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Dispatch Photo by John Cordson

CROSS COUNTRY riders Bob (left) and David Marietti prepare to continue their journey last Wednesday morning in Post.

Cross country journey brings Marietti brothers through Post

by John Cordson

Sacramento to Atlanta, almost 3,000 miles of mountains, deserts and rolling plains. Not many people would care to take this trip by car, much less cover the distance astride a tandem bicycle.

Brothers Bob and David Marietti started this intimidating journey back on March 26 hoping to make the journey on an 18 speed tandem bicycle. The Marietti brothers found themselves in Post last week where they spent the night at the Hotel Garza before heading east Wednesday morning, April 21.

For the Mariettis, the trip has two purposes; a fund raiser to help support the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame and Museum in Ishpeming, Michigan and an opportunity to collect data on the effects of sustained and longterm exercise on persons with Down's Syndrome, such as David Marietti.

"The first thing we wanted to do was supply data for the Association for Retarded Citizens," said Bob of the cross country odyssey. "For many years it was thought that people with Down's should be rested and kept from this type of exertion, hopefully this ride will prove that this is just a myth."

He said the fund-raising portion of the trip was added later.

David is no stranger to exercise, the young man is a Special Olympian and was voted "Inspirational Athlete of the U.P. in 1991. He was given a battery of physical tests at the University of Northern Michigan before the trip began. Once they reach Dallas, David and Bob will be met and taken to the Tom Landry Sports Research Center at Baylor University in Waco where he will be given a series of duplicate tests to those taken in Michigan. David will be tested a third time when the brothers wind up their trip in Atlanta sometime around the middle of May.

Bob's wife will be meeting the two in Atlanta with a vehicle for the return trip back home to Ishpeming and the third set of tests at Northern Michigan University. The bike will be taken apart and hauled home on top of the car.

For Bob, the trip is also the culmination of a dream. The elder Marietti recently retired from his position as a school administrator and taking a cross country trip had been something he had always wanted to do.

"I have always wanted to ride across country," said Bob. "Initially we were going to quietly slip out of town and take a bike trip."

But things changed and the focus of the trip grew from one of pleasure to a trip providing multiple rewards.

After setting up the physical tests for David, the brothers approached representatives from the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame and Museum and asked if they would be interested in the two incorporating a fund raiser into the ride. The powers that be were quick to accept the offer and the third incentive for the trip was realized.

"Like most small communities they struggle trying to get something like this off the ground," said Bob about the museum and hall of fame.

The fund raising efforts were well underway even before the brothers began their ride in March. According to Bob, over \$4,000 was raised before they left Michigan. Bob says that all

money pledged to the ride will go to the hall of fame and museum as they are fully funding the expense of the ride out of their own pockets.

Safety factors play a major roll in the brother's trip. Travel through major metropolitan areas is risky enough for strangers traveling by car, much less than those riding bikes. To avoid unnecessary risks, the two make special arrangements to bypass these situations.

"Anytime we get to a metropolitan area we usually get a truck to take us through," said Bob.

So far they have gone over three mountain ranges, through a desert and battled the West Texas winds.

"It's been the toughest the last two days," said Bob. "Battling the wind has been murderous."

"The 'stoker' here is the key," said Bob about his brother. "He seems to have some reserves in the afternoon that keeps pushing us on."



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BROTHERS David (front) and Bob Marietti are using their cross country ride to raise money for the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame and Museum in Ishpeming, Michigan and to collect data on the effects of long-term exercise on persons with Down's Syndrome.

Exit level testing show Post students above state average

by John Cordson

Every year students in three different grade levels at Post schools are given the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills or TAAS test to gauge how they are doing academically in relation to their grade level. The test includes three academic areas, reading, writing and mathematics. Results of these tests are then used as a barometer of sorts to indicate how the students are learning.

In September and October of 1992, Post students in grades 3, 7 and 11 were given the TAAS. Results from that testing showed that when all scores were computed, Post students in the exit level (11th grade) had a higher percentage passing all three tests (65 percent) than the state average (54 percent).

Breaking the numbers down further showed that Post 11th grade students passed the individual portions of the test at equal to or greater percentage than the state average in all three categories.

"The most important test given is the exit level test," said Post ISD superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain. "We are one of the few districts that I know of who have not failed to pass a kid. All who have stayed in school and taken the test have passed."

TAAS testing at all levels is important, according to Dr. Bain, but the exit level test administered to students in the 11th grade is one they must pass before they can graduate.

Post students get four chances to pass the exit level test, two while they are

seniors. According to Dr. Bain, to his knowledge, as of last year, Post has not had a senior who did not pass and could not graduate from high school because of TAAS testing.

In the other two grade levels, Post students passed the TAAS at a lower percentage than the state average. Dr. Bain said the lower percentage passing the TAAS in the third and seventh grades was something to be improved upon. He did say that if their was a time for lower scores, these first two testing levels were better than the final test.

"We have time to work with the students and address areas they did not

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Photo by Charles Wallace

CAST of the Garza Theatre's upcoming comedy includes: Back row; (l-r) Jimmy Barnes, James Bell, Jay Dwayne Goswick, J.B. Duncan and Mark Drake. Front row; Cherri Brooks, Alison Hoefler and Christy Morris. Not pictured is Rick Fay.

"The Show-Off" opens May 14

Comedy is Garza Theatre's fourth production of '93

A delightful comedy for the entire family, "The Show-Off," will open May 14 at the Garza Theatre. The show, the Garza Theatre's fourth production of 1993, will run for 9 performances only on three consecutive weekends, May 14-16, 21-23, and 28-30. Friday and Saturday evening shows begin promptly at 7:45 p.m., and the Sunday matinees beginning at 2:30 p.m.

"The Show-Off" will star Christy Morris, Mark Drake, Cherri Brooks, Alison Hoefler, Jay-Dwayne Goswick, James Bell, Jimmy Barnes, J.B. Duncan, and Rick Fay.

Direction will be under Garza Theatre Managing Director, Jane Prince Jones.

Reservations are now being taken. They may be made by calling the Garza

Theatre Box Office at 1-800-846-3706 or (806) 495-4005.

Garza Theatre Box Office hours are 9-5 Monday-Friday. The box office will also be open from noon until showtime on the following dates: May 15, 22 and 29. Ticket prices are \$7 for adults, and \$4 for students ages 6-12. Special priced group rates are also available.

Spartan services provide needed transportation to disadvantaged

by Crystal Harrison

Garza County residents are able to get a lift to Lubbock and the surrounding communities thanks to South Plains Area Rural Transportation Assistance Network or Spartan.

Every Tuesday and Thursday Spartan will give a ride to Garza County residents for a small fee. The Spartan vehicle leaves from the Garza County Community Action Center taking passengers anywhere from Slaton to Levelland for \$25 or less.

Some are taken to Lubbock for dialysis treatments. In a case such as this Medicaid or RHI will usually take care of the transportation fee. Spartan is supported by the Texas Highway

Department and has subsidized fares for those who qualify.

If you qualify for one of the following Federal Programs, you may qualify for partial or fully paid ticket: Food Assistance Program, Family Planning Program, Community Service Block Grant Program and Medical Programs.

"People that don't have a way to get around, we try to get them transportation," said Spartan's Dispatcher Gracie Ward.

Passengers use Spartan for different reasons, and Garza County residents can benefit in several ways by this transportation. Residents needing medical treatment now have a way to

get to their destination. Households with only one vehicle can now have more than one means of transportation. Senior citizens can sit back and relax while taking trips to any of the nine counties Spartan serves.

All Spartan drivers are certified in passenger assistance techniques and standard first aid.

By having transportation such as this Spartan is contributing to energy conservation. Energy conservation not only helps Garza County, it helps everyone.

For more information on transportation schedules and transportation cost call 1-800-462-8747.

Late immunization clinic to benefit working parents

In order to reach those parents whose children need immunizations but who have trouble with 8 to 5 scheduling, the Texas Department of Health will begin holding an immunization clinic from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 - 6:30 p.m.

The first of these clinics was held Thursday April 22 at the Texas Department of Health clinic on Snyder Highway in Post.

This innovative program is designed to reach children who have never received immunizations, whose immunizations are not up-to-date, or who were sick at the time their

immunizations were scheduled. Recent outbreaks of childhood diseases such as measles and mumps have prompted the Texas Department of Health to increase efforts to reach these children by providing immunization clinics that are more convenient for parents.

Immunizations are provided on a slide-scale basis. No one will be refused services because of inability to pay.

For more information regarding other services provided by the Texas Department of Health, call 495-3996



Baptist students participate in Math Meet

First Baptist Church Christian School students participated in the District Math Meet held in Midland in late March. The winners included: Back row; (l-r) Maggie Flanigan, 8th grade, 1st; Frederick Leano, 7th grade, 1st; Nicholas Flanigan, 5th grade, participant ribbon; Jordan Peralta, 5th grade, 3rd; Stephanie Looney, 5th grade, participant ribbon. Middle row; Patrick McKamie, 4th grade, participant ribbon; Shane Walker, 3rd grade, 1st; Vic Patel, 3rd grade, 2nd; Abby

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NEWS BRIEFS

Southland Kindergarten reg. May 6

Kindergarten registration will be May 6 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the kindergarten room at Southland Elementary School. Children must be five years of age by September 1. Parents should bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, social security number and an immunization record.

Benefit supper April 30

The First Baptist Church and the Post Volunteer Fire Department are jointly sponsoring a benefit supper for Daniel and Melody Yarbrow on Friday, April 30. The benefit dinner starts at 6 p.m. at the Post Community Center.

Horsemanship clinic May 8 in Snyder

The Mesquite Country 4-H Horse Association is sponsoring a horsemanship clinic May 8 in Snyder for any interested 4-H member. Registration begins at 8 a.m. May 8 and costs \$20. Topics to be covered include Horsemanship, Showmanship, Riding Patterns and "Dressing To Win". For more information, call the Garza County Extension office at 495-2050.

Justiceburg Baptist plans revival

Justiceburg Baptist Church will begin holding revival services Sunday May 2 through Tuesday, May 4. Services begin at 7:30 each evening.

Country gospel recording artist Jim Fullingim and pastor-evangelist Don Blacklock will lead in each service. All the Body of Christ is invited to come to seek God and His will for His people.

Men's prayer breakfast May 4

There will be an inter-denominational men's prayer breakfast at 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 4 at the Chaparral Restaurant. This is an opportunity for all Christian men to come together for Bible reading and prayer.

Softball meeting May 2

There will be a final softball meeting Sunday, May 2 at 4 p.m. at the softball field. Teams must turn in their final rosters and money at this time.

WPS offers support group

Women's Protective Services offers a support group every Thursday for adults who have been emotionally, physically or sexually abused by a spouse, relationship partner or family member. The group meets every Thursday, from 3-4 p.m. at the WPS' office located at the Post Tex, Mill. For more information call 495-2437.

Commodities distribution

The commodities distribution are held on the third Monday every month at the Service Center on the Snyder Highway. The center will be open for the distribution from 9-12 and from 1-3 p.m. New applications will be accepted beginning March 5.

Baptist cookbook offered

"Holy Chow", the new First Baptist Christian School cookbook is now available at the church/school office. People wishing to purchase a cookbook may drop by the office at 402 W. Main or they may contact any Christian School teacher.

'1993 Citizen's Award'

Post Art Guild will be having the Citizens Award this year with each \$5 donation providing the donor with a chance to win a \$300 painting. The drawing will be held Sunday afternoon, May 16 at 2 p.m. at the Algeria Art Center, 131 E. Main. Anyone interested in donating may contact Jane Mason at 495-2980 or Jo Ann Mock at 495-4148.

Spring Art Show

The 1993 Spring Art Show will be hosted by The Post Art Guild at the Algeria Art Center May 11-16. Entries will be accepted on Tuesday, May 11 from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and Wednesday, May 12 from 8 a.m.-noon. Judging will be held Thursday, May 13. It will be open to the public Friday, May 14 through Sunday, May 16. Awards will be presented at 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon.



Jordan Peralta

Students

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Flanigan, 4th grade, 4th; Front row; Ryan McKemie, 3rd grade, 5th; Adley Peralta, 3rd grade, 3rd place and Steve Norman, 4th grade, participant ribbon.

These students competed in either the computation or reasoning categories.

Jordan Peralta also participated in the Lubbock Avalanche Journal's spelling bee on April 3. He placed seventh out of 15 contestants.

Post resident receives national recognition

Jarrett Dickson of Post is one of the fifty Tarleton State University students chosen for recognition in the 1993 edition of the National Collegiate Awards yearbook. The yearbook, published by the National Collegiate Student Government Association, honors over 3,000,000 students across the United States for academic achievement, leadership and service to their universities.

Dickson is a Liberal Arts major at the University.

Church Directory

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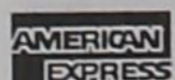
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Around Town

Clubs and Organizations in and around Garza County

Woman's Culture Club

The Woman's Culture Club met April 14 at the Club House, at 2 p.m. with Ruth Hall and Donna Craig hostesses. Iva Hudman presided for the business meeting.

Lillian Potts gave a most interesting review of the book "Texas" written by Lon Franks Biggers.

Touching on the events of the three groups of Buffalo, black, white and blue.

The arrival of the Buffalo hunters, also the battles with the Indians.

And of course the disagreement between the nesters (farms) and the

ranchers. John Chism, one of the big ranchers of our area, fought the Indians and took his cattle to market in New Orleans.

Refreshments were served to Hudman, Potts, Donna Craig, Dorace Wilson, Maxine Earl, Jan Crawford, Peggy Ellis, Katherine Cathcart, Ruby Kirkpatrick, Nona Lusk, Buena Bouchier, Ruth Hall and Doll Haire.

The next meeting will be April 28 with Ruby Kirkpatrick and Barbara Hardin hostesses.

Amigos 4-H

By Misty Rivera

Members of Amigos' 4-H practiced Methods Demonstrations at their April meeting. Each member explained "how to" do something. Members making presentations included:

Amber Garcia tic-tac-toe; Veronica Rivera, checkers; Misty Rivera, blow soap bubbles, Frank Reyna, find a city on a map; Andrea Rodriguez, play a recorder; Rachel DeLaRosa, wrapping a package; Carmela Garcia, hammering a nail; Loretta Ortiz, drawing a dog; Veronica Pena, folding

a letter; Valerie Rivera, peeling (pare) an apple; Olga Torres, loading a flashlight.

Amber Garcia, president, led the meeting, Veronica Rivera led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Reyna led the 4-H Pledge.

New business was summer camp and asking members parents to help out since the club is losing the help of Dr. and Mrs. James Bell. A guest was David Lee Rivera. Mrs. Bell closed by leading the 4-H club prayer.

The next meeting will be May 11 after school in the Reddy Room.

Garza County Bass Club

The Garza County Bass Club recently held a fishing contest in White River Lake north of Post. Dennis Mason won the contest with five fish for a total of 11.95 pounds.

Jack Pittman came in a close second with three fish at 10.86 pounds. Pittman won the prize for the largest fish of the

day, catching a Bass weighing 5.56 pounds.

Randy McAlister took home third prize honors, catching two fish totaling 5.1 pounds.

The club's next meeting will be May 4 at Triple M here in Post.

Women's Chamber

Post Chamber of Commerce Women's Division held their regular monthly meeting Wednesday, April 21.

Welcome to new members, Gladys Blair, Ruby Carpenter, Alice Cruse, Peggy Dennis Maurin Griffin, and Mary Nelson

A representative of the Women's Protection Service of Lubbock will speak at the next regular meeting, May 19 at the Chaparral Steak House at 12 noon.

The Women's Protection Service

serves several counties including Garza County. They are in need of clothing for women and children, personal items, bed sheets, towels and etc.

A collection center has been set up at the Chamber of Commerce office at the City Hall. All donations will be appreciated.

Anyone wishing to make a donation and needs to have their items picked up may call any chamber member. Donations may also be taken to the May meeting.

Rep. Counts named to Energy Council

House Speaker Pete Laney has appointed Representative David Counts of Knox City as a member of The Energy Council.

The council, composed of legislative leaders from nine energy-producing states, assists in the development of federal and state policies on energy and the environment.

"As chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources, Representative Counts has a thorough knowledge of these issues," Laney

said. "One of the most important functions of The Energy Council is to make federal policy-makers aware of the concerns of our state and I am confident that Representative Counts will do a good job of representing our state."

The council, headquartered in Irving, meets quarterly. It is funded by its member states, which are: Texas, Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Wyoming.

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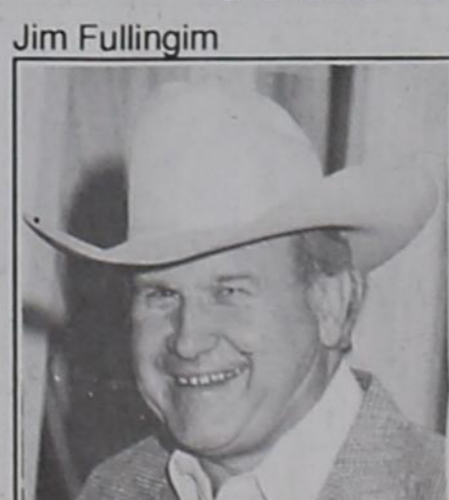


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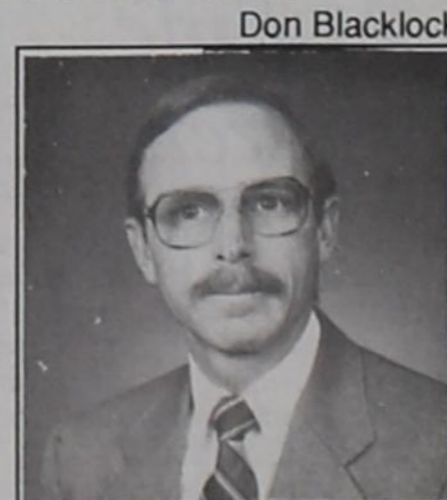
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Don Blacklock
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**It's Up To God's People
Justiceburg Church
May 2nd, 3rd & 4th at 7:30 pm**

Trail Blazers

Thursday, April 29
Tacos, red beans, okra, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, picante, fruited gelatin, choice of beverage.

Friday, April 30
Pepper steak, corn, boiled cabbage, cornbread, apricot cobbler, choice of beverage.

Monday, May 3
Glazed ham, macaroni & cheese, oriental vegetables, tossed salad, hot

rolls, frosted cake, choice of beverage.

Tuesday, May 4
Salmon patty, blackeye peas, spinach, golden congealed salad, cornbread, sugar cookies, choice of beverage.

Wednesday, May 5
Enchiladas, spanish rice, green beans, lettuce/tomato salad, dry jello salad, choice of beverage.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

The time is rapidly approaching when the voters of Post Independent School District will be called upon again to elect two trustees. In reading carefully all the statements made by the four candidates and, in my opinion, all of said statements were a bunch of platitudes and none of the candidates would ever be convicted of having "taken a stand". I understand very well that the best way to get elected to the board of trustees of Post I.S.D. is to offer bland statements, make no waves, and stand for no particular program or point of view. Simply present yourself as a "good old boy" (or in this case a "good old girl") and, as such, that sterling qualification merits you being elected to the school board.

In my opinion, there is a compelling issue that the voters of Post I.S.D. should be informed of and they are not informed. Approximately six years ago, the legislature mandated that all schools test their children (I believe at three different grade levels) to see how they compared statewide. Not once during the last six years have I ever seen the results of the scores, which causes me to assume that the results were poor or below average; otherwise, they would have been published amid great crowing by incumbent school board members and administrators. The information that I have secured is that the testing of our children in Post I.S.D. at all three grade levels is

substantially below state average. We are below state average, in a state that is below national average, in a nation that is below international average, and we wonder why the graduates of Post I.S.D. cannot compete. If the information I have received in regard to the students of Post I.S.D. being below state average is correct, how in the world can an incumbent trustee justify the following statement: "In my opinion we have one of the finest administrative and teaching staffs in the state." U.I.L. achievement is one thing... the ability of our students to achieve at above the average level is quite another. I am one of those parents that does not send my children to Post schools simply because I desire a better education for my children than is available through Post I.S.D. I certainly would prefer that my children be able to attend a public school, but not at the expense of getting a solid foundation for their future education.

I believe the voters of Post I.S.D. not only have a right, but they have a duty and solemn obligation, to demand of incumbent school board members why our children continue to achieve below state average. If the information furnished to me showing that the school children of Post I.S.D. achieve below state average is incorrect, then I apologize for this statement, but I await someone telling me that it is incorrect.

Yours very truly,
Pat N. Walker

Obituaries

Maria Ortiz

Prayer services for Maria Ortiz, 55, were held Friday, April 23, 1993 in the Justice-Mason Funeral Home Chapel with Jacinto Basquez, Lay Minister from Lubbock officiating. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 24, 1993 in the Trinity Baptist Church with the same officiant. He will be assisted by Rev. Billie Smith, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church. Burial will be in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ortiz died Thursday, April 22, 1993 in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was born November 18, 1937 in Vegas, Texas to Jacob and Refuia Rios Martinez. She had lived in Mathis, Lubbock and Slaton before moving to Post in 1982. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include three sons, Candelario Ortiz of Lubbock,

Robert Ortiz of Post, Jesus Ortiz, Jr. of Post; one daughter, Susie Gomez of Post; five brothers, Simon Martinez, Lorenzo Martinez both of San Antonio; Santos Martinez, Danny Martinez both of Lubbock, Jimmy Martinez of Amarillo; three sisters, Helen Diaz of Sinton, Rosa Basquez of Lubbock, Josie Esquivel of Bandera and eight grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Mikey Mendoza, Candelario Ortiz, Jr., Ashley Ortiz, Michael Villarreal, Eddie Villarreal, Lee Roy Villarreal.

Tax 'n Facts

by Terri S. Cash, CPA

Smaller Refunds Coming

Remember last spring, when President Bush decreed a cut in withholding tax? The reasoning, if you remember, was that people would spend the extra cash in their paychecks and thus boost a sagging economy. According to the Internal Revenue Service, a married couple probably took home an extra \$288 in the nine months of lowered withholding, about \$7.38 a week.

Well, most folks never even noticed the extra few dollars then—but they sure did at tax-filing time. Some taxpayers had to write checks last week to make up shortages in withholding, and refund checks will be smaller this year—by the same \$288, the IRS says.

The lowered withholding is still in effect. If your withholding did not cover your tax liability for 1992, now's the time to refile a W-4 withholding statement with your employer. But if your only problem was a skimpy refund coming, you're doing fine. Why would you want to lend anyone money, interest free—even Uncle Sam?

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 lb.

From the Pulpit

Saving Marriages

We've all heard the statements, "As the home goes, so goes the church," and "As the home goes, so goes the nation." That being true, we are living in a nation that is in trouble. The Divorce rate is deplorable. There are many reasons for the troubles I see in family situations and I want to deal with one of them.

"Be content with what you have." Hebrews 13:5. I offer some advice on this passage in regards to marriage. I am convinced that many marriages could be saved if we could learn to be content with what we have. Consider the following points.

1. Don't overestimate the importance of material possessions. Jesus said that a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth," Luke 12:15. The truthfulness of that is seen in our country. No age has been blessed more materially and been so miserable. THINGS are not the most important THINGS in life. Out material things have not brought happiness. Over emphasis on THINGS is destroying marriages. Contentment is the answer.

2. Don't FRET over what we don't have. In I Kings 21:4, we read of Ahab, King of Israel. He was wealthy, but wanted what he didn't have...a vineyard that belonged to another. He plotted. He refused to eat. He CONCENTRATED on what he didn't have. That thinking caused the death of an innocent man. We are content until a friend gets a new boat, car,

house, etc., then we FRET over what we don't have. Stress is put on the family relationship. It adds to others pressures and finally, divorce.

3. Don't overlook what we do have! Make a list of THINGS we possess. Do we have reasonable health? A job? Loving Family? Plenty to eat? Sufficient clothing? Think of others! Many people do not have what we have. They wish they did! Count our blessings.

Someone said that he could live on next to nothing, if only his friends would live on less. That is our problem. We are not content with what we have.

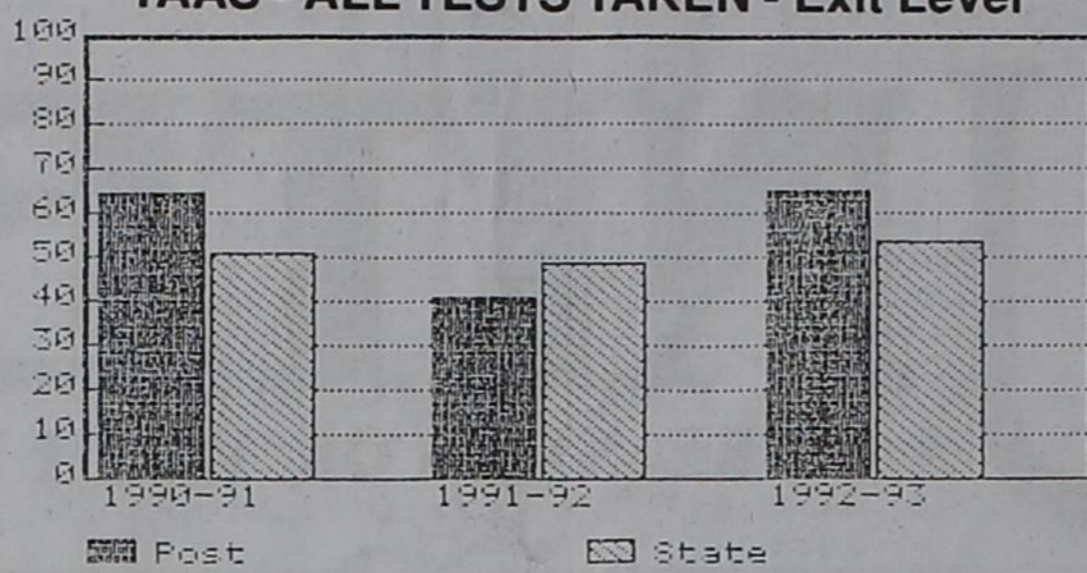
Many young couples want what mom and dad accumulated over 30 years. We then get in over our heads just trying to keep up with the Smiths and are in trouble. All of a sudden, we can't eat out and go places like we used to. We are unhappy with one another. We may even get extra jobs to make a little more money. As time rolls on, we realize too late that we have grown apart and there is nothing left in the marriage relationship.

Learn to be content. Build a marriage first. Build a fortune last. Keep the commands of the Lord in mind...be content. Let's begin to save marriages...even our own.



Paul Jones

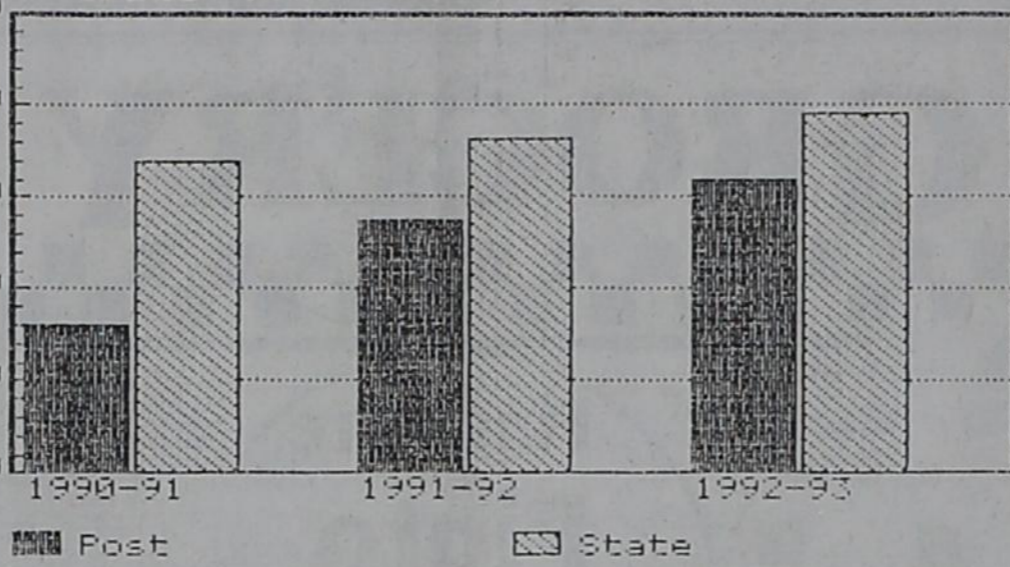
TAAS - ALL TESTS TAKEN - Exit Level



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Numbers indicate percentage of students passing the TAAS tests.

• Tests

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do well in," said Dr. Bain. Dr. Bain called the seventh grade level of testing one of the more difficult of the three. This assessment is born out by the lower percentage of students passing the test on a state-wide basis. Only 32 percent of Post students passed all portions of the test while the state average was only 39 percent passing all three levels. Post students did pass the mathematics portion of the test in greater numbers than the state average though, 60 percent as compared to 51 percent.

One area Dr. Bain said the district was working especially hard to improve the scores was in the minority testing. TAAS figures showed minority students passing all sections of the TAAS at a lower percentage.

"We are doing our best to address the minority test scores," said Dr. Bain.

Dr. Bain feels TAAS testing is just one area and method to gauge how well prepared Post students are compared to other students across Texas. Post's recent success in District UIL competition bars out Dr. Bain's claim. Post High School has dominated the District UIL competition, winning 11 out of the past 14 years. This year Post students so dominated the competition that their total of 481 points was more than second and third place Idalou and Sundown combined. (216 and 204.)

UIL tests not only student's knowledge in certain areas, but perhaps more importantly, it tests their skills. A majority of these skills are in job related areas such as accounting, keyboarding, computer science and science to name just a few.

Country Caravan to perform here Friday in Post

The cast of the 1993 edition of Country Caravan will be in Post for a performance April 30, 1993. Showtime is 8:30 p.m. on the Southeast corner of the Court House lawn and is sponsored by Post Main Street. Country Caravan is an energetic country music show featuring the latest country music hits

and classics wrapped in a family entertainment package. The show is produced annually by South Plains College in Levelland, Texas and showcases the talents of vocalists, dancers and musicians from the ranks of both students and faculty at SPC. Cast members include: (from left in front) Brent Smith, fiddle; Sandi Cope, vocals; Derek Spence, guitar, vocals; Andrea Cavender, vocals; Jagee

Crownover, vocals; John Hartin, the show's general director; (from left in middle) J Hollinshead, vocals; Christy Nelson, vocals; David Carney, banjo, guitar, vocals; Wendi Weathersby, saxophone; John Reid, electric bass guitar; (from left in back) Rusty Hudelson, musical director and keyboards; Dan Garton, guitar, vocals; Rusty Quisenberry, vocals; and Jay Pitts, percussion.

Middle school band "Aces" sightreading

The Post seventh and eighth grade band "Aced" the sightreading contest at the UIL meet held in Monterey High School in Lubbock April 20. The band received straight ones from the three judges.

"The band has made continuous improvement since they set their eyes on that contest (sightreading)," band instructor Aaron Rathbun. "We've been working on long-term goals and never losing sight of them. They have learned well and I am proud of their success."

The band will compete in the Floydada Festival on May 8.

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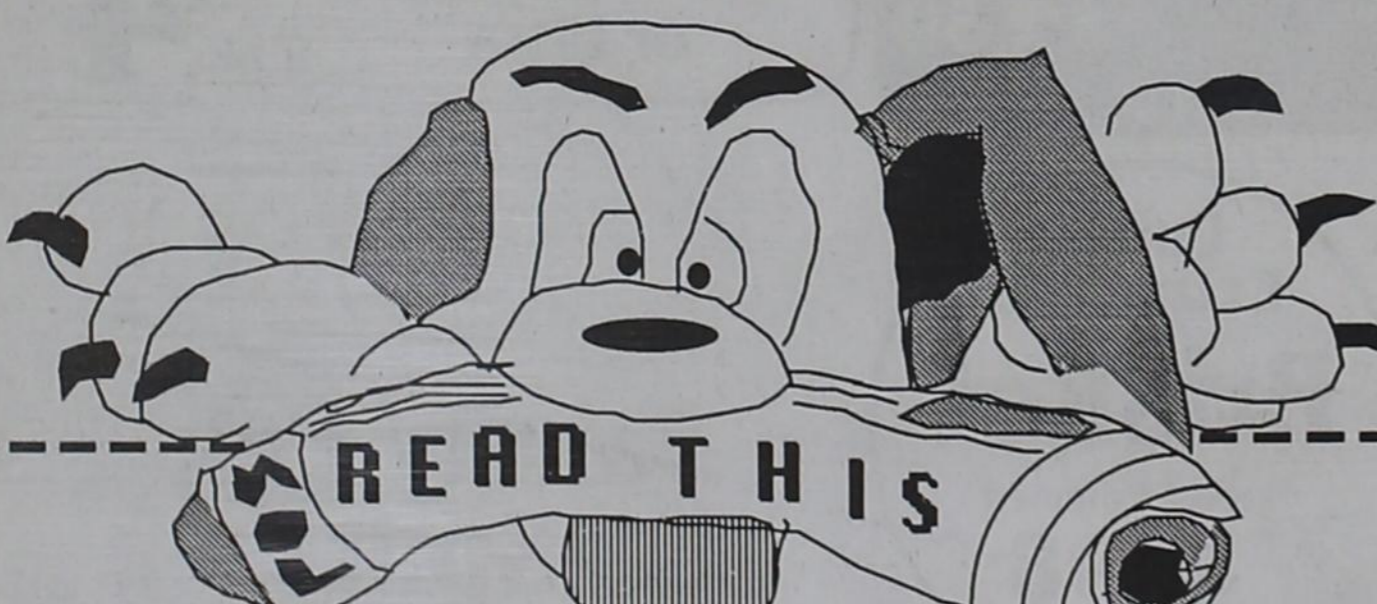
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Sports

Bold Gold readies for Regionals

The Post Bold Gold Lopes competed in Abernathy last weekend in preparation of this week's regional meet in Abilene. Placing for the Lopes were:

First Place
400 M relay, Lemuel McDonald, Anthony Martin, Brad Lawson, Alvin Reed, 43.48

Third Place
Triple jump, Ricky Jefferson, 42'3"

Fifth Place
100 M dash, Anthony Martin, 11.27

Sixth Place
High jump, Lemuel McDonald, 6'
Also participating, but not placing were: Cody Bain, Jim Simpson and Pete Torres.

Regional action in Tennis, golf and track gets underway Thursday and Friday at Elmer Gray Stadium on the campus of Abilene Christian University.

Golf and Tennis begin Thursday and Track starts at 11 a.m. Friday with the girls highjump.



Dispatch Photo by John Cordson

JAIME AYALA and **Cody Bain** finished 1-2 in the 800 m run last week's district track meet held in Post. The two will compete this week in the Regional meet in Abilene.

School finance rests with voters

"The legislature has been wrestling with the enormous problem of education finance for quite some time, but now the future of our public schools is in the hands of Texas voters," stated State Representative David Counts (D-Knox City). It is important that voters get out to vote for the constitutional amendment regarding education finance on the upcoming May 1st ballot.

"I think there may be some confusion regarding the amendments on the May 1st ballot," said Counts. "There are actually three constitutional amendments related to public schools. Proposition One deals directly with the school finance dilemma and the Edgewood lawsuit; Proposition Two frees schools from complying with unfunded state education mandates; Proposition Three allows the state to issue bonds to finance school construction."

"There are many individuals inundating the public with complex and negative propaganda on the amendment. The truth of the matter is the courts ruled our current system of education finance unconstitutional and said that we have to do something about it, or our schools are going to be shut down. Proposition One was the best alternative we could come up

with. The plan allows for excess funds from the wealthiest 5% of schools to be redistributed to poorer schools. The recapture rate from the wealthiest schools is limited to 2.75% of the local funds appropriated for education. The plan also caps the local tax rate at \$1 unless a tax increase is approved by local voters."

Counts noted that the options for a school finance solution are limited. "To neutralize funding, we could consolidate school districts until the funding was equalized. This process of mass consolidation, does not consolidate schools, but rather the school districts, in an attempt to equalize funding throughout the state. However, under the mass consolidation plans I have seen, there could be five or six counties in one school district. When you consolidate in this manner, you lose local control of your schools. The only other alternative is for the state to pump enough money into the system to help equalize school funding. The cost of doing so would be in the tens of billions of dollars. There simply is not that kind of money available, unless you have a state income tax. The people in District 70 have made it clear that new tax burdens and mass consolidation are simply not acceptable solutions to the problems," said Counts.

Counts cited groups who have distributed tax models trying to show how taxes would increase under Proposition One. "These numbers are inaccurate and misleading. Until you have determined what your basic allotment will be, and what property values will be, there is no way you can make an educated guess as to what your tax rate will be," said Counts.

Counts also stated, "Under a plan recently released by Representative Lineberger, the base tax rate would be set at .86 per \$100 of property valuation. In this particular instance, only 13 school districts would be required to raise taxes. Representative Lineberger's plan would create 253 Education Funding Districts, and the excess money from schools would first be distributed to others schools in that same county."

"I do not know anyone who has ever said the plan is perfect. There is no one plan that will satisfy everyone," said Counts. "However, Proposition One is a workable solution that is certainly better than any of other options. There will be instances under the amendment that some schools will have to tighten their belt, but it will keep our schools open the local communities in control of their children's educations."

Girl Scouts honor members at annual father/daughter banquet



GIRL SCOUTS honored their top cookie salesladies and the "Cookie Coordinator" at the annual Father/Daughter banquet held Friday, April 16 at the Post Community Center. Pictured are: (l-r) Marion Cruse, Neighborhood cookie chairman, Sharla Cruse, top Cadet sales with 134 boxes; Amy Line, top Junior sales, 210 boxes and Naomi Gonzales, top Brownie sales, 370 boxes.

Lubbock Alumnae Panhellenic Association hosts Greek Peek-Sorority

The Lubbock Alumnae Panhellenic Association invites all graduating senior girls to attend Greek Peek, Sunday, May 2 at the Sigma Nu Fraternity Lodge, #2 Greek Circle (14th and Quaker Ave.) beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Greek Peek is an opportunity for graduating seniors and their mothers to learn about sorority life in the 90's. Alumnae and collegiate sorority representatives will be present to answer any questions and to give specific information about rush. This will be an excellent opportunity for high school seniors to learn about the preparations and procedures for sorority rush at any University.

All area senior girls and their mothers are encouraged to attend this informative and fun event. Contact you senior girl sponsor at your for a rush information form. For more information about Greek Peek, contact Nancy Harman, 793-6470 or Leslie Moss, 796-0346

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Post Class of 1935 holds reunion

by Faye (Richardson) Mathis
The Class of Post High School graduates held their 58th Class Reunion at the Chaparral Steak House on April 17, 1993.

Seventeen class members and guests were present for the occasion.

Clyde Hodges from Grovett, Arkansas gave the invocation.

Emceeding the event was Faye Mathis of Post. She told of the joy she experienced in making plans for the important happening. She also read each classmates name and explained why those not attending were unable to be present. All were pleased to hear

from our former classmates.

One of the highlights of the party was a quilt brought by Consie Thuet and placed on display. The quilt contained all the classmates names and the names of the teachers. The top was pieced by Dorothy (Crisp) Richardson (deceased) later given to Consie and quilted by her to bring to the affair for the rest of us to enjoy.

The president of the 1935 class and also Valedictorian was recognized. That person is E.J. Robinson of the Dallas area. Another classmate with special recognition was Rosemary (Surman) Justice, who was Salutatorian of the 1935 class.

Members and guest attending were Rosemary (Surman) Justice, Doyle Justice, Marguerite (Hart) Stotts and Harold Stotts all of Lubbock; E.J. Robinson of Dallas and Clyde Hodges of Gravette, Arkansas.

Others present were Helen (Box) Taylor; Helen Vern Taylor; Paul Simpson, Eula B. (Mason) Smith, Consie (Baker) Thuet, Ruby (Tipton) White, Elvus Davies, Opal Davis, Johnnie (Coleman) Francis and Faye (Richardson) Mathis all of Post.

Everyone expressed that it was a fun evening and a exhilarating experience

Post Channel 31		SCHEDULE Post Channel 31 APRIL 28-MAY 4, 1993						
TIME	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	
8 AM	FINA GOLF TOURNAMENT	BASEBALL: Ralls @ Post	COMMISSIONER COURT	FINA GOLF TOURNAMENT	POST ON SCREEN	GIRLS GOLF REGIONALS	TRACK REGIONALS	
9 AM	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	
10 AM	V	V	CITY COUNCIL	V	V	V	V	
11 AM	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	
12 PM	BAPTIST CHURCH	METHODIST CHURCH	BASEBALL: Ralls @ Post	JR HIGH GOLF DISTRICT	V	HAZARENE CHURCH	CHURCH OF CHRIST	
1 PM	V	V	V	V	V	CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY	GIRLS GOLF REGIONALS	
2 PM	CHEERLEADER TRYOUTS	COMMISSIONER COURT	V	V	V	HAZARENE CHURCH	TENNIS REGIONALS	
3 PM	V	V	V	REGIONAL QUALIFIERS	METHODIST CHURCH	V	V	
4 PM	COMMISSIONER COURT	V	JR HIGH GOLF DISTRICT	V	BAPTIST CHURCH	V	V	
5 PM	V	BIG TEX VIDEO SHOW	V	V	CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY	V	BIG TEX VIDEO SHOW	
6 PM	BASEBALL: Ralls @ Post	FINA GOLF TOURNAMENT	V	BASEBALL: Ralls @ Post	TRACK REGIONALS	LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY	TENNIS REGIONALS	
7 PM	V	V	V	V	V	Red Sox vs A's	V	
8 PM	V	V	REGIONAL QUALIFIERS	V	V	Red Sox vs A's	V	
9 PM	V	V	V	BIG TEX VIDEO SHOW	LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY	V	V	
10 PM	HAZARENE CHURCH	BAPTIST CHURCH	V	COMMISSIONER COURT	Red Sox vs A's	CHURCH OF CHRIST	METHODIST CHURCH	
11 PM	CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY	V	V	V	Red Sox vs Cubs (Minor)	V	V	
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Living on the Edge of the Caprock

Homeowners can fight back against Pine Tip Moths

Pine Tip Moths can be serious pests of young pine trees on the South Plains. Now is one of the few times homeowners can effectively fight back and achieve some control.

The larvae of this moth bore into the growing tips of pine trees, causing them to turn brown. Severely infested trees develop a bushy appearance over time.

The tip moth passes the winter as a pupa within the injured terminal and twigs of the tree. Moths emerge in March and April and begin the first of several generations which will occur during the summer.

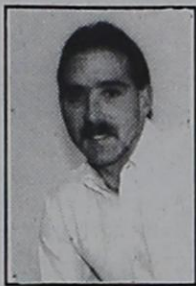
Female moths lay eggs on the needles and stems. After hatching, the young larvae bore into the tip and begin feeding. After several weeks of feeding and constructing a tunnel in the tip of the stem, the larvae pupate. The adult moths then emerge and a new cycle of generation begins.

Properly timed application of an insecticide is the best way to reduce the pine tip moth populations and damage. To properly time these applications pheromone traps are used

to detect the presence of the adults and determine when eggs are being laid by the first cycle of moths. Traps being monitored on the South Plains this spring indicate that now is the time to spray trees for this pest.

Foliar-applied insecticides recommended for homeowner use include Orthene, Dursban and dimethoate. Adding a small amount of

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liquid soap or surfactant to the spray solution will improve control by allowing the spray to better adhere to the foliage. Hose-on type sprayers will give good coverage, providing the trees to be treated are not too large and sufficient pressure is available at the hose to reach tree tops.

As always, you are responsible for reading and following all label directions when applying insecticides. Thanks to Dr. Pat Morrison, Extension Entomologist, for making this information available.

Planted cotton acres likely to increase in current crop year

by Shawn Wade

Estimating the number of acres planted to cotton on the High Plains is usually a fairly straight-forward procedure says Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG).

PCG officials note that a good way to estimate 1993 cotton acres is to take the number of cotton base acres and subtract the acreage set-aside percentage.

This calculation indicates 1993 planted acres will be close to 3.24 million acres on the High Plains. This is roughly 90,000 acres more than were initially expected in 1992 and reflects the 7.5 percent Acreage Reduction Program (ARP). The 1992 ARP was set at 10 percent.

Planting is expected to begin picking up across the area in the next week to ten days. Dr. John Gannaway, a plant breeder at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES) in Lubbock says he expects the majority of producers in the area to wait until the first week or two of May to begin.

Several counties on the southern end of the High Plains report planting activity starting in the last week. Dawson County Extension Agent John Farris reports that some irrigated producers in his county are well underway and others will get started in the next few days. Many producers are waiting for soil temperatures to

stabilize further, or for rain, to get into the field.

"We're starting to see a few planters running in the southern areas, mostly in Dawson and Gaines counties," notes PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson.

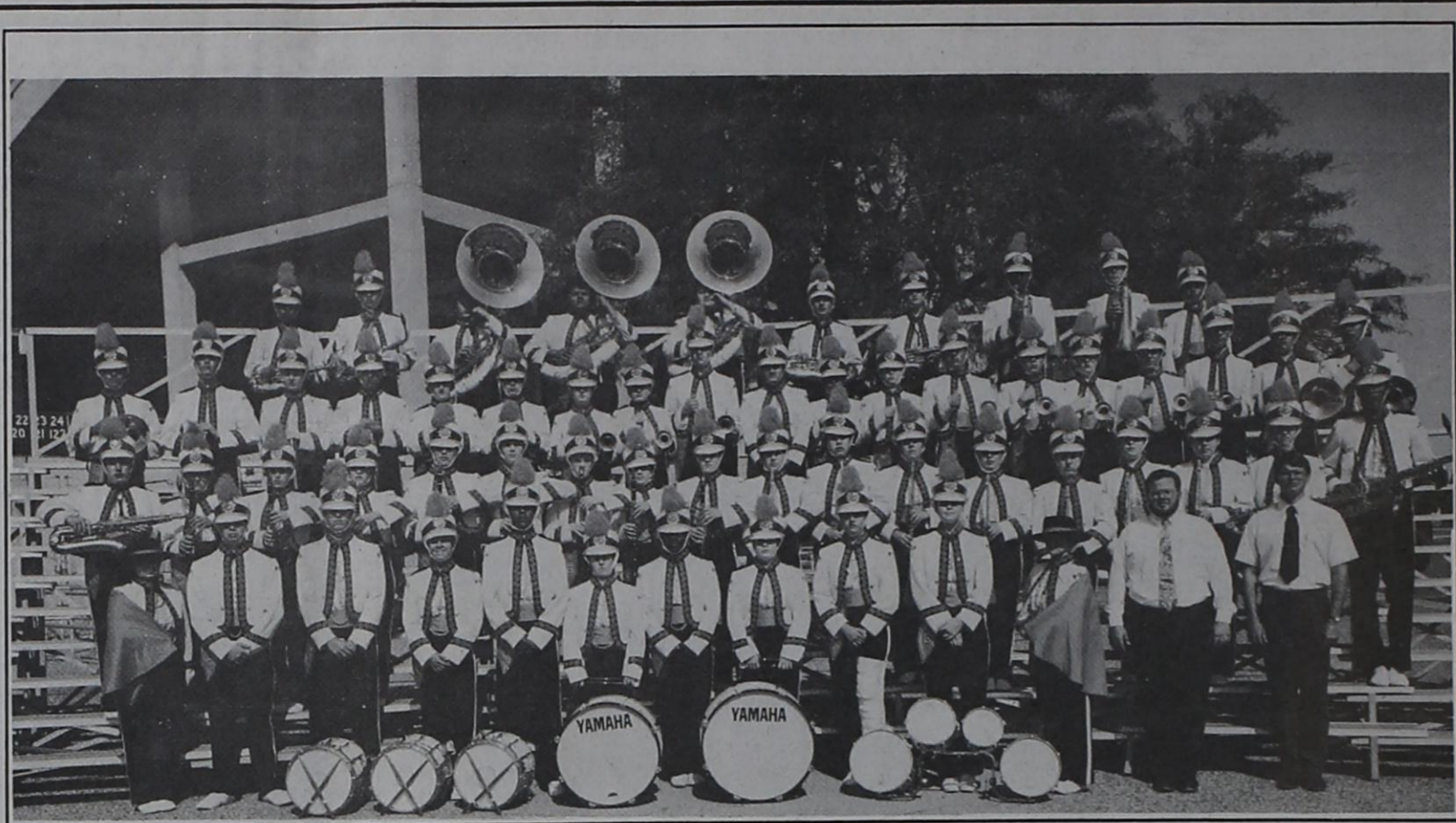
Johnson adds that most people expect planting activity to increase in the next week or ten days, and be well underway by the second week of May. Statewide planting estimates for 1993 are put at 5.7 million acres.

Producers are reminded that the end of the sign-up period for 1993 farm programs is April 30, 1993. Anyone intending to participate in the 1993 program needs to sign-up before the April 30 cut-off date.

Prior to the end of the sign-up period it is expected that the 1003 Commodity Credit Corporation Schedule of Premiums and Discounts will be released early next week.

Producers are anxiously waiting to see the new schedule which has been totally reworked to accommodate the separation of Color and Leaf grades in the USDA classification system. Also being announced will be premium and discount schedules for micronaire, strength, bark and other factors.

Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy is now in the process of reviewing recommendations concerning the 1993 loan schedule.



Band earns high concert ranking

THE POST BOLD GOLD band received a 1st Division rating in concert and a Division II rating for sightreading at a recent UIL competition held in Sundown. By receiving a II rating, the band did not earn Sweepstakes honors. Band Instructor Crispin Bradsher said the band members were "pretty disappointed."

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Thanks to Brother Norris Taylor, Dr. James Bell, Post and Slaton E.M.T.'s and the ladies of Calvary Baptist Church.

The family of Eona Redman

The family of Mary Sneed want to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards, memorials and food during our time of loss. We also appreciate your concern and prayers. A special thanks goes to Charles Addington for a wonderful funeral service. The ladies from the Church of the Nazarene, the Graham Chapel Methodist Church, and the First United Methodist Church are greatly appreciated for the dinner that was prepared for the family. We all need good friends to lean on at one time or another in our lives. We want to send our sincere thanks to you all again. May God bless you all abundantly.

Love,
Karen and Larry Guy & family
Marcie and Rodney Oden & family
Shal and Rodney Tidwell & family
Wilma and Billy Williams & family
Sheri York

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone that was there for us during the loss of our "Pop", Jim McInroe.

Every word, deed and thought that was expressed will not be forgotten by us. A special thanks to Curtis Hudman.

Mike, Paige, and Meghann Rivas
Jason, Justin, and Kyle McInroe

Card of Thanks

Words cannot express the gratitude I feel, no one could ever pay back the acts of kindness and love shown to us these last eight months. Prayers, phone calls, beautiful cards, flowers, words of encouragement, food and the visits that meant so much to Jimmy Don. At the end of the support from family and friends especially Reshea, Jamie, Benny, Cherry, Roger, Deanna and Randy, I just say thank you. Post EMT's were so great at a time when there was nothing that could be done except comfort the family and they did that. My special thanks to all the Pride Pipeline Employees, the girls at Ince Oil Company, you all made it easier to bear. My personal thanks to Jack, my big brother, I don't know how you knew to be here but you were. The special bond Jimmy Don and I had with Bro Bill Smith, it meant and still means so much to me. The ladies of Trinity Church, thank you for the beautiful meal, Billy Jean, Cleo, thanks. Curtis and Bill were the greatest, they made everything easier. The wonderful men that Jimmy Don chose as his pallbearers, thank you for fulfilling one of his last wishes. Last but not least Susan and Lanny, you did great. Judy McInroe and family

We would like to thank those who gave their time as we learned about community helpers.

Thanks to Delbert Rudd, Kenny Ratke, Becky Warren, Karen Jones, and Bill Snyder for the educational and enjoyable field trips. The group from Garza Memorial Hospital are also very special.

Thanks again,
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Grey, Anup Patel, Wilson Cash, Diona Heckaman, Blake Nichols, Seth Thomason, Joe Alaway and Pixie Grisham.

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By Deana Gunn
10 Years Ago
April 27, 1983

Alphonso Reyna and La Donna Craig left for Austin to enter the UIL state literary events in Number Sense and Poetry Interpretation.

David Becker was selected to receive honorary award recognition by having his achievements published in the sixth edition of the National Dean's List 1982-83.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Massey proudly announce the birth of their son Brandon Scott, at Texoma Medical Center in Denison.

M & M's Place, owned by Marj and Mac Compton held its grand opening.

Tyra Hart, Jill Richardson, Clay Cowdrey and Keitha White won third overall in the Horse Judging Contest held in Lubbock.

20 Years Ago
April 26, 1973

Post high school students Jan Hall and Cindy Bird won senior division high point individual honors in horse judging and livestock judging at the annual district 4-H judging contests at Texas Tech University.

Improved weather conditions have brought a resumption of work on the new law enforcement complex and jail being built on the west side of the courthouse.

The Mu Alpha and Xi Delta Rho Chapters of Beta Sigma Phi celebrate their 42nd Anniversary of the organizations founding

30 Years Ago
April 25, 1963

Marcia Newby and Joe Hudman are valedictorian and salutatorian of this year's 8th grade graduating class of Post Junior High School.

Post Future Farmers of America's chapter qualified another team for the state FFA contests when the meats judging team won first place in the

Gooch Packing Company Invitational meet in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Etter went to Amarillo where they were complimented with a dinner on their 30th wedding anniversary.

Judy Gail Bishop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Bishop, recently completed 10 weeks of basic training at the Recruit Training Center, Bainbridge, MD, and graduated during military review.

40 Years Ago
April 29, 1953

The worst dust storm in recent years hits, pushing strong winds and choking dust into the Post area, visibility was almost zero at times.

The Amity Study Club met in the home of Mrs. Leo Acker to install new officers, they were: Mrs. Conrad Hartel, president; Mrs. G. K. Cash, vice president; Mrs. C.D. Lee, secretary; Mrs. Thrumman Francis, corresponding secretary-treasurer.

Post high school graduate, Lt. Joseph B. Stokes, was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery in action in Korea.

Charles Bowen of Post was one of 18 cadet non-commissioned officers of the Army ROTC at Texas Tech University who entered drill competition in a race in which Army officers in charge of the unit chose regimental commander for 1952-53.

50 Years Ago
April 29, 1943

Sue Bell Brister's conservation poster is on display in The Post Dispatch window.

Miss Gloria Tuffin has accepted a position in the department of civilian personnel at Pecos Air Force Base.

Mrs. Ray Mullins will present her personality class in a recital.

The Junior Culture Club elected new officers: Mrs. Wilbur Love, president; Mrs. Ashley Lawson, vice president; Miss Barbara Jo Cox, secretary; Miss Kitty Faires, treasurer; Miss Maxine Durrett, parliamentarian; Mrs. Jack Martin, librarian.

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Voters will decide several issues May 1

This coming Saturday, May 1, Post and Garza County voters will be asked to choose a new U.S. Senator for Texas, select two new school board trustees and decide the fate of three school financing amendments on the ballot.

Last week voters were given a brief overview of the local candidates for the school board. Since the senate race is a crowded one with no less than 24 candidates having come forward hoping to land a seat in the Senate, only a sample ballot will be presented.

The more important issue of school finance has drawn heated debate from both sides, those in favor of one or more of the amendments and those opposed. The Texas Legislative Council has prepared an explanation of the amendments and unbiased arguments for and against these measures.

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Senate Joint Resolution No. 7, Section 1, proposing a constitutional amendment allowing the limited redistribution of ad valorem taxes (property) for school, authorizing the legislature or local districts to set a minimum tax rate in county education districts, and placing a cap on the ad valorem tax levied by county education districts. (Senate author: Bill Ratliff; House sponsor: Libby Linebarger)

Arguments

For:

1. By relying from the beginning on the nebulous standard of "efficiency," the courts have yet to give the legislature meaningful direction as to how to satisfy that standard. After at least three hearings before the supreme court and eight years of litigation, the legislature is little closer to a common understanding of what legislation will satisfy the court's standard. Even after following a specific suggestion of the court in the second *Edgewood* opinion and creating county education districts as a form of tax base consolidation, the legislation again was held unconstitutional. A constitutional amendment, approved by the voters of the entire state, is the only effective means to ensure those persons elected to make school finance policy—the legislature—have the ability to enact a valid school finance law.

2. Action is necessary to avoid closure of the schools under the court's order. Other alternatives are either economically or politically unfeasible. The options are relatively few: full state funding or large increases in state funding would require a new revenue source such as a state income tax or state property tax; consolidation of school districts is locally unpopular and has an undesirable effect on local control of schools; and limiting judicial review of school finance laws upsets the traditional balance of powers within state government. The limited ability to redistribute tax revenue from one district to another and to consolidate tax bases within counties for at least part of the local share of support of the public schools is the only politically and economically feasible method of meeting the court's equity standard—that school districts have substantially equal access to similar revenues per pupil at similar levels of tax effort.

Against:

1. By whatever name it is called—"recapture," "redistribution" or "Robin Hood"—the taking of local property tax revenue from one school district violates a basic principle of government: that locally imposed property taxes are held in trust for the benefit of the residents of the district imposing the tax. It is that principle that the Texas Supreme Court has consistently refused to overturn in the *Edgewood* litigation. The legislature should show the political will and courage to pursue an alternative to recapture, which has the aura of soaking the rich districts but in reality raises only a small portion of the funding for public schools.

2. There is no need to empower the legislature to set local tax rates, a power that will enable the legislature to effect large increases in local property taxes. Even if it were necessary for equity purposes to authorize the legislature to require school districts to make a minimum contribution to the funding of the public schools, this amendment is much broader than that. By its express terms, it authorizes the legislature to set the rate of a local property tax, whether levied by a county education district or an independent school district. Nothing in the history of the *Edgewood* litigation justifies this level of intrusion into local control of schools. This offense to local control is compounded by the ability of the legislature to require those local taxes without any form of voter approval, a right currently protected by the constitution.

3. This constitutional amendment, which is being presented to the voters in the abstract without connection to and the context of enabling legislation to implement it, does not address the core, underlying problem in school finance—court intrusion into legislative and local control of the public schools.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

Senate Joint Resolution No. 7, Section 2, proposing a constitutional amendment exempting a school district from the obligation to comply with unfunded state educational mandates. (Senate author: Bill Ratliff; House sponsor: Libby Linebarger)

Arguments

For:

1. Unfunded state educational mandates represent little more than an unwillingness on the part of the legislature to confront voters directly on the true costs of public educational policy. Unfunded state educational mandates give the public the impression that they are getting something for nothing, when in fact the costs are being borne by the local property taxpayer. As the costs of a basic education have been increasingly shifted to the local property tax, it becomes increasingly more important for the school districts to have a mechanism to control state-imposed tax increases.

2. Many state educational mandates are an unwarranted intrusion into the affairs of the local school district, which itself is governed by an elected school board more closely associated with the needs and desires of the public than state legislators. State educational mandates supplant local priorities for the public schools. If state policy considerations are of such importance as to be imposed statewide on every school district, it should be the state government who provide adequate financing for implementation of the policy.

3. As a basic philosophy of government, the governmental unit mandating an expenditure of public funds should be responsible for financing the expenditure. School districts have difficulty meeting the financial demands of state mandates within the fiscal resources available to the district, which must also operate under state-imposed limits on taxing and borrowing authority. Since school districts rely solely on local property taxes as a source of revenue and do not have access to other forms of taxation and fees, state government is better able to equitably raise revenue than the local school district. This is particularly true in the context of the known inequalities of the local tax system.

Against:

1. In this particular proposal, the definition of "state educational mandate" is unclear. For example, if they were not already law, would basic uniform requirements that school districts admit students of a particular age or maintain workers' compensation coverage for employees be mandates from which a school district could claim an exemption? Is there any requirement that the state may impose on a school district that does not in some sense obligate the expenditure of funds? The lack of definition is symptomatic of the fact that this particular proposal, adopted by floor amendment in the second house of the legislature, was not debated and developed by committee in either house and has simply not been studied, evaluated, and refined enough to present an appropriate and workable solution to the mandate problem.

2. The legislature and governor, elected to represent all the people of the state, have a broader perspective on policy issues and are less tied to particular parochial interests than locally elected school boards. There is a clear and unequivocal state interest in uniformity in educational policy-making. If local officials object to statewide policy, the appropriate arena for airing the objection is legislative, judicial, and electoral, not a constitutional provision that allows individual districts to exempt themselves from that policy.

3. As with the mandate themselves, this proposal has a hidden cost that is difficult to evaluate. The cost of creating and maintaining the bureaucratic structure to define, identify and enforce the provision. In other states such as Florida and California that have established limitations on state mandates, this cost of implementation and enforcement has been significant.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

Senate Joint Resolution 4, proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of \$750 million in state general obligation bonds or revenue bonds to assist school districts in partially financing facilities, authorizing the state to forgive payment of loans made to school districts for partially financing facilities and repeating the authorization for \$750 million in state revenue bonds guaranteed by the permanent school fund. (SENATE AUTHOR: Teel Bivins; HOUSE SPONSOR: David Swanford, Christine Hernandez, Libby Linebarger)

Arguments

For:

1. Authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to assist school districts in building school facilities will help the state meet its constitutional obligation to provide an "efficient" school finance system. A school finance system that does not address facilities will continue to result in litigation. General obligation bonds will provide a more secure source of revenue for facilities purposes than relying solely on general revenue.

Against:

1. Relying too heavily on bonded indebtedness to solve the state's fiscal responsibilities at the present may lead to financial problems in the future. There are already many bond programs in operation, with total outstanding state debt currently at \$8.6 billion; another bond program will strain the state's credit. In addition, interest and principal payments on the general obligation bonds that the state will have to make in the future years will increase the financial strains on the state.

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