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Santa letters are due Friday

It's time for children to settle down and write their letters to Santa Claus, asking for their favorite Christmas gifts.

Letters from children in kindergarten through the third grade must be turned in to the News' office by Friday to be included in the News' special Christmas edition, which will be published on Dec. 22. Letters from pre-school children will be accepted until next Thursday, Nov. 15.

County earns disaster order

Extensive rain and hail last May and on July 9 in Swisher County resulted in a disaster declaration for that county and six contiguous counties including Castro, Armstrong, Briscoe, Floyd, Hale and Randall.

The declaration allows family farmers to qualify for Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) emergency loans for damages and losses caused by the storms. Emergency loan applications will be received through June 26, 1995, for physical and production losses, according to the US Dept. of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (USDA-FSA). Local FmHA county offices can provide affected farmers with further information and assist them in completing applications for assistance.

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By Don Nelson

The 1994 cotton report, in a nutshell:

- Great crop.
- Great harvest weather.
- Good price.
- Merry Christmas!

Once upon a time, it wasn't Christmas to me until I had sung in Handel's *The Messiah*.

That's because I did it every year — in Hereford or Amarillo or Lubbock or Austin or Augusta.

I've sung every bass solo in *The Messiah* except one, *The Trumpet Shall Sound*, which is usually cut from Christmas performances.

Verbie and I haven't sung in *The Messiah* for quite a few years now. We haven't had time for the long to-and-from trips for rehearsals.

But over the past few years we've developed a new holiday tradition for ourselves.

Now it isn't Christmas until we've attended Texas Tech's Carol of Lights.

It's always the first Friday night in December, and it's very impressive.

The Carol of Lights starts at dusk with a torchlight processional by the Saddle Tramps, who file along the University Avenue entrance from the fountain, around the traffic circle to the Science Quadrangle.

All along their processional route, the sidewalks are lined with luminarias, placed and lighted by members of the Residence Hall Association.

After the processional, there's a

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Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	60	23	
Friday	67	27	
Saturday	68	30	
Sunday	67	36	
Monday	70	28	
Tuesday	58	33	
Wednesday	64	31	.03

December Moisture03
1994 Moisture 19.89

Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.

Pheasant prospects fair for '94 hunt

Last summer's hot weather has slightly dimmed prospects for the 1994 pheasant hunt, which begins Saturday morning.

Thousands of hunters will be around Dimmitt and Castro County now through Christmas Day to hunt the colorful birds. Hunting runs from sunup to sundown each day. Hunters help the economy of the entire region, with license plates on vehicles from most states of the union and some Canadian provinces highly noticeable during the season.

The best bird hunting will probably be in the northern Panhandle, but will be better in most of Castro County than in the rest of the South Plains region. That's according to official estimates by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.

The best hunting overall is expected to be north of here, in Dallam, Hartley, Deaf Smith, Sherman, Hansford and Ochiltree counties. Surveys in those counties showed more than 44 birds per survey route, with a couple of the routes counting more than 100 pheasants, TPWD officials said.

The deeper into cotton country you get, the lower the populations, said Calvin Richardson, TPWD wildlife biologist.

"Generally, the more acres that are in cotton, the less acres that are in grain crops which are beneficial to pheasants as food and cover," Richardson said. "However, the decrease in pheasant numbers in the South Plains this year can be attributed to the drought conditions this summer, compounded by extremely high temperatures that reached 118 degrees F in some areas."

In Dimmitt, the highest official temperature was 106 degrees on June 27. Heavy rains in early June could have helped produce a bumper crop, but drought-stressed birds didn't get enough help when the record highs hit late in the month.

Richardson said the worst part of drought isn't necessarily water for the birds, but water for plants and insects.

Hens were hurt in the egg-laying and hatching season in the early spring because dry weather hurt green plants that would provide needed Vitamin A. Insect production was hurt, too. Insects are important for protein and calcium for nesting hens and are the primary food for chicks during the first 10 weeks.

Temperatures above 100 degrees (we had eight days of 100 or more) reduce the hen's ability to keep adequate moisture around the eggs during incubation. As a result, the eggs may be lost due to dehydration or nest abandonment by the hen.

The highest concentrations are associated with a combination of rank cover, especially playa lakes that have been "cultivated" to help pheasant production, and irrigated grain crops.

"Not only does this situation provide a good mix of food and cover, but it provides adequate ground-level humidity that is critical for nest success under drought conditions."

Many of the county's playas, especially around Dimmitt, have had good water throughout the summer. Dimmitt has received almost 20 inches of rain this year,

An un-pheasant summer

Remember all of those really hot days last summer? When Amarillo, Midland, Lubbock and other places set new all-time record highs. Those were horrible for newly-hatched pheasants and the insects on which chicks feed for the first 10 weeks.



and that's much more precipitation than most of the Panhandle-Plains.

That prime ground goes for the highest dollar among pheasant hunters, who are willing to pay up to \$200 per gun for areas where almost anyone can get their limit of three cocks per day, six in possession. Other areas are bringing less, as little as \$50 a gun. Much of the "prime" area around here is consigned to hunts filled long ago by Lions clubs in Hart and Easter.

Hunters needing a place to hunt, and landowners wanting to get hooked up with hunters, can use the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce for a clearinghouse. The Chamber's number is 647-2524.

Hunting supplies and other needs are available at ALCO and at Hays True Value.

The best breakfast around will be served Saturday beginning at 5:30 a.m. at the annual Dimmitt Kiwanis Club's annual hunters breakfast at the Castro County Expo Building. A hearty breakfast will be served, with proceeds going to support local projects.

Several other restaurants will be open throughout the day beginning with early breakfast.



DIMMITT FIREFIGHTERS work to extinguish a blaze at the Todd McDaniel residence northeast of Dimmitt Wednesday morning. Residents at the home, located about 10 miles north-northeast of Dimmitt, had been burning trash and the fire got out of control and

ignited the grass around the home. The wind added fuel to the fire and it progressed toward the house. The blaze was extinguished before it caused any major damage to the home, according to Randy Griffitt, Dimmitt Fire Chief.

Photo by Anne Acker

Holy Family Church to recreate Christmas pageant, Dec. 18-19

Holy Family Church in Nazareth will celebrate the holiday season by recreating its Christmas pageant on Sunday, Dec. 18, and Monday, Dec. 19.

Both performances are slated to begin at 8 p.m. in the church and admission is free. Christmas carols will be performed before the pageant, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Those planning to attend are asked to call 945-2534 and reserve a seat. Reservations are encouraged, but not necessary, say spokesmen for the event.

The pageant depicts the story of Christ's life beginning with the "Annunciation" and continues through the first 12 years of his life up to his return to the biblical town of Nazareth. The pageant story is told through songs, narrations and acting. Everyone involved with the production of the pageant is a member of Holy Family Church.

The Christmas pageant was a dream of former Holy Family pastor, Father Stanley Crocchiola, and was first presented in 1972. The pageant was presented each year through 1982, then was discontinued. A special re-enactment of the pageant was presented in 1991 as part of Castro County's Centennial celebration, and that was the last time it was presented.

Donna Birkenfeld, who died in an automobile accident in 1974, was originator and director of the first two pageants, composing two songs which are still used in the pageant.

This year, Birkenfeld's daughter, Kirsten Verkamp, will portray Mary, and Kirsten's husband, Harold, will portray Joseph. The innkeeper will be portrayed by Birkenfeld's husband, Leslie.

The choir performs under the direction of Sharon Brockman, who took over the role after Birkenfeld's death. Stage direction is handled by Ralph Brockman and Patti Kern. Mary Lynn Olvera and Winifred Wagner are this year's musicians.

Hospital open house is today

Plains Memorial Hospital will be open—wide open—to the public today (Thursday) from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The open house will include a tour of the emergency room, operating room, labor and delivery

areas and physical therapy operations.

Patient rooms will also be featured, and the hospital will offer free blood pressure checks and refreshments in the Ettie McDermitt Conference Room.

South Plains rainmakers plant seeds of success

No one knows when the first person turned from the drought-stricken land, wiped a sweat-soaked brow, gazed up at the glaring sun and thought, "If only I could make it rain."

Since that time, there have been numerous attempts at weather modification in order to encourage clouds to produce more rainfall.

Some of those efforts were in the Castro County area in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Weather modification attempts included using silver iodide in seeding clouds to the southwest. Some of the storms were thought to be more violent, and technology wasn't quite up to snuff. Silver iodide (AgI) is still the agent of choice, because it very closely approximates natural ice crystals.

The rainmaking program in these parts dried up.

Another program to the south, though, has kept going. The program has helped boost water resources, and in turn crops, in areas where water is sparse.

"It is certain that drought will occur and reoccur in West Texas," said George W. Bomar, senior technical specialist with the Water Planning and Assessment Division

of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission in Austin. "This gives us reason to consider again the amount of available fresh water that West Texans can tap, and with climate changes and the threat of drier weather, we're going to need to explore new, different ways of using the water we have, as well as

developing additional fresh water resources."

Bomar has worked with the Texas Water Commission and the TNRCC, the TWC's successor, over the past 20 years in the regulation of weather modification activities in West Texas.

Weather modification is the

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Use 'radical right,' rather than 'Christian right' to define beliefs

JESSE TODD, Newport News Daily Press:

You may see more and more references to the "radical right" and fewer and fewer jobs at the "Christian right." This represents progress. My guess is that many—I hope most—Christians are offended by the suggestion that their views are in accord with those of Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell and Oliver North.

The term "Christian right," whether intended to or not, lumps together people who may share certain religious beliefs but who have little or nothing in common politically. After all, you don't see many references to the "Christian left" or the "Christian center," but surely such political-religious animals exist, even if they don't advertise.

The news flash here is that not all Christians are Republicans. Some Christians believe women should be able to have legal, safe abortions. Some Christians think homosexuals should be able to serve in the military and shouldn't be discriminated against in the work place. Some Christians don't want their tax dollars used to support vouchers for private schools. Some Christians like the wall that separates church and state and are opposed to efforts to put prayer in school.

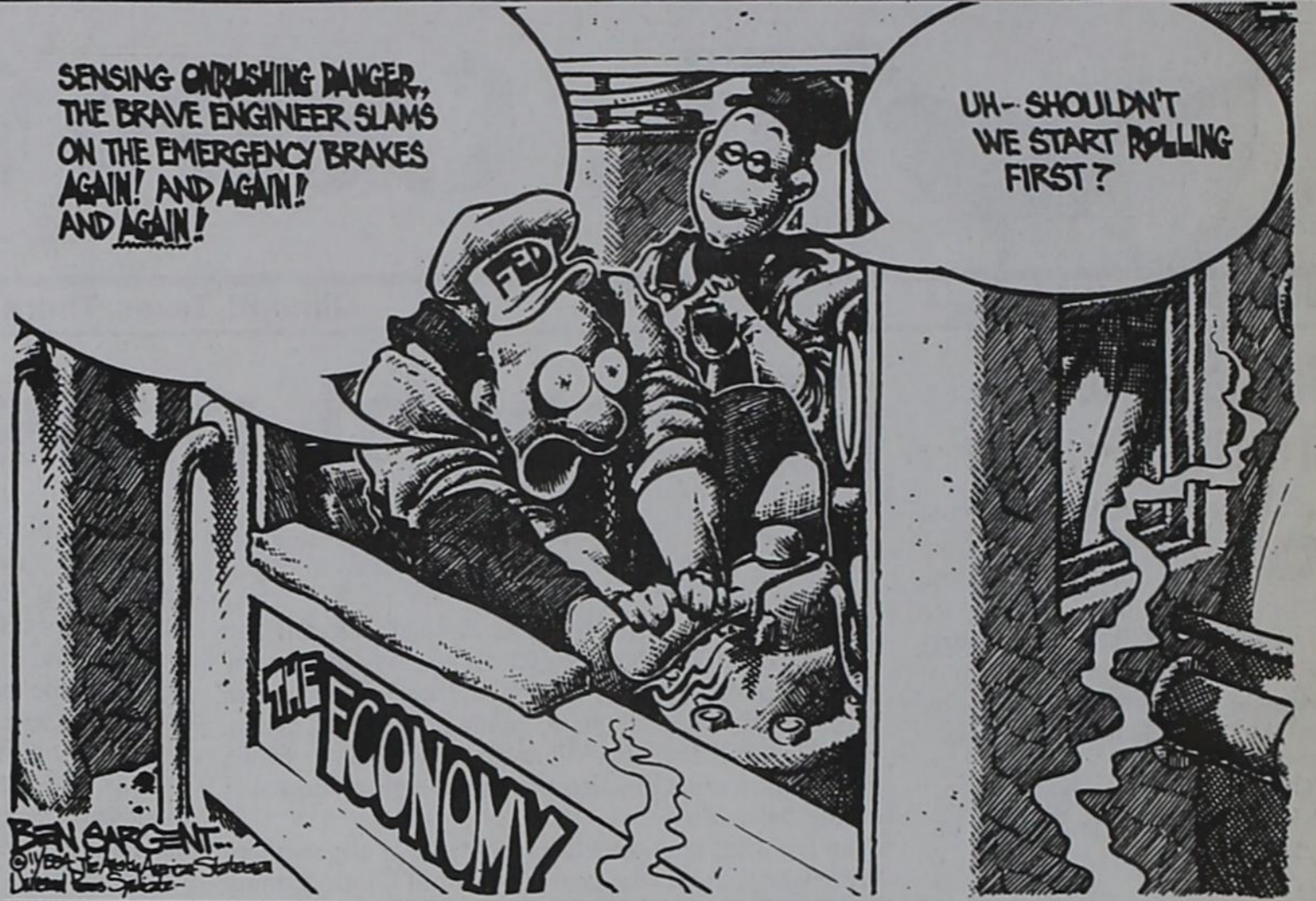
Democrats—should I say Christian Democrats?—

could be convicted of political negligence for the way they have allowed a group of people with certain political views to co-opt the word "Christian" and apply it to their political agenda. Maybe the reason the Christian right—excuse me, I mean the radical right—dislikes Bill Clinton so much is that he's a Christian, a Baptist at that, and he regularly talks about religion and uses other religious references in his speeches. Other than having the choir director run off with the preacher's wife, what could be worse?

Words are symbols, and people like to use and abuse them, changing their meaning to suit partisan purposes. Take the word "conservative." In its traditional usage regarding political views, it referred to those who wanted as little government interference in people's lives as possible. But somehow the "conservative" view regarding abortion is that government should have the right to interfere in a woman's most personal decision about whether to carry a pregnancy to term.

Liberals would leave the decision about abortion to women and keep government out of it.

The point is that people who love God and country must guard their religious and civic symbols, so that they won't be pilfered and misused for narrow, partisan causes. To refer to the "Christian right" is to acquiesce to grand larceny of the word "Christian."



State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

allowing the state to restructure its Medicaid program. The waiver, if granted, would require that the state form partnerships with Texas counties and consolidate local hospital districts and indigent care programs in order to receive matching dollars from the federal government.

In support of the federal-waiver plan, state Sen. Judith Zaffirini, who chairs the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, said, "We don't want to make cuts at the state level that would simply shift costs to the local level."

Schools May Outweigh Taxes
Taxes won't be an issue in the upcoming legislative session unless the Texas Supreme Court overturns the current public school finance law, according to Brad Reynolds, an aide to Lt. Gov. Bullock.

Reynolds said the Legislature's focus will shift to finding a new way to pay for schools if the high court rejects the finance system — one that is being challenged for the fourth time since 1989.

Presently, funds used to run the state's public education system are taken from a mix of property taxes, and state and federal aid. Reynolds said that if the high court once again declares the school-funding system unconstitutional, lawmakers may have to look at new sources of revenue, such as a value-added tax on manufactured goods.

But Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, have promised that there would be no tax increase in the upcoming biennium.

Inauguration Committee
Donald Evans, chief executive of a Midland oil and gas company, will serve as chairman of the committee planning the Jan. 17 inauguration ceremonies, Gov.-elect George W. Bush and Lt. Gov. Bullock announced last week.

Bush said the day will begin with a prayer service and include the swearing-in, a parade, a traditional Texas barbecue and inaugural balls.

Committee co-chairs will be Nancy Brinker of Dallas, founder of the Susan G. Komen Breast

Cancer Foundation, and Austin political consultant Jack Martin.

Jeanne Johnson Phillips of Dallas, founder of a fund-raising and special events consulting firm, will serve as executive director of the inaugural committee.

Ruling: Long Hair OK'd
Zachariah Toungate's 15-inch-long hair style may violate school policy, but the 12-year-old Bastrop student is within his rights to wear it.

Visiting Judge Norman Lanford of Houston threw out a jury verdict when he ruled last week that Bastrop Independent School District's hair-length policy is unconstitutional, but he did not order school officials to abolish the policy.

Toungate began drawing national attention in 1990 when he was given in-school suspension for refusing to cut his hair in accordance with school policy, which limits boys' hair to collar length.

Toungate is being home-schooled.

Other Highlights
■ A bill has been pre-filed for the 1995 legislative session that would allow repeat child molesters to volunteer to be surgically castrated as a form of treatment. Senate Bill 40, co-sponsored by state Sens. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, and Bill Sims, D-Paint Rock, stipulates that state prison inmates who choose to undergo surgical castration would not reduce their prison sentence by doing so.

■ The state's office of Public Insurance Counsel is recommending a 25.5 percent decrease in the benchmark rates for homeowners insurance. The counsel, which represents consumers in rate cases, also proposed a 27 percent decrease for farm and ranch owners insurance. The current rates will be reviewed at the annual rate hearing, scheduled to begin Dec. 15.

■ Gov.-elect George W. Bush said Texas Ranger president Tom Schieffer will replace him as general partner of the baseball team. Bush said he will relinquish his role by Dec. 31, although he will retain his 1.8 percent ownership of the baseball team.

CAPITOL COMMENT
U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Speak out!

Do you have an opinion about any of the articles on these pages, or about any of the things happening in our local, state or national government?

Write and tell us about it. (Castro County News, Box 67, Dimmitt, 79027. Also, see Letters Policy.)

And if it's an issue that needs the attention of our legislators, here is a list of where you can write or call them, as well:

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The mailing address for all State Senators is Texas Senate, P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin, 78711; FAX (512)463-0326.

Teel Bivins, 31st District:
Austin phone (512)463-0131. Local office: P.O. Box 9155, Amarillo, 79109; phone 374-8994; FAX 374-4607.

John Montford, 28th District:
Austin phone (512)463-0128. Local office: P.O. Box 1709, Lubbock, 79408; phone 744-5555; FAX 762-4217.

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US SENATE
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Local office: 113 Federal Bldg., 1205 Texas Ave., Lubbock, 79401; phone 743-7533.

Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas):
Rm. 703 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C., 20510; phone (202)224-5922.

A Blueprint for Genuine Reform

The sheer volume of legislation which Congress has imposed on the country over the past 40 years has reached critical mass, threatening American freedom and prosperity. That burden must be lifted.

I have suggested to incoming Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole that he immediately appoint a panel made up of members of Congress to consider regulatory reform and suggest constructive changes in current laws. Ideally, a near-term list should be put together before the 104th Congress convenes.

The panel should use a "common-sense" test as a basis for recommending change, asking the question, "Does the need for a law outweigh its costs?"

For instance, most Americans are appalled to learn that drug abuse is now classified as a disability, and that addicts and alcoholics are given Supplemental Security Income payments which they often use to supply their addictions rather than obtain food, shelter and treatment.

This doesn't pass the "common-sense" test. It wastes resources and does actual harm to those it purports to help. There are countless other examples of counterproductive federal expenditures which should be identified and then eliminated.

Pending reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act and Clean Water Act also deserve immediate attention. I favor the addition of "common-sense" amendments which would protect private property rights and address cost/benefit considerations. Government should be required to pay the costs of aggressive environmental regulation if it substantially reduces the market value of private real estate or causes other tangible harm.

Some reform issues can be addressed promptly. But we must go beyond dealing with the most acute of our immediate problems. We must also review the massive amount of government regulation that has accumulated over the past 10 years. The identification of areas in need of long-term reform could be accomplished by either a panel of senators or by a regulatory relief commission composed of members from both Houses of Congress and the business community.

The long-term review process ought to encompass changes to various laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, OSHA, the Clean Air Act and others with the goal of removing or modifying provisions which place undue burdens on business, inhibit job growth or injure private property rights.

I envision this review being conducted during the first session of the 104th Congress, with remedial legislative action following in the second session.

There are other measures on which we should move quickly, such as genuine reform of health insurance, lobbying and gift disclosure and campaign finance reform (not public financing). We also need to enact tort reform, pass a real crime bill with mandatory minimum sentences and bring about habeas corpus reform.

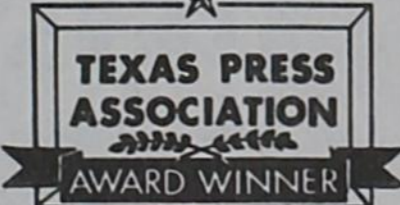
Congress has its work cut out. We have the potential to create a brighter tomorrow for American families and American businesses. We must realize that potential.

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Last Puzzle Solution

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ACROSS

- 1 "Don't ___ with TX"
- 5 TXism: "fits like sardines in ___"
- 6 TX Dr. Pepper rival: Coca-___
- 7 TXism: "mighty fine"
- 8 TX ___ Don Baker
- 9 Oilers cross it for a score (2 wds.)
- 17 Huntsville's Houston statue weighs 25 ___
- 18 briefly referred to
- 19 TXism: "looks like ___ ridden hard and put up wet"
- 21 women got to ___ in TX in 1918
- 22 UT ___ School
- 27 Prairie ___ Museum is in Eagle Lake
- 28 unit consisting of two feet
- 30 King Arthur's roundtable "cowboy"
- 31 TXism: "there's more of them than there are ___ TX"
- 33 "best little puzzle in TX" (abbr.)
- 34 led 1st French expedition to TX: Seur ___
- 37 TXism: "costs an arm and ___"
- 38 TXism: "dance with ___ brung ya"
- 39 "___ you will if you won't"
- 40 Galveston has 1st ___ church in TX
- 42 TX Hobby: 1st woman to get Distinguished Service Medal (init.)
- 43 TX Tanya's "...What Do I Do ___?"
- 46 TX Ivory Joe Hunter's "Since ___ You Baby"
- 47 TXism: "sling it on the wall and ___ if it sticks" (try)
- 48 Midwestern State's athletic conference
- 49 Burton hosts the Cotton ___ Festival in April
- 50 TXism: "it rained for forty days ___" (real wet)
- 53 toothed wheels
- 54 "a long time ___" (past)
- 55 ex-Rangers reliever Robb TXism: "keep your powder ___" (be careful)

DOWN

- 1 ___ Kenzie State Park is in Lubbock
- 2 TX Cibola Trail has 3 distinct ___ systems
- 3 TXism: "booze parlors"
- 4 TXism: "lower than a ___ wheel rut"
- 8 this McCrea was with TX Darnall in "Buffalo Bill" (44)
- 9 Norm Sonju's job with the Mavericks
- 10 TX Buddy Holly epitaph: "Rave ___"
- 11 TX band: Asleep ___ The Wheel
- 12 TXism: "___ on the hog" (rich)
- 13 TXism: "takes a big ___ to rope him" (large person)
- 14 TXism: "he'll kick you ___ a funeral home" (mean horse)
- 15 TXism: "I ___ like a duck needs an umbrella"
- 16 TV pony: Mr. ___
- 17 TXism: "___ unvarnished truth"
- 18 TX Ross Perot has ___bucks
- 20 San Antonio st.: ___ Adams
- 22 ___ T Railroad created-Denison
- 23 Dallas' West ___
- 24 Travis & Bowie ___ at the Alamo
- 25 Eskimo "casas"
- 26 TXism: "fat ___"
- 28 TX drink: Sugar Free ___ Dr. Pepper
- 29 TX Bush's problem in 1992 (abbr.)
- 32 TX "Pecos Bill" girl: ___-Foot Sue
- 35 TXism: "old ___ dirt"
- 36 TXism: "___ wrangler" (attorney)
- 38 small TX songbirds
- 41 to send out
- 44 NASA's drink
- 45 "___ seek"
- 51 unexpected result
- 52 TX Strait (init.)

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On the Go

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343



FOR THE HOSPITAL — Members of the Friendship Quilters' Guild donated these two quilt-art wall hangings to Plains Memorial Hospital at last week's meeting of the hospital board. The colorful mini-quilts are framed and sealed behind glass for easy cleaning. Guild members said they

plan to make two wall hangings a year until there's one for every patient room in the hospital. Guild members displaying the wall hangings are (from left) Nell Humphrey, Tommie Sue Nisbett, Joyce Davis, Yvonna Hays, Cenci Hardee and Cassa McCormick.

Photo by Don Nelson

Several members of the county's extension clubs met at the courthouse on Tuesday evening for a special meeting.

Marilyn Neal, the county Extension agent, demonstrated several clever ideas to make for Christmas presents and some to hang on the Christmas tree. She made little angels and cowboy angels to hang on the tree; poinsettia napkin rings; a candy cane vase filled with ivy; a shirt Christmas card made out of \$1 bills; and a Christmas apron.

She served cookies and mint flavored hot tea stirred with a candy cane. Members attending were Oncida Hutto, Betty Freeman, Faye Mohon, Ruth Cochran, Maxine

Myers, Karen Carter, Wannie Stevens, Daphene Montgomery, Mary Edna Hendrix and Jennifer Elliott, all of Dimmitt; Diane Jones and Nancy Wescott of Hart; and Lisa Braddock of Nazareth.

Mitzie Brockman entertained children and their mothers and friends in her home on Wednesday evening. There was wall-to-wall people. Since Santa Claus was there, the children were excited about sitting in his lap and telling him what they wanted for Christmas. Some of the little ones cried and some of the older boys had to be encouraged by their moms to have their picture made with Santa, and some little ones

wouldn't even go near him.

Mitzie served cookies and punch to a large crowd. Every room in her home was decorated for Christmas. There was a large tree in the living room decorated with Precious Moments dolls and characters, two nativity scenes, pretty Christmas stockings hung in the doorway, a large decorated tree in the den, and other Christmas decorations all through the house.

One of the nativity scenes was handmade. Mitzie's brothers and sisters had given her the Nativity with expressions of gratitude for her loving care of their mother, Alma Conrad.

It was a fun evening for young and old.

WITH VIRGIE GERBER, 945-2669

Nazareth

Many enjoyed basketball games this past weekend. The junior varsity boys and girls were in the Muleshoe Tournament. The boys' team won third place.

The varsity boys won first in the Friona tournament and the girls varsity won second in the Canyon Tournament.

Many friends and relatives attended the wedding of Theresa Wilhelm and Michael Mullen on Saturday, Nov. 26, at Holy Family Church with Rev. Robert Rakauskas of the Order of St. Peter, officiating at a Latin nuptial mass. A reception and dance followed at the Nazareth Community Hall. Relatives attended from Long Beach, Calif., Redmond, Ore., Clinton, Maine, and Scenery Hill and Benecyville, Penn.

Ronnie Wilhelm's sisters, Margaret Bertovich and Frances Goroncy and a nephew, Bob Dorko, stayed after the wedding and visited with the Lavern Wilhelm family and other relatives for a few days.

A steak dinner and raffle will be held Saturday evening in the Community Hall and proceeds from the event will be used by the Nazareth Museum Association in its restoration of the old band hall. The meal will cost \$7 per person. Pheasant hunters and all local relatives are invited to attend.

The annual Santa's party, which was held at the home of Cyril and Mitzie Brockman on Wednesday evening, was well attended by both young and older children. Donations totaled \$147.01 and will go to Holy Family Parish Charity Fund in memory of Leonard and Alma Conrad.

The Nazareth Christmas Pageant will be presented this year on Sunday, Dec. 18, and Monday, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m. in Holy Family Church.

After spending a week in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital, Meta Stork was transferred to Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt where she will be in a "swim bed" program for two weeks.

Meta had some very unexpected company Saturday afternoon. Her

granddaughter, Debbie (Stork) Dayhoff of Phoenix, Ariz., and Vicki (Stork) Love and her husband, Jim, of Lamesa, came to the hospital and spent several hours visiting with the family.

Msgr. Stanley Crocchiola is home from the hospital to recuperate. He is in very good spirits and would probably appreciate a card from his friends. His address is 806 Kingman St., Canadian, Texas 79014.

Mary Litsch is now in San Antonio with her son, Greg, and his wife. Her address is Mary Litsch, c/o Greg Litsch, 11524 Bear Paw Path, San Antonio, Texas 78245.

About 30 friends and relatives gathered at the Depot Restaurant in Lubbock Sunday to honor Evelyn Hill of Lubbock on her 60th birthday. The best surprise of all was her son, Brad, who flew in from Miami, Fla., to join in the party.

Oleta Gollehon, Kate Beecher and I met my sister, Lynna Cloer, in Tulia for lunch on Sunday and then enjoyed the Holiday Home Tour that was hosted by the Tulia Progressive Study Club.

We went to the home of Sam and Jackie Murff first and loved all the Christmas decorations. The Murffs' daughter, Millie, married Roger Otwell. He toured with his twin brother, David, with the Lawrence Welk Show several years ago.

Next we went to the Foster Town House, home of Nora Foster, and another beautiful home with decorations that were out of this world. It takes talent and money for such decorations. While there we visited with some friends: Myrna Keener, a former Dimmitt resident; Nancy Vaughn, a neighbor to my parents several years ago; and Jeanie Todd, who was my district supervisor when we were selling World Book encyclopedias.

Then we drove 18 miles out in the country to see the new home of Don and Glenna Crooks, a beautiful, spacious home. Members of the Study Club served pickup foods, coffee and hot spiced tea to hundreds of guests. I have never seen so many people on a home tour, even many men with their wives.

I also saw Kim Watts Pond while I was there.

Polly Bell was honored Sunday on her 85th birthday. Her daughter, Karen Sheffy, took her to Lubbock to be with the Lonnie Bells and to dinner.

Frank Wise's birthday was noted Sunday in church when his family remembered him with an altar poinsettia.

Polly Simpson read funny cards and was taken to lunch at the El Sombrero by Doris Flynt, Doris Lust, Gwen Bryant, Val Davis, Kathryn Birdwell and Deanne Clark.

Louise Mears is home after having surgery in Amarillo. She

appreciates all the prayers, visits, cards and food that were given to her, and the visits of Paul Kenley and Bill Newland.

Edith Graef was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center. She served fruit salad pic. Dede McLauren won high score and Oleda Schumacher won second high score. Others playing were Bill Thornton, Alma Kenmore, Fern Dickey, Neva Hickey, Mary Small, Helen Braafladt, Johnnie Vannoy, Dugan Butler, Ina Rac Cates, Loranel Hamilton, Susie Reeves and Bernice Hill.

The Jack Flynts, Percy Parsons, George Sides, Bill Clarks, V.C. Hopsons and Martha Jo and Jo Hyman enjoyed *Lost in Yonkers* Saturday night at the Amarillo Little Theater.

The Junior High and Senior High Youth at First United Methodist Church helped with the Thanksgiving food drive. They helped with collecting the food and then boxing it for delivery. They bought ham and turkey breasts for individuals and one family. Later they enjoyed refreshments of hot chocolate and popcorn furnished by Lint and Connie Merritt and brownies from Karen Sheffy. Others who helped were Suzan Sanders, Karen Roberson, Linda Shannon and Terri Loudder.

The Children's Choir of First Baptist Church presented *Arch the Angel of the 91st Airborne Division* on Sunday evening with a large crowd on hand. Debra Ball is the director of the Children's Choir.

Acteens painted all of the t-shirts for the choir members; each shirt had the wings and a red heart in the center.

It was good to see the Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Golden of Plainview. They were there to see their granddaughter, Laura Razor, who was in the choir. The Goldenes are

the parents of Linda Razor and he was interim pastor at FBC several years ago.

Teacher Jackie Odom brought 15 FHA members to help decorate the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Apartments activity room for Christmas.

The project was made by FHA members and Pybus Christian School.

FHA members who helped were Tawnee Matthews, Tracy Grand, Jon Scarborough, Angie Mendoza, Claudia Medrano, Yvonne Ellis, Enedina Ramos, Maria Ros, Becky Rivera, Heriverto Arriaga, John Falcon, Joe Silva, Richard Carpio, Amado Caldero and Sarah Goldsmith.

The folks at Senior Citizen Apartments send their thanks to all who helped.

Some Thanksgiving leftovers: Courtney Armstrong entertained her sons and their families for Thanksgiving. Brent and Rachel of Grady, N.M., Scott and Karen of Otis, Colo., Ross and Shayla of Amarillo and Clay of Gainesville were all on hand, along with seven grandkids. Laura and her family were unable to be here since her husband had surgery.

Polly Patterson enjoyed having her son Mike and his wife Lucy here from Fort Worth for a few days.

Mrs. Crump has enjoyed her family visiting her recently: Her daughter Jeanne King and Jessica from Colorado Springs, son Emory and Michelle Hughes from Canton, son Clinton Hughes from Dumas, Phil and Linda Hughes of Olton and daughter Avis and Bobby Richie of Maryland.

Kate Beecher celebrated the Thanksgiving holidays in Dallas with Beth McLendon and family and then in Jackson, Miss., with Dan and Jo Prather and their daughter, Danna. They enjoyed the play *Guys and Dolls* while she was in Mississippi.

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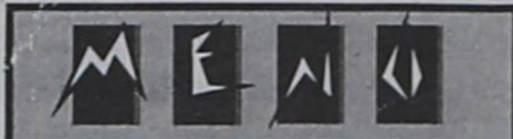
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People



Kleman, Konicek to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Konicek of Maple Plain, Minn. announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jacqueline Ann Konicek, to Lee William Kleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kleman of Nazareth. The couple plans to exchange wedding vows on Jan. 7, 1995, in Long Lake, Minn. The bride is a 1985 graduate of Delano High School and is a commodities trader for Network Trading, Inc. in Nerstrand, Minn. Kleman is employed as a grain trader for De Bruce Grain in Dumas. After the wedding, the couple plans to live in Dumas.



Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of Dec. 8-16.

DIMMITT
THURSDAY: Choices of *chicken strips, hoagie submarine or beef and bean burrito with chili; Spanish rice, macaroni and cheese or *Mexicali corn; *tossed salad with dressing, fruited gelatin or fresh watermelon slices; *hot rolls, crackers or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choices of *golden fried cod fillets; pigs in a blanket or salad plate; tater tots, baked potato or pasta salad; tossed salad with dressing, *assorted relishes or *cantaloupe wedges; hot rolls, whole wheat rolls or crackers; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.
MONDAY: Choices of *soft taco, chicken strips or fruit and cheese plate; *potato rounds, Mexipinto beans, peas and carrots; tossed salad with dressing, *garden relish, chilled canned fruit; crackers, *hot rolls or flour tortillas; apple, banana or orange; *milk, punch or tea.
TUESDAY: Choices of *chicken fried steak on a bun with lettuce and tomato or chili Fritos with salsa; *corn, broccoli or green beans; tossed salad with dressing, *coleslaw or fresh fruit salad; *hot wheat rolls, old fashioned combread or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.
WEDNESDAY: Choices of *Italian spaghetti, grilled cheese sandwich with a bowl of soup or oven-fried chicken; *garden peas, mixed vegetables or mashed potatoes with gravy; *tossed salad with dressing, pasta salad or cucumber and tomato salad; *garlic French bread, crackers or white bread; apple, plum or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.
THURSDAY: Turkey and dressing supreme with cranberry sauce; choices of seasoned green beans, mashed potatoes with gravy or candied sweet potatoes; tossed salad with dressing or fruit fantasy ambrosia; hot cheese rolls or old fashioned combread; and *milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choices of hot dog on a bun with chili or hoagie submarine sandwich; baked beans, tater tots or broccoli, cheese and rice; tossed salad with dressing, *assorted relishes or cantaloupe wedges; cookie; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

(Items designated with an asterisk will be served to students in pre-kindergarten through the second grade.)

HART
THURSDAY: Cheeseburgers, tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, French fries, fresh fruit and milk.
FRIDAY: Hot dogs (elementary), Frito pie, French fries with chili and cheese or burrito; pinto beans, pickles, crackers, Rice Krispie bars and milk.
MONDAY: Chicken nuggets (elementary) or chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green peas, carrot sticks, hot rolls, variety of cobbler and milk.
TUESDAY: Corn dogs (elementary) or burrito, macaroni and cheese, pickles, fresh fruit and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Turkey and dressing, green beans, sweet potatoes, sliced bread, cranberry sauce, fruit salad and milk.
THURSDAY: Sloppy Joes (elementary) or cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, French fries, fresh fruit and milk.
FRIDAY: Nachos with meat (elementary) or burritos, pickles, peaches, Rice Krispie bars and milk.

(Hart school menus are subject to change without notice.)

NAZARETH
THURSDAY: Pizza, tossed salad, fruit cocktail and milk.
FRIDAY: Lasagna, corn, rolls, pears and milk.
MONDAY: Nachos, pork and beans, rolls, applesauce and milk.
TUESDAY: Fish, macaroni and cheese, green beans, combread, pineapple and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Barbecue on a bun, carrots, apple cobbler and milk.
THURSDAY: Tacos, corn, rolls, peaches and milk.
FRIDAY: Sandwiches, tater tots, apples and milk.

Wilhelm, Mullen exchange vows in double-ring ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Scott Mullen are home in Lazbuddie after enjoying a wedding trip to London, England.

The bride is the former Theresa Rose Wilhelm, daughter of Lavem and Ronnie Wilhelm of Nazareth. Parents of the groom are Jim and Joy Mullen of Long Beach, Calif.

The couple exchanged wedding vows on Nov. 26 in a formal, double-ring ceremony performed by Rev. Robert Rakauskas at Holy Family Church in Nazareth.

The altars were decorated with ivy.

Mary Lynn Olvera of Nazareth, cousin of the bride, played the organ. Tammy Griffin sang *Ave Maria* and *Mother at Your Feet is Kneeling*. Bobby Weaver, a trumpet soloist, performed *Trumpet Voluntary* and *Ode to Joy*.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a wedding gown designed with a Victorian neckline, mutton sleeves and lace appliques and pearls on the bodice. It featured a white chapel-length train.

She carried a bouquet of peach roses and white carnations with ivy.

Matron of honor was Dorothy Huseman of Amarillo, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Mary Beth Haschke of Amarillo, sister of the bride; Stacy Wilhelm of Amarillo, sister-in-law of the bride; Elaine Verkamp of Abilene, friend of the bride; and Tiffany Alexander of Long Beach, the groom's sister.

The attendants wore tea-length gowns of royal blue designed with a fitted bodice, Sweetheart waistline and lace sleeves. They wore lace veils in their hair and carried nose-gay bouquets of peach and blue roses.

Best man was John Gundhus of Long Beach, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were John Stradley of Long Beach, friend of the groom, Damian Wilhelm of Amarillo, brother of the bride, Ed Brown of Redmond, Wash., godfather of the groom, and Brett Alexander of Long Beach, the groom's brother-in-law.

Wesley Huseman of Amarillo, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer. Flower girls were Adrienne Huseman and Megan Wilhelm, both of Amarillo, nieces of the bride.

After the wedding, a reception was held in the Nazareth Commu-



MRS. MICHAEL SCOTT MULLEN
... nee Theresa Rose Wilhelm

nity Hall. The tables were decorated with blue and peach hearts.

For her traveling attire, the bride wore a tea-length ivory lace dress and a southern-style hat.

She is a graduate of Nazareth High School and holds a music education degree from West Texas A&M University. She is employed

as a music teacher with the Lazbuddie Independent School District.

The groom holds a bachelor's degree from UCLA and a master's degree from California State University at Long Beach. He is employed with Lazbuddie ISD and is a Naval Reserve officer in Houston.

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Naz museum group plans steak dinner
 The Nazareth Museum Association will hold a benefit steak dinner Saturday with proceeds to be used for restoration of an old school building donated to the association for use as a museum facility. The meal will be served from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall and will feature steak, baked potato and all the trimmings. Cost will be \$7 per plate. Everyone is invited to attend, including any out-of-town pheasant hunters who might be in the area for opening weekend of pheasant season.

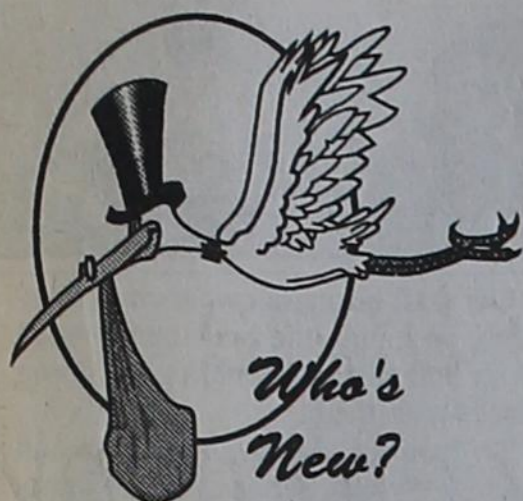
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Who's Who features many county students

The latest edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students* features many Castro County students.

Those recognized from Dimmitt include Katrina Acker, Zachary Bell, James Bryan, Mirella Cardona, Albert Charles, Monica De La Cruz, Amy Ethridge, Chad Ewing, Wendy Finke, Addison Foskey, Shaun Furr, Danny George, Josiah Gonzalez, Stacy Griffith, Maria Holguin, Kyle Joiner, Joe Larra, Jessie Lopez, Daniel Maxwell, Stacy McDaniel, Samuel Moctezuma, Selma Montalvo, Zeke Nino, Rachel Perez, Susana Ramirez, Brandi Rice, Jerry Rivera, Justin Roberts, Adrian Sanchez, Tiffany Smith, Terri Teaschner, Jessica Vasquez, Jennifer Vick, Holly Wise, Diana Anes, Polly Bolton, Dustan Buckley, Mario Castillo, Poppy Cline, Dolores Dimas, Dewayne Espinosa, Christopher Everett, Wanda Finke, Teresa Flores, Linda Fuentes, Lindsey Garza, Rachel Goldsmith, Maria Granado, Rochelle Harman, Chad Jennings, Amber Langford, Adriana Lopez, Tawnee Matthews, Colby McDaniel, Lupe Mendez, Brandi Morgan, Christopher Perez, Sandra Ramirez, Cicely Reyna, Ramon Rios, Josh Roberts, Janie Robles, Carrie Sheffy, Brian Simpson, Andrew Teaschner, Joel Townsend, Margarita Vazquez and Cresencio Vidal.

Hart students named to *Who's Who* include Daniel Barham, Sandra Casares, Esmeralda Cortez, Chris Dotson, D'Lynn Hankins, Brandi Key, Sandra Lopez, Jennifer Martinez, Leslie Nelson, Gayla Reyna, Dena Smyth, Tiffany Bradford, Rence Cole, Mandy Davis, Jada Ethridge, Nancy Holguin, Tanya Leibl, Carina Martinez, Lyndy Mitchell, Monica Perez, Felipa Rodriguez and Jon Smyth.

Nazareth students recognized are Sabrina Acker, Jaimye Bingham, Scott Braddock, Scott Brockman, Allyn Garza, Courtney Hoelting, Sarah Olvera, Karmen Pohlmeier, Mary Ellen Ramaekers, Carie Wethington, Misti Ball, Joyce Birkenfeld, Kristin Brockman, Angela Fortenberry, Nicholas Gerber, Adam Johnson, Colby Pohlmeier, Jill Ramaekers, Denia Durbin, Lena Durbin, Marjorie Durbin and Jaret Schulte.

Who's Who students can compete for \$150,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed to some 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country.

Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon their academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of the students recognized by *Who's Who* have at least a B average or better and 97% are college-bound.

Orders taken for windbreaks

Orders are now being taken for windbreak tree seedlings from the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District in Dimmitt.

Trees should be reserved as soon as possible by calling the RWSWCD at 647-4324 or going by 114 W. Bedford in Dimmitt.

Commodities to be given on Wednesday

Butter, dehydrated potatoes and canned green beans, tomatoes, peaches and pears will be distributed by Panhandle Community Services to those who qualify on Wednesday.

The monthly commodity distribution will begin at 10 a.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

De La Cruz is deployed

Navy Fireman Recruit Alejandro De La Cruz is midway through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans with the aircraft carrier *USS Kitty Hawk*, homeported in San Diego, Calif.

De La Cruz' wife, Rachel, is the daughter of Frank and Pauline Rivera of Dimmitt.

His ship is the lead ship of its battle group, which includes an aircraft carrier with nine aircraft squadrons, three guided missile cruisers, a guided missile frigate, an ammunition ship, a replenishment oiler and two attack submarines.

The *USS Kitty Hawk* battle group deployment not only provides a forward deployed presence in an area of strategic importance, but it also reinforces our commitment to our Pacific allies.

De La Cruz and *USS Kitty Hawk* have participated in a wide range of exercises with the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force, Republic of Korea's Navy and Royal Singaporean Navy. De La Cruz's ship and its crew also joined with Marines from the Third Marine Expeditionary Force in an exercise which highlighted the capability of a carrier to be used as a launching platform for airborne amphibious assaults.

While deployed, De La Cruz has visited Japan, Okinawa, South Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, Guam and Malaysia.

De La Cruz's involvement in the deployment is an example of how US aircraft carriers are on station around the world from the Persian Gulf and the Western Pacific Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea.

Aircraft carriers and other Navy ships can respond on short notice to crises around the world. The mission of these forces is to dominate coastal and ocean areas while projecting sustained power and presence wherever US interests are involved.

De La Cruz is a 1992 graduate of Olton High School and he joined the Navy in September 1993.



Church Happenings

Presbyterian Church

Sunday is the second Brown Bag Sunday.

Sunday Church School classes meet at 10 a.m.

"Living in the Last Days" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday worship service at 11 a.m.

The church family covered-dish Christmas dinner will be after the morning worship service.

The Session will meet Monday at 7 p.m.

"Reversing Conventional Values Promoting the Common Good," Mark 12:41-44, will be the subject of the mid-week Bible study on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the manse.

Ministerial Alliance

Human Rights Week is Dec. 10-17.

Sunday is the second Brown Bag Sunday.

Johnny Robertson will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Hebrews 13:18-25 on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt.

Bethel plans annual dinner

The Bethel Community will hold its annual Christmas dinner Sunday at noon at the Bethel Community Building.

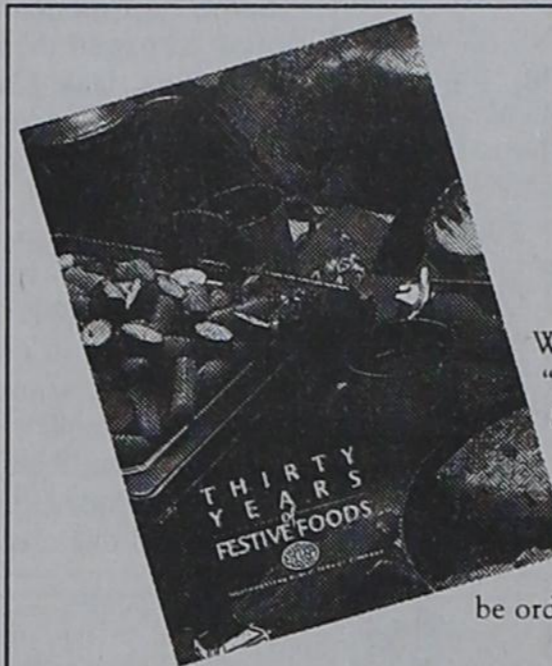
Baptists will be in charge of the setup, and Methodists are to take care of cleaning up. The hosts are Danny and Debbie Underwood, Emmett and Elaine Heard, Gregg and Lynn Sides and Robert and Kim Boozer.

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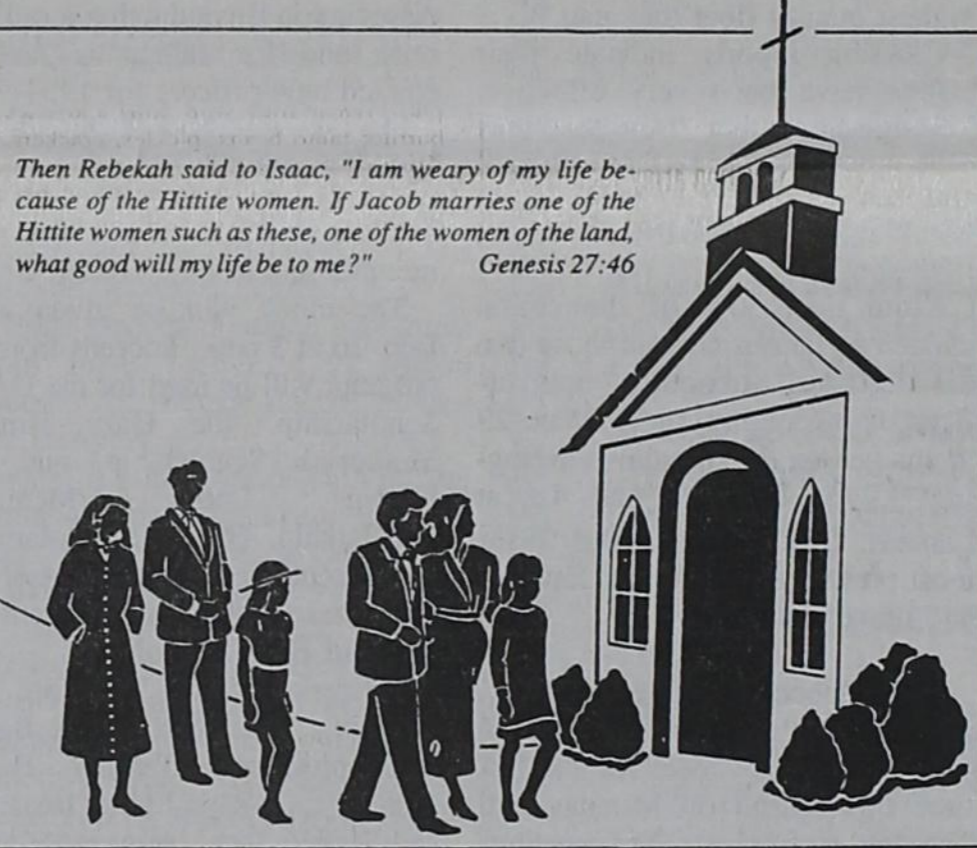
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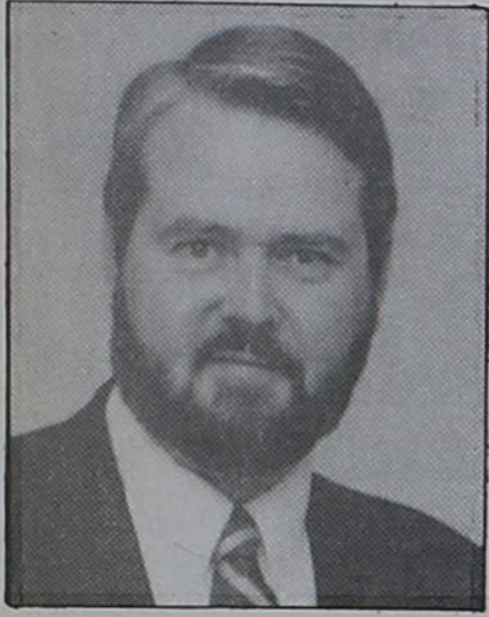
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By DON TAYLOR

A license to steal

When you start a new business you are automatically granted a license to steal. Now hold on just a minute, I'm not suggesting that any business has a right to break any law or take advantage of customers. The license to steal I'm talking about is legal and doesn't amount to ripping off customers.

Actually, there are two "it's ok to steal" permits issued to every business. Understanding these permits and using them to build your sales is good business. In addition, using these licenses is legal, moral and ethical.

Who granted these rights? Who issued these licenses in the first place? The founding fathers of our country granted the rights and approved the system. They founded our nation as a democracy, based on the economic rules of capitalism and free enterprise. This system still gives bright men and women a license to steal.

Grand theft—Ideas

The authorities will not charge you

with grand theft or larceny if you steal good ideas or concepts from others. Use some caution in this area. You may not use (steal) copyrighted material without permission. You cannot steal trademarks and service marks or any items covered by patents.

However, no one can protect ideas and concepts. You have a license to steal good ideas and adapt them to your business operation. Concepts can be copied, modified and used at will.

Some of America's greatest success stories borrowed their success concepts from others. Dale Carnegie, the author of *How to Win Friends and Influence People*, admitted using his license to steal. Carnegie said, "The ideas I stand for are not mine. I borrowed some from Socrates. I swiped some from Chesterfield. I stole some from Jesus. And I put them in a book. If you don't like their ideas, whose would you use?"

Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton also used his license liberally. Sol Price, who founded the Price Club warehouse stores in 1976, said this about Mr. Sam: "He is

notorious for looking at what everybody else does, taking the best of it, and then making it better."

Henry Ford also stole good ideas. Ford did not invent the assembly line concept as many folks incorrectly believe. It had been used in other industries for many years. He just adapted the concept to making cars, and of course the rest is history.

So if you want to succeed, keep your eyes open. Look for good ideas that you can adapt to your situation. Determine how you can improve products or devise new methods to deliver services. Use your "ideas" license.

Purloining customers

Yes, your license to steal also gives you the right to purloin customers. However, you do not have the right to take customers by force. Instead, you must steal them by appealing to their main motivations: The need for value and their desire for personal respect.

Today's customers have better information and are less likely to be completely loyal to any business.

Therefore, all business owners must stay focused on giving their customers good reasons and distinct benefits for doing business with them.

If you don't offer an advantage—value, service, convenience, variety, quality, ambience, product knowledge, etc.—you make it easy for others to steal your customers. Of course it works both ways. Observe your competitors. Where are they weak? How can you serve their customers more effectively? When you find your competitors' weaknesses you can steal their most valuable asset—their customers.

Writers also have a license to steal. I admit that I stole the idea for this column from a colleague. When I offered to give him credit for the idea he said, "Don't bother, I read it in a book!"

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Cotton Talks

Cotton harvesting on the High Plains of Texas is still underway, according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers. The estimated volume at US Dept. of Agriculture' Lubbock and Lamesa Cotton Classing offices has risen close to the crop estimate of 2.91 million bales.

Wendell Wilbanks, director of the Lubbock Classing Office, notes that his estimate for the 1994 crop has increased to 2.3 million bales. Projected volume for the Lamesa office is 480,000 bales.

Taken together the estimates indicate a crop of 2.78 million running bales. Converting to 480-pound statistical bales puts the crop at 2.86 million bales based on the classing office figures. A total of 2.14 million bales have been classed in Lub-

bock and Lamesa through December 1.

"We have been pleasantly surprised by this crop as it continues to prove conventional wisdom wrong," said Donald Johnson, executive vice president of Plains Cotton Growers. "In August and September very few people would have considered the possibility that this year's crop would come close to or top 2.9 million bales. Now it appears this year's crop is going to come very close to that level, with quality similar to what we saw in 1993.

"Quality has really become a key goal of producers across the High Plains," Johnson said. "The last two growing seasons have proven that High Plains producers are willing to do what it takes to produce the highest quality fiber they can."

Classing reports indicate their efforts have been very effective. Through December 1, the predominant color grades at the Lubbock and Lamesa offices were 21 (strict middling) and 22 (strict middling light spot).

More than 50% of the cotton classed so far has been in those two color grades. Strength at both offices is averaging more than 29 grams per tex. Micronaire is averaging 3.9 at Lubbock and 4.1 at Lamesa. Leaf grades 2 and 3 are most prevalent at both the Lubbock and Lamesa offices.

The Lubbock and Lamesa Classing Offices' growers advisory committees will meet for the last time this season on Monday and Tuesday, respectively. The meetings are open to everyone who is interested in the procedures and equipment used to evaluate the quality of cotton produced on the High Plains.

The Lamesa Cotton Classing office meeting will begin Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the classing office.

The Lubbock Cotton Classing meeting will be Monday at 10 a.m. at the classing office.

Agenda items for both meetings will include an update on 1994 operations and a report on the Module Averaging Pilot Project.

Those interested will be given tours of both facilities following the meetings.

DATA elects new officers

Dimmitt Alumni Technology Association is conducting a raffle to raise funds for scholarships and has elected new officers for 1994-95.

DATA will give a brand new Emperor grandfather clock to the raffle winner. Tickets are \$1 each and are available from any DATA member and at First United Bank.

The clock will be given away Dec. 16 at 3 p.m. Proceeds from the program will be used for the DATA Scholarship, the Gary Bruegel Memorial Scholarship and the Shawn Cotter Memorial Scholarship. The three scholarships are presented each year to deserving Industrial Technology students at Dimmitt High School.

Officers for this year are Lee Schilling, president; James Baker, vice president; Tammy Heard, secretary; Carolyn Moke, treasurer; and Sesario Saenz, sergeant-at-arms.

DATA is already working on its annual sports card and collectables show this spring and the annual car show during Harvest Days.

Beet harvest going well

The 1994 sugar beet harvest produced a high quality crop with a high sugar content and processing in the factory is going smoothly.

Tonnage was off a little, but the sugar content averaged 15% regionwide, 1.5% above normal, according to Dennis Printz, agricultural manager for Holly Sugar.

Yield averages from about 26,000 harvested acres slipped to below 21 tons per acre due to severe mid-summer heat and the lack of rainfall, but the high quality and good harvest conditions partially countered the lower yields.

"We had excellent weather for harvest," said Bill Cleaveler, president of the Texas Sugar Beet Growers Association. "That enabled us to get all of the beets to the factory and piling stations by Thanksgiving. If not for more than a week of 100-degree temperatures in the summer and continued drought in the fall,

our harvest numbers would have been higher. Considering the growing conditions we faced, we did a great job of producing the best possible crop. The high sugar quality is another strong indication of sound

beet management demonstrated across the area."

Printz said the higher quality can be attributed to new and improved varieties which are now being grown in the area.

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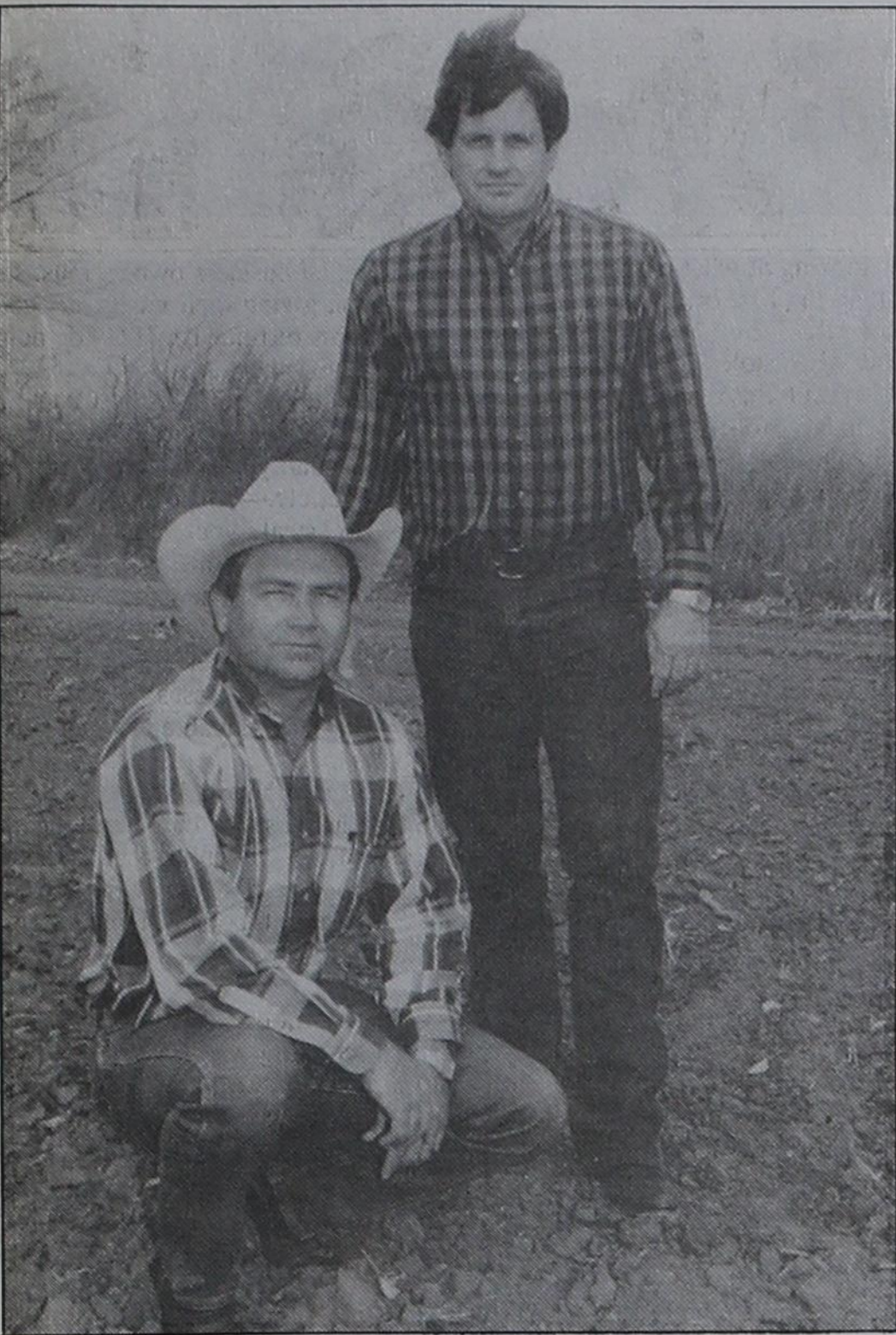
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Farmers tout dryland sorghum



DEAF SMITH COUNTY farmers Jim Cavin, left, and Joe Perrin have tried dryland corn on a limited basis, but neither feel it will replace sorghum even when all-important subsoil moisture is adequate.

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The experiences of two Hereford-area producers may interest farmers in Castro County who are debating whether to plant dryland corn or grain sorghum next spring.

Both farmers, Joe Perrin of northwest Deaf Smith County and Jim Cavin, who farms close to Hereford, planted both dryland sorghum and corn this year.

"They found out that sorghum lives up to its reputation as a smart risk management tool under drought conditions," said Frances Thompson of the National Grain Sorghum Producers in Abernathy. "Sorghum's natural drought tolerance made the difference for some growers between money in their pockets and heavy losses this year."

Perrin and Cavin have concluded that dryland corn may have a place in their operations, but only when the soil profile contains enough moisture. That only happens about three years out of 10, according to USDA researchers at Bushland.

When subsoil moisture reaches the six-foot level, dryland corn yields have been respectable. However, yields sharply decrease when moisture isn't available at the start of the season, they said, making the crop unprofitable. Under the same conditions, sorghum can produce more.

To grow dryland corn, seed company agronomists say, subsoil moisture must be 5-6 feet, a level not often realized on the Texas

High Plains. Even if subsoil moisture is adequate, neither Cavin nor Perrin plan to go whole-hog in their corn production programs.

"It all depends on the winter," Perrin said. "If we get two feet of snow, that should be enough to fill the profile. I learned this year that you don't want to try dryland corn if you don't have six feet of moisture in place."

Perrin harvested little of his dryland corn because moisture wasn't adequate. Cattle were turned in on most of the acreage.

"Where I had dryland corn and sorghum in the same field, I didn't even pull a machine in the corn," said Perrin, "but the sorghum cut 2,800 pounds. It kind of makes you sick."

His experiences are similar to those Cavin found with dryland corn. His overall dryland corn yielded 1,000 pounds. Under the same growing conditions, however, Cavin harvested 4,105 pounds of dryland sorghum.

Figuring an average price of \$4.25 per hundredweight for the corn and \$3.75 per hundredweight for the sorghum, the dryland sorghum was worth more than \$100 an acre more than the dryland corn.

"This is grain sorghum country," said Cavin. "A lot of people say it's even better than wheat. The plus for sorghum is that we know it has more drought tolerance than corn. And, after all, we're in a dryland farming area."

What makes dryland corn attractive when moisture is adequate, they say, is the timing. Because corn can be planted in early April, they have more time to spend with sorghum in June. Then, when it's time for the combines to roll, corn can be harvested before the sorghum.

Although Cavin's 90 acres of

dryland corn was looking good in the middle of June, overwhelming heat and high winds caused one variety to tassel before July 1. Because the crop was pollinating before silks were present, that field made less than 500 pounds.

"That's what we've been plagued with the past two years on dryland corn," said Cavin, who planted 150 acres last season. "When we were trying to go through the pollination period, wind and heat were terrible."

"Corn doesn't have the ability to shut down when it's losing moisture, which sorghum does. I actually had corn in wet dirt burn up."

Under ideal conditions, the dryland corn would finish its uptake

of moisture by early August, a time when rainfall often comes to boost sorghum, which matures later. Those conditions aren't always present.

Perrin's out-of-pocket expenses ran about \$35 an acre for the dryland corn, compared to \$22.50 per acre for grain sorghum. Expenses for corn are greater because of the higher cost of seed, additional cultivation and increased harvest costs.

"Even if moisture is adequate to make 3,000-pound dryland corn, the per-acre net return for both crops is virtually the same, making dryland sorghum the more profitable crop for producers in the High Plains almost every year," Thompson said.

Farm Service Agency News

By Scotty Abbott, County Executive Director

President Clinton has signed the reorganization plan for the US Dept. of Agriculture, and the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) office will now be called the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

The FSA will administer all previous ASCS programs, farm ownership and operating loans formerly administered by Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), and the federal crop insurance program.

Other loans offered by the former FmHA will be assigned to a new rural development agency. The FSA will continue to offer conservation cost-share assistance under the ACP program, as well as cost sharing and land rental payments for CRP.

At the local level, the farmer elected committee members will continue to oversee farm program administration and will take on additional duties in overseeing other FSA programs.

These agencies are merging at the Washington and state level first. The combination of staffs and functions at the county level will come in time. At this time, farmers can receive service as usual at the individual agency offices. We will notify you as soon as other changes occur.

This year's election for positions on the Castro County FSA Committee, formerly the ASCS Committee, has been postponed until next fall.

The election was originally sched-

uled to be held this month. It was postponed to accommodate changes that have resulted from the enactment of the law to reorganize USDA. The change is in effect nationwide. Current members of ASC Committees will continue in their posts until the new election is held next fall.

Rescheduling of the election will help to avoid confusion which could occur from hastily drawn rules and regulations and will create efficiencies by using funds which would have been spent on this year's election process to be used in training committees in performing their added duties.

Sign-up for the 1994 disaster assistance program began last Thursday and will continue through March 31, 1995.

When applying for disaster assistance, producers are asked to furnish production evidence from all farms, including the vendor's name, a signature by a firm representative, disposition of the crop; and federal crop insurance information such as appraisals, settlement sheets, etc. The information also must be verifiable.

To qualify, a producer must have suffered a 1994 loss due to adverse weather conditions. This disaster program is similar to previous years' disaster programs in that you must have suffered at least a 35% loss if you had federal crop insurance; or a 40% loss if you did not have federal crop insurance.

This year payments will be factored according to the disposition of the crop. For example, disaster payments for cotton would be paid at 1% of harvested acreage, a different percentage for unharvested acreage, and a different percentage for prevented acreage. These factors are not known at this time. We will keep you informed of additional information as it becomes available.

Preliminary provisions of the 1995 Farm Program which have been announced include:

Crop	ARP %
Wheat	0%
Oats	0%
Barley	0%
Corn	7.5%
Sorghum	0%
Cotton	7.5%

The final planting date for wheat and barley was Nov. 15.

Crops planted for the first time after this date will be considered late-planted and may be subject to a yield reduction for deficiency payments.

Producers who have placed their 1994 crop corn, sorghum, barley or oats into the loan will have an opportunity to enter the Farmer Owned Reserve (FOR) once their nine-month loan matures.

Early entry is not authorized. Producers can earn quarterly storage payments of 26.5¢ per bushel for corn, sorghum and barley and 20¢ per bushel for oats.

For more information contact the FSA office.

Producers grazing cattle on CRP acreage should have removed the livestock by Nov. 30.

FSA officials have requested an extension, but have not received an approval, yet. Those grazing CRP acres must certify by next Thursday, Dec. 15, the number of acres grazed and the number of head grazed.

There will be no 1993 NL payments (amounts not subject to the \$50,000 limit) issued for corn or grain sorghum due to the 12-month national weighted average market price exceeding the loan rate before reduction.

At this time we do not have funds available for approving cost-share requests for the annual Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP).

We hope to have funds in time to approve requests by the Jan. 4, 1995, committee meetings.

Producers interested in cost-share assistance to reorganize irrigation systems, construct sod waterways, construct terrace systems, install livestock pipeline, install livestock storage facilities or establish permanent grass must apply at the FSA office by Dec. 30.

Producers who are going to reorganize their irrigation systems or construct terrace systems or waterways must have plans ready when they apply.

Anant Patel is accepted to TTU Medical School

Anant Patel, son of Dr. Nanubhai and Vinaben Patel of Dimmitt, has been accepted to the school of medicine at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and he will work for his medical doctorate degree.

Patel graduated *magna cum laude* from Texas Tech in 1992 with a bachelor of science degree in biochemistry.

Patel is a member of the Prenatal Genetic Diagnostic Team at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and works under the direction of Terry L. Meyers, M.D., PhD. He was among many cytogenetic technologists from all over the world who recently attended a workshop on genetic testing. The workshop was sponsored by Abbot Diagnostics of Dallas.

Cancer screening scheduled

A breast cancer screening clinic will be conducted in Dimmitt on Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The clinic will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W. Halsell in Dimmitt. It is being conducted by the Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Hospital.

Total cost of the screening is \$70 and funding is available for those who qualify.

To schedule an appointment call the Women's Clinic at the Harrington Cancer Center at 1-800-377-HOPE or 1-359-4673.

Breast cancer affects one in nine women. The key to boosting your chances of winning the battle against cancer are early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing breast self-exam each month.

Each participant at our screening will receive a breast exam and one-to-one instruction in breast self-examination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection and a mammogram by a mammography technician. The mammography machine used is certified by the American College of Radiology.

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Beet growers schedule annual meeting Jan. 13-14

A variety of topics from the anticipated growth in area beet acres next year to the fate of the US sugar program will be addressed at the Texas Sugar Beet Growers Association annual meeting and banquet on Jan. 13-14.

The annual meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on Jan. 13 with registration at the Hereford Community Center. The banquet will begin at 7 p.m. on Jan. 14 at the Hereford Bull Barn.

Guest speaker at the meeting will be Craig Anderson, a grower from Longmont, Colo. who serves as president of the American Sugarbeet Growers Association. He will address the many challenges facing the national sweetener industry, including the US sugar program and its future in the 1995 Farm Bill.

Roger Hill, president and chief executive officer of Holly Sugar, will provide hard facts on the future of beet production in this area. He is expected to discuss the company's continued commitment to the regional industry and its goal of increasing acre numbers in 1995.

Bill Cleavinger, TSBGA president and chairman of the ASGA public relations committee, will review the direction ASGA is taking to better educate government leaders as well

as the general public.

At the annual meeting and banquet, leading growers for the year will be recognized by Holly Sugar ag manager, Dennis Printz, and Holly agriculturists.

Research reports will be offered by Texas Agricultural Experiment Station researchers in Bushland and Amarillo.

Much has been done to examine how new and promising beet varieties can handle fusarium, pithium and other soil borne diseases which can hamper production. Dr. Charlie Rush, Dr. Steve Winter and other TAES plant and soil scientists will provide information that can benefit every grower's production.

Beet research by TAES is partially funded by the TSBGA checkoff. The joint Holly-Grower Research Committee works closely with Dr. G.B. Thompson, director of the Texas A&M Research Center in Amarillo and his staff to determine where the funds are allocated. Dave Thompson, TSBGA director, is research committee chairman.

A mini-trade show featuring seed companies, ag equipment and other businesses which serve the area industry, will be held.

Sports



Bobbies place second, Hart sixth at Levelland

The Dimmitt girls took their game to another level over the weekend, rallying to pound Randall 49-40 on Friday and putting Levelland on the run Saturday to finish second in the Levelland Invitational Tournament.

The Hart girls also won their first game, but lost the next two to finish fourth after losses to Levelland and Randall. On Thursday, the Hart girls toyed with Odessa, the District 4-5A runner-up last year, for three quarters before putting them away in the fourth period.

In the next game Thursday, Dimmitt took a while to get its game in gear before exploding in the second half for a 65-48 win over the Lady Troopers of El Paso Eastwood.

The loss Saturday left the Bobbies at 4-6, but their nine-point win Friday over Randall seemed to be a watershed. Saturday, they played well, with crisp passing and ball handling that had been missing most of the year.

Had the Bobbies been able to shoot the ball at all, Levelland coach Dean Weese might not have been smiling quite so big when he presented the runner-up trophy to Dimmitt. The Bobbies made just 14 of 49 field goal tries, 28%, and were an uncharacteristic 2-for-10 from the free-throw line.

Kim Thomas, who picked up a plaque as the tournament's most valuable offensive player, had 16 points for the Bobbies.

Levelland, which has put more collars on people than a Catholic bishop, looked like it was going to run off and hide from the Dimmitt girls. The Loboettes raced to a 12-3 with 2:35 to go in the first quarter before Thomas scored four straight baskets to make it a 12-11 game at the quarter.

Levelland jumped back to a nine-point advantage, 21-13, on a basket by Stacey Swackhammer with 3:03 to go in the half. Amy Ethridge responded with a three from the upper left corner of the key with

2:48 to go, then Dolores Dimas scored her only basket of the game with 2:06 to go to make it 21-18.

Melissa Hudson hit a long jumper with 1:39 left in the half for a 23-18 halftime lead.

The Bobbies got the big collar job in the third quarter, with a basket early in the period and a free throw by Tiffany Wilcox accounting for the only points in the quarter by Dimmitt. Levelland scored 10 tallies to make it a 33-21 game at the end of three.

It wasn't for lack of trying that the Bobbies were shutout. Dimmitt tried nine shots in the period, but only one fell.

Dimmitt came back with some stifling defense of its own, and continued to run its offense better than it has in the past two years to make Levelland fans—and coaches—squirm.

Levelland had just two baskets in the fourth quarter, while Dimmitt scored eight points off Levelland turnovers to make it closer. The Loboettes had made it a 15-point game, 36-21, on a bucket by Marisa Hesse with 7:04 to play. Thomas got two baskets off steals and Ethridge added a basket to make it a nine-point game, 36-27, with 2:44 to go.

Weese called for a timeout, and Missy Frazier responded with a three-point play with 2:33 to go for a 39-27 lead. Thomas scored with 1:49 to go off another steal, then Kara Josselet added a late shot for the final margin.

Eastwood was in the Class 5A playoffs last year, but apparently hadn't faced a press like the Bobbies put on the Lady Troopers in the second half. Dimmitt picked up 16 turnovers in the last two quarters as the Bobbies outscored the El Paso bunch 40-19 in the second half.

The Lady Troopers had a run late in the first quarter to post a 17-11 at the end of the period, and led by as many as seven (22-15) in the second period before the Bobbies came back to tie it on a Tiffany Wilcox free throw at 22-all with 2:30 left in the half.

Kim Thomas, who had just four points in the first quarter, had 10 in the second to spur the Bobbies run, but she was just getting started.

Thomas had 12 in the third quarter as the Bobbies bounced back from an eight-point deficit, 33-25, in the first minute of the third quarter. In the last 15:12 of the game, El Paso scored only 15 points, while the Bobbies got 40, including 18 from Thomas. The Bobbies rallied to outscore



AMY AIMS—Dimmitt's Amy Ethridge (31) shoots and scores during Friday's semifinals of the Levelland Tournament against the Randall Raiders. Looking on are teammates Carrie Bradley (21), Kim

Thomas (23) and Tiffany Wilcox (44). Ethridge helped the Bobbies come from way back for a 49-40 win. Dimmitt won second place. Photo by John Brooks



UNFAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS—Hart's Shea Bennett tries to get free from a trap by Randall's Torrie Bailey (34), Tennessee Wakefield (42), and Tracy Simms (24) during the second half of Saturday night's third place game at the Levelland Invitational. Bennett led the Hart girls with 20 points in the 51-39 loss. Photo by John Brooks



A PASSING GLANCE—Hart's Sandra Lopez (12) help Lopez are teammates Trinette Finch, left, and looks for an open passing lane while being harassed by Levelland's Rachel Hesse during Friday's Bayer, Barbie Stout (45) and Stacey Swackhammer semifinals at the Levelland Tournament. Ready to (51). Levelland won, 57-33. Photo by John Brooks

Eastwood 15-6 in a 5:24 span in the third quarter, taking the lead for good on a Carrie Bradley basket with 1:48 to go for a 40-29 lead. Thomas scored the next six points in the quarter for the Bobbies as they posted a 46-41 lead at the period's end.

Both teams had a slow start in the fourth quarter before Tiffany Wilcox hit a three-point play with 6:29 to go for a 48-41 advantage. The Bobbies then got four straight turnovers off the press to run to a 56-42 lead in the next two minutes.

Friday, the Bobbies avenged a 42-35 loss to Randall in the season opener for the nine-point win.

Dimmitt didn't score in the first 2:24 of the game and were down 9-2 before storming back to tie the score at 9 when Wilcox got an offensive rebound, missed the put back, got another offensive rebound, shot again, missed, got her rebound again, and scored.

Dimmitt took its first lead with 7:11 to play in the half on a 10-footer by Ethridge. Dimmitt led most of the quarter and scored the last four points of the period for a 24-20 lead at halftime. Ethridge had her only big quarter of the tournament, with nine points in the second period. She scored all 12 of her points in the first 16 minutes.

Josselet hit a three early in the third to put Dimmitt up 27-20, but Randall came back to outscore the Bobbies 18-6 in the next 5:30 to take a 38-33 lead on a three-pointer by Sherrie Bryant with 1:10 to go in the third.

That was Randall's last basket of the game. Torrie Bailey had two free throws in the fourth quarter for Randall's only points.

Meanwhile, Dimmitt was a house afire in the fourth. Thomas had two baskets, Josselet had one bucket, and the Bobbies made all six free throw shots in the period to run away from the Lady Raiders.

Thomas and Ethridge, each with 12 points, were high for Dimmitt.

In Hart's contest Thursday, the Lady 'Horns could never get up by more than three over the Bronchos, but neither could Odessa as the teams see-sawed throughout the first half.

Jodi Card had three baskets and Kim Grossman nailed a three in the first four minutes of the second half as the Lady 'Horns posted a 37-28 lead. The teams traded baskets the rest of the quarter as the Hart girls took a 45-39 lead after three periods.

In the fourth, the Bronchos twice got within four points before Brandi Key took a pass from Shea Bennett after a steal and nailed a snowbird layup for a 49-43 lead with 4:21 to play. Bennett and Key had nine of

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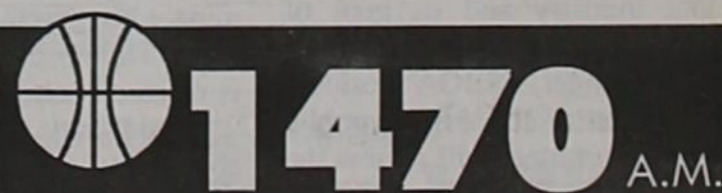
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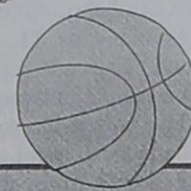
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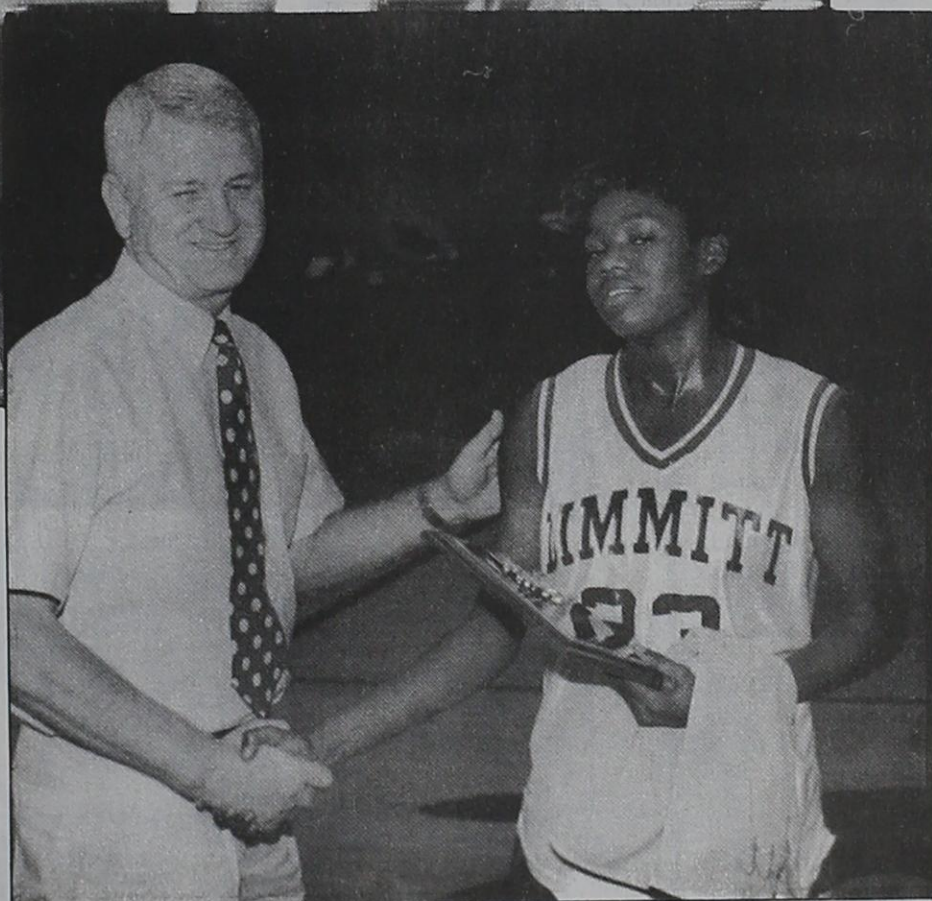
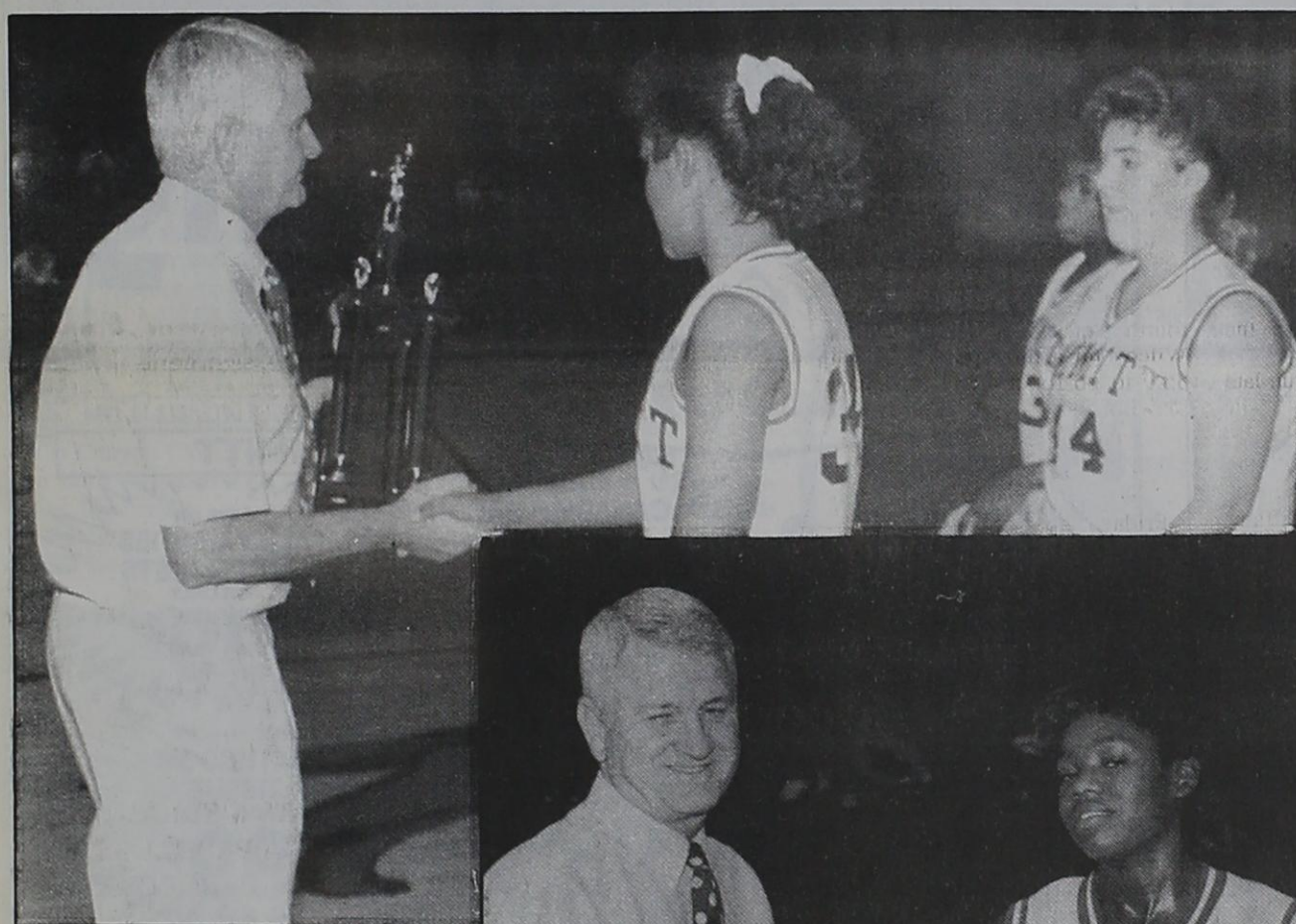
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Bobcats finish sixth at Plainview tourney

Hey, anybody got a spare rebound? Any rebound will do for the Dimmitt Bobcats, who parlayed a lousy three games on the boards into just one win in three tries at the Plainview Lions-Pioneer Classic last weekend at Wayland Baptist University.

The Bobcats lost Thursday to Estacado, 75-68, and on Saturday to Canyon, 63-53. Friday, the Bobcats dumped Lockney, 71-65. In the three games, the Bobcats were out rebounded 134-81.

Despite the big disadvantage in caroms, the Bobcats had a chance to win all three contests. They lost a big lead Thursday, and rallied against Canyon but couldn't overcome a deficit that was as big as 10 points early in the game.

Chad Ellis, who had 53 points in three games, and Justin Newman, who added 45 points, were named to the all-tournament team Saturday night.

In Friday's win over Lockney, the Bobcats used advantage of their many more free throw chances to down Lockney, 71-65.

Lockney had a lead of as many as four points in the first quarter, and had a 17-16 lead at the end of one. The Bobcats came back to take the lead for good on a Chad Ellis 18-footer with 7:15 to go in the half at 18-17. Dimmitt looked like it was going to have a two-point lead at halftime, but Brandon Smith caught a pass, dribbled to just one step over the midcourt line, then let his shot go. Shots like that, of course, almost never hit the rim: Smith's didn't, flushing the net at the buzzer for a 34-29 advantage.

The Bobcats led throughout the quarter but couldn't get up by more than five over the pesky Longhorns. Lockney's 6-8 post man, Jared Mosley, kept the Longhorns in the game with a couple layups and two outside jumpers, but the Bobcats kept pace with a three by Joe Larra and two baskets by Justin Newman. Dimmitt led by three at the end of three, 52-49.

Dimmitt went up by eight early in the fourth, and extended its lead to nine in the last minute, 69-60. Lockney got within four with seven seconds left on a three-pointer by Mosley, but the Longhorns couldn't get a timeout called before Dimmitt inbounded the ball. Larra made two free throws with 1.2 seconds left for the final margin.

The Bobcats didn't let Mosley's size intimidate them, although the Bobcats had a big disadvantage in rebounds for the second-straight game. Ellis led Dimmitt with 20, while Newman had 14 and Larra and Joey Martinez each scored 10.

Dimmitt led Estacado most of the first three quarters, but the Matadors took advantage of their defense to down the Bobcats, 75-68.

Estacado led by as many as five at 11-6 in the first quarter before the Bobcats came back to take the lead, 13-11, with 1:31 left in the period on a three-point play by Justin Newman. The Bobcats let Estacado slip back into the lead early in the second, but stormed back with a pair of threes and perfect free throw shooting to go up by as many as 11, 32-21, in the second. Estacado closed the gap with a couple turnovers, and trailed by only five at the break, 36-31.

The Bobcats went up by as many as 11, 44-33, in the third quarter on a Joe Larra basket with 5:34 to play. That's when Estacado started inching back, closing within three, 52-49, at quarter's end.

The teams traded the lead during the first part of the fourth quarter until Estacado took the lead for good on a three-point play with 3:40 to go, 63-60. Dimmitt had just two baskets in the last three minutes, counting a Larra shot at the buzzer, as Estacado went up by as much as 10 points.

Newman led Dimmitt with 19 points. Ellis had 18 points, while Larra added 13.

Saturday, in a rematch of last year's bi-district game, the Eagles jumped out to a 15-5 lead with 4:04 to play in the first quarter, and were

up 20-9 with 2:30 to go in the period. Dimmitt came back to within seven, 20-13, at quarter's end.

The Bobcats couldn't get closer than seven points during the second period, but Canyon kept running off to 10-point leads thanks to two backdoor plays. Canyon's lead was down to six, 31-25, by halftime as the Bobcats put together a late run with a three-pointer by Joey Martinez and a pair of free throws by Fernando Ontiveros.

Dimmitt got within five points, 32-27, on a Larra layup with 6:12 to play in the third. The Bobcats were within five points several other times in the second half, but got closer (four points) only one other time, at 42-38 on a Newman free throw with 2:24 to go in the third.

The Bobcats got a cold streak from the field that they couldn't overcome. Dimmitt went without a field goal after an Ellis basket with three minutes left in the third until a Martinez basket with 5:15 to go. By that time, the Eagles had run off to a 14-point lead, and Martinez's three started a basket-trading party for the rest of the game. Dimmitt was able to get no closer than nine points the rest of the game.

Ellis led Dimmitt with 15 points, while Newman had 12 and Larra added 10.



HERE COMES MR. SPALDING—Dimmitt's Justin Newman (24) prepares to dive for a loose ball coming right toward the camera Saturday in the consolation title game of the Plainview Lions-Pioneer Classic. Newman made an excellent save—smartly avoiding seriously injuring himself, the camera and

photographer—and the Bobcats kept the ball. Looking on are Dimmitt's Omar Rascon (31) and Joey Martinez, and Canyon's Brandon McDaniel and Kurt Richardson. Canyon took a 63-53 win.

Photo by John Brooks



ON THE DRIBBLE-DRIVE—Dimmitt's Joe Larra (20) dribbles around Estacado's Courtney Phillips (55) on his way to the basket Thursday in the opening round of the Plainview Lions-Pioneer Classic at Wayland Baptist University. Larra hit the first quarter layup to help the Bobcats to a 13-11 lead after a period. The Matadors rallied late for a 75-68 win over Dimmitt.

Photo by John Brooks

Bobcats ready for Seminole

Dimmitt will play Midland Greenwood today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. in boys play in the Seminole Tournament.

The Bobcats are going to Seminole because it was the only tournament around this week.

"We couldn't play in a tournament next week because of finals," Dimmitt coach Alan Steinle explained earlier. "We looked around for something closer, but Seminole was the only tournament we could get into."

Steinle said Greenwood will feature a good post player and a very good outside player.

Denver City will play the Odessa JV in the other half of the bracket. The Bobcats will play at either 11 a.m. (consolation) or 5 p.m. (winner's) on Friday. Saturday's games are 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Steinle said he hopes the Bobcats can learn and improve from the Seminole Tournament after last week's sixth-place finish in the Plainview Lions-Pioneer Classic.

"That was a good tournament for us," Steinle said. "We played well but we can play better. We see some things we have improved on and some things we can improve on. We can sure do better."

After Saturday's game the Bobcats will be off until hosting Tulia on Dec. 16. The Bobcats will then play Nazareth the next night, also at the DMS gym.

The Bobbies will travel to Plainview for a game Friday evening, then will also take time off for tests until hosting Tulia and Nazareth next weekend.

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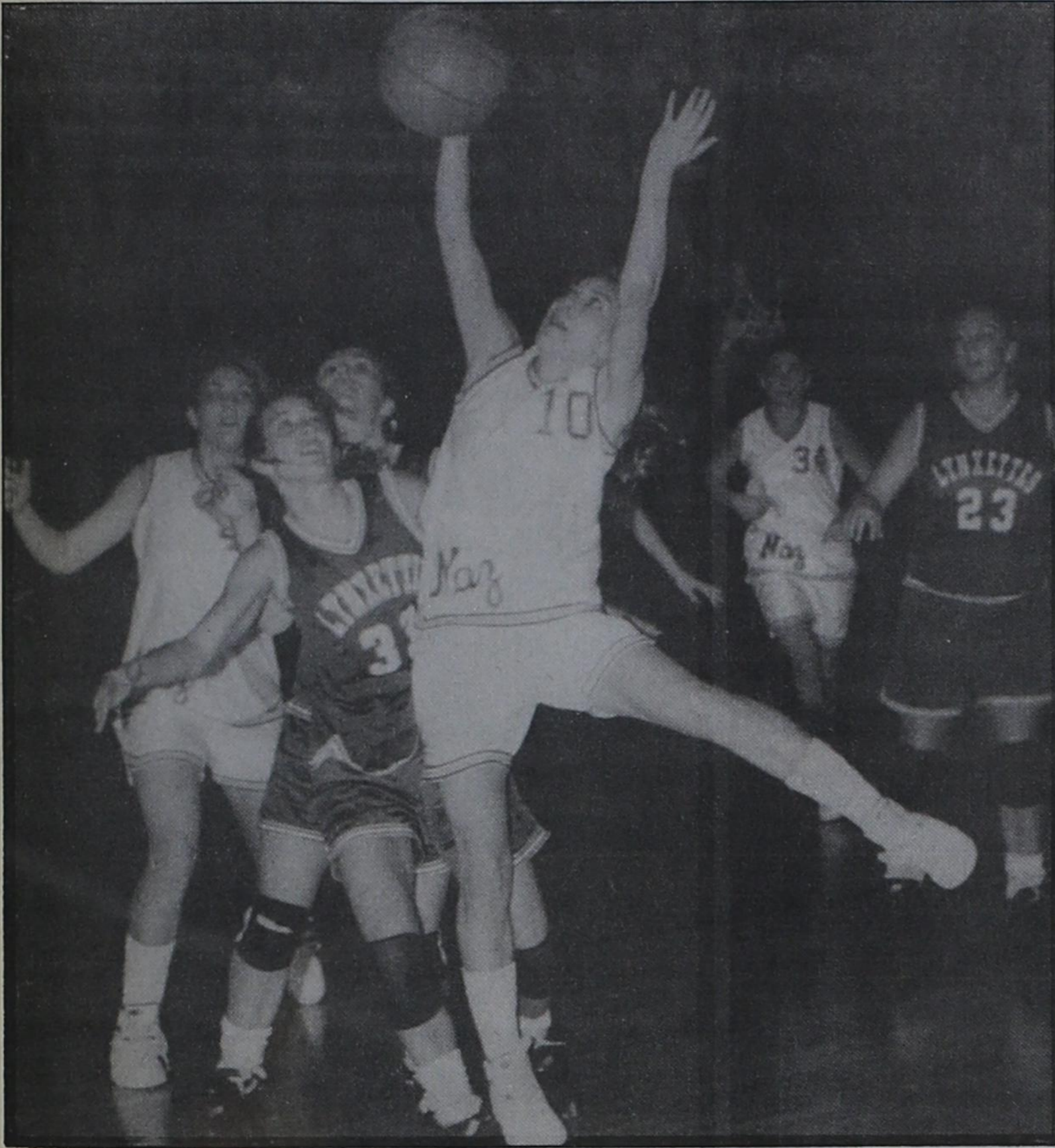
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Swifts bounce foes to win Friona Tournament crown



CARIE WETHINGTON (10) of Nazareth reaches high for a pass and is fouled by Spearman's Samantha Beasley (33) during action last Thursday in the first round of the Canyon Classic. Also pictured are Nazareth's Kelley Boyd (left) and Amy Pohlmeier (34) and Spearman's Ashly Shieldknight

(23). The Swiftettes had no problem with Spearman, running away with a 69-44 win. Nazareth beat Tascosa, 53-36, in the second round to earn a spot in the championship game against Canyon. Nazareth had a lot of problems in that game and lost to the host team, 66-21. Photo by Anne Acker

The Nazareth Swifts proved at least one thing in the Friona Tournament this weekend—they are a second half team.

The Swifts started off slow in each of their three tournament games and looked to be in danger of losing each one in the first half.

But the team warmed up by the second half and that spelled doom for River Road, Farwell and Friona.

The Swifts topped all three to win the championship in the round-robin meet.

Nazareth held a one-point lead over River Road at halftime last Thursday but came back to win it, 67-46.

The same thing happened Friday against Farwell. After facing a 10-7 deficit in the first quarter, Nazareth managed a 27-22 halftime lead before blowing open the game in the second half for a 70-52 win.

Ditto for Saturday. Tied at 30 with Friona at halftime, Nazareth outscored the host team 54-28 in the final 16 minutes for an 84-58 win.

Two Swifts were named to the all-tournament team—Scott Brockman, who scored a game-high 27 points against Farwell and added 19 against Friona; and Colby Pohlmeier, who was top scorer against River Road with 14 and against Friona with 25.

Nazareth didn't pull away from River Road until the last quarter, but when the Swifts started to roll, the Wildcats folded.

Playing in only their second game of the season, the Swifts managed a 12-10 first-quarter lead. The one-point halftime advantage was extended to three points, 39-36, at the end of three.

Nazareth outscored River Road 28-10 in the deciding quarter for the win.

Pohlmeier was good for 14 points while Robby Schmucker finished with 10.

In Friday's game with Farwell, Nazareth scored the game's first seven points in the first four minutes, then went ice cold from the field for the rest of the stanza and

allowed the Steers to come back on the strength of a three-pointer by Brandon Lunsford and a pair of baskets by Chase Hardage for a 10-7 lead.

Baskets by Brockman and Schmucker put the Swifts on top by a point with 5:42 left in the first half, but Farwell quickly regained the lead and went up by five points after back-to-back three-pointers by Blade Hardage midway through the second period.

Coby Schacher hit two field goals in a 16-second period to tie the score at 18, then Brockman put Naz up by a basket until Lunsford tied it at 20. Nazareth outscored Farwell 7-2 over the next two minutes and held a narrow 27-22 halftime lead.

The third and fourth quarters were all Nazareth. The Swifts poured in 18 points in the third quarter and added 25 in the fourth while limiting Farwell to 20 total second half points.

Brockman finished with 27 points and Schacher had 10 for the Swifts. Farwell was led by Josh Littlejohn with 12 and Allen Hobbs with 9.

In Saturday's final game, the Swifts wouldn't have been colder in the first quarter if they would have been playing outside.

Nothing rattled the nets on the Swifts' end of the floor.

Meanwhile, Friona had no problems with their hoop, going up 13-0 early in the game.

Nazareth finally hit its first basket and the battle was underway.

The Chieftains held a 20-13 lead after the first eight minutes, but the Swifts managed to nip away at that lead and tied the score at 30 by halftime.

The Swifts were down by as many as 10 points in the second quarter, but a Swift run in the final 3:40 began the Chiefs' downfall.

Pohlmeier started the run, scoring after getting a steal. He stole the ball again, and got a charity toss for his efforts. Brockman picked up five points on an offensive rebound and three-pointer and the Swifts had trimmed Friona's lead to two. Another basket by Pohlmeier, this one courtesy of an offensive carom, tied

the score at 28. Baskets by Casey Hoelting and Friona's Cory Hamilton knotted the halftime score at 30.

Hamilton, who led Friona with 20 points, converted a three-point play, then added another basket to give his team a 35-32 lead with 7:07 left in the third quarter, and it was the last time Friona would see the lead.

Pohlmeier and Brockman hit the warpath and scalped the Chiefs' defense for 12 points (six apiece) in two minutes to give the Swifts a 42-35 lead. Jarret Schulte came in off the bench to add a basket, Brockman nailed a pair of free throws and Pohlmeier converted a three-point play to really set the Swifts' offense in motion.

Schulte hit with 1:14 left to give the Swifts their biggest advantage in the third quarter, 57-40. Friona scored four more points in the stanza, but couldn't break the Swifts' momentum.

Farris made a couple of slick moves in the fourth quarter to offset a pair of baskets by Hamilton, then Pohlmeier nailed a three-pointer from the top of the key and Schmucker swiped the ball and hit a layup to give the Swifts a 20-point lead, 70-50, with 3:50 left in the game.

The Swifts' bench did a good job finishing out the last three minutes of the game. Nazareth hit 10-of-12 free throws in the last 2:37 of the game, with Nathan Hoelting hitting three plus a field goal, Bryan Charanza sinking a pair and Schacher adding a pair for the win.

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Swiftettes fall to Lady Eagles in Canyon Classic title game

If you forget about the final game, the Nazareth Swiftettes made an impressive showing at the Canyon Classic over the weekend.

The Swiftettes posted big wins over Class AAAAA Tascosa and Class AA Spearman, which have returning starters and talented scorers back from 1994 playoff teams, and the Naz girls reached the finals in the Canyon Classic for the first time since they won it all in 1989.

But then reality set in for the Swiftettes as they squared off against the host team, Canyon, for

the championship.

The Lady Eagles came out on fire and Nazareth found itself treading through a blizzard of ice.

Canyon couldn't miss a shot and Nazareth couldn't buy one and the Lady Eagles posted a convincing 66-21 win to claim the title.

Nazareth's Melinda Schmucker, who scored 33 points against Spearman and 25 against Tascosa, had just four points in the championship. She earned Most Valuable Offensive Player honors in the tournament.

She was defended by Canyon's Mandi White during most of Saturday's final game, and White was named the tournament's Most Valuable Defensive Player.

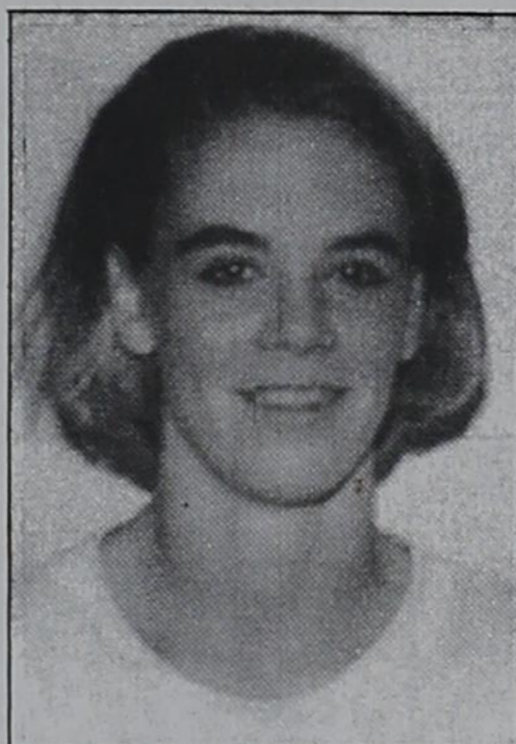
Canyon had an 8-0 lead with 5:30

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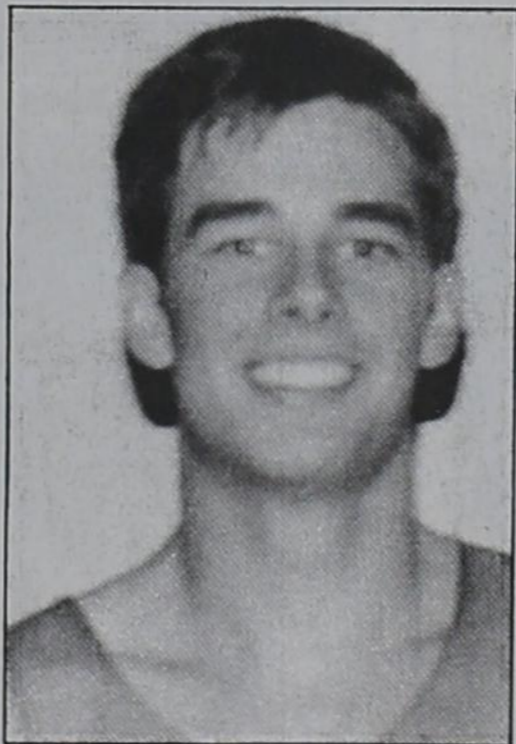


WIDE OPEN—Nazareth's Alston Farris (50) has a chance at a wide-open fast-break layup during action Friday in the second round of the Friona Tournament. The Swifts took on Farwell in the second game of the round robin tourney and won the game, 70-52. The Swifts beat River Road in first-round action, 67-46, then destroyed Friona, 84-58, in the final game to claim the tournament championship.

Photo by Anne Acker



MELINDA SCHMUCKER
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'Horns second at Southland

The Hart Longhorns reached the championship game but had a devastating fourth quarter Saturday, falling to Sundown 62-52 in the title match of the Southland Tournament.

Hart was tied with the Roughnecks at 47 going into the fourth quarter but scored just five points in the last eight minutes to give Sundown the big trophy.

The Longhorns outscored the Roughnecks 17-13 in the first period, and maintained their lead at 33-29 at halftime. Sundown came on to outscore Hart 33-19 in the final 16 minutes for the championship.

Sundown used balanced scoring throughout the game, with five players in double figures. J.R. Lee led Hart with 18 points and Dusty Ortiz had 14 for the Longhorns. Lee, with 49 points in three games, was named to the all-tournament squad.

Hart's boys toyed with Cotton Center in their first game Thursday, squandering a 12-point lead in the third quarter to let the Elks come back to within three points before taking a 54-37 win.

Hart had led by 24-12 in the second quarter and led by 7 at halftime, 26-19. Cotton Center took

advantage of eight Hart turnovers in the third quarter to close to within four, 33-29, halfway through the period.

J.R. Lee, who led all scorers with 16 points, had eight of his tallies in the fourth period as the 'Horns used their significant height advantage to run away from the Elks.

Michael Valdarez and Raynea Garcia were also in double figures: Valdarez had 15 points; Garcia had 13 points.

Friday, the 'Horns overcame a slow start against Lorenzo as Lee and Dusty Ortiz dominated against

the Hornets in the second half for a 55-46 win.

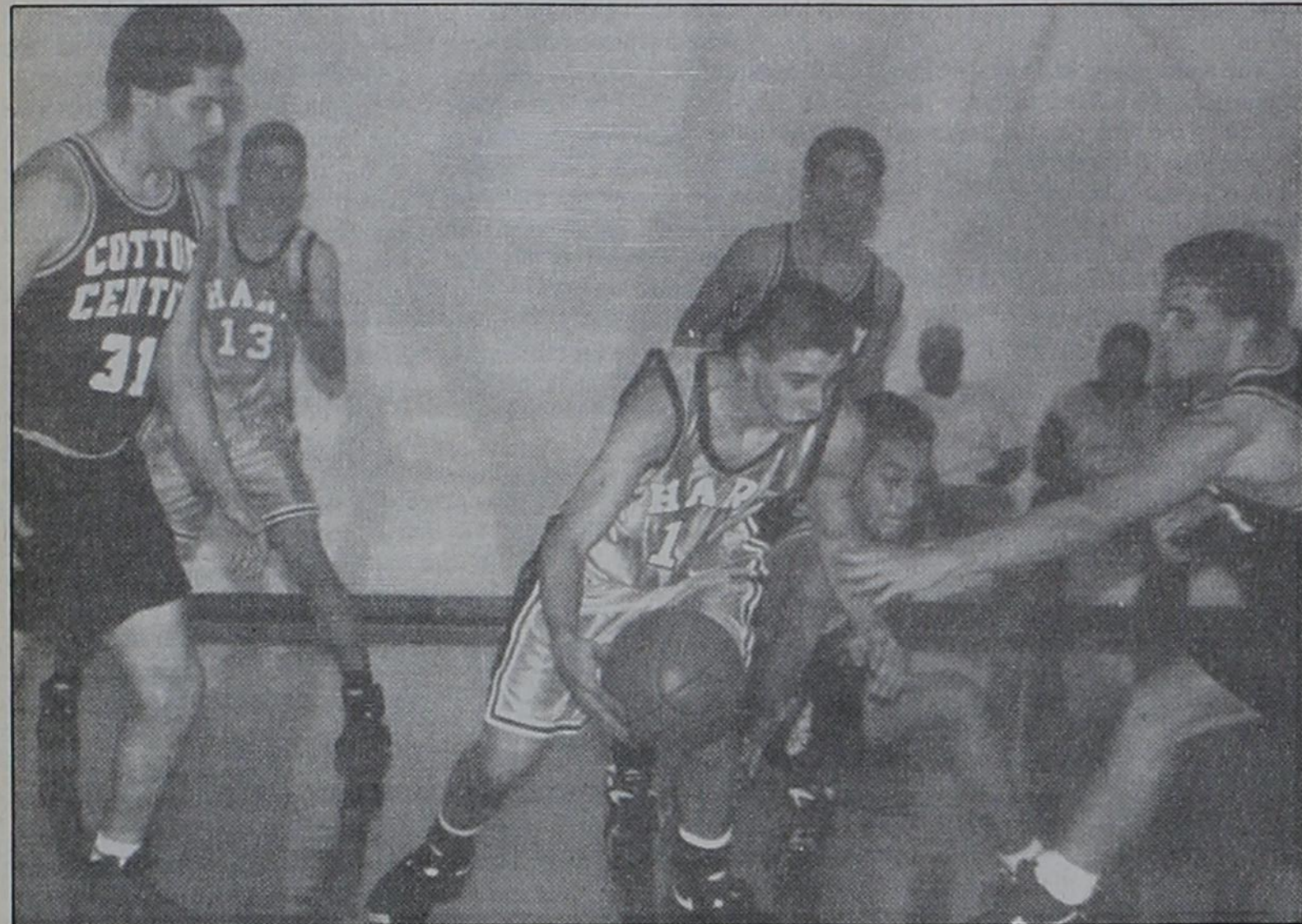
The Hornets led at the end of the first quarter, 15-9, and held a 28-27 advantage at halftime.

In the second half, the 'Horns continued going inside against the smaller Lorenzo squad with enough outside play to keep the Hornets honest. The 'Horns were up 41-36 at the end of three, then outscored Lorenzo 14-10 in the fourth quarter for the win.

Lee led all scorers with 15, while Ortiz (scoreless Thursday against Cotton Center) had 12.



ONLY ONE FOUL COUNTS—Hart's John Welps drives between two Cotton Center defenders and gets fouled by both during the fourth quarter Thursday at the Southland Tournament. Welps missed the basket and the free throw, but the Longhorns went on to win the contest, 54-37. The 'Horns finished second overall. *Photo by John Brooks*



MANO A MANO—Hart's Mano Valderaz outfiights a Cotton Center player for a loose ball Thursday during the quarterfinals of the Southland Tournament. Valderaz sparked Hart with 15 points as the 'Horns won, 54-37. Hart finished second in the nine-team tournament. *Photo by John Brooks*

Hart quartet named to 3-2A all-district team

Hart placed four players on the first team and seven on the second team of the all-District 3-AA team announced this week.

Center Andy Bennett was named to the first-team offense. Bennett, a senior, was named to the first team along with Sky Holcomb, the center for Springlake-Earth. Holcomb is the son of Jaci Garner, formerly of Dimmitt, and the late Butch Holcomb, and is a junior. Holcomb was also named to the second team on the defensive line.

Named to the first-team defense from Hart were senior lineman Manuel Minjarez, junior defensive end John Welps, and junior defensive back Jeremy Card.

Named to the second-team offense were junior fullback Raynea Garcia, junior wide receiver J.R. Lee, senior guard Clint Emery, and Garcia again at kicker.

Named to the second unit on defense were Lee at defensive back, Emery at lineman, and Chris Hernandez, a senior linebacker.

Brian Hulett of Springlake-Earth was the offensive player of the year, and Israel DeLeon, also of S-E, was the defensive player of the year.

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the next 12 points as the Lady 'Horns kept the press firmly applied to shut down the Bronchos.

Bennett led Hart with 22 points, while Key had 14.

Friday, Hart found out for the first time, first hand about the Levelland mystique.

There's something different about Levelland basketball, especially when the Loboettes are at their best like they were Friday night. Of course, there's been something special about Weese-coached teams through the years at Spearman, Wayland Baptist, that year with the Dallas Diamonds and now with Levelland for a dozen years. He's won 1,066 games and lost 158. That's 86 out of every 100.

Levelland, at its best, would rather pass than shoot. The Loboettes know they might have an open shot, but two more passes might mean an even more-open chance at the basket.

They know that the offense will work. They trust it because of all the signs and banners on the walls all over the Levelland gym, all those names with all those big trophies, and all those wins.

Weese asks more questions in the huddle than he used to, because these girls know the answers. They know his system, and they know that if they don't know the answer there is someone over there on the bench that not only knows the answer but wants to be out there, ready to apply that stifling man-to-man defense and ball-control motion offense.

All that makes an opponent tight, and Hart squeaked like a cornered mouse Friday night.

The Hart girls had never had the, um, honor of facing Levelland in Levelland before, and they're a better team after the 57-33 loss. They found out that their offense and defense aren't much different than Levelland, and while coach Rachelle Wilcox may be about 1,000 wins behind Weese, she knows what she's talking about.

Hart was tight throughout the game. Shots that normally fell through the net were bounding off the rim. Shots that would have hit the rim and clanked off were short of the mark and fell harmlessly to the floor.

Hart was down 5-0 early against the Loboettes, then came back to within 7-6 with 4:48 to go in the first quarter. That's when Levelland applied the collar, not allowing another Hart score until Kim Grossman hit a pair of free throws

with 6:25 left in the second period. Meanwhile, Levelland jumped to a 19-6 lead.

Hart didn't get closer than 10 points the rest of the half, but the real drought was about to come. The Lady 'Horns had just two points in the third quarter as Levelland extended its advantage to 43-17 at the end of three.

Hart's frustration showed on a free throw by Jodi Card. Card, usually a dead-eye free throw shooter, was three-for-four on the night. Her only miss came on a shot that went through the rim, bounced around and rattled for three, four seconds, then mysteriously bounced out.

A credit to the Lady 'Horns, Hart came back strong in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Loboettes 16-14 in the fourth quarter.

Bennett led Hart with 13 points.

In Saturday's third place game, the Lady 'Horns lost to Randall for the second time in a week, 51-39. The Lady Raiders had beaten Hart in the Queens Classic a week earlier, 47-41.

This time, Randall didn't mess around. The Lady Raiders scored the first six points of the game, and ran to a 13-3 lead at the end of the first quarter. Randall led by as much as 16-3 early in the second quarter.

Hart got back to within 11, 21-10, on two Bennett free throws with 4:10 to go in the half, but the Lady 'Horns never got any closer than nine the rest of the game, at 36-27 with 2:40 to go in the third. Randall extended its lead to 18 points again in the fourth period before settling for the 12-point win.

Bennett led Hart with 20 points.

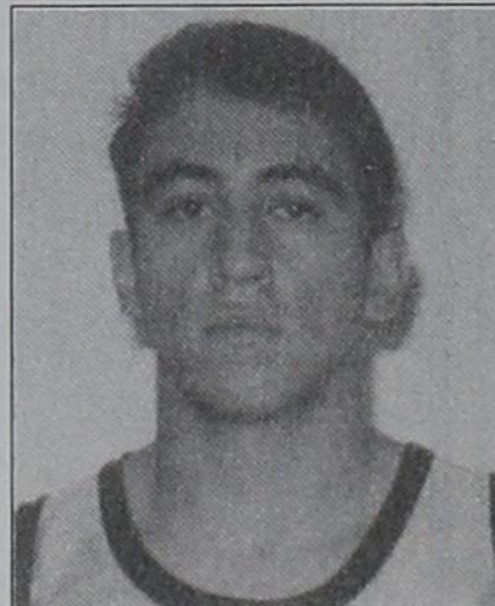


TENNESSEE, HERE I COME!—Hart's Shea Bennett (00) drives past Randall's Torrie Bailey and prepares to scoot past Tennessee Wakefield (42) in Saturday's third place game at the Levelland Tournament. Bennett and the Lady 'Horns finished fourth after Randall saddled them with a 51-39 loss. *Photo by John Brooks*

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left in the first quarter, getting baskets from Valere Valdez, Kim Lair and Courtney Sims.
Sims tore up Nazareth's defense in the first quarter, exploding for eight points, six on fast breaks after Nazareth turnovers. By the end of the first eight minutes, Nazareth was down 18-5.

Canyon had conneted on eight of its 11 field goal attempts and was perfect in its lone attempt from the charity stripe. The Lady Eagles had committed just three turnovers, too.
Nazareth was just the opposite, hitting two of 10 field goals and no free throws. The Swiftettes also lost the ball eight times.

Things didn't improve in the second quarter, either, as Canyon outscored the Swiftettes 14-6 behind Jon Alair's two three-pointers, and Nazareth was facing a 32-11 halftime deficit.

The Swiftettes did hit two more baskets in the second quarter, but they missed nine attempts. Canyon was five-of-nine from the field.

Nazareth's shooting didn't improve in the third and fourth quarters and Canyon didn't let up, ripping off 34 second half points and limiting the Swiftettes to 10 for the win.

Schmucker, who was shut out in the first half, managed just four points in the game and she and Kelley Boyd were the Swiftettes' leading scorers with four points. For Canyon, Valdez finished with 14 and Sims had 12.

The Swiftettes had better luck last Thursday and Friday.

In the first round, Nazareth reeled off the game's first 10 points—the first four by Amy Pohlmeier and the next six by Schmucker, and Spearman called for a time out.

The Lynxettes got on the board after that and outscored the Swiftettes 8-6 over the next 4:40, but the Swiftettes were still on top 16-8.

The Swiftettes used balanced scoring in the second period to go up 32-18 at halftime. Schmucker led the charge with seven points in the stanza, but Boyd, Pohlmeier, Courtney Hoelting and K'Lynn Gerber also hit.

Nazareth started off slow in the second half, missing its first six shots before Schmucker put away a trey with 3:57 left. Spearman had trimmed Nazareth's lead to seven before that basket, getting field goals from Kara Townsen, Ashly Shieldknight, Tara Butt and Shayla Barker, but Schmucker got hot after hitting that three-pointer and sank another one, plus an ensuing free throw to put Nazareth up by 11. Baskets from Swiftette reserves Jill Ramaekers and Gerber gave Naz a 15-point lead with 1:59 left and the Swiftettes held on for a 49-35 lead after three.

Nazareth rolled in the final quarter, outscoring Spearman 20-9, and finished with a 25-point win.

Schmucker finished with 33 points while Pohlmeier and Ramaekers added eight each. Townsen finished with 12 for Spearman and Barker had 11.

Tascosa proved to be a tougher challenge for Nazareth in the first quarter, but the Swiftettes opened up the game in the second stanza, then proceeded to destroy the Lady Rebels, 53-36.

Schmucker paced a 13-2 second quarter run between the 4:12 and 1:35 mark, hitting two three-pointers and two other baskets and Nazareth held a 30-15 lead. By the end of the quarter, Tascosa had trimmed the margin to 32-19, but the Lady Rebs couldn't get on track in the second half.

Christen Scharbauer scored with 7:03 left in the third quarter to pull Tascosa within 11 points, and that was as close as Tascosa would get in the quarter. The Swiftettes used a basket by Schmucker and three-pointer by Wethington to go on top 37-21, but Tascosa bounced back with field goals by Jamie Galin and Katy Walker. The teams traded baskets for the rest of the period and a free throw by Kisha Tucker with 29 seconds left trimmed the Swiftettes' lead to 11, 41-30.

Nazareth's defense held in the fourth quarter, allowing Tascosa just six points on baskets by Galin and Scharbauer early and one by Tina Regan with seconds left.

The Swiftettes had no problems scoring, though, with Boyd hitting two field goals, Schmucker and Gerber adding one each and the Swiftettes sinking four-of-six free throws down the stretch to post the win.

Schmucker finished with 25 points while Boyd and Wethington added 7 each. Galin's nine-point performance was tops for Tascosa.

SCOREBOARD

Nov. 28
9th Bobcats 74, Friona 37
D—Charley Sanders 17, Casey Smith 12, Zac Matthews 12.

Lions Pioneer Classic
In Plainview

Estacado 75, Bobcats 68
E— 11 20 28 16— 75
D— 13 23 16 16— 68

D—Fernando Ontiveros 2-0-6; Justin Newman 5-9-19; Chad Ellis 8-2-18; Joe Larra 5-0-13; Joey Martinez 2-0-6; Brandon Smith 1-2-4; Ramiro Gauna 0-0-0; Omar Rascon 1-0-2. Total: 24-13-68. FG: Estacado 32/74, 43%; Dimmitt 24/59, 41%. 3-point FG: Estacado 3/17, 18%; Dimmitt 7/16, 44%. FT: Estacado 8/15, 53%; Dimmitt 13/19, 68%. Rebounds: Estacado 54, Dimmitt 29. Turnovers: Estacado 16, Dimmitt 13. Total fouls: Estacado 17, Dimmitt 10. Fouled out: None.

Bobcats 71, Lockney 65
L— 17 12 20 16— 65
D— 16 18 18 19— 71

D—Fernando Ontiveros 2-2-6; Chad Ellis 10-0-20; Joe Larra 3-2-10; Joey Martinez 3-4-10; Justin Newman 4-6-14; Zach Bell 1-0-2; Brandon Smith 2-0-5; Dustan Buckley 0-0-0; Omar Rascon 2-0-4; Ramiro Gauna 0-0-0. Total: 27-14-71. FG: Lockney 26/58, 45%; Dimmitt 27/59, 46%. 3-point FG: Lockney 3/11, 27%; Dimmitt 3/8, 37%. FT: Lockney 10/15, 67%; Dimmitt 14/23, 61%. Rebounds: Lockney 46, Dimmitt 31. Turnovers: Lockney 33, Dimmitt 22. Total fouls: Lockney 23, Dimmitt 16. Fouled out: Veal, Phillips, Lockney.

Canyon 63, Bobcats 53
D— 13 12 13 15— 53
C— 20 11 14 18 63

D—Fernando Ontiveros 0-2-2; Justin Newman 4-4-12; Chad Ellis 6-3-15; Joe Larra 3-2-10; Joey Martinez 3-0-8; Zach Bell 0-0-0; Brandon Smith 1-0-2; Ramiro Gauna 1-0-2; Manuel Velasquez 0-0-0; Omar Rascon 1-0-2. Total: 19-11-53. FG: Dimmitt 19/46, 41%; Canyon 24/46, 52%. 3-point FG: Dimmitt 4/12, 33%; Canyon 4/14, 29%. FT: Dimmitt 11/14, 79%; Canyon 11/19, 58%. Rebounds: Dimmitt 21, Canyon 34. Turnovers: Dimmitt 13, Canyon 19. Total fouls: Dimmitt 18, Canyon 14. Fouled out: Lowe, Canyon. (Justin Newman and Chad Ellis were named to the all-tournament team.)

Levelland Tournament
Thursday

Lady 'Horns 61, Odessa 51
H— 12 16 17 16— 61
O— 15 11 8 17— 51

H—Shea Bennett 9-4-22; Sandra Lopez 0-2-2; Traci Knox 2-0-4; Jodi Card 4-0-8; Kim Grossman 1-1-4; Bonnie Reyna 1-0-3; Trinette Finch 2-0-4; Brandi Key 5-4-14; Sheila Aalbers 0-0-0. Total: 24-11-61. FT: 11/18, 61%.

Bobbles 65, El Paso Eastwood 48
D— 11 14 21 19— 65
E— 17 12 12 7— 48

D—Kara Josselet 1-4-6; Carrie Bradley 3-2-8; Kim Thomas 15-4-34; Amy Ethridge 1-3-5; Dolores Dimas 2-0-4; Tiffany Wilcox 2-4-8; Randa Wood 0-0-0. Total: 24-17-65. FT: 17/25, 68%.

Friday
Bobbles 49, Randall 40
D— 9 15 9 16— 49
R— 12 8 18 2— 40

D—Kara Josselet 2-0-6; Carrie Bradley 2-3-8; Kim Thomas 6-0-12; Amy Ethridge 4-3-12; Dolores Dimas 1-3-5; Tiffany Wilcox 3-0-6. Total: 18-9-49. FT: 9/12, 75%.

Levelland 57, Lady 'Horns 33
H— 6 9 2 16— 33
L— 19 10 14 14— 57

H—Shea Bennett 4-5-13; Traci Knox 1-0-2; Trinette Finch 0-0-0; Sheila Aalbers 0-0-0; Jodi Card 0-3-3; Dana Wilhelm 0-0-0; Sandra Lopez 1-0-2; Kim Grossman 1-0-3; Brandi Key 0-2-2; Tiffany Bradford 0-0-0; Gayla Reyna 1-0-2; Kelli Mayhew 0-0-0; Bonnie Reyna 2-0-4. Total: 10-10-33. FT: 10/18, 56%.

Saturday
Third Place

Randall 51, Lady 'Horns 39
H— 3 9 15 12— 39
R— 13 14 9 15— 51

H—Shea Bennett 6-7-20; Sandra Lopez 0-1-1; Jodi Card 1-2-4; Kim Grossman 2-0-5; Gayla Reyna 0-2-2; Trinette Finch 0-3-3; Brandi Key 1-2-4; Bonnie Reyna 0-0-0; Sheila Aalbers 0-0-0. Total: 10-17-39-36. FT: Hart 17/28, 61%.

Championship
Levelland 39, Bobbles 32

D— 11 7 3 11— 32
L— 12 11 10 6— 39

D—Kara Josselet 1-0-3; Carrie Bradley 0-0-0; Kim Thomas 8-0-16; Amy Ethridge 2-1-5; Dolores Dimas 1-0-2; Tiffany Wilcox 2-1-5. Total: 14-2-32. FT: Dimmitt 2/10, 20%. Rebounds: Dimmitt 15, Levelland 24. Turnovers: Dimmitt 16, Levelland 17.

(Dimmitt finishes second, Hart fourth. Kim Thomas is most valuable offensive player in the tournament.)

Canyon Classic
Thursday

Swiftettes 69, Spearman 44
S— 8 11 16 9— 44
N— 16 16 17 20— 69

N—Melinda Schmucker 33, Amy Pohlmeier 8, Jill Ramaekers 8.

Friday
Swiftettes 53, Tascosa 36

T— 10 9 11 6— 36
N— 11 21 9 12— 53

N—Kelley Boyd 3-1-7; Denia Durbin 1-0-2; Courtney Hoelting 0-0-0; Melinda Schmucker 9-5-25; Robin Schulte 0-0-0; Carrie Wethington 3-0-7; Misti Ball 2-0-4; Jill Ramaekers 2-0-4; K'Lynn Gerber 1-0-2; Amy Pohlmeier 0-4-4. Total: 20-10-53. FTs: Tascosa 10/16, 63%; Nazareth 10/21, 48%. Total fouls: Tascosa 22, Nazareth 14.

Saturday
Championship

Canyon 66, Swiftettes 21
N— 5 6 4 6— 21
C— 18 14 11 23— 66

N—Kelley Boyd 1-2-4; Denia Durbin 0-2-2; Courtney Hoelting 1-0-3; Melinda Schmucker 1-2-4; Robin Schulte 0-0-0; Carrie Wethington 1-0-2; Misti Ball 0-0-0; Jill Ramaekers 1-0-2; K'Lynn Gerber 1-0-2; Amy Pohlmeier 1-0-2. Total: 7-6-21. FTs: Nazareth 5/10, 60%; Canyon 6/7,

86%. Total fouls: Nazareth 8, Canyon 10. (Swiftettes finish second. Melinda Schmucker was named Most Valuable Offensive Player.)

Friona Invitational
Thursday

Swifts 67, River Road 46
N— 12 13 14 28— 67
RR— 10 14 12 10— 46

N—Colby Pohlmeier 14, Robbie Schmucker 10.

Friday
Swifts 70, Farwell 52

F— 10 12 10 20— 52
N— 7 20 18 25— 70

N—Scott Brockman 27, Coby Schacher 10.

Saturday
Swifts 84, Friona 58

N— 13 17 27 27— 84
F— 20 10 14 14— 58

N—Colby Pohlmeier 25, Scott Brockman 19.

(Swifts win championship. Scott Brockman and Colby Pohlmeier made the all-tournament team.)

Southland Tournament
Thursday

Longhorns 54, Cotton Center 37
C— 9 10 10 8— 37
H— 15 11 12 16— 54

H—Joe Longoria 1-1-3; Erasmo Castillo 0-0-0; John Welps 1-0-2; Mano Valderaz 5-2-15; Alan Valderaz 0-0-0; Jeremy Card 1-0-2; Brandon Irons 1-1-3; J.R. Lee 8-0-16; Dusty Ortiz 0-0-0; Garcia 5-3-13. Total: 22-7-54. FT: 7/10, 70%.

Friday
Longhorns 55, Lorenzo 46

L— 15 13 8 10— 46
H— 9 18 14 14— 55

H—J.R. Lee 15, Dusty Ortiz 12.

Saturday
Championship

Sundown 62, Longhorns 52
S— 13 16 18 15— 62
H— 17 16 14 5— 52

H—J.R. Lee 18, Dusty Ortiz 14. (Lee was named to the all-tournament team.)

Muleshoe JV Tournament
Thursday

JV Bobcats 65, Friona 62
D—Albert Ewing 17, Kalem Thomas 16, Jason Nino 10.

Friday
JV Bobcats 90, Springlake-Earth 37

D—Brad Beck 18, Albert Ewing 11, Joey Flores 10, Jonathan Ivy 10.

Saturday
Championship Game

JV Bobcats 78, Farwell 55
D—Brad Beck 18, Albert Ewing 17, Kalem Thomas 16, Conrado Saucedo 14.

Saturday
9th Bobcats 64, Frenship 46

D—Casey Smith 31, Zac Matthews 16.

Monday
Muleshoe 53, Freshman Bobbles 35

D—Jana Nelson 13.

Muleshoe 29, Seventh Bobbles 15

Muleshoe 38, Eighth Bobbles 35

Muleshoe 34, Seventh Bobcats 30

Eighth Bobcats 55, Friona 38

Tuesday
Swiftettes 54, Abernathy 41

A— 8 4 17 12— 41
H— 8 17 13 16— 54

N—Kelley Boyd 18, Melinda Schmucker 14.

JV Swiftettes 30, Abernathy 26

Abernathy 54, Swifts 48

A— 16 10 12 16— 54
H— 10 18 15 5— 48

N—Colby Pohlmeier 15, Robbie Schmucker 7.

JV Swifts 82, Abernathy 78

Bobbles 58, Hereford 54

D— 15 14 11 18— 58
H— 12 15 14 13— 54

D—Kim Thomas 18, Tiffany Wilcox 13.

Hereford 41, JV Bobbles 34

Hereford 83, Bobcats 53

D— 14 14 11 14— 53
H— 26 25 8 24— 83

D—Justin Newman 18, Joe Larra 15.

Hereford 57, JV Bobcats 42

Longhorns 63, Happy 44

Hart— 12 18 13 20— 63
Happy— 10 6 11 17— 44

Hart—J.R. Lee 24, Jeremy Card 9.

JV Longhorns 51, Happy 33

Naz teams ready to brave 16-team Abernathy Tourney

Nazareth's girls and boys are among the top teams featured in an elite 16-team field at the Abernathy Tournament which will begin today (Thursday) and continue through Saturday at Abernathy, New Deal and Hale Center High Schools.

The Swiftettes will open the tournament against Stanton today (Thursday) at 2:30 p.m. at New Deal. The Swifts will meet Crane at 4:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at Hale Center.

The 16-team girls' field also includes Slaton, Lockney, Petersburg, New Deal, Vernon, Hereford, Cooper and Hale Center in the top half of the bracket; and Stanton, Nazareth, Springlake-Earth, Littlefield, El Paso Austin, Tulia, Ralls and Abernathy in the bottom half.

The boys' bracket features teams from Slaton, Lockney, Petersburg, New Deal, Estacado, Hereford, Cooper and Hale Center on top and Crane, Nazareth, Springlake-Earth, Littlefield, Crosbyton, Tulia, Ralls and Abernathy on the bottom.

The Stanton girls are coming off a tournament championship, having won their own tournament last weekend. They beat Midland Christian, 71-22, Garden City, 70-51, and Forsan, 87-39, to earn the title. They are led by Laura Herm and Traci Moore.

Crane's boys finished as consolation champions in their own West Texas Shootout last weekend, being forced into the consolation bracket after losing their first game to Alpine, 51-50, in overtime. After that they beat Pecos, 71-55, and Kermit, 71-65.

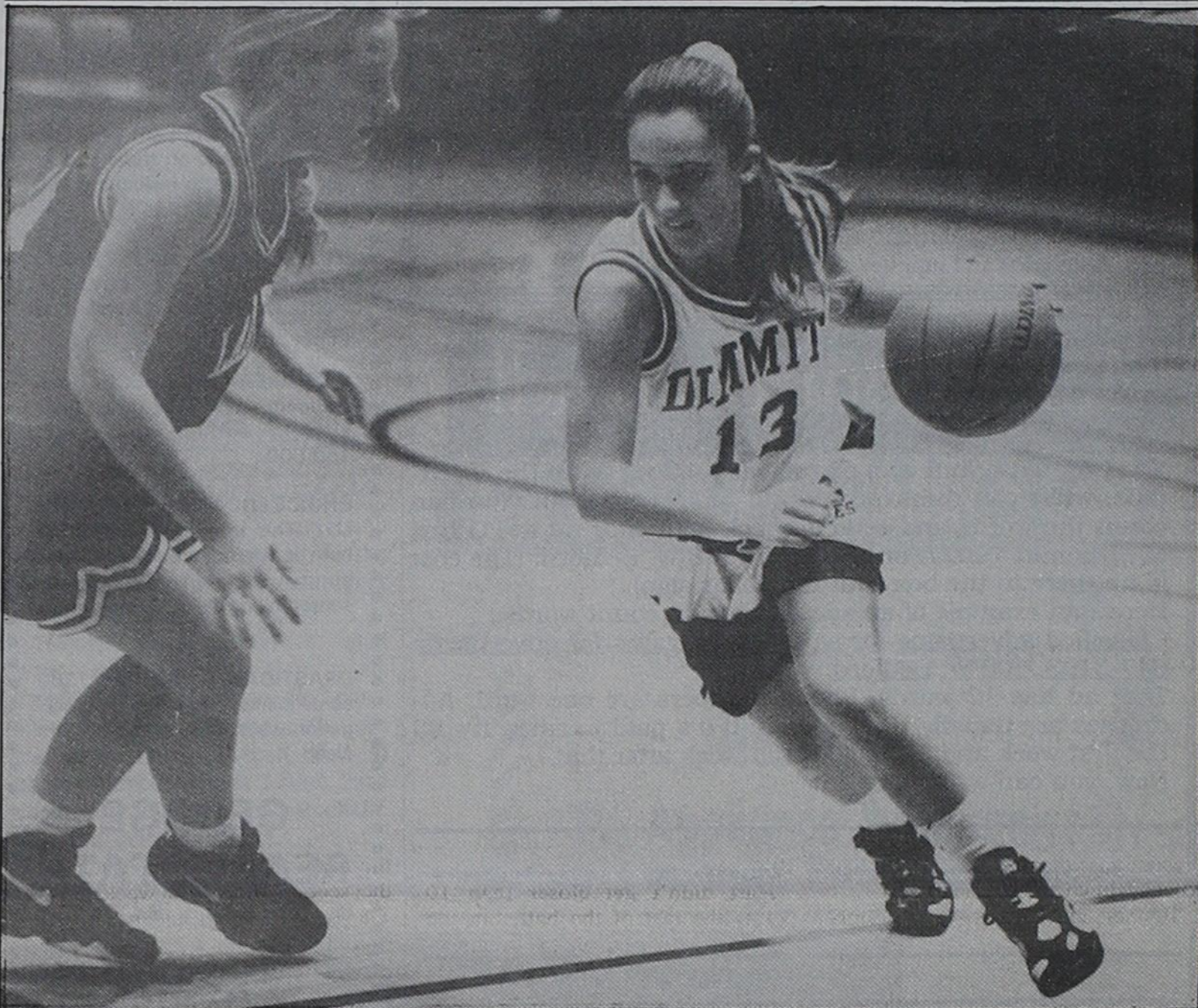
If the Swiftettes beat Stanton, they will play either Springlake-Earth or Littlefield Friday at 9 a.m. at Abernathy. If they lose their first-round game, the Swiftettes will meet the Springlake-Earth-Littlefield loser at 12 noon Friday at New Deal. The road to the finals includes four games. On Saturday, the schedule begins with the ninth and 11th-place games at 9 a.m. and 12 noon Saturday at New Deal. The

consolation championship will be played at 12 noon at Abernathy. On the winners' side of the bracket, the fifth-place game is slated to begin at 9 a.m. at Abernathy, with the third-place game scheduled at 3 p.m. and the championship set at 6 p.m.

The Swifts will play either Springlake-Earth or Littlefield on Friday. If they win the game will be played Friday at 10:30 at Abernathy. Should the Swifts lose, they will play Friday at 12 noon at Hale Center.

In the consolation bracket, Saturday's games will be played at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at New Deal. The consolation championship game will be held at 1:30 p.m. at Abernathy.

The championship side features fifth, third and first-place games and each will be played in Abernathy. The fifth-place game will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday with third-place set at 4:30 p.m. and the championship at 7:30 p.m.



DRIVE THRU—Dimmitt's Kara Josselet (13) dribbles past El Paso Eastwood's Brittany Kuykendall in Thursday's opening round game of the Levelland Invitational at Levelland High School. Josselet had six points as the Bobbies took an easy 65-48 win. The Bobbies went on to finish second. Photo by John Brooks

Prime time for hunting also means accidents

Texas—and most other states—is beginning its heaviest hunting pressure of the year, and now through the Christmas holidays is prime time for hunting accidents.

Most hunting accidents can be avoided by following the rules of shooting safety and by successfully completing a hunter education course, which is mandatory for persons born on or after Sept. 2, 1971.

There are several rules to follow while hunting, and several which are broken repeatedly that lead to most accidents: keeping the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, having a loaded firearm in or around vehicles or camp, and not making sure of a target before pulling the trigger.

"Why would you shoot at something if you can't identify it? There's no excuse for that," said Terry Erwin, recreation safety coordinator at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. "Everything you see and hear in the woods should be considered a human until there's absolutely no doubt. If there's any doubt, raise the binoculars. Bird hunters should stick to their 'safe zone of fire' and know where their companions are at all times."

Other tips to remember include: —Always point the muzzle in a

safe direction, never in someone's direction.

—Make sure the firearm is unloaded every time you pick it up. —Unload and put firearms in their case when traveling, separating them from ammunition.

—Do not load the firearm until you're in the field and actually hunting; when finished hunting, always unload firearm before returning to vehicle or camp.

—Use a hauling line to raise and lower unloaded firearms into and out of tower blinds and tree stands.

—Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you're ready to shoot.

—Know where your companions are at all times; never swing a gun towards them outside of your safe zone of fire.

—Control your emotions by thinking safety at all times.

—Avoid alcohol and drugs before and during a hunt.

At least two of the six hunting fatalities during the 1993 season occurred because the person had a loaded firearm in or near a vehicle and it went off.

Many more accidents may be avoided by wearing hunter orange clothing, Erwin said. Hunter orange is required in 40 states. In Texas,

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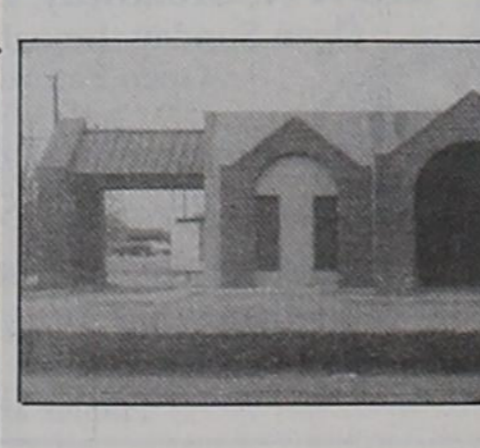
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FOR SALE: MM HD605-6A irrigation engine with 10A4231 heads. Good condition, \$2,500. Call Tom Betzen, 364-8139. 9-33-3tc

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FOR YOUR MANURE fertilizer needs, call Joel Gerber at 945-2297. 11-47-tfc

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20--Help Wanted

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25--Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE NO. PR 2168

THE ESTATE OF IVY N. JACKSON, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF IVY N. JACKSON, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of IVY N. JACKSON, Deceased, were issued to me, the undersigned, on the 2nd day of December, 1994, in the proceedings indicated below my signature hereto, which proceedings are still pending, and that I now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same to me, at the address below, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law.

My residence and mailing address is: KENNETH W. JACKSON, 1016 West Grant Street, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.
KENNETH W. JACKSON
Independent Executor
Of the Estate of
Ivy N. Jackson, Deceased
25-35-1tc

More about Rainmakers...

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attempt to change or control natural development of precipitation cloud forms in the lower half of the earth's atmosphere. The program has apparently worked well in the region to the south.

The typical large cumulus clouds that form around here have relatively few natural nuclei (such as salt particles, sand particles or specks of dust) around which moisture in the air can grow together to become raindrops.

As a result, Bomar said, most of the cloud moisture is never converted to raindrops because not enough natural nuclei are present.

"Cloud seeding is designed to increase the number of nuclei," Bomar said. "You want to cause five to 10 times as many tiny raindrops or water droplets to form, which will then interact with other droplets, collide and coalesce to form larger and larger raindrops. "By introducing silver iodide through cloud seeding, you hope to transform enough of the cloud moisture into water droplets to generate enough large raindrops to survive the fall through the dry subcloud layer and reach the surface as meaningful rainfall."

He added that as the cloud water is changed into water droplets, the additional heat generated causes the cloud to grow taller. As the cloud system grows taller, its updraft strengthens and imports more moist air from the surface.

Weather modification projects do not increase rain in one area at another person's expense. Bomar said clouds are inefficient since they do not gather and release all the moisture that is available. Clouds only contain an average of 1% of the total atmospheric moisture at any time. If cloud seeding doubled the efficiency of a cloud formation, it would likely only contain 2% of the available moisture—leaving 98% available for other uses, including more rain down the way.

The Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) at Big Spring has operated its cloud seeding program since 1971. The project runs from April to October to augment rainfall runoff into the CRMWD's reservoirs and increase water supplies for irrigation purposes.

CRMWD officials said the cloud seeding has increased average annual rainfall by 30% to 40% (four inches) in its target area. Lakes are much more full than when the program started.

CRMWD, in conjunction with the Plains Cotton Growers Association, has been studying the effects of weather modification on dryland cotton yields in the target areas. Results show that dryland cotton yield from 1970 to 1988 increased by 46% in Borden, Scurry, Howard and Mitchell counties since the cloud seeding program began.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK'S office is now taking applications for County and District Clerk, Deputy. Typing (45 wpm) and computer. Accuracy in filing and posting. Apply in County Treasurer's Office. Applications will be taken through Dec. 21, 1994. Castro County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 20-35-2tc

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW being taken for the position of Secretary to the Castro County District Attorney. Qualifications are typing (65 wpm), computer experience with WordPerfect and WordPerfect for Windows. Applications may be picked up and returned with resumes at the Castro County Treasurer's Office, Castro County Courthouse. Applications will be accepted through Dec. 21, 1994. Castro County is an equal opportunity employer. 20-35-2tc

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HELP WANTED: Employee for sales, delivery, yard work. Apply in person at Ed Harris Lumber in Hart. 20-34-2tc

LVN—Castro County Community Clinics are now taking applications for a clinical nurse position to be filled at one of our rural health clinics. Applications may be picked up and sent to 113 W. Bedford or mailed to P.O. Box 949, Dimmitt, Texas, 79027. Applications must be received by Dec. 7, 1994. 20-34-2tc

NEED EXPERIENCED farm hand. Call 945-2603. 20-34-2tc

21--Wanted, Misc.

I WOULD LIKE TO BUY your used gold jewelry—broken, worn out or otherwise. Call 647-3250, evenings. 21-1-tfc

22--Notices

WEIGHT WATCHERS is now meeting every Monday in Dimmitt. For more information, please call 1-800-359-3131. 22-40-tfc

24--Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers and food, and who made phone calls and came to see me while I was in the hospital in Amarillo having total hip surgery. May the Lord bless each of you.

LOUISE MEARS
24-35-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

The immediate family of Rosa Lee Thames would like to thank all of our family and friends for the prayers and loving support during her illness and our bereavement. Your many acts of kindness, cards, visits, food, flowers and memorials have been a source of strength for us during this time of loss. May God bless each of you.

TRUETT THAMES
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The family of Lucy Mendoza wishes to thank everyone for the food, flowers, cards, love, comfort and support in the time of our loss. We love all of you.

FROM THE MENDOZA
AND DOZAL FAMILIES

25--Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Castro County Commissioners Court is offering for sale one 1988 Ford Crown Victoria. The car is located at the courthouse and any information may be obtained at the County Judge's office. Bids will be opened on Dec. 12, 1994, at the regular meeting of the Commissioners Court.

Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities.

MRS. M.L. SIMPSON JR.
Castro County Judge
25-34-2tc

More about

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musical program by the University Chorus, the University Singers, the University Symphony and a trombone orchestra, gathered on and around the portico of the Physics Building.

The three large buildings of the "Science Quad" form a huge projection chamber for the music. It's almost like 200 people singing in the shower at the same time.

At the end of the program—about 7:30 p.m.—the large crowd joins in singing *Silent Night*. As soon as the song ends, they turn on the campus Christmas lights for the first time. Suddenly every building in the original campus area is outlined along the edges, corners and archways with red, green, blue and orange bulbs.

It's an impressive sight, and always brings "oohs" and "ahhs" from the crowd—even from those who have attended the Carol of Lights for years.

(This was the 36th annual staging of the Carol of Lights. It's one

of Tech's oldest and best traditions.)

The heart of the Tech campus, with its Spanish Renaissance architecture, is quite attractive anyway. And when all the central buildings are outlined with colorful holiday lights, it's breathtaking.

After their performance at the Science Quad, the student singers—already dressed in tuxes and black formals—rush to the University Center, where the two choirs and the Madrigal Singers perform their annual Caroling Concert in Hemmle Hall at 8:15.

That concert, in that place, also strikes a sentimental chord with us: The University Center incorporates the old Music Building, where Verbie and I once sang in the Tech Choir together. I think the kids still use the same big rehearsal hall.

I always get goose-bumps from really good choral music, performed live by outstanding choirs. And I think Tech's choirs are as

good as any university choirs anywhere.

(I don't know whether you realize it, but the "West Texas twang," when tamed and trained, makes for an excellent singing voice. It has to do with projection and clarity of tone. When you get a couple of hundred West Texans together who have had choral training, it's gangbusters. So quit letting people put you down for your hicky-sounding twang. It has its advantages.)

The weather for the Carol of Lights Friday night was the best it's ever been. It was calm, and not chilly enough to require more than a sweater or jacket. (In many past years, it has been strictly parka-and-gloves time.)

I've experienced Tech's Carol of Lights, so now let the season begin. I'll listen to *The Messiah* on my stereo and remember great Christmases past.

Probably while I'm still putting up the decorations.

Christmas play planned

The English as a Second Language (ESL) classes from Dimmitt Middle School will present a Christmas play, *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, on Wednesday afternoon at 2:45 at the school. The public is invited to attend.

Six students named to All-Region band

Six Dimmitt High School band students have been named to the all-region band after tryouts over the weekend.

Named to the all-region band were Jimmy Ivey, first chair timpani; Katrina Vernon, first chair clarinet; Wendy Finke, fourth chair clarinet; Sammy Everett, second chair trumpet; Wanda Finke, third chair bass clarinet; and Rochelle Harman, 12th chair flute.

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Obituaries

Ollie George

Ollie George, 94, of Kress, died Tuesday.

Services will be today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. with Merrill Pence, minister; Trey Morgan, minister of Central Church of Christ in Tulia; and her grandson, Brian Barrett, minister of McKinney Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery at Tulia by Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

Mrs. George was born in Indian Territory. She married Walter Clifford George in 1915 at Turkey. He died in 1969. She also was preceded in death by two daughters, Lillian Merryon George and Sylvia Love, and a son, Walter Clifford George.

She attended school in Oklahoma and lived on the Rodgers Ranch east of Tulia for about 25 years. She lived in the Silverton and Tulia areas before moving to Kress. She was a homemaker and a member of the Kress Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Gladys Fambro of Happy and Carol Barrett of Fort Worth; eight sons, L.C. "Fuzz" George of Vigo Park, Bill George of Tulia, Charlie George of Bayard, Neb., Kenneth George of Lubbock, Benny George of Hurst, Robert George of Morton, Jack George of Hart and Tommy George of Kress; 37 grandchildren; 86 great-grandchildren; and 43 great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Tulia Cemetery Association.

Grace Lane

Grace Lane, 83, of Lubbock, died Friday.

Services were Monday in Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home Chapel with the Revs. Jimmy McGuire, associate pastor of Bacon Heights Baptist Church, and Charles Murray, pastor, officiating.

Graveside services were Monday at Muleshoe Cemetery.

Mrs. Lane was born May 15, 1911, in Santa Anna. She married Eddie Lane on July 15, 1927 in Waco. She moved to Lubbock from Muleshoe in 1968, and she was a member of Bacon Heights Baptist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a past mother advisor of the Rainbow Girls, past president of the PTA in Muleshoe and past president of the WMU.

She was a licensed vocational nurse.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Eddie Lane of Austin, Buddy Lane of Edgewood, N.M., and Joe Lane of Electra; two daughters, Pat King of Lubbock and Shirley Stevens of Dimmitt; three sisters, Louise Tidwell and Edna Stultz, both of Waco, and Lorena Hardy of Fort Worth; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials be to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Juana Limon

Juana Limon, 74, of Sudan, died Saturday.

Services were Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sudan with the Rev. Clarence Huber, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Sudan Cemetery by Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born June 12, 1920 in Karnes City. She moved to Sudan in 1960 from Crystal City. She was a homemaker and a Catholic.

Survivors include four brothers, Guadalupe Limon of Flint, Mich., Jesus Limon of Alamo, and Larry Limon and Manuel Limon, both of Sudan; and two sisters, Nicolasa Limon of Sudan and Marie Garza of Alamo.

Jacinto D. Ramos

Jacinto D. Ramos, 84, of Dimmitt, died at 2:20 p.m. last Wednesday, Nov. 30, in Dimmitt after a lengthy illness.

A vigil service was held Friday in the Ivey Chapel at Foskey Funeral Home in Dimmitt.

Mass was read Saturday afternoon at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with Father Guillermo Morales, pastor, officiating, assisted by Deacon Fortunato Hinojosa.

Mr. Ramos was born in Brackettville on Sept. 11, 1910. He

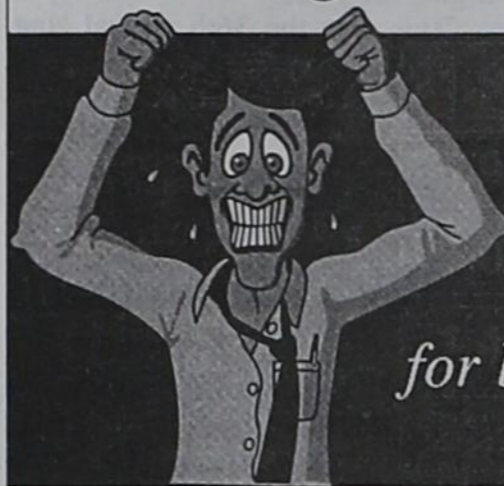
moved to Dimmitt in 1952. He married Guadalupe Ramos on Feb. 23, 1929, in Brackettville. She died on July 19, 1993. He was a retired farmer and was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include three sons, Raul Ramos Sr. and Sotero Ramos, both

of Dimmitt, and Fred Ramos of Rock Spring; four daughters, Jo Alice Hinojosa of Uvalde, Joel Guerra of Knoxville, Tenn., Sally Salazar of Madera, Calif., and Ramona R. Lopez of Dimmitt; a sister, Tomasa Davila of Brackettville; 44 grandchildren; and 62 great-grandchildren.

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ceive on your ex-husband's record, you will be paid only your retirement benefit.

If your former spouse is deceased, you may be eligible for Social Security benefits on his or her record if you're 60 or older. If you have a disability, you can get benefits as early as age 50. In either case, your marriage must have lasted 10 years. You can receive divorced widow(er)s benefits at any age if you are caring for your former spouse's child who is under 17 years old or disabled. The 10-year marriage rule does not apply in these cases.

If you remarry before age 60, you cannot get Social Security from an ex-spouse unless that subsequent marriage also ends. But if your ex-spouse remarries, you may still be eligible for benefits on his or her record. However, you are not eligible for divorced widow(er)s benefits if your own retirement benefit is higher.

If you are a divorced spouse who is 60 or older (or over 50 but disabled), the benefits you receive will not affect the payments made to other survivors receiving Social Security benefits on the record of your ex-spouse.

If you have any questions concerning your eligibility for divorced spouse's benefits, you may call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, or visit the Social Security office in Plainview.

More about City...

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Ethridge will be up for election in May.

Gonzales has served since 1991, and was re-elected last year in a special election after he tied with Boyd Moyers in the regular election.

Proffitt had served since 1986 and, with Sheffy, was the senior member of the council.

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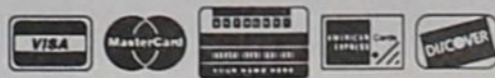
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Pheasant hunt kicking off 16-day run Saturday . . .



By CALVIN RICHARDSON

Texas Parks and Wildlife Biologist

As West Texas prepares for opening of the 16-day pheasant season Saturday, hunters can expect either "boom or bust" kinds of hunting depending on the area they'll hunt.

In areas where pheasant numbers are down, they are way down.

On a few survey routes, however, high counts are the rule, and they were very high.

In other words, the population distribution is spotty this year, but find the right place and the birds could be flushing like coveys of quail.

Across the Panhandle District as a whole, the number of pheasants sighted along the 44 survey routes decreased by 32 percent compared to last year, but bird numbers are down by only 12 percent compared to the 12-year average.

As the TPWD conducted the population surveys in late October and early November, some of the highest numbers were recorded in the northern and western portions of the Panhandle.

For instance, in Dallam, Hartley, Deaf Smith,

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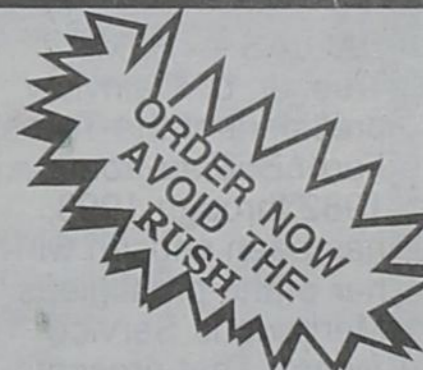
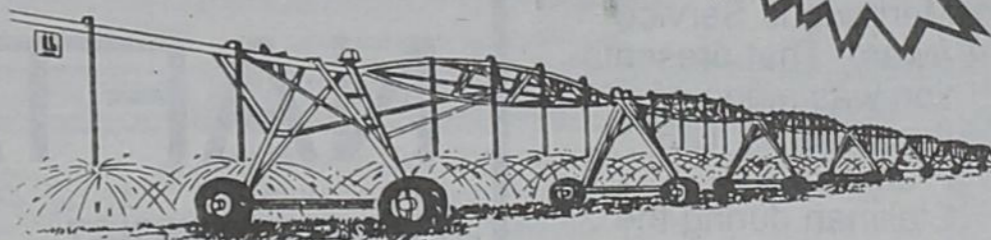
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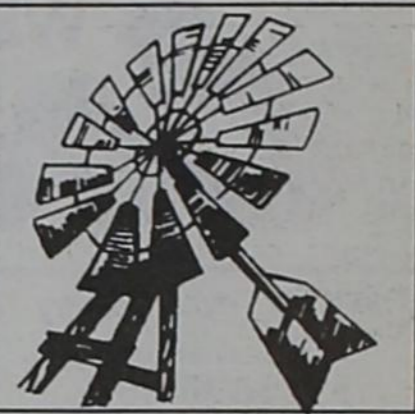
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AgReview



Development continues on elusive electric car

By MATTHEW L. WALD

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Be it bodies or batteries, motors or wheels, the drive continues toward technology for the practical, mass-produced electric car.

At an electric-vehicle symposium in Anaheim, Calif., three significant announcements are expected on Friday:

—An electric car manufacturer will unveil the nation's first vehicle made of lightweight composite materials and designed for mass production.

—A company that makes batteries that are recharged by replacing the fuel pack will disclose plans for a large-scale electric vehicle test by the German postal service.

—A Canadian electric utility company will demonstrate a device designed to achieve higher efficiency in electric cars by making the motor part of the wheel.

Helping push all this activity are laws on the books in California, New York and Massachusetts, which beginning in the 1998 model year will require that at least 2 per-

cent of the cars sold be electric. But there are still significant forces pulling in the opposite direction.

Detroit's Big Three auto makers have been lobbying against the state regulations. And even though they recently lost a federal court challenge to the New York regulations, the gasoline-car makers continue to argue that electric-vehicle technology is still not ready for drive time.

The announcements to be made at the Anaheim symposium, which ends next Wednesday, will give state officials and other electric car advocates fuel for their arguments that the technology is ready if Detroit will commit itself to adopting it. On the other hand, skeptics will be able to look at the same conference and note that it is mainly a carnival of concepts, prototypes, tests and works in progress, as opposed to cars that are ready to begin rolling off the assembly line.

But enthusiasts insist that the future is just around the corner. The Solectria Corp., a privately held company in

Wilmington, Mass., that converts Geo Metros and Chevy S-10 pickups to run on electricity, plans on Friday to display a four-passenger car designed from scratch to run on electricity.

The company intends to produce the car, called the Sunrise, for \$20,000 a copy beginning in 1997, presuming it can get orders for 20,000 vehicles or more.

Solectria's manufacturing partners will include subsidiaries of Dow Chemical, United Technologies, Textron, General Electric and other major manufacturing firms. Development of the Sunrise was coordinated by the Northeast Alternative Vehicle Consortium, a group financed by the Pentagon and other federal and state agencies.

The Sunrise has a frame of composite materials, and weighs less than 1,700 pounds, about 100 pounds below a \$9,000 gasoline-powered Geo Metro and about 400 pounds less than the electric Geo Metro, which Solectria loads with batteries and sells for \$26,000. The Sunrise has significantly more passenger and

trunk space than either a gasoline or electric Geo and can carry 700 pounds in passengers and cargo, substantially more than most electric conversions.

The range will depend on the batteries available in 1997. "We're trying to leave as many options open as possible for battery technologies," said Arvind Rajan, vice president. With sealed lead-acid batteries, which are now commercially available, it would go 120 miles at a steady 53 miles an hour, he said. The Sunrise would go substantially farther on nickel metal-hydride batteries, he said, if those were to become available in mass-product volumes.

The car was financed by the Advanced Research Projects Agency, which is part of the Pentagon, and by Boston Edison, which holds the marketing rights in nine Northeast states and markets outside the United States.

In the second announcement expected on Friday in Anaheim, the German postal service, Deutsche Bundespost Postdienst, plans to conduct a large-scale trial test of electric vehicles that are recharged by replacing the fuel pack rather

than connecting the battery to an electrical recharger.

The postal service will buy more than 50 vans and light pickup trucks made by Mercedes-Benz that will use zinc-air batteries produced by the Electric Fuel Corp. Electric Fuel has its corporate offices in New York and its research, development and manufacturing operations in Jerusalem. The total budget for the test is \$14.8 million, with about \$6 million going to Electric Fuel.

The contract is Electric Fuel's first product sale. Shares in the company closed on Thursday at \$6.875, up 37.5 cents in NASDAQ trading. In February, when the company went public, its shares traded above \$14.

Deutsche Bundespost, which last year began testing vans powered by the Electric Fuel battery, will begin the expanded trials in September and will run until at least the end of 1996; if it works as projected, the Bundespost and a sister company, Deutsche Telekom, have signed letters of intent to buy up to 40,000 vehicles using the system.

South Plains

Ag News

S.M. True gets Farm Bureau service honor

DALLAS — S. M. True, Jr. of Plainview, president of the Texas Farm Bureau from 1982 through 1993, has been chosen winner of the prestigious Meritorious Service Award. That presentation was made here this week by TFB President Bob Stallman during the 61st TFB convention.

The award is considered the most prestigious accolade given to a TFB member who has contributed outstanding service to Farm Bureau over several years. The award requires a unanimous vote of the 13-member TFB Board of Directors.

Last week's Texas fishing fair to good

AUSTIN (AP) — The weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for last week:

WHITE RIVER: Water clear; lake low; black bass fair; crappie good at Crappie House; catfish good, especially channel cats; walleye fair.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water off-colored; lake full; 61 degrees; black bass slow on jig and pigs and slow rolling spinner baits; stripers good on live bait and slabs; white bass fair; crappie fair under brushed out docks; catfish good on nightcrawlers.

O.H.IVIE: Water clear; 61 degrees; black bass good to 9 pounds on pumpkinseed

worms; no reports on white bass; crappie fair at night on minnows; no reports on catfish.

KEMP: Water clear; 2 feet low; no report for black bass; white bass good on blue and silver Castmasters; catfish good on trotlines.

OAK CREEK: Water clear; 8 feet low; 61 degrees; black bass fair; crappie good on minnows from 10 to 12 feet; catfish good off of docks on chicken liver.

AMISTAD: Water clear; 68 degrees; black bass good to 10 pounds on topwaters early in mornings; stripers good under birds to marker 17; white bass good in mouth of Zorro in 40 feet of water; catfish good from 20 to 80 feet on cheese bait, shrimp and worms.

LBJ: Water cloudy; normal level; 71 degrees; black bass good; crappie good in daytime on worms; catfish good on chicken liver and goldfish.

WHITNEY: Water clear; 62 degrees; black bass slow; smallmouth slow; striped bass good to 8 pounds on slabs; white bass good on slabs and spoons, limits to one pound; crappie good on jigs; catfish good, especially channels.

RAY HUBBARD: Water murky; 55 degrees; no report on black bass; crappie fair on minnows and jigs; catfish biting good on chicken liver.

RAYBURN: Water choppy; 164.09; 54 degrees; overall fishing slow.

Most businesses now say NAFTA created new jobs

By MARYBETH NIBLEY

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — More U.S. business executives now believe the North American Free Trade Agreement has created jobs in the United States and many think the pact should be expanded into Latin America, said a survey released Monday.

The survey commissioned by the consulting firm KPMG Peat Marwick LLP found that 62 percent of U.S. executives involved in global strategic planning favor broadening NAFTA to include Latin America.

The trade agreement, which took effect Jan. 1, 1994, has been

criticized for failing to deliver on its promise of more U.S. jobs. A congressional analysis released last week said NAFTA has resulted in a net loss of 10,000 U.S. jobs.

A Joint Economic Committee study requested by Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., estimates that while NAFTA created roughly 127,000 jobs in its first nine months, increased imports from Mexico have cost 137,000 U.S. jobs.

But the KPMG Peat Marwick survey, which was conducted by the market research concern Elrick & Lavidge Inc., offered a more optimistic appraisal of NAFTA's impact on the American

job market.

The two-phase research project was aimed at examining the effects of NAFTA on American businesses. The first phase of the study was conducted six months after NAFTA's passage and the second phase occurred in November, nearly a year after the agreement went into force.

A chief finding in the latest research was that more American business executives think NAFTA is helping to produce U.S. jobs. Almost one-quarter of those asked said there has been a gain in jobs since NAFTA's passage, up from 11 percent who expressed that opinion six months earlier.

Pheasant, from Pg. 1

Sherman, Hansford and Ochiltree, the pheasant survey resulted in more than 44 birds per route, with a couple of routes counting 100 pheasants.

Just south of those counties, the population shows a significant drop. Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts, Gray, Carson, Randall and Armstrong counties averaged less than five pheasants per route.

In the South Plains region (from Parmer south to Cochran, east to Crosby and north to Briscoe, it has been another good year for cotton and a less than average year for pheasants.

Based on 24 survey routes conducted in 12 South Plains counties, the 1994 census resulted in 3.2 birds per route. This represents a 72 percent decline compared to 1993 when 11.3 birds per route were counted. The 1994 count was also 70 percent less than the five year average.

Generally, the more acres that are in cotton, the less acres are in grain crops which are beneficial to pheasants as food and cover. However, the decrease in pheasant numbers in the South Plains this year can be attributed to the drought conditions this summer, compounded by extremely high temperatures that reached 118 degrees in some areas.

A drought affects pheasant reproduction and survival in a number of ways, especially in areas with few irrigated crops. It may result in a shortage of green plants which provide carotenes and Vitamin A that are important to the hen in the egg-laying process. A drought can also reduce the amount of weed seeds that are available, which can be important before grain crops become available in the fall.

But, more importantly, a drought can limit insect production. Insects are an excellent source of protein and calcium for the nesting hen and are the primary

dietary component for pheasant chicks during the first eight to ten weeks of life.

Temperature in excess of 100 degrees, especially for extended periods, reduce the hens' ability to keep adequate moisture around the eggs during incubation. As a result, the eggs may be lost due to dehydration or nest abandonment by the hen.

The highest concentrations of pheasants in the northern Panhandle this year are probably associated with a combination of rank cover, for example playa lakes, and irrigated grain. Not only does this provide a good mix of food and cover, but it provides adequate ground level humidity that is critical for nest success under drought conditions.

The pheasant season begins Saturday and continues for 16 days, concluding on December 25.

The bag limit is three cocks per day with a possession limit of six birds.

Delta holiday sale matched by United, American

ATLANTA (AP) — Delta Air Lines said Monday it was cutting fares for travel during off-peak periods of the upcoming holidays, and rivals American Airlines and United Airlines quickly moved to match the sale.

The sale, which reduces round-trip prices by 45 percent, is in effect during the following periods: Dec. 15-20, Dec. 24-25, Dec. 28-31 and Jan. 4-8.

The reduced prices apply to 14-day advance-purchase excursion fares in most markets. Passengers must purchase their tickets no later than Dec. 14.

Under the sale, an Atlanta-Los Angeles round trip, regularly \$601, would cost \$331.

United said it was matching the Delta sale. An American spokeswoman said the airline would be "competitive" but would not discuss exact prices.

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It looked like a duck

Howdy, neighbors!

I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes. So, if you are a bit skeptical, I'll understand.

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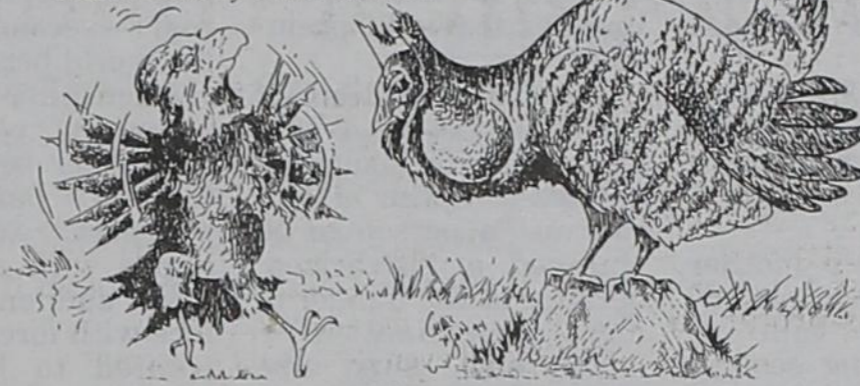
Then it happened. One of the darndest sights I've ever seen. A mother hen and

eagle's egg. He put the egg into the nest of a prairie chicken and the eaglet was hatched with the brood chicks and grew up with them.

All his life, the eagle thought he was a prairie chicken and he did what prairie chickens do. He scratched in the dirt for seeds and insects to eat. He clucked and cackled. He flew no more than a few feet off the ground with thrashin' wings and a flurry of feathers. After all, that's how prairie chickens were supposed to fly.

Years passed. The changeling eagle grew old.

Illustrations by Chris Johnson



her baby chicks came strollin' by.

You are familiar with the chirpin' sound baby chicks make - there's a cute softness about it.

What got my attention was that I kept hearin' one of these chicks with a deep bass voice. Instead of the soft little chirpin' sound of a normal baby chick, it was goin' CHIRP! CHIRP! CHIRP!

Suddenly, from around the corner of the house, came a baby duckling, about five times the size of those chicks, waddlin' right along in the row behind that mother hen.

Billy Mack explained, "Dangerous, that hen hatched that duck and all of it's life it has thought it was a chicken! It doesn't know that ducks are supposed to quack!"

It was such a sight that I thought about that duck for days.

For obvious reasons, I think, it reminded me of a legend I once read, the source of which I am unable to recall. It was about an Indian Brave who found an

One day, he saw a magnificent bird far above him in the cloudless sky; hangin' with graceful majesty on the powerful currents of the wind.

"What a beautiful bird! What is it?" he asked his neighbor.

"That's an eagle, the chief of birds," the neighbor clucked. "But don't give it another thought. You could never be like him."

So, the changeling eagle never gave it another thought; he died thinkin' he was a prairie chicken!

It reminded ole Dangerous of one of Grandpa DeBord's sayins' that I have heard many times through the years: "If it quacks like a duck, walks like a duck, and looks like a duck - it's a duck!"

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Leprosy: Medical stigma of the ages still active

EDITOR'S NOTE — Of all the closets society has built to hide the people it would shun, none are as dreaded as the colonies that hide victims of leprosy. The disease, as old as antiquity, has been conquered by medicine, but the stigma remains. Now a group of former victims wants society to heal its attitude as well.

By **TODD LEWAN**
Associated Press
Writer

PETROPOLIS, Brazil (AP) — It was the spring of 1947 when Haobin Kong learned he was a pariah.

At dawn his mother woke the 16-year-old boy and walked him — always keeping several paces ahead — through the fields of Guangdong province in southern China to a remote leprosy colony run by missionaries.

"She left me at the gate, turned and walked away without a goodbye," says Kong, a gaunt man of 63, his hands twisted, his mouth deformed by leprosy.

"I never saw her or my family again. I realized then what it was to be a victim of leprosy, to be an outcast, a nobody."

Now Kong and dozens of former patients from around the world have joined to fight the stigma associated with leprosy, a stigma that has turned them into symbols of dread and reproach even among friends and family.

They gathered recently at a Roman Catholic convent in this mountain city 40 miles north of Rio de Janeiro and formed the first worldwide defense league for victims of Hansen's disease — leprosy.

The weeklong conference brought together 70 former victims from China, India, Cuba, Japan, South Korea and Brazil, along with health advocates from the United States and Europe.

"This movement is historic," said Anwei Law, a public health expert from Oak Hill, W.Va., and the organization's new treasurer.

"It's the first time people affected by leprosy have come together to fight the stigma of this disease, to tell the world they have a right to a normal life."

Francisco Vieira Nunes, the new head of the defense league, said the first task was to rebuild the self-esteem of former patients who never had the courage to leave their colonies.

"Once a leper, always a leper," he said. "You lose your name, you get eased out of your job, you lose your self-worth. Well, now we want our identities back. We want to join the world again."

The stigma goes back to biblical times, when victims of leprosy were banished from communities under penalty of death, forced to wear cowbells around their necks and hoods and robes to hide their

lesions.

They remained outcasts through the centuries, even as science slowly peeled away the mysteries of their disease and discovered a combination of drugs that reversed the effects of leprosy bacteria.

Today, with researchers expecting to announce a revolutionary anti-leprosy vaccine by 2000, the disease still inspires fear and prejudice.

The 1988 edition of Webster's New World Dictionary, for example, defines a victim of leprosy as "a person to be shunned or ostracized, because of the danger of moral contamination."

"Leprosy must be shifted from being just a medical problem to a social problem," says Dr. Joon Lew, chairman of the Lew Institute for Biomedical Research in Seoul, South Korea.

"Even if a vaccine is developed to prevent leprosy, you simply can't continue to ignore or treat with contempt millions of people who once had or are still treating the disease."

The idea of a defense league began in August 1993, during the 14th World Leprosy Congress in Orlando, Fla., where 2,000 doctors and scientists gathered to discuss progress on vaccine research.

Law, a medical and cultural historian, said a token number of 20 former leprosy patients were allowed to attend, but they were not permitted to meet any of the scientists, let alone address the conference.

"That was the last straw," Nunes says. "The doctors had no time for the people they were supposed to be helping, only for their cold medical data and theories."

With donations from private and church groups, the league brought patients from leprosy colonies around the world to Brazil, where as many as a half-million people have leprosy — second highest in the world behind India.

After a life of fear and isolation, people who had never been allowed to ride a bus, obtain a passport, or shake hands with non-victims were suddenly face to face with foreigners who wanted to hear their story.

Kong began by telling a tale of a life half-lived, an existence stunted by ignorance, prejudice and fear.

After the Communist revolution of 1949, Kong, like most of the half-million Chinese then afflicted with leprosy, was kept quarantined in a far-off colony because the government lacked the drugs avail-

able to treat the disease.

For 13 years, he and 200 other patients never went farther than the hospital compound, never knowing when or if they would ever leave. Kong learned to read and write, and eventually married another patient.

After dawn on Nov. 16, 1960, a medic shook him awake as he slept in his cot. "You're cured," said the medic, and walked out of the room.

But by then, Kong's family had moved away without a trace. He couldn't find a job or a housing development that would take him. Months later, he and his wife returned to the colony to stay.

Another participant, Guanzhou Chen, 45, of China's Guangdong province, said he was interned at age 7 at a state colony. But although he was cured four years later, his family did not want him back.

"Fear was in their eyes, in their hearts," he said through an interpreter. "So I returned to the colony. I never want-

ed to leave it. I cannot stand the rejection again."

Chen said he tried to find a job in the "outside world," but in 30 years has not been formally employed. These days he fixes washing machines and television sets on the side to make extra spending money.

But even for those who escaped the colonies, the wounds of social prejudice have not healed.

A South Korean executive told the gathering how he, too, was rejected by friends and family after contracting leprosy at a young age. He was cured of the disease quickly, but the stigma still haunts him.

"Please, do not give my name, or any details. It could wreck my business," he pleaded with a visiting reporter. "No one knows where I am, and they shouldn't know, please."

A special challenge for the league is how to raise money without pandering to stereotypes and at a time when donations for nonprofit organizations worldwide are drying up.

"We have to get away from the old fund-raising campaigns that showed horrible pictures of lepers solely to evoke pity," Law said.

"Those images helped

get money, but they also reinforced the stereotype of a miserable leper. We need to get away from that, to portray lepers as people with dignity, who are willing and able to work to survive."

Pamela Parlapiano, a New York City resident who has photographed victims of Hansen's disease from Africa to the Amazon, showed a picture of an Indian man with one hand carrying a clay pot of building materials to build a modest home.

"The idea is to show their ability, not dwell on their disability," Parlapiano said.

As the conference ended, the former patients hugged and kissed each other, and several wept. Kong extended his gnarled hand to a reporter. He squeezed tightly, his eyes shining and watery, reluctant to let go.

"This is the first week Mr. Kong has ever touched or shaken the hand of a person who never had leprosy," explained Dr. Wang Yang Shen, a specialist at the Hongwei hospital in Beijing. "For him, it is a special day. It is the first time he has felt completely human in so long a time."

'Willie' aids tornado-ravaged town

LANCASTER, Texas (AP) — Country music legend Willie Nelson headlined a concert Saturday night to raise money to help rebuild Lancaster's historic town square, which suffered heavy damage by a tornado in April.

Nelson, who conducts about 25 benefits a year including the popular Farm Aid concert, says such benefits are part of his responsibility as a performer.

"I thought that's what we're supposed to do. I was brought up to do unto others," said Nelson, a native Texan.

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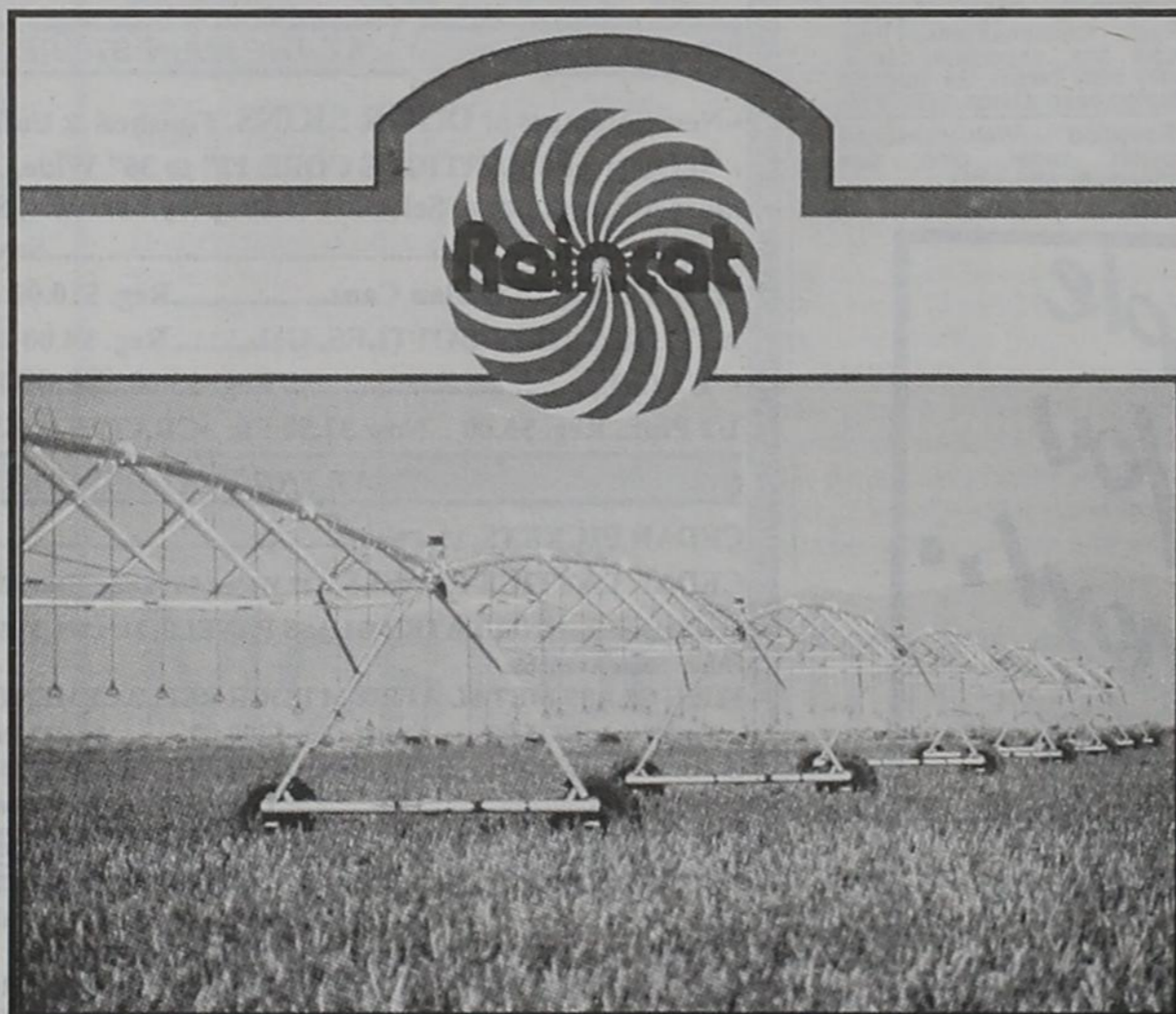
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Monsters vie for Oscars

By IVOR DAVIS

New York Times Special Features

It's been a monstrous year for Hollywood — literally.

Blood-guzzling vampires snack on rats and dogs; monsters are created out of body parts salvaged from in-the-grave corpses; rivers of blood gush from dismembered heads and slashed throats; still-beating hearts are ripped from human chests; wolfmen howl madly at the moon.

It has all been part of the good, clean family fun that has dominated the Hollywood landscape this year. What a nasty, though fascinating, season it has turned out to be.

With the dream factories now setting their sights on Academy Awards, the fact is that the leading contenders for the golden statuettes may be the most fiendish and horrific group in cinema history.

Tom Cruise, Kenneth Branagh, Robert De Niro and Jack Nicholson have outdone one another in the areas of murder, mayhem and sheer bloodlust.

By now it should be obvious that actors can't resist sinking their teeth into meaty roles. As Filmland history proves, audiences love nothing more

than a really memorable villain.

Witness the success of Oscar-winner Anthony Hopkins as Hannibal the Cannibal Lecter in "The Silence of the Lambs" (1991).

Though perhaps not in quite the same lip-smacking league as Hopkins, Cruise and Brad Pitt play two New Orleans aristocrats with a ravenous thirst for blood in "Interview With the Vampire."

The popularity of the film, which opened in November, proves that mainstream America has a taste for carnage — provided it's served up stylishly with a soupcon of humor.

In "Mary Shelley's Frankenstein," which also opened in November, British actor/director Branagh plays the half-mad Swiss professor with a scalpel in one hand and a sewing needle in the other. He cobbles together body parts that somehow emerge as the sympathetic monster played by De Niro.

De Niro's monster may have a heart that film audiences can warm to, but he looks like the plastic-surgery victim of an army of drunken surgeons. And for Americans, that may be the movie's problem.

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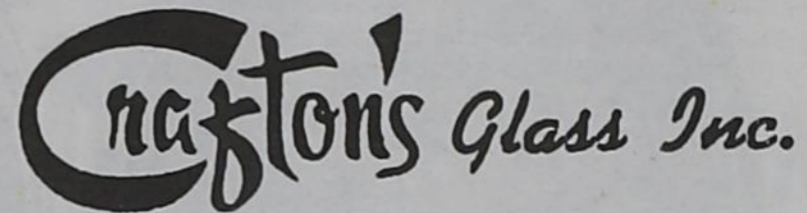
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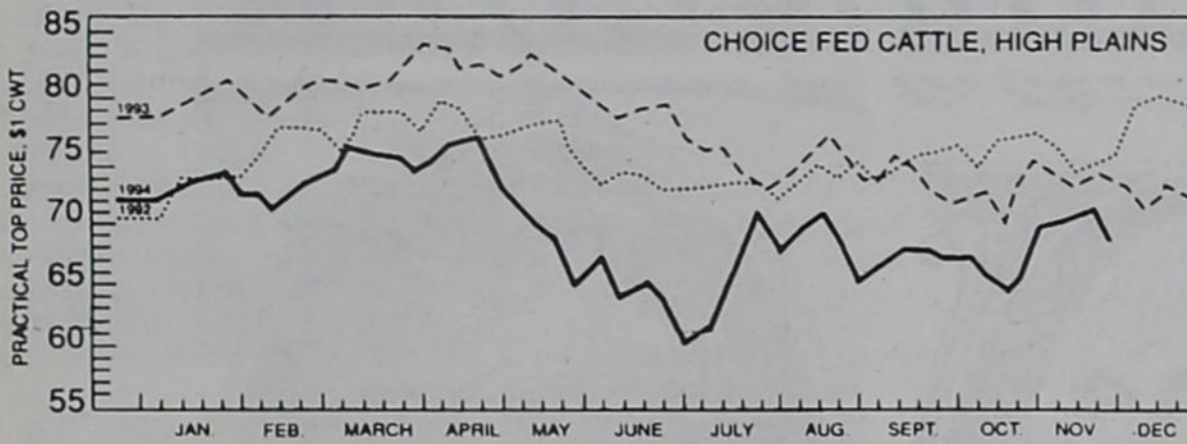


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ICI 8326	19.9	176.6	5	Asgrow RX 899	29.6	165.6	7	ICI 8272	21.3	196.6	8
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Coffee madness: 'Cup O' Java' now a luxury brew

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NEW YORK (AP) — From the way coffee madness has gripped America, you might think otherwise, but even Dave Olsen says, "Man does not live by coffee alone."

That's how he explains downing a bottle of raspberry juice cooler before he sits down to talk about "Passion for Coffee," his new book about growing, roasting, drinking and eating with coffee.

Coffee used to be so easy. Buy a can, pick off the little key on the bottom, twist the key around the can to open it with a whoosh. Measure it into a percolator. Pour.

But, Olsen says, it was precisely that whoosh — that quick release of rich, intense aroma — that caused all the trouble and sparked a coffee revolution that left millions willing to spend \$3 or more a day on their habit. So much for, "Buddy, can you spare a dime?"

Even at that, it's a relatively affordable luxury, Olsen notes. And a profitable one for specialty coffee companies; by the end of the decade

sales will reach \$1.5 billion a year, the Specialty Coffee Association estimates.

Still, coffee consumption decreased 50 percent from 1962 to 1992. "People got disaffected, the coffee didn't taste good. The business was just tired," Olsen says.

At the same time, a few pioneers — Starbucks Coffee Co. in Seattle, Coffee Connection in Boston, Peets in Berkeley, Calif. — were searching out good coffee, searching for the elusive flavor promised by that heady aroma that emerged and quickly faded when the can was opened.

As senior vice president for coffee of Starbucks, Olsen travels the world searching and buying. And while the coffee craze has spread from the Northwest to the rest of the United States, it has not caught on in many places that produce great coffee.

"Just like Washington state exports all our good apples," the coffee kept for local consumption is not the best, Olsen says. "Very seldom do you go to a coffee farm where anyone drinks coffee from the beans they grow." But the United States

should not get to thinking it's a world leader in coffee bars.

While it may seem in some cities that there's a coffee bar on every corner (Starbucks alone has more than 400 shops around the country), Olsen says we've got a long way to go to match such cities as Milan, where four or five coffee bars might compete at one intersection. And, Olsen writes, coffeehouses were a fixture of Middle Eastern life before the 13th century.

As for those supermarket cans, Olsen, naturally, doesn't recommend them. "That whole industry is based not on quality but on price," he says. "It smells good for a millisecond, then it smells kind of like cereal grain. And that's how it brews up."

Of course, if your taste in coffee goes up a few notches, you're more likely to see the value in higher-priced brews. "Passion for Coffee" (Sunset Books, \$14.95) is there to help you taste your way upscale.

It's the first of seven Starbucks cookbooks Sunset plans to publish, and it's among several coffee books currently in stores, including "The

Complete Coffee Book" by Sara Perry (Chronicle Books, \$12.95) and "Coffee" by Catherine Calvert (Hearst Books, \$20).

"Passion for Coffee" includes history and geography lessons, recipes for foods containing coffee or to eat with it, and instructions in how to brew great coffee. The centerpiece of the advice: "Everything matters" — the coffee, the pot, the water.

Olsen shows no evidence of overconsumption. No jitters, a very relaxed attitude. He's not worried about negative health effects, and says he drinks just a few cups a day. His wife limited herself to one cup a day while pregnant.

Olsen's own favorites are espresso and coffee made with a French press. Not surprisingly, he has a commercial espresso machine on his kitchen counter. He's partial to Ethiopia Harrar coffee for its fruity and intense flavor.

No flavors, like peach

or hazelnut, thank you very much. In fact, Olsen says you shouldn't even buy unflavored coffee if it's kept near the flavored beans because the taste will be compromised.

Some compromises aren't always a bad thing. There are those who believe if they drink their double-tall lattes near handsome strangers, it just might do some good.

Coffee Creme Brulee

For the custard:
5 1/2 cups heavy cream
1/4 cup very coarsely ground espresso beans
8 extra-large egg yolks
2-3rds cup granulated sugar

For the topping:
2 to 3 tablespoons boiling water
1 and 1-3rd cups dark brown sugar, firmly packed

For serving:
Edible gold-leaf stars (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Place a rack in the lower third of the oven. Set eight 8-ounce custard cups in a shallow roasting pan or jelly-roll pan with at least 1-inch high sides. The cups should not touch each other.

To make the custard, in a medium saucepan over medium

heat, heat the cream and ground espresso beans until small bubbles form around the rim. Strain the cream through a fine sieve to remove the coffee.

In a medium bowl, combine the egg yolks and granulated sugar and whisk for 1 minute. Whisk a little of the hot espresso cream into the yolk mixture and then add the remaining espresso cream.

Divide the mixture among the eight custard cups. Place the pan with the cups into the oven; add to the pan about 1/2-inch of boiling water. Bake in a 350-degree F oven until the custards are set, about 40 minutes. Remove the custards from the water. Cool at room temperature for 20 minutes, then refrigerate until cold.

To make the topping, preheat a broiler. Place the broiler rack in the top position, about 3 inches below the heating element. In a small bowl, combine the boiling water and brown sugar to make a thick paste. Using the back of a teaspoon, spread 1 to 2 tablespoons of the topping on each custard, covering the top all the way to the sides of the cup.

Set the cups on a heavy-duty baking sheet and place under the broiler until the sugar bubbles and just begins to get very brown, 2 to 3 minutes. If you can smell the sugar burning, it is time to remove the cups from the oven. Let the custard cool, then refrigerate at least 15 minutes before serving. Garnish each serving with the gold-leaf stars, if desired. Makes 8 servings.

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