Out and About" (Jan. 7, 2002) - "...Stockyards developer Holt Hickman and his wife, Jo, join Su-

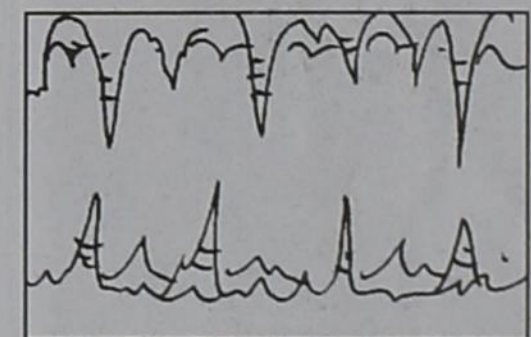
san and Bobby Kerr of Hico to install the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame in the historic horse and mule barns off Exchange Avenue.

"They've planned a big invitation-only dinner and induction for Friday, but this new museum comes with something of a twist.... This museum is meant to honor those individuals who have shown excellence in competition, business and support of rodeo and the western lifestyle in Texas."

"The list of former inductees includes not only Walt Garrison, but his wife, Debbie Garrison as well. R.E. Josey is on the list and so is Martha Josey."



U.S. Congressman Charles Stenholm (Democrat, Stamford) made a whirlwind visit through the newly aligned 17th Congressional District last week. In a visit at the Garza County Courthouse, Stenholm said that there are 37 counties in the new district. He cited the need for agricultural legislation as a high priority for congressional action. "The House has done its job, now it's up to the Senate," Stenholm emphasized.



Remember, stalactites hang down from the roof of a cave and stalagmites rise up from the floor of a cave.

Church on the Go has recently changed its name to ...

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Pastor Joey & Kathy Hamlin

We invite you to attend Family Harvest Church, a church whose name is also its mission - to reach the families of the world with the gospel message. The heart of God beats for people, and we believe we are doing our part to touch the people of the world.

God has an important plan for your life. If you are not experiencing His will in your life, or you do not currently have a church home, we will help you find your place in the Body of Christ.

Join us Sunday morning at 10 a.m. and Wednesday 7-8 p.m. for "Hour of Power" at 111 N. Avenue I

Special services for children of all ages, birth to sixth grade. Youth service Sunday 6-8 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. Experience the exciting services at Post's Family Harvest Church.



Stock Show results

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\$500 from Monsanto in the premium sale. Ben is the son of Ray and Celia Mason.

Chloe Mason's 2nd. Place medium-heavy weight won the Reserve Grand Champion Goat plaque and received a \$475 premium from Gra-

ham Co-op Gin and Hackberry Co-op Gin. She is the daughter of Brad and Penney Mason.

Russell Merritt claimed the Grand Champion buckle and a \$40 premium for exhibiting a heifer he had purchased with a Houston Heifer

Scramble Certificate last year. Russell is the son of Lanny and Desanne Fluitt.

The 38th Annual G.C.J.L.A. Show and Sale began on Wednesday afternoon with 26 steers, 1 heifer, 94 hogs, 41 goats and 40 lambs being weighed in. Exhibiting these 202 animals were 35 4-H'ers, 19 Post FFA members and 31 Southland FFA mem-

bers. Assisting the youth with these projects were David Farquhar, Southland FFA advisor, Post FFA advisors Perry Smith and Lance Dunn, and Greg Jones, Garza County Extension Agent-Agriculture

Also participating this year and stealing the show were 30 Pee-Wees, ages 8 and under, exhibiting goats. Gabriella Abraham, Bradley

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Randy Conner (right) presents the Rate of Gain Buckle and \$200 cash award to Kaylee Farquhar. The award and buckle were donated by Conner Herefords and HiPro Godbold Feeds.



GCJLA president Junior Stelzer (right) presents the Overall Sportsmanship Award to Clint Johnson. Cap Rock Telephone Company donated the award.



Larry Taylor (right) presents the Senior Goat Showmanship buckle to Russell Merritt, accepting for Shawn Merritt. The buckle was donated by South Plains Electric Cooperative.



Susan Boren (right) presents the Senior Sheep Showmanship buckle to Kelly Butler. The buckle was donated by Garza Lynn Co. Farm Bureau.



Susan Boren (right) presents the Senior Steer Showmanship buckle to Coby Jones. The buckle was donated by Garza Lynn Co. Farm Bureau.



Susan Boren (left) presents the Senior Swine Showmanship buckle to Dionn Heckaman. The buckle was donated by Garza Lynn Co. Farm Bureau.



Chloe Mason with her Reserve Champion Goat.



Senior exhibitors recognized at this year's stock show and sale are (left to right) Jeremy Bland, Emily Smith, LaRinda Ledbetter, GCJLA vice president Milton Williams making the presentation, Kelly Butler, Zach Ford and Clint Johnson.



D'Nae Johnson (right) with her Reserve Champion Southdown sheep.



D'Nae Johnson (right) with her Reserve Breed Champion Medium Wool sheep.



Kaylee Farquhar with her Reserve Breed Champion Finewool Cross sheep.



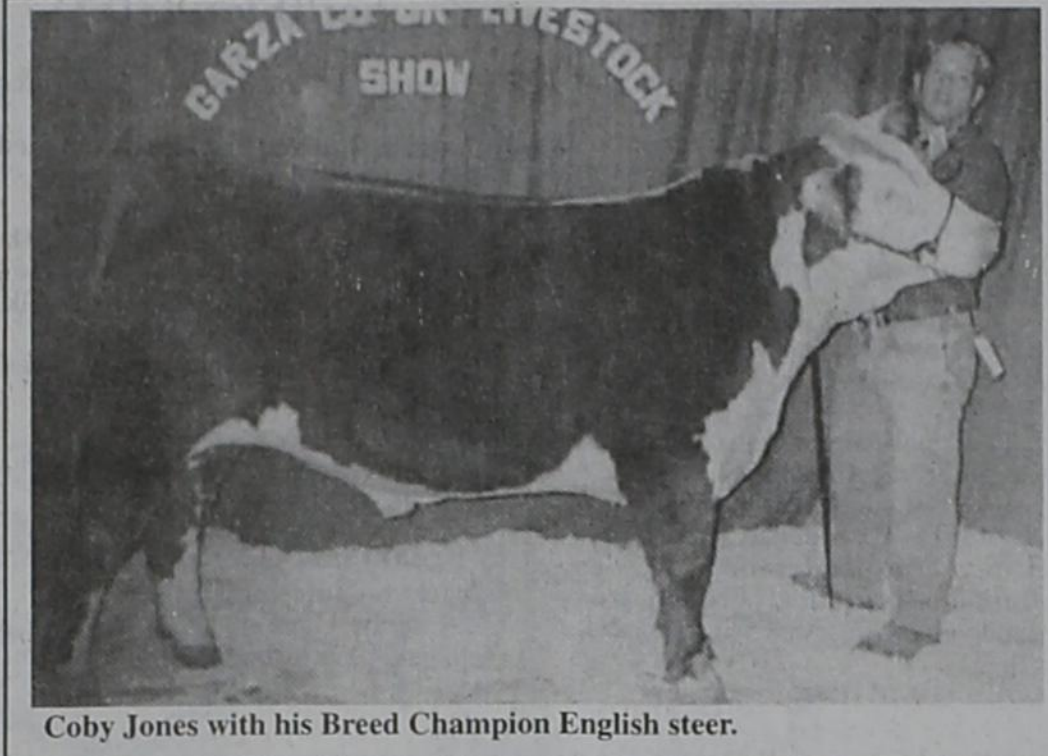
Mitch Holly (right) with his Breed Champion Sheep (finewool) Traveling Finewool Trophy.



Coby Jones with his Breed Champion Finewool Cross sheep.



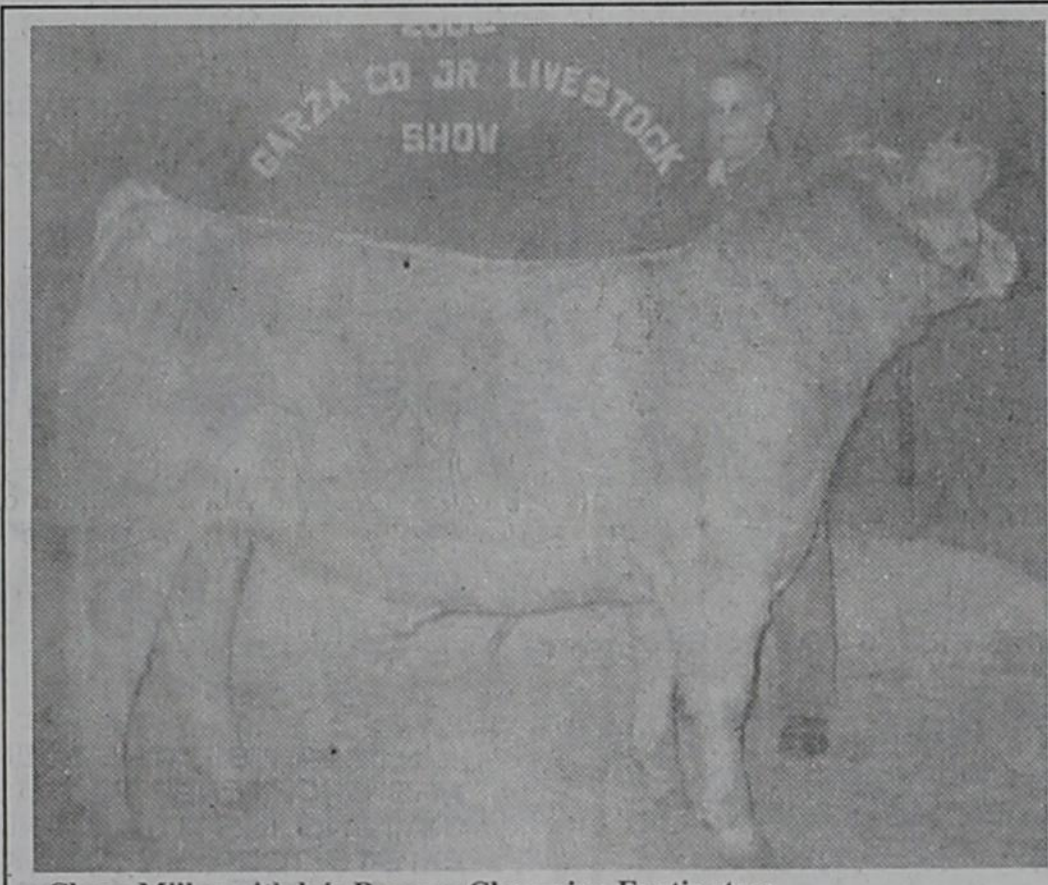
Coby Jones with his Breed Champion Finewool sheep.



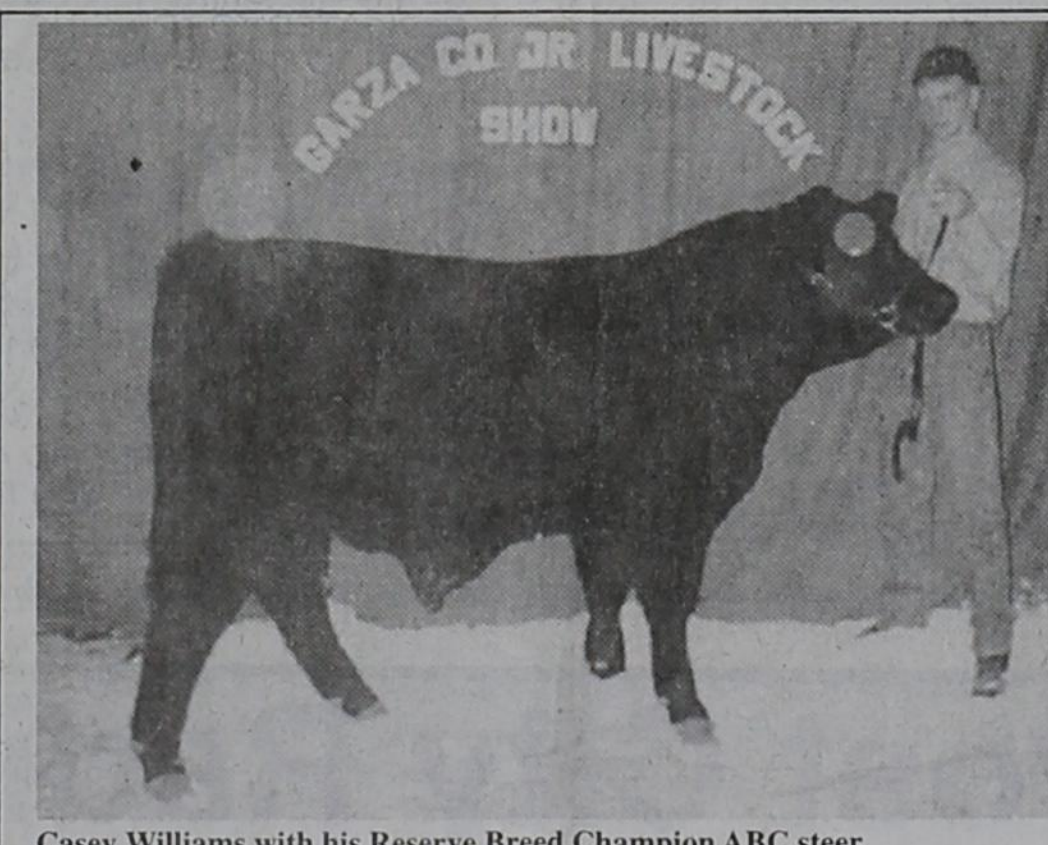
Coby Jones with his Breed Champion English steer.



Kaylee Farquhar with her Breed Champion ABC steer.



Chase Miller with his Reserve Champion Exotic steer.



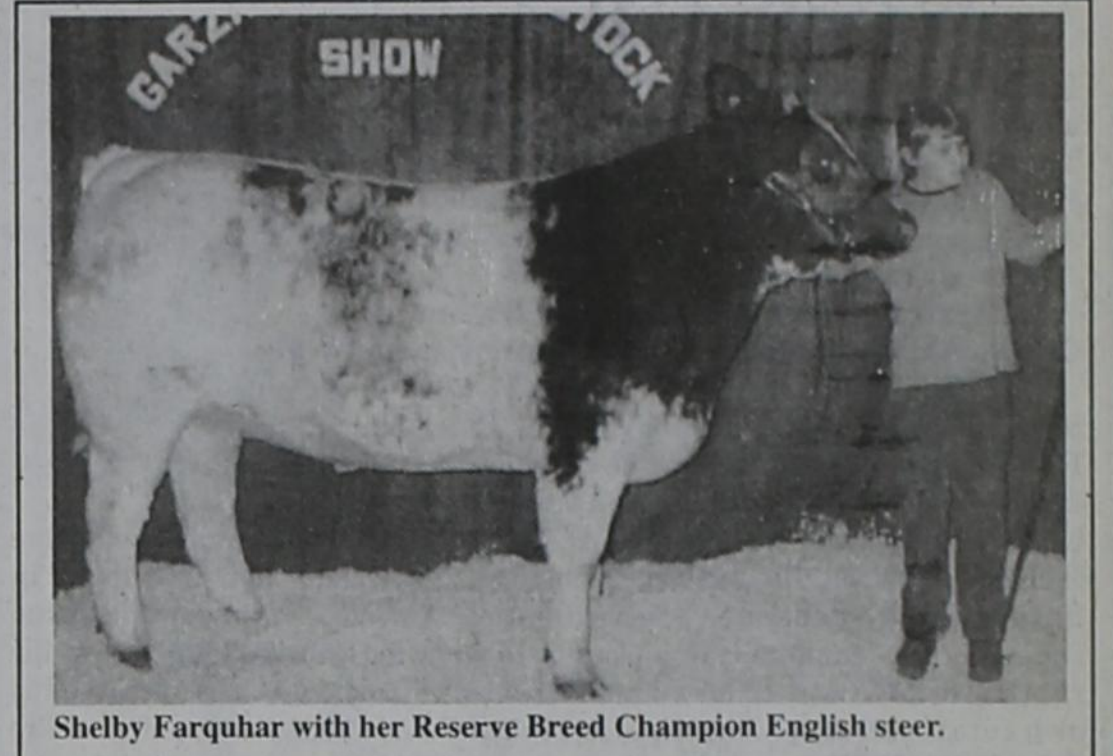
Casey Williams with his Reserve Breed Champion ABC steer.



Pee Wee showmanship recognition went to (back row, left to right) Kelbie Oden, Katie Colvin, Kaylei Schoonover, Callie Odom, Tyler Cowley, Matt Smith, Hayden Farquhar, Raegan Jeffrey, (front) Rhaeden Bland, Landon Greer, Morgan Lynch, Breea Daniell, Kade Smith, Lauren Lynch and Dallyn Ferguson.



Pee Wee showmanship recognition went to (back row, left to right) Travis Arguello, Gary Farquhar, Tristan Dunn, Sara Greer, Teraka Cowley, Taylor Osborn, (front) Bradley Benham, Mallory Arguello, Julie Boren and Gabriella Abraham.



Shelby Farquhar with her Reserve Breed Champion English steer.



Allison Blevins with her Reserve Breed Champion Hampshire swine.



Brooke Morris showed the Reserve Breed Champion Duroc swine.



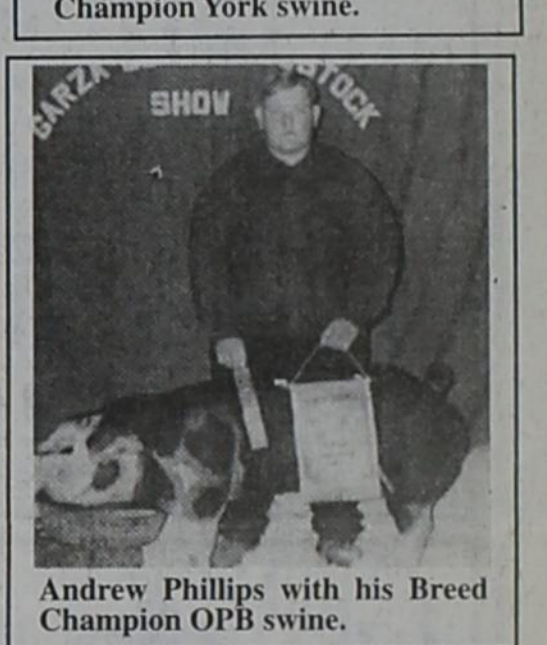
Fred Myers (right) presents the Junior Sheep Showmanship Buckle to D'Nae Johnson. The buckle was donated by CitizensBank.



Kaylee Farquhar with her Breed Champion York swine.



Fred Myers (left) presents the Junior Steer Showmanship Buckle to Shelby Farquhar. The buckle was donated by CitizensBank.



Andrew Phillips with his Breed Champion OPB swine.



Larry Taylor (left) presents the Junior Goat Showmanship Buckle to Pat Reiter. The buckle was donated by South Plains Electric Cooperative.



Allison Blevins with her Breed Champion Hampshire swine.



Fred Myers (left) presents the Junior Swine Showmanship Buckle to Kaylee Farquhar. The buckle was donated by CitizensBank.



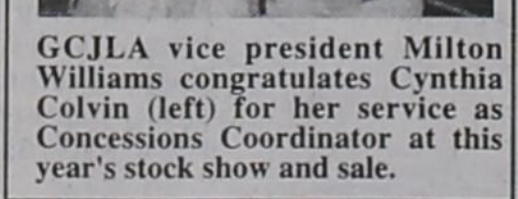
Bianca Abraham with her Reserve Breed Champion swine.



GCJLA vice president Milton Williams congratulates Cynthia Colvin (left) for her service as Concessions Coordinator at this year's stock show and sale.



Kayla Morris with her Reserve Breed Champion York swine.



Brittney Bouldin with her Reserve Champion Duroc swine.



J.D. Young with his Reserve Breed Champion OPB swine.

Stock Show Photos by Roland Davis

A good book is the best of friends, the same today and forever.

—Martin Farquhar Tupper

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Protecting Our Way of Life?

by Sheldon Richman

Even when responding to a monstrous and unjustifiable provocation such as September 11, the U.S. government threatens our liberty. We have much to fear from the power in Washington.

At least Osama bin Laden never says he has our interests at heart. We can't be lulled into trusting him. Not so with the U.S. government. It constantly tells us that it's acting in our best interests - even as it enacts legislation and executive orders that steal our freedom; even as "the people's representatives" give the president a blank check to make war that Napoleon would have envied. Thank you, President Bush and Congress, for putting another nail in the Constitution's coffin.

The most disturbing thing about all these professions of devotion to our "way of life" is that most people believe them. War is celebrated as the great unifier. Unity is a euphemism for "collectivism". Conservatives abhor peacetime collectivism but adore wartime collectivism. (Left liberals are onboard too.) They are all "kick ass" patriots now - they feel best about their country when it's dropping bombs somewhere.

A newspaper in the South with a conservative editorial line recently described how America has changed since September 11: "It has changed the way a great people changes when it wakes up from trivial pursuits and calmly, confidently begins to find its bearings, correct its mistakes, and keep its eye on the goal: victory."

Trivial pursuits? Excuse me, those would be our lives and families that writer was referring to. But then the private life becomes expendable whenever war fever seizes a nation. War is the great collectivizer - I mean "unifier". Makes one wonder what we're fighting for.

Too extreme a statement? Look at what has come out of Congress and the Oval Office in recent weeks. Our representatives passed a 300-page "anti-terrorism" bill - obscenely named the USA Patriot Act - without reading it! It expands the surveillance powers of government by orders of magnitude and lets government agents search our homes without our knowledge.

That same bill imposes new and intrusive obligations on every business in the country. It contains this little, underreported bombshell (Sec. 365): "Any person - (1) who is engaged in a trade or business; and (2) who, in the course of such trade or business, receives more than \$10,000 in coins or currency in 1 transaction (or 2 or more related transactions), shall file a report described in subsection (b) with respect to such transaction (or related transactions) with the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network at such time and in such manner as the [Treasury] Secretary may, by regulation, prescribe."

As the Boston Globe observed, "Three \$4,000 pieces of furniture, for example, might trigger a filing."

Extensive violations of our financial privacy were imposed, first, to ensure tax compliance, then to fight the war on drug users. They mostly involved banks and related institutions. (You can't take \$10,000 out of the country without telling the government.) Now the violations have been broadened to every business and consumer in the guise of fighting terrorism. Whatever happens, the power mongers win.

More than 500 people (noncitizens) are being detained indefinitely, in many cases incommunicado. Some of those who are permitted to see lawyers are denied private meetings with them. Do the public schools tell kids about habeas corpus?

And of course, the president has signed an order permitting noncitizens to be tried in secret military tribunals under rules of evidence and a standard of proof to be determined by - the secretary of defense. Someone could be executed under a standard weaker than the traditional "beyond a reasonable doubt" and with a less-than-unanimous verdict. Now there's confidence in the American way of life.

But all such concerns are to be blinked away in the wave of patriotic war fever that currently washes over America. The politicians - egged on by the cheerleaders of the news media - figure they can keep us too giddy with the rocket's red glare and bombs bursting in air to notice our liberties being sucked out of our lives, not by the terrorists, evil as they are, but by our government's reaction to them.

All in a day's work in the American Empire. It's a just war. Anything goes.

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org) in Fairfax, Va., and author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*.

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Opinions



And thereafter, Diversity

by Walter E. Williams

Diversity is simultaneously an important and contemptible term in today's climate of political correctness. According to Merriam Webster's Dictionary, diversity means: diverseness, multiteity, multifariousness, multiformity, multiplicity, variousness. Its related words are: difference, dissimilarity, distinction, divergence, divergency, unlikeness. Diversity's antonyms are: uniformity and identity.

Diversity implies toleration of differences among people no matter what that difference might be, including those differences that are racial, sexual, ideological or political. Diversity also implies a willingness to permit others who disagree with you to go their separate ways, and form institutions and groups among like-minded friends and associates. In the political arena, diversity implies decentralized decision-making power that in turn requires limited government.

What's called for and practiced by college administrators, courts and administrative agencies is anything but a defense of individual rights, freedom from conformity and a doctrine of live-and-let-live. Instead, diversity is an increasingly popular catchword for all kinds of conformity — conformity in ideas, actions and speech. It calls for re-education programs where diversity managers indoctrinate students, faculty members, employees, managers and executives on what's politically correct thinking.

Part of that lesson is non-judgmentalism, where one is taught that one lifestyle is just as worthy as another, or all cultures and their values are morally equivalent. I'm waiting for one of those multicultural/diversity idiots to tell us about the moral equivalency between Western and Taliban treatment of women.

Universities, corporations and government offices that do not hire, promote or admit the right number of minorities, women, disabled or other "protected" classes of Americans are seen as politically incorrect. As such, they risk exposure to heavy-handed Equal Employment Opportunity Commission enforcement actions, government and private lawsuits, loss of government grants and contracts, or loss of university accreditation.

Diversity is simply the old racism in a new guise, spiced up with a touch of sexism. Diversity is a call for race-conscious decisions in



hiring, promotion and college admittance policy. Diversity management success is measured by the numbers: How many minorities or women are employed, promoted or enrolled? Wrong numbers invite the wrath of the state.

At colleges, diversity doesn't mean political diversity. It is by no means unusual to find colleges where the bulk of the faculty — sometimes 80 percent or 90 percent — is registered Democrat. In some academic departments, such as philosophy, history and political science, it is by no means rare to find 100 percent of the faculty is registered Democrat.

Equal treatment, academic standards and meritocracy are the major casualties of the quest for diversity. In fact, equal treatment, academic standards and meritocracy can lead to charges of racism by the diversity elite. Being a 65-year-old, I can remember when blacks demanded that questions about race be removed from job or credit application forms. We said race was irrelevant and demanded color-blindness. In today's racial spoils system, racial designations are required.

What might true diversity look like on college campuses? Different colleges might pursue different policies with regard to race and sex. Some might have color- and sex-blind admittance and hiring policies, while others, at least at private colleges, might be race- and sex-conscious. Some colleges would have faculty members who are mostly liberal Democrats or conservative Republicans, as opposed to the current domination by liberal Democrats. There'd be free speech rather than speech codes.

Official racism, in the forms of quotas and preferences, has fallen out of public and political favor, and so has some of its agenda's coded words. Large corporations used to have their "urban affairs" office in charge of racial numbers. Later on, it was the corporate or university "affirmative action" office. Now it's the "equity" office, soon maybe to become the office for "diversity management." But racism is racism with or without a smiley face.

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Ending anachronism of racial labels

by Vin Suprynowicz

Martin Luther King, Jr., inspired a nation when he voiced his dream for a color-blind nation, a nation in which little children would be judged by the content of their characters, "not the color of their skin."

Today, another black man is attempting to move that agenda forward after a long national detour. Ward Connerly, the University of California regent who successfully battled to dismantle race- and gender-based preferences and set-asides in his state's college admissions programs in 1996, has now launched a petition drive to bar any state and local government agencies there from classifying people by race and then gathering race-based data about them.

The irony is that those who oppose Mr. Connerly's new initiative are not bullet-headed white racists with white hoods and firehoses, but rather many in today's "civil rights" establishment — big-government toadies and rent-seekers who argue that identifying people by race is necessary for the special quotas and set-asides which are the only way (they would argue) their particular, favorite minority groups can get ahead in life.

Though the measure would exempt police agencies who need to describe suspects by race, hospitals that might need racial and genetic data for research, and (since no one now dares invoke state supremacy under the 10th Amendment) federal programs which count people by skin color, many who would otherwise claim a share of Dr. King's mantle are obviously worried.

"My worry is that when you stop collecting data it becomes possible to sweep certain issues under the rug," protests Hugh P. Price, president and CEO of the National Urban League. "Without data, it would be difficult to keep track of minority children are doing academically, to keep track of discrimination in employment," and so forth.

But this exposes an essential fallacy. For such statistics prove virtually nothing. If a black child is subject to racial prejudice in the schools that's abominable. But — lacking systematic new Jim Crow laws, which are unimaginable — prejudice by its nature is something best discerned and demonstrated individually.

If the number of black or Hispanic children doing poorly in the schools is below average, that doesn't prove willful and systematic race-based discrimination against them, any more than a finding that Jewish or Asian children may be doing better in school demonstrates willful race-based prejudice on their behalf.

(In fact, efforts to water down the curriculum to "equalize outcomes" are themselves racist, if they end up lowering the bar on the theory that "challenged" minority students "can't succeed" if asked to read Shakespeare. Just ask Marva Collins of Chicago's Westside Prep.)

As black author and economist Thomas Sowell has exhaustively demonstrated, the fact that retail stores in many inner-city black

neighborhoods tend to be owned by Lebanese or Koreans — or that merchants in East Africa tend to be East Indian — has far more to do with vocation and cultural tradition than with prejudice. Such "disparities of outcome," far from being suspicious, seem to be a rule of nature.

Otherwise, where are the federal racial quota police to investigate the obvious conspiracy against short white men (not to mention women) when it comes time to hire NBA forwards and NFL wide receivers?

"We don't ask people what religion they are, what their party affiliation is or what their sexual orientation is," points out Mr. Connerly. "So why is it critical to ask about race?"

Interestingly enough, Mr. Connerly's proposal seems to be striking a chord with the Golden State's multiracial community. They — like golfer Tiger Woods, who claims Asian as well as European and African ancestors — are left scratching their heads by government forms which anachronistically insist they choose only one grandparent when identifying themselves by "race."

Visitors from other cultures find this Anglo-Saxon fixation on racial labeling equally strange. Iranian immigrants report with a mixture of humor and dismay that — en route to settling in America — they have found their respective government ID cards describing them as "black" while resident in England, "Asian" while living in Canada, and finally "white" upon crossing Niagara Falls. When a Singaporean newspaper reporter of mixed English, Chinese and Filipina heritage earnestly asked what box to check under "race" when applying for her Arizona press pass in Phoenix, recently, the sheriff's clerk took one look at her and told her to check "Hispanic" — the one race with which the reporter was pretty sure she shared no ties whatever.

Mr. Connerly needs 700,000 valid signatures to put his measure on the California ballot next November. It's about time.

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 "When great changes occur in history, when great principles are involved, as a rule the majority are wrong. The minority are right." — Eugene V. Debs (1855-1926)

"The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed — and thus clamorous to be led to safety — by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary." — H.L. Mencken

Sports

Lady Lopes on a roll

The Post Lady Love varsity basketball team is on a roll, whipping New Deal last Tuesday and taking a big win at Idalou last Friday.

"The girls are playing good basketball and great defense," coach Ron Taylor emphasizes. "They are doing what it takes to win."

"Every player is contributing," he added, "and I'm especially proud of our reserves, they go in and make things happen."

In the New Deal win Emily Smith led the team with 14 points, followed by Kelly Moore with 10. Manuela Hernandez got seven,

Nikki Norman scored five, Meranda Hernandez got two and Meagan Mills scored one.

In the 35-25 win at Idalou, Hernandez led with 12 points, followed by Smith with 11, Norman with eight and four by Moore. "It was a classic defensive struggle," Taylor said.

The team hosted Ralls Tuesday, then heads over to Sundown Friday night. Those who can't make it to the Friday night games can get live reports on Post City Radio, beginning at approximately 6:25 p.m.

Antelopes take charge on the court

"I believe that game against New Deal was the best basketball game any team has played since I came here," Post Antelope varsity coach Dane Vickers said about the 64-50 win over the Lions here on January 15.

Jarrett Vickers had 20 rebounds, Brody Robertson had 13 points, eight rebounds and eight assists. Michael Huff shot 10 of 17 from the floor and Robertson hit five of six.

Coach Vickers also praised the team for its double overtime win at Idalou last Friday. "We expected that kind of game," he said, "but great defensive teams." The Antelopes shot well and played good defense, "Plus we hit our free throws," Vickers added.

The team aims for a 66 percent free throw, at Idalou it was 73 percent. "When you're in a close game, those free throws make a big difference," Vickers added. He emphasized that the players put a lot of time in free throw practice. The Lopes took a 49-42 win at Idalou in double overtime.

"We thought we were going to shut it down in regular play, but they got one last second chance, knotting the game at 39-39. First four minute overtime ended with a 42-42 tie. Down the stretch in the second overtime Idalou fouled Huff, who answered each foul with two points, increasing the Antelope lead.

In the New Deal contest Huff led the team with 24 points, followed by Vickers with 20. Robertson scored 13, Mitchell Mills and Kenny Ratke got three each and Jett Lott scored one.

Scoring in the Idalou game included Vickers with 17, Huff, 14; Mills, six; Robertson, five; Ratke, three and two each by Lott and Brice Easterling.

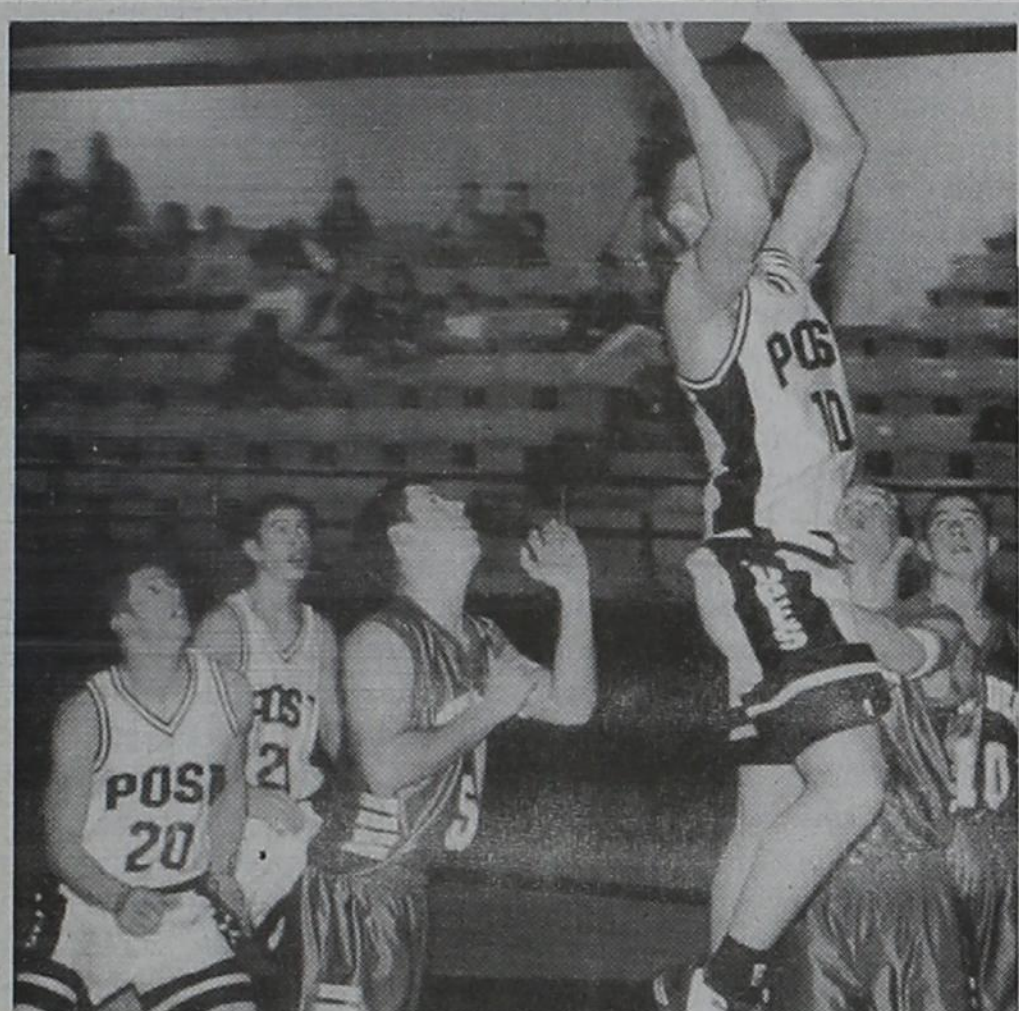
Going into Tuesdays game against Ralls, the 'Lopes were 2-1 in District play, just trailing Sundown at 3-0. Tahoka is 2-1, Idalou and New Deal 1-2 and Ralls sits at 0-3.

"Don't be fooled by Ralls," Vickers said, "they've been just a few points away from winning every game."

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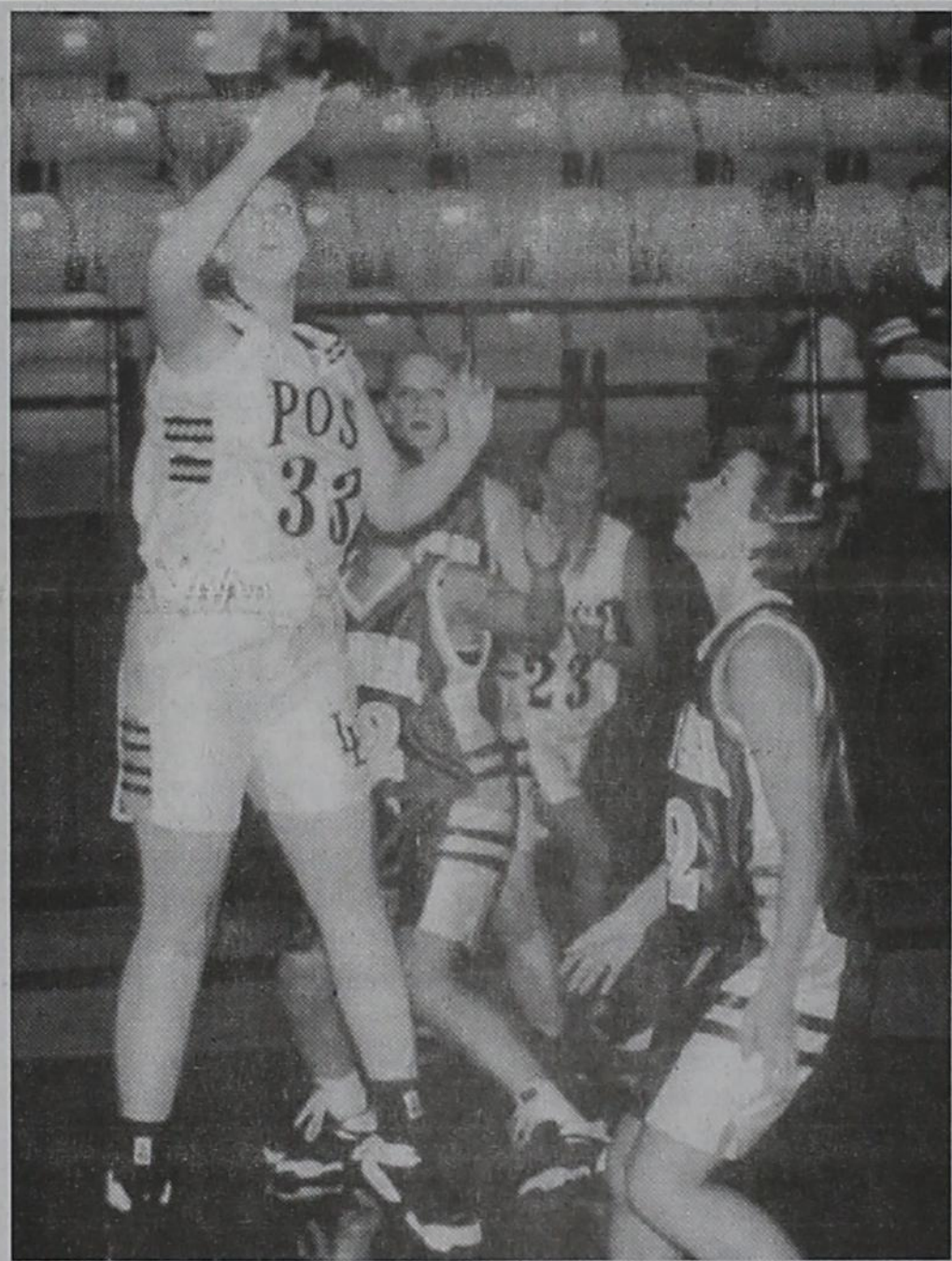
Kelly Moore (21) gets past New Deal defenders last week to put another two points on the board for the Lady Lopes (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



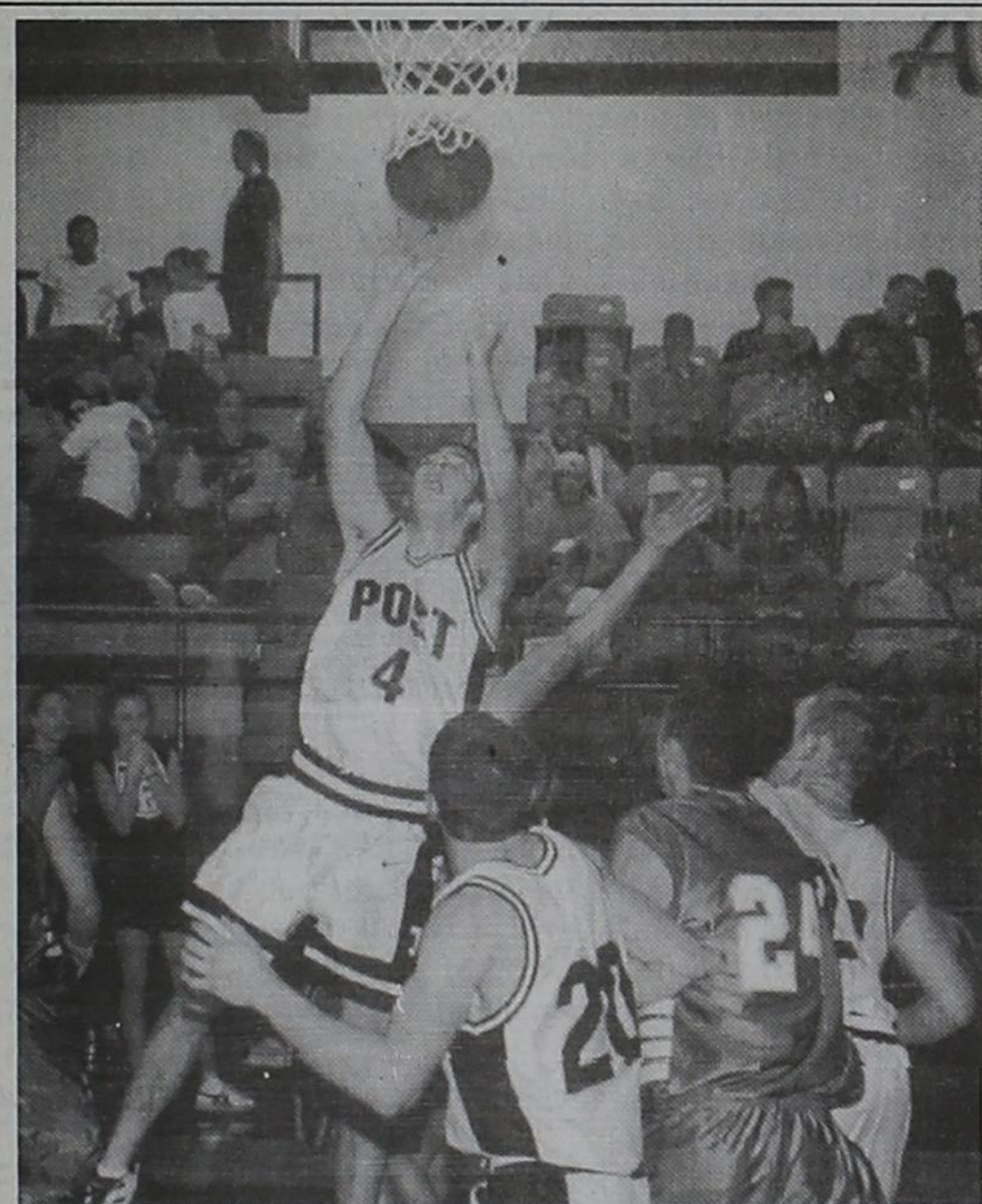
Michael Huff puts the ball up for one of his 24 points in the New Deal game here last week. Joining in the action are Brody Robertson (20) and Kenny Ratke (21). (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Meranda Hernandez brings the ball toward the net for the Lady Lopes in action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Nikki Norman (33) puts the ball up for two points during action against New Deal last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Jarrett Vickers gets the ball in the net for the Post Antelopes in their big win here last week over New Deal. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Kaycee Gorman (20) defends against New Deal in action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Post ISD ...

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government. The move, which the superintendent said should be beneficial in the long run, will require trustees to adopt a budget in June as opposed to August, as has been the practice in the past.

- Heard a report from the superintendent concerning the new gym. The facility is almost 100 percent complete, he said, with only a few "punch list" items to be addressed. Grass sod has been installed, as has a sprinkler system.

- Heard various routine reports and tended to monthly business items.

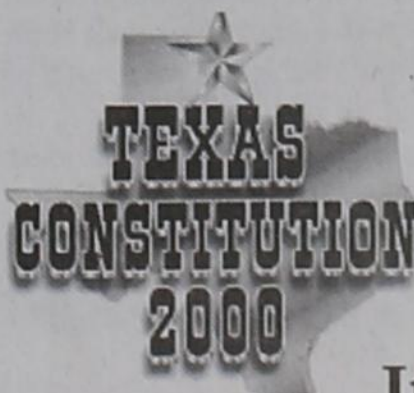
- Conducted an executive session to discuss the employment of personnel and substitute teachers. Following the closed-door meeting, trustees voted to hire Nikki Pollard and Kelci Hart as substitute teachers.

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The word honeymoon may have originated with an ancient custom that said that a newly married couple had to drink a potion containing honey on each of the first thirty days—a moon—of their marriage.



MOTHER'S MARCH ON POLIO PLANNED — Pictured above are some of the women of the town who will conduct the annual Mother's March on Polio from 7 until 8 p. m. the night of February 1. They are pictured in the home of Mrs. John Lott prior to planning the march. Shown, left to right, front row, Mrs. Leo Acker, Mrs. John Lott, Mrs. Phil Bouchier and Mrs. Bob Collier. Back row, left to right, Mrs. Max

Gordon, Mrs. Ralph Welch, Mrs. Pat Walker, Mrs. Paul Jones, Mrs. Gerald Blackburn, and Mrs. Carl Cederholm. Not pictured but working on the march are Mrs. D. C. Hill, Mrs. Lawrence Epley, Mrs. J. E. Parker, Mrs. W. B. Sanders, Miss Cecil Lynn, Mrs. W. C. Kiker, Mrs. Victor Hudman, Mrs. Lewis Nance and Mrs. O. G. Murphy. (Photo By Dispatch Photographer)

From The Post Dispatch
January 24, 1952

Yesteryears

January 22, 1992
10 Years Ago

Post ISD superintendent Bill Shiver has been informed by the Texas Home Economics Assn. that Post High School teacher Sharla Wells has been selected as the Texas Home Economics Teacher of the Year.

Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held last week at the Prairie Flower Shop. New owners are Leslie and Tim Tatum.

Post gets one of the biggest snowfalls in the past several years. Putting a crimp in travel plans last Friday and Saturday. Records show Post received seven inches.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Tanner are proud to announce the birth of their son, Kaleb Ray, born Thursday, January 16, 1992.

With one member opposing the change, Post ISD board of trustee members approved the recommendation by superintendent Bill Shiver at their regular meeting to extend the kindergarten program to a full day for all students.

January 21, 1982
20 Years Ago

"Happily Ever After", the senior one-act play will be presented Monday night, Jan. 25 at 7:00 p.m. Play members include Jimmy Ticer, Amy Babb, Lynn Hodges, Sylvia Quintana, Lisa Holly, Starlet Riedel, Kirt Thomas, Mike Sullivan, Beth Camoncho, Tammy Echols, Cindy Basquez. Crew members, Ken Young and Chris Beggs.

Lanny Fluitt of Post, was among the 413 students of South Plains College who have been named to the combined President and Dean's honor lists for the fall semester.

The Post Middle School Student Council sponsored an assembly Thursday with Keith Wortman and His World of Reptiles. Mr. Wortman travels about with some 20 live specimens including rattlesnakes, pythons, a boa-constrictor and other various poisonous snakes.

Superintendent Bill Shiver's contract was extended three years in a unanimous action by Post school trustees at their regular meeting.

January 20, 1972
30 Years Ago

Giles W. Dalby, Garza rancher and county judge, has been elected an advisory director of the First National Bank of Post.

Six members of Director Herb Germer's Post High School band were named to the all-regional band following tryouts Saturday at Lubbock Christian College. Post bandmen receiving the honors were: Rusty Conner, Sherell Guichard, Donna McBride, Wilma Bullard, Steve Hays and Kelvin Thomas.

Again the paper staff at PHS has selected its "Citizen of the Week". This week they have chosen sophomore, Jerry Tyler.

Mayor Giles C. McCrary signs a proclamation designating Jan. 16-22

as "Texas Jaycee Week" in Post. The club ranks 14th in projects, memberships, etc. among 76 Texas Jaycee clubs in their population division.

January 25, 1962
40 Years Ago

One entire business block on Post Main Street is getting a real "face lifting" this week with the installation of a modern "shopping center type" combination front of porcelain and glass. The five businesses that have joined together for a modern new front are Post Insurance Agency, City Shoe Shop, American Cafe, Thaxton Cleaners, and Giles McCrary's building.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thompson announce the marriage of their daughter, Melanie Anne, to Jerry Everette Windham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everette Windham. The marriage took place June, 30, 1962 in Fort Sumner, N. M.

Tommy Bouchier has been named as winner of the Bausch & Lomb Award at Post High School for superior scientific aptitude.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mason announce the birth of a son, Lewis Brent, born Jan. 18 in Garza Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

Shop tools valued at approximately \$400 were taken by burglars Sunday night at Shytle's Implement Co. Entrance was gained by throwing a latch on a back door, which is the same way a number of places have been broken into here in recent weeks.

January 24, 1952
50 Years Ago

The home of Mrs. D. C. Hill, Jr., was the scene of a layette shower honoring Mrs. Don Windham and twin daughters Mary Sharon and Elizabeth Karon. Twin dolls on baby scales were on the registry table. Refreshments were served. Co-hostesses for the event were Mrs. J. D. McCampbell and Mrs. Lawrence Epley.

Charles Morris and Noel White have been announced as Garza county winners of the South Plains 4-H club Cotton Yield Per Acre Program.

In an impressive Monday night ceremony members of Boy Scout troop 108 were awarded tenderfoot and merit badges at the First Baptist church. Ralph Kirkpatrick and "Chief" Runkles presided over the presentation which followed a regular meeting of the Baptist Brotherhood. Jimmy Bowen and Morris Bird received their tenderfoot medals in a striking candle-light ceremony. Receiving merit badges for various other subjects were Wayne Runkles, Tom Tucker, H. V. Williams and Bernie Welch.

John Hopkins, manager of the Tower theater says that new speakers have been ordered for the theater throughout. Hopkins says the show will still accommodate approximately 300 cars. The new drive in will probably open in April.

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