



**TILE LAYING UNDERWAY**—Centennial Plaza Project Chairman Robert Hawkins (foreground) gets a helping hand from Bill Birdwell and Dale Winders (right) in fitting red-granite commemorative tiles along a walkway Saturday morning. In background is Willis A. Hawkins. Volunteers sorted and fitted almost 300 tiles Saturday and are working this week to prepare the "tile beds" for

the rest of them. Hawkins said more workers are needed, and has called another work party to begin at 8:30 Saturday morning. Meanwhile, electrical work has been completed on the gazebo lights—including one in the cupola on top—and all the plaza's lights now come on automatically at night as work on the project nears completion.

Photo by Don Nelson

## Commissioners Court

### Heated discussion fails to solve road problems

After more than 30 minutes of heated discussion, three Precinct 1 residents left the County Commissioners meeting Monday morning void of a solution to their road problems.

Joe Welts, Chris Hanes and Butch Merritt, who live 5 miles north of Hart, off FM 168, petitioned commissioners for improvements on their dirt road.

A total of six families live on property adjacent to the county road.

"Which is virtually impassable after a rain," Welts said.

The road in question, connects FM 168 and State Highway 194.

Pct. 1 Commissioner Harold Smith said he put a small amount of

caliche on a low section of the road "a while back" and he was willing to fix the entire road, likewise.

"There's not a whole lot (of caliche) down there, but it is amazing how much it's helped," Hanes said.

Because the road connects two major thoroughfares, it is frequently traveled, Welts said.

"This is one of the most traveled roads I've got," Smith said. "I'd be glad to pave all of it."

Before such road repairs begin, a commissioner must secure the landowner's and lienholder's consent, as well as the hauler's proof of insurance, said Jimmy Davis, county attorney.

"These are just precautions the

county has drawn to avoid any possible legal action," he said.

Monday, and in the past, the commissioners have denied Smith's requests to sell or donate caliche from his property.

"The (Texas) attorney general has said a commissioner cannot donate material to a precinct without a majority of the court approving," Davis said.

Besides, such action could result in criminal penalties, he said.

A section of the law deals with elected officials giving gifts to the public, Davis said, adding such actions subject the elected official to removal from office.

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## Hospice program planned; volunteers will be needed

What would you do if you were diagnosed as being terminally ill? Would you go into a hospital and fight it, and run up a bill?

Or would you rather spend your remaining time at home, under the care of professionals and friends?

For those who prefer the home-care route, the Hospice of the Plains at Plainview is hoping to start a satellite program in Castro County.

Volunteers with all kinds of hobbies and abilities will be needed to make the program work, according to Erna Driver, Hospice of the Plains volunteer coordinator.

Speaking to the Dimmitt Lions Club Tuesday, Driver announced

that training sessions for volunteers will be held in September, meeting two nights a week in the Chamber of Commerce board room.

"President Bush, shortly after he was elected to office, said hospices... are going to be the health care of the future for our nation, because of the astronomical rates our hospitals and doctors are charging," Driver said. "People are not going to be able to afford this, and with hospice care you can stay at home in familiar surroundings."

She explained that the Hospice of the Plains program provides medical, psychological, pastoral, social, dietary and counseling services — "a holistic approach."

Volunteers receive training to help with companionship, transportation, homemaking assistance and other services, she said.

The main goal for hospice care, she said, is to provide patients with "a quality kind of life during the time they have left. Why not make his or her days on earth the best possible?"

That's why volunteers are important to the program, she said.

"We like to have people who are involved. We don't want volunteers to go and take care of the patient—we've got licensed people to pro-

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## Absentee voting is underway for CED, amendment elections

Absentee voting is underway for the special election allowing taxpayers to vote on tax exemptions for the Castro County Education District, and to adopt or reject proposed constitutional amendments as submitted by the 72nd Legislature.

The special election has been set for Aug. 10, with absentee balloting to continue through Aug. 6.

Absentee voting in Dimmitt will take place at the Dimmitt City Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday with Oscar Wylie serving as absentee clerk. Dimmitt residents who wish to obtain an application for ballot by mail must request one from Wylie at 201 E. Jones, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, before Aug. 2.

Hart residents will vote absentee at the Hart School Business Office. Applications for ballots by mail should be requested from Absentee Clerk Nancy Bowden at P.O. Box 490, Hart, Texas 79043.

In Nazareth, residents may vote absentee in the superintendent's office at the school from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Aug. 6. Absentee ballots by mail should be requested by Aug. 2 from Barbara Schulte, absentee voting clerk, at P.O. Box 189, Nazareth, Texas 79063.

In addition to the constitutional amendment election, voters in the county will vote on three tax exemptions which have been drawn

up by the newly-formed County Education District.

The County Education District was created from recently passed legislation concerning the school financing in Texas. Under the new laws, Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth school districts will be lumped together into one taxing unit that will have to adopt a common tax rate.

Everyone used to be a resident of just one school district, but now they will be residents of two—their regular district and the County Education District, so in essence, taxpayers will be paying taxes to two school districts.

The maximum tax rate the County Education District can charge is 72 cents per \$100 of assessed evaluation. That figure is based upon state property tax values. If a school district's normal tax rate is set at \$1 per \$100 of assessed value, then the school district will have to tax 28 cents per \$100 to make up the difference. The actual dollar amount taxpayers owe won't

change that much, it will just be divided and paid to two different taxing entities.

The exemptions voted on will help determine at what the County Education District's tax rate will be set.

These exemptions are:

\* 1. Exemption of 20% of the market value of a resident's homestead.

\* 2. Exemption of \$10,000 of the market value of a resident's homestead for individuals who are disabled or who are 65 years of age or older.

\* 3. Taxation of tangible personal property other than manufactured homes that is not held or used for production of income.

Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day, Aug. 10. Dimmitt voters may cast their ballots at the Dimmitt City Hall, Hart voters may vote at the Hart school cafeteria, and Nazareth voters may cast their ballots at the Nazareth High School Home Economics Room.

# 1:1

By Don Nelson

Should Deputy Sheriff Ben Reyes have gotten sick-leave pay for three pay periods (six weeks) instead of three weeks, as the County Commissioners' Court authorized a couple of weeks ago?

Commissioner Jeff Robertson of Precinct 3 doesn't think so.

"We gave him just what he and his lawyer asked for, and that was three weeks," Robertson said.

Last week I reported that the Commissioners' Court, in trying to accommodate Reyes and his attorney, had held an illegal meeting July 12, although no decisions were made or changed during that meeting.

Reyes, who had missed six weeks of work after elective surgery, thought there had been a misunderstanding when he had been authorized three weeks' pay, only half as much as he thought he was entitled to. He said he had missed three pay periods, not three weeks.

Robertson said the information I reported on the meetings in question was accurate enough, as reconstructed by our staff through tape transcriptions, notes and interviews. But my report didn't go into detail about the earlier (July 8) meeting in which Reyes first requested his sick-leave pay.

"Ben brought his lawyer with him to that very first meeting," Robertson said. "I asked his lawyer how much money we were talking about, and he said three weeks. I asked Oleta (Raper, county treasurer) how much that was, and she figured it up. I thought, 'Well, that's not a bad deal; he's a good employee,' and that's why I voted on the three weeks, even though Ben hadn't gotten prior approval."

Prior approval?

"Yes—the sick-leave policy was changed just before Ben had his surgery, but even under the old policy, he was supposed to have come to the Commissioners' Court first," Robertson said. "He could have his elective surgery anytime he wanted to—that's okay with me. But when any county employee is going to have elective surgery, he and his department head are supposed to get the sick-leave arrangements worked out with the Commissioners' Court in advance. That way, everything is understood up front.

"But for some reason, Ben didn't get prior approval for sick-leave pay — there was a mixup somewhere," Robertson said. "The first time he talked to us about it was after his surgery, when he brought his lawyer with him to the July 8 meeting.

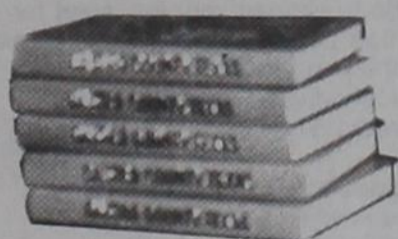
"Then, in the next meeting, Ben came back and said his request had been for three pay periods instead of three weeks. We had voted specifically for three weeks' pay for him—just what his lawyer asked us for," Robertson said.

The Centennial Edition will be out next week, and I think you're going to enjoy it.

It's become almost a consuming passion for those of us working on it. It's both very tiring and very exhilarating. Wait until you see Ginger Irons's cover picture. Or until you read the story of Mr. Abbott, who made Ripley's Believe

It Or Not by being engaged to 11 different women. Or...

We started working on the Centennial Edition in March, after the basketball playoffs. It's been full-speed-ahead since school turned out in May. Now, I think I have only about 400 things left to do on it before we go to press with the last two sections.



### History books now available

After a week of sales, more than one-half of the new Castro County history books previously purchased remain at Cowser Abstract.

"We're only distributing about three a day," said Teeny Bowden, of the Castro County Historical Commission.

The organization ordered about 700 books, Bowden said.

Persons may pick up their book at the south entrance of Cowser Abstract. The commission also has books for sale at \$75 each.

### Weather

Readings recorded at 7 a.m. daily for the preceding 24 hours.

	Hi	Lo	Pr.
Thursday	90	62	
Friday	93	63	
Saturday	93	66	
Sunday	93	63	
Monday	90	61	
Tuesday	86	61	
Wednesday	87	61	
July Moisture		5.23	
1991 Moisture		12.97	

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### Coming next week

The Centennial Edition of the *Castro County News* will be published next Thursday, Aug. 1.

Our Centennial Edition will include a comprehensive look at our counties past—its families, communities, social life and customs, sports, schools, churches, government, businesses and major stories.

The Centennial Edition will be the largest edition we've ever published and it will be the equivalent of six to eight regular editions. It will have a full-color cover and more full-color section fronts inside. It will sell for \$1.50 on the newsstands. Paper boys will also charge \$1.50 for each copy they sell along their regular weekly routes.

Hardbound copies also will be available. It will be a collector's edition.

In addition to family histories (stories), the Centennial Edition also will include tributes to specific pioneers of our county (bordered advertisements).

# On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Frances and Alvin Frazier met Cara Dearing and children in Amarillo Saturday. After lunch at Furr's, Alvin and Frances took Ryan and Tanner with them to the flea market so Cara and Charity could shop.

Frances visited with Juanita Wimberly in Dillard's for a few minutes.

Letha Blackburn, daughter of Connie and Gene Ivey, will be teaching in the Dimmitt Middle School this year.

Geneva Dennis went with Decimae and Paula Haynes of Midland to help conduct a Vacation Bible School in Billings, Mont. There were nine members from the First Baptist Church in Midland who worked with the Bible school. Geneva helped with the records. Some of the men from Midland who are members of the Texas Men's Builders Association, and one other man helped build this church in Billings.

Geneva, Decimae and Paula took Highway 385 to Billings and stopped along the way. They were at Mt. Rushmore for its 50th anniversary celebration, just one day after President George Bush was there. They visited Old Town Burlington and toured a wonderful museum. They saw the Badlands, Crazy Horse Museum and Custer's Battlefield. They saw Bear Tooth Mountain that was covered in snow and they went to Yellowstone National Park and the Royal Gorge. They came back through Wyoming and Colorado. They reported everything was green and there were wildflowers everywhere.

Out-of-town visitors at the museum were Maria Rosario Petraccone of Pompeii, Italy, who is here visiting her aunt, Rosetta Bellinghausen and William; Paula Haynes and Decimae Dennis of Midland; Marcus Diaz and family, Estola, Juan, Michael, Angel and Gina, all of Amarillo; Jean Steed and Raymond Annen of Nazareth; Andrea Shamayda of San Diego, Calif., who came with Rose Woolbright and family; Melba Smith and Beverly Russell of Lubbock; and Ella Mae and Clint Christie of Panhandle, who came with Sam and Corene Burk.

My family got together in Dallas last weekend. Those present were Bill and Mary Lynn Lankford and Lauren; Kevin and Neely Lankford, Adrian, Matt and David, all of Amarillo; David and Sue Vaughan, Brent and Kristin and a friend, Tiffany Reeder of Dallas.

Kevin and his family, and Kristin, went to Six Flags and stayed for 14 hours in 100-degree-plus weather. Bill and Mary Lynn and Lavern went on to Houston.

Bill Barnard of Independence, Mo., visited Sam and Corene Burks last week. Ella Mae and Clint Christie from Panhandle were visitors in their home this week.

Dude McLauren was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center for lunch and a day of bridge. Dude won high score and Louise Mears won second high score. Others playing were Elizabeth Huckabay, Helen Braafladt, Neva Hickey, Virginia Crider, Dugan Butler and Susie Reeves.

Oleta Gollehon took Irene Carpenter to Hereford to celebrate her belated birthday on Tuesday at K-Bob's. Other club members attending were Kate Beecher, Geneva Dennis, Hazel Bagwell, Mauzee Youts and Mary Edna Hendrix. Guests present were Decimae Dennis and Paula Haynes. The waitresses served a birthday cake and sang Happy Birthday to her.

Nikki Kenley recently returned from touring with the Texas Baptist All-State Choir and an ensemble called, "Living Song." She began the trip at Baylor University, where she rehearsed with the group. "Living Song" is composed of students who made both the public school all-state choir and the Texas Baptists All-State Choir.

"Living Song" performed its first concert on the balcony at Pat Neff Hall at Baylor University, accompanied by the Carillon Bells. Immediately after the performance, they made a six-hour drive to Midland. The next morning, after just two hours of sleep, "Living Song" performed in the three Sunday morning worship services at First Baptist Church in Midland. The ensemble piled into the bus and traveled another hour to Andrews where they sang a full concert at the First

Baptist Church there. That night they drove on to Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, where they met up with the other 475 Texas Baptist All-State Choir and Band members.

The Texas Baptist All-State Choir and Band rehearsed for four days at Wayland. "Living Song" continued to rehearse for an hour every day and performed every night at the vespers service.

On Wednesday, July 3, the entire band and choir traveled to Palo Duro Canyon in 12 chartered buses. The choir and band performed in the amphitheater where the drama TEXAS is presented. The 500 choir and band members stayed to watch the musical which ended with a spectacular display of fireworks. The next day, the choir and band arrived in Albuquerque, N.M. From there, they traveled to Santa Fe, N.M. where they spent a few hours shopping and relaxing. "Living Song" went to tour the oldest chapel in the US, and they were allowed to sing one of their a cappella songs there.

From Santa Fe, the choir and band went to Glorieta where they performed for the opening service of Music Week.

Nikki reported that "Living Song" was one of the greatest experiences of her life. She met many new Christian friends with whom she hopes to keep in contact. The "Living Song" ensemble already is talking about a reunion and Nikki hopes to attend. She plans to participate in this program again next year and encourages other Baptist teenagers to try out for the Texas Baptist All-State Choir. She says that it is an unforgettable experience.

Harley and Elberta Dyer entertained their daughter, Harlene Trlica of Baltimore, Md., last week.

I went to Tulia for their 101st celebration Saturday. The parade had some pretty floats entered. A barbecue dinner was served at noon at the city park and a live band provided entertainment. I met my sister and her family, Lynna and Troy Cloer and Kelly. We went to the Swisher County Museum after dinner, where Wayne Parker of Ralls spoke on Indian Customs. He is an authority on Indian Cultures and has a large collection of Indian arrowheads, beads and other Indian artifacts. He is a distant relative of Quanah Parker.

Wayne said before our recent

## Sunnyside By Teeny Bowden, 647-5703

Mabel E. Aven of Hart died in her home last Thursday. A large group from the community attended funeral services in Hart on Sunday afternoon in the First United Methodist Church. It was a pretty funeral, like those of her day. Her granddaughters carried long-stemmed pink roses and her grandsons were pallbearers and wore pink rose boutonieres.

All of her survivors were present except for two. There were 24 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren. Carl Dean and his family came in from Slaton Saturday. Gene Carson and his family arrived early Sunday morning and Resa Carson of Dallas came early Sunday morning.

They were hoping Mrs. Aven could celebrate her 100th birthday next month when the county officially celebrates its 100th birthday. She died at the age of 99.

Her oldest grandchild, Melvin Aven, read a beautiful eulogy from the grandchildren during the service.

The Centennial book sales are going nicely. Madge Robb and Teeny Bowden started Tuesday morning and worked all week distributing the books to those who had already bought one. The pictures didn't come with the book but showed up Thursday.

CORRECTION: It wasn't the man who did the siding work for me who had 17 hours of corrective surgery recently, it was his wife. The word "wife" was omitted in the paper. A deformity of her forehead and cheek was corrected.

Madge Robb, Clara Vick and Teeny Bowden visited with Chris and Sherri Elkins at K-Bob's Tuesday. They learned Gerald and Pat Elkins and Rev. David and Debra Fletcher and Harmony had joined Ezell and Verba Sadler at the lake. Hadley was still at camp and Haley

rains, they had a "rain dance," and five days later they had a good rain. But they also had hail and had to replant their cotton, so he said at Tulia he wanted someone to do a "late freeze" dance, so the cotton would have time to mature.

Hank Smith dressed Cody, a young boy from Nazareth, in an Indian costume and she did an Indian dance. Hopefully we will have a late freeze.

We went to the courthouse square where the Otwell Twins, David and Roger, entertained. They used to sing on the Lawrence Welk Show.

While in Tulia, I visited with Flo Nichols (she still insists that her friends in Dimmitt give me their news for "On the Go."). I also visited with the Boyard Sadlers, the Reece Wilterdurgs, Merle McMurry, Jack Flynt and the Victor Harmons.

Rex and Dorothy Sheffy entertained their family last weekend. Robert and Driscilla Storrs of Athens and their daughters, Doris Ann, Dora and Donnelle, all of Athens; Tom and Donna Stafford and their daughters, Deandra Stafford, Deidra and John Poor of Lubbock; and Dondra Stafford of Fresno, Calif.; Scott and Shawn Sheffy and Stewart of Dimmitt; Brett and Kathy Sheffy and their seven-month-old twins, Mark and Matthew, all of Plainview.

A lovely wedding shower was held for Leslie and Valerie Heard Saturday morning in the home of Mrs. Billie Kirby. Fruit breads and pineapple punch was served to guests.

Maria Rosaria Petraccone of Pompeii, Italy is visiting her aunt and uncle, Rosetta and William Bellinghausen. Maria, Rosetta and Rosa Acker were dinner guests Monday of Catherine McFarland of Amarillo. They went to the Olive Garden.

On Thursday, they were guests of Clara Vick and Clara's sister, Joy Nolan of Battle Creek, Mich. They saw the musical drama TEXAS and Maria was announced as the visitor who had traveled the farthest. Then on Friday, they were guests of Emily Ramey's at the Sirlain Stockade in Hereford.

Maria has enjoyed shopping for clothes, arts and crafts material and art books. She is an artist and painter and she teaches art in the Italian School System.

was still with her Arnes grandparents. Gale Sadler was in charge of the Wednesday night services in the pastor's absence. Jasmyne Clatt, their oldest grandchild, had stayed with them. They put her on the plane for Dallas from Lubbock Saturday morning.

The Elkins and Fletchers reported Ezell and Verba Sadler were going to spend a few more days at the lake to be joined by the James Powell family. After that, some more of their children showed up, so they stayed a little longer. Verba is still having headaches.

Judy Damron, Justin and Tracy, left last Saturday and got back Saturday night after spending the week in Gasden, Ala., with relatives.

Billie and Emma Jean King's 19-day bus tour took them through many national parks, including Glacier, where they saw the ice fields; Lake Tahoe and Lake Louise in Canada. They toured with 28 people including Mary and Frances King. They returned home July 13. They saw many more sites that weren't named.

Rev. David Fletcher attended the area men's rally at the Floydada encampment near Floydada Friday night.

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A POLISH AND SHINE and Jesse Sepeda's 1953 Chevrolet 1/2-ton truck is ready for the Castro County Centennial Car Show, which will be held in conjunction with Harvest Days on Aug. 17. The car show will be held after the parade on Aug. 17, and it will be on the parking lot of the First State Bank.

Entry fee is \$10 per car before Aug. 1 and that fee will increase to \$20 after Aug. 1. Anyone interested in entering the show should contact Delores Heller at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, 647-2524.

Photo by Anne Acker

## Long joins Navy seaman program

Jeff Long, son of Betty and James Long of Dimmitt, has joined the Navy under the Seaman Apprenticeship program and will travel to the Recruitment Training Center in Great Lakes in September to begin his Navy training.

According to Petty Officer Victor Vialpando of the Amarillo Recruiting Station, Long wasn't sure exactly which Navy job he wanted, and under the Seaman Apprenticeship program he will receive general on-the-job training in various seaman-related skills until he decides on a permanent specialty.

"Additionally, Jeffrey will have the opportunity to attend Delayed Enlistment Program meetings where he'll receive some advance briefings and general military training that will help him prepare for boot camp," said Vialpando.

Under the Seaman Apprenticeship Program, persons who have not chosen a specific career field receive general shipboard and nautical training prior to being assigned to a Navy ship. Once shipboard, they may then train in a job, or request additional Navy schooling in a field they are qualified for.

Long is a 1991 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

After successfully completing basic training and apprenticeship training, he could be assigned to any one of the Navy's duty stations around the world.

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**Ralph Salinas**

Perhaps you read about Ralph Salinas' latest exploit in last week's newspaper.

Ralph, an employee of the City of Dimmitt for 31 years, went to Amarillo with City Manager Reeford Burrous and Public Works Director James Killough recently to look at several heavy-duty limb-mulching machines that the City of Amarillo had for sale. One of the three machines available wasn't working, and had an \$800 price tag on it.

After examining the machine, Salinas said, "I can fix it." With that, Burrous made the deal.

The repaired machine is now in service, new teeth have been ordered, and the City of Dimmitt has saved more than \$11,000.

"I couldn't even guess how much money Ralph has saved the city through the years," Burrous said. "He saves the city a lot more than his salary."

"It cost us \$10,000 to have one of our large loader-scrappers overhauled," Killough recalled. "Ralph volunteered to overhaul the next one, and did it in a lot less time, at a cost of only \$2,200 for parts."

It was Salinas' idea for the city to buy the Army surplus loader-scrappers in the first place.

"It was going to cost us \$119,000 to have the landfill pits dug," Burrous said. "Ralph talked us into buying those scrapers—we didn't even want to at first—and he dug those pits himself."

"And he made the rig we use to pull the sewer pumps out of the ground," Killough said. "He took a 10-ton surplus truck and installed a winch on it to do the job. It was costing us \$200 to have a pump pulled and put it back, and now Ralph does it himself with that winch."

"Before he even started with the Public Works Dept., he went all over town and made a log of all the water and sewer lines, cutoffs, manholes and taps, and now he can find one anywhere," Killough said. "His log book has saved us countless hours."

"We've worked with him long enough that now, anytime he tells us what should be done, we just let him do it," Burrous said. "He's very conscientious about the city's equipment."

Ralph's wife, Sarah, is a dental assistant for Dr. Charles Vandiver. They have four grown children—Ralph Jr., Rachel, Odelia and Freddie.

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# Nazareth

By Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Father Neal Dee and his mother, Nedra Dee of Hartford City, Ind., vacationed recently in Atlanta, Ga. They toured the Carter Presidential Library, the studies of CNN News, Grant Park, where there is a Cyclorama painting depicting the Civil War "Battle of Atlanta," the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historical Site and the shops of Underground Atlanta.

Their drive up north included a return visit to Nashville, Tenn., before they headed to a family reunion in New London, Ohio, at the home of Robert and Patricia Dee. A grandson was born during the reunion, Tyler Allen Cowrse, whose arrival was not expected until Aug. 6.

We're happy that Father had such a good vacation with his family, but we're also happy that he is back in Nazareth.

The annual "Christmas in July" reunion of the Art and Loretta Kleman family was held Sunday in the Nazareth Community Hall. It was hosted by Elmer and Carl Dean Kleman and 108 relatives attending including Lavern and Karen Kleman of Norwalk, Iowa. Others attending were from Canyon, Tulia, New Home, Abernathy, Amarillo, Pampa, Dimmitt and Clovis, N.M. Keith Hoelting auctioned off home-made craft items and also won the door prize. A pot luck dinner was enjoyed by everyone and during the afternoon they visited the graves of Kleman relatives in Holy Family Cemetery. They also looked at old pictures and mementos, visited and played horseshoes.

Denny and Darrin Heiman, and Wendell and Lonnie Huseman enjoyed the weekend at the horse races in Ruidoso.

Kelly Schilling, bride-elect of Chris Gerber, was honored with a bridal shower Sunday afternoon at the home of Martha Schulte. Grandmothers attending were Sylvia Hoelting of Plainview, Anita Schilling of Dimmitt and Mary Gerber of Nazareth. Kelly's great-grandmother, Kate Hankins of

Plainview, also attended. Other special guests were Kelly's mother, Edna Rae Schilling; and Chris's mother, Julene Gerber. The event was hosted by Kelly's and Chris's aunts.

Dwayne and Jolene Schulte and family, Dan and Karen Gerber and family, Joe and Elaine Barnes, Calvin and Candace Schulte and Calvin's fiancée, Lee, enjoyed the weekend at Greenbelt Lake. After a great learning experience with Gilbert Schulte's boat, they renamed it "Deeno the Dinosaur."

Father Dee enjoyed the welcome dinner and celebration in Happy Sunday for their new pastor, Father John Dalton. Father Dee enjoyed visiting with the parishioners.

The Nazareth community was sad to hear of the deaths of James "Jim" Wagner, 42, and his children, 18-year-old Chris and 14-year-old Holly, who were killed Tuesday, July 16, in an auto accident near Huntsville. Shannon Wagner, 10, died Wednesday, July 17, from injuries she suffered in the same accident.

The bodies were taken to the Greenwood Funeral Home in Fort Worth for burial.

On Friday evening, a prayer service was held in the Greenwood Funeral Home Chapel with Deacon Joseph Milligan of Holy Family Catholic Church in Fort Worth officiating. Funeral services were held Saturday in Connell Baptist Church with Matthew Collard and Deacon Joseph Milligan officiating. Burial was in Greenwood Memorial Park Cemetery.

Jim Wagner grew up in Nazareth and graduated from Nazareth High School in 1967. He joined the Air Force in 1968 and served four years in the US and in Thailand. Jim married Catherine Feemster in Fort Worth in May 1972. They made their home in Fort Worth where Jim owned and operated Wagner Security Systems.

Catherine, the wife and mother, also was in the auto accident and received several broken bones. She

did attend the funeral services.

Jim is survived by his wife, Catherine; his mother, Winifred Wagner of Nazareth; two brothers, Lonnie of Morton and Kenny of Houston; two sisters, Linda Nowak of Waldorf, Md. and Bonni Wethington of San Diego, Calif.

Chris and Holly are survived by their mother, Catherine Wagner; their grandparents, Winifred Wagner and Wyne and Melba Feemster of Hurst; their aunts, Linda Nowak and Bonni Wethington; and uncles Lonnie Wagner of Morton and Kenny Wagner of Houston, and Joe, Tony and Gary Feemster, all of Hurst.

Shannon is survived by her father, Lonnie Wagner and adopted mother Catherine; her grandparents, Winifred Wagner, John and Barbara Hampton of Reserve, N.M. and Wyne and Melba Feemster and numerous aunts and uncles.

A number of friends and relatives attended the funeral, Lorene and Juanita Hartman of Umbarger; Ronald, Greg, Jerry and Gary Hartman of Amarillo; Donald Wilhelm of Denver, Colo.; Rita Hartman and

her son, Pat of Nazareth, and her daughters, Celeste, Cheryl and Marlo; Bill and Bernita Hoelting, Marsha, Ashley and Courtney Hoelting, Bud and Rita Kern and Leonard, Rosemary and Dean Wilhelm, all of Nazareth; Danny Schilling of Dimmitt; Clyde and Arlene Wagner, Don and Neva Wagner, Don and Doris Wagner, all of Amarillo; Lester Wagner of Hereford and his daughter, Mary Kay Peters of Canyon; Louise Mitchell and family of Dallas; Gerald and Elaine Wagner of Grand Prairie; Norman and Holly Hill of Dallas; Patricia Kern of Dallas; Gordon Wilhelm of Bryan; Ralph and Beth Schulte of Keller; and Grace De Cardenas of Dallas.

Jim's classmates who attended the funeral were Dwayne Huseman of Amarillo, Nancy Drerup of Garland and Larry and Joy Ringwald of Oklahoma City.

Ruby Annen Hubbard of Fort Worth visited last week with Raymond Annen. She was on a business trip and stopped by. She selected a few old photos for display in the museum during the Centennial Celebration. Her father was glad to see her.



THE REIGNING MISS HART of 1990, Stephanie Davis, will turn over her crown to a new Miss Hart in two weeks when the 1991 Miss Hart is crowned in conjunction with the annual Hart Days festivities. Hart Days is scheduled for Aug. 5 to 10, and several activities are planned throughout the week, including the Miss Hart pageant.

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## Church Happenings

### Ministerial Alliance

Paul Kenley will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Matthew 21:12-17 on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt.

Don Webster, pastor of Lee Street Baptist Church, will be the welfare chairman for August.

### Presbyterian Church

Sunday school classes will meet at 10 a.m. Sunday.

"When One Feels One's Insignificance" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday service for the

public worship of God at 11 a.m.

Morning prayer services will be held Wednesday at 6:30 a.m.

### Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Maria Vega of St. John's Church in Hart will celebrate her quinceañera during mass Saturday at 3 p.m.

The third annual tri-state charismatic conference will be held Friday through Sunday at the Diocesan Activity Center in Amarillo. All parishioners, especially charismatics, are urged to attend this conference.

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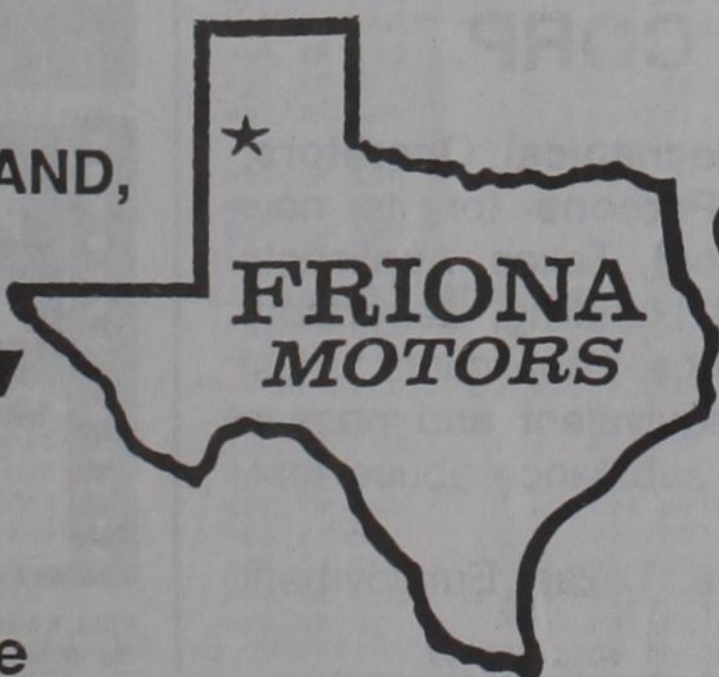
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# People



Shirley and Mildred Garrison

## Garrisons to celebrate golden wedding anniversary

Shirley and Mildred Garrison of Hereford will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday with a reception at the Hereford Senior Center.

The event will be hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Garrison of Dumas; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Walker and Shawn of Newark, Del.; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carrothers, Casey and Collin, all of Parker, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Garrison of Dumas; and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller, Erica and Todd, all of Lubbock; along with many friends.

Friends and relatives are invited to the reception, and the couple asks that no gifts be given.

Shirley Garrison married the former Mildred Welch of Levelland on July 27, 1941, at Idalou. She had lived in Hockley County and graduated from Anton High School in 1936. He graduated from Idalou High School and Texas Tech University.

After they married, the couple lived at Union in Terry County, where he taught vocational agriculture; and at Amherst, where he served as assistant county agent at Lamb County. He then entered the US Army and his military service included three years in Germany. Mrs. Garrison and their son, Harvey, joined him in Germany for his last year of service there.

After the military service stint, the couple farmed at Idalou and Hart before moving to the Easter Community in 1958. They farmed in Easter until 1981, when he retired.

The Garrisons' three children were graduates of Hereford High School—Harvey in 1960, Sharon in 1967 and Pam in 1973. Harvey graduated from Texas Tech University, Sharon graduated from McMurry University and Pam graduated from the University of Texas.

Garrison was a partner in Garrison Seed and Co. for 25 years before selling the company in 1989.

The couple still are active in the cattle business, Bar G Feedyard, Easter Grain, Inc., and the First State Bank of Dimmitt.

The Garrisons are members of the First United Methodist Church of Hereford, where he serves as a lay leader and is on the finance committee. She is a member of the United Methodist Women and is a former Sunday School teacher and UMW president. She also is a member of the Hereford Study Club and Hereford Cattle Women. He is a charter member of the Easter Lions Club and a member of the Golden K Kiwanis of Hereford. He also serves as vice chairman of the board of McMurry University's board of directors.

## Ticket sale contest organized for pageant

This year's Centennial Pageant is being billed as the best (and maybe last) of the Follies performances and pageant coordinators have organized a ticket sales contest to promote interest in the show.

The publicity committee has organized a ticket sales contest which is open to all ages.

The individual selling the most tickets to the Centennial pageant will win \$50 in cash, to be awarded at the Monday evening Follies performance.

A minimum of 20 tickets must be sold for an individual to compete for the \$50 prize.

Individuals wishing to enter the ticket sale contest must register at the Chamber of Commerce office in Dimmitt. Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$4 at the door and individuals selling tickets must turn in their proceeds by 12 noon on Monday, Aug. 12.

Performances will be Sunday, Aug. 11 at 2:30 p.m. and Monday, Aug. 12, at 8 p.m.

The theme of this year's pageant is "Come to Castro County." Director Bill Sava has an historical theme planned along with tributes to important happenings and people that make up the county's history.

"It is a fitting centennial event and you won't want to miss it,"

said Dorothy Sheffy, member of the publicity committee.

## Cholesterol, blood pressure to be tested

The Amarillo Diagnostic Clinic will sponsor a cholesterol and blood pressure screening clinic Aug. 1 at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt.

The screening clinic will be offered from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and no fasting is necessary for the cholesterol screening.

There will be a \$5 charge for the cholesterol test, but the blood pressure screening is free.

## 10-year reunion is planned

The Dimmitt High School Class of 1981 will hold its 10-year reunion Saturday at the Castro County Recreation Association in Dimmitt.

The day's activities begin with a golf tournament at 9 a.m. From 1 to 3:30 p.m., a swimming party will be held and from 4 to 5:30 p.m., classmates will have an opportunity to visit with each other, with their families, teachers and friends.

A barbecued meal for classmates and their spouses or dates will be catered at 7 p.m.

After the meal, a dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight. Marshall Young will be the disc jockey. Friends of classmates are invited to the dance and admission will be \$3.50 per person and \$5 per couple.

## Mark Johnson completes DQ training course

Mark Johnson, manager of the Dimmitt Dairy Queen, has completed a two-week management training course at Minneapolis-based International Dairy Queen, Inc.

During the course, Johnson was instructed on all facets of operating a Dairy Queen store. Subjects included product preparation, sanitation procedures, employee management and financial management.

## Heards are feted with wedding shower

Valerie and Leslie Heard were honored Saturday morning with a miscellaneous wedding shower at the home of Billie Kirby.

Mrs. Kirby and 25 hostesses presented the couple with a microwave oven and an electric frying pan.

The serving table was covered with an ecru lace cloth over white. A country blue and mauve arrangement of silk flowers, fruit breads, salted pecans, minted fruit punch and coffee were served from appointments of crystal, china and pewter. Country blue tea napkins completed the decor.

The guests were greeted by Mrs. Kirby. The bride and her mother, Sharon Waters of Anton; and Oma Dee Heard, mother of the groom, each visited with guests.

Out-of-town guests included Michelle White, Francis Adams, Tammy Waters and Willie Mae Matlock of Anton; Mary Tisdale,

Wilma and Leroy McCormick and Minnie Dinges of Littlefield; Pam White, Jennifer and J'Nae of Booker; Jeannine Thompson of Spade and Dorinda Cartrite and Ashley of Amarillo.

## Arts and crafts show planned in Littlefield

The Littlefield Young Homemakers will sponsor the ninth annual Littlefield Arts and Crafts Festival Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Lamb County Ag and Community center.

There will be 50 booths filled with many items including country decorating items, wooden toys, oil painting, ceramics, dolls, jewelry, decorated sweatshirts, Christmas items and other hand-crafted items.

An admission fee of \$1 will be charged, which will entitle each person attending a chance to win a door prize. Children under 10 will be admitted free. This money will be used for community and charity work.

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For more information, call Loreta Benton at 1-385-4805.

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Who's new?

**Plains Memorial**  
Miguel Angel and Oralia Guerrero of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Danna Angie, who was born at 9:15 a.m. on July 10 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed in at 5 lbs., 16 oz. Her paternal grandparents are Ernestine and Maria De La Luz Guerrero of Mexico. Maternal grandparents are Manuel and Virginia Carrillo of Mexico.



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ALMOST LIKE NEW—A painter restores the obelisk on the corner square. The Centennial Commission and the county shared the restoration cost. Photo by Danette Baker

## Wedding shower honors Carducci

Mrs. Bradley Carducci, the former Debbie Stanton, was honored with a wedding shower Saturday in the home of Sandy Baker. Guests were greeted by Baker, the honoree and her mother, Darlene Stanton; and Kay Carducci, mother of the groom.

A white battenburg lace tablecloth covered the serving table, which held a terra glass service, a mixed daisy and tulip silk arrange-

ment. Sweet puffs with fruit filling, a mixed fruit bowl with punch and coffee were served to guests.

Out of town guests were Sharon Clark of Hereford, Kay Carducci of Pueblo, Colo., Jerry Rhodes of Burleson, Mattie Rebell of Electra, Billie Sue Ballard of Guymon, Okla., April and Summer Stanton, both of McAlester, Okla., and Jewell Allen and Pat Stanton, both of Shallowater.

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# Direct federal spending in Castro county declined during fiscal 1990

Direct federal spending in Castro County declined by 8.7% from \$40,229,000 in fiscal 1989 to \$36,733,000 during fiscal 1990, according to a report recently released by the Dept. of Commerce.

The federal government's fiscal year 1990 started on Oct. 1, 1989, and ended on Sept. 30, 1990. Direct federal spending nationally increased from \$934.2 billion dollars in fiscal 1989 to \$1,010.2 billion dollars during fiscal 1990, or by 8.1% while direct federal spending in Texas increased by 6.2% from \$54.85 billion to \$58.24 billion.

Direct federal spending includes all expenditures made by the federal government except for federal loans and federally-guaranteed loans, interest payments on the national debt, foreign assistance programs and expenditures by the Postal Service, the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency. Direct federal spending

figures show funds actually spent by the federal government during the fiscal year.

Federal expenditures per person in Castro County was \$3,637. Direct per capita federal expenditures in Texas during fiscal 1990 were \$3,459 while national per capita expenditures were \$4,051.

Direct payments to individuals were the largest single source of federal spending in Castro County during fiscal 1990. These amounted to \$12,617,000 during that year. Of this total, \$8,089,000 consisted of retirement and disability benefits for individuals. These include Social Security retirement and disability pension payments, retired civil service and military pensions, veterans benefits and allowances and expenditures for Medicare.

The remaining \$4,528,000 in direct payments to individuals were mostly those forms of federal assistance for individuals which are

usually termed "transfer payments," or "entitlements." These include food stamp assistance, aid to dependent children and Pell grant funds for students.

Per capita defense spending in Castro County was \$49 compared with \$925 in Texas and \$904 nationally.

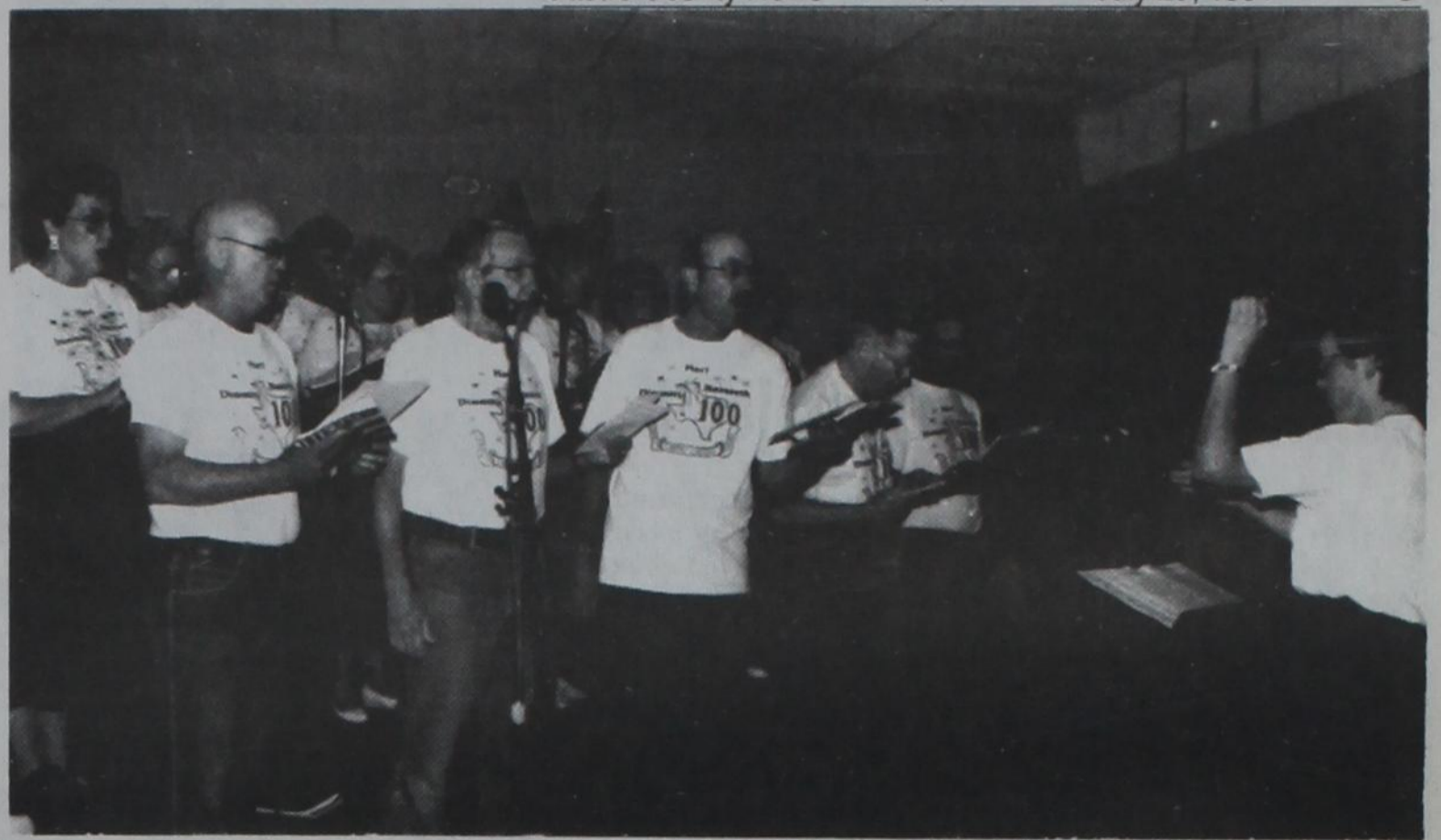
Since the total for defense expenditures includes military retirement pay, some of the funds shown as defense spending also were counted in direct payments to individuals.

Direct federal spending in Castro County during fiscal 1990 included \$3,732,000 in grant awards. Specific details on all local grants weren't provided; however, the largest sources for grant funds in most counties are Depts. of Agriculture, Education, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Labor and Transportation. Per capita grants in Castro County were \$370 during fiscal 1990 while these averaged \$423 in Texas and \$593 nationally.

Other departments and agencies of the federal government including the Depts. of Agriculture, Commerce, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, and Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency disbursed \$19,512,000 in Castro County during fiscal 1990. The federal government doesn't provide a breakdown of these figures on a local basis and it doesn't disclose all of its direct expenditures.

An analysis of direct federal spending patterns in Castro County shows that these differed somewhat from national and state federal spending patterns. The major differences appear to be in the area of direct payments to individuals and in defense spending.

Defense expenditures accounted for only 1.4% of direct federal spending in Castro County compared with 26.7% for the state and 22.3% nationally. Per capita defense spending in Castro County was only \$49 during fiscal 1990, compared with a state average of \$925 and a national average of \$904.



THE CENTENNIAL SINGERS will rehearse and give a presentation at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt Sunday night at 6:30. Richard Young, a member of the Centennial Singers, said the group is available to sing at evening church services and

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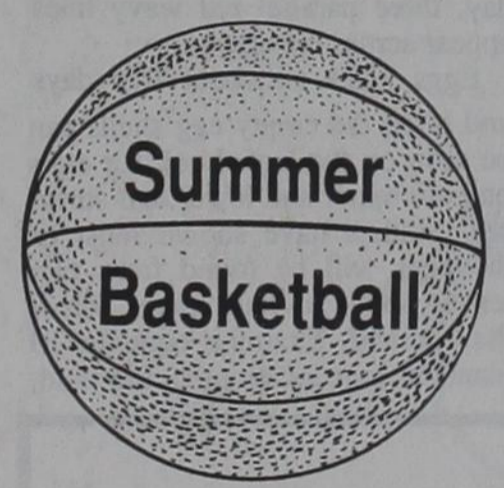
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The screening clinic is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 to 4 p.m.

There will be a minimal cost of \$4 for the screening.



### Girls' Standings

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**JULY 15**  
Bulls 61, Spurs 47  
SCORING: Bulls—Bennett 15, Acker 14; Spurs—Pohlmeier 12, Wilson 6.

**Lakers 66, Suns 45**  
SCORING: Lakers — Huseman 24, Wooten 8; Suns—Beck 15, Dayton 9.

**Celtics 82, Blazers 68**  
SCORING: Celtics — Kleman 25, Wilhelm 10; Blazers — Stewart 20, Edwards 10.

**JULY 16**  
Suns 76, Celtics 66  
SCORING: Suns—Boyd 14, Heller 12; Celtics—Ewing 12, Acker 14.

**Lakers 91, Jazz 69**  
SCORING: Lakers — Huseman 16, Wooten 14; Jazz—Grand 24, Kleman 6.

**Blazers 72, Bulls 62**  
SCORING: Blazers — Edwards and Johnson 11; Bulls—Bennett 22, Acker 14.

**Spurs 47, Pistons 43**  
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Texas Gov. Ann Richards and State Sen. Teel Bivins think it might generate at least part of the electricity.

The duo have announced plans for a major wind-generated electricity project in the Texas Panhandle.

Southwestern Public Service Co. will own and operate the project facility through a cost-sharing arrangement with the Governor's Energy Office.

In early 1992, International Wind Systems, Inc. of Burkburnett, will install three wind turbines near the Harrington and Nichols station complex, northeast of Amarillo. The turbines will produce electricity which will enter into the SPS system.

Sen. Bivins pointed out that the state portion of the project funding is coming from oil overcharge monies that have been returned to the state.

"This project is one of the good things that's happening in the state of Texas," Bivins said. "It's a partnership between the private sector and the state that will demonstrate the potential of this alternative energy source."

SPS Vice President of Marketing Gary Gibson said each of the new turbines will have a hub height of 160 feet and blades which are 76 feet in diameter. The average wind speed of 14 miles per hour for one

year will translate into 600,000 kilowatt per hour of electricity generated from each turbine. Collectively, the turbines could provide the annual electrical energy requirements for approximately 200 residential customers, Gibson said.

The installation and purchase of the wind turbines, along with the necessary monitoring equipment, will cost approximately \$1 million, according to SPS estimates. The State of Texas is contributing almost \$595,000 toward the project.

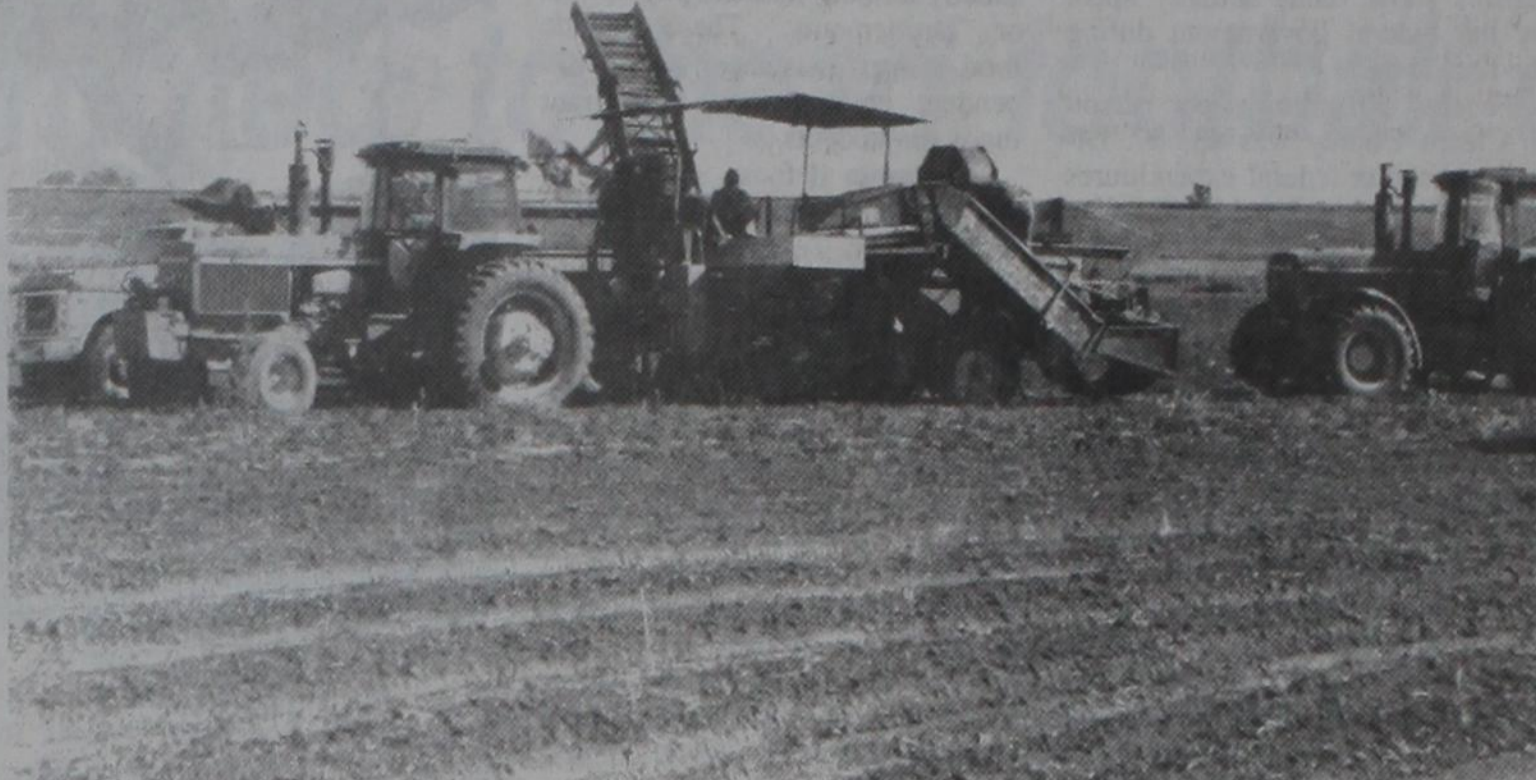
The SPS wind turbine project is designed to develop, document and disseminate information on the feasibility of using wind generation on a commercial utility grid.

As project director, SPS Strategic Analyst Steve Jones will be keeping the Governor's Energy Office up to date on project developments, and will report results of the wind energy project through trade journals, trade conferences and individual site visits. The state will remain involved with the wind project, seeking data and receiving reports, for 2-1/2 years.

Gibson said SPS is looking forward to its participation in this major wind project.

"It's another component to help us diversify our energy supply mix," he said.

Although intermittent, according to Gibson, the wind energy should prove to be a good supplemental source of electricity.



POTATO HARVEST—Potatoes grown in Castro County are being extracted from their home in the ground now, like this crop grown by Danny Smith at his farm south of Hart.

Photo by Deana McLain

## Birkenfeld wins Mesa Scholarship

Kirsten Birkenfeld of Nazareth has been awarded a Mesa Scholarship for Academic Excellence.

The awards will be made in increments of \$250, \$500 or \$1,000. The scholarships are established from funds provided by Mesa Limited Partnership. They were first awarded in 1987 and are intended to reward and recognize freshmen and continuing undergraduate students who promote and exemplify high academic standards.

A composite score of 23 or higher on the ACT or a combined verbal and math score of 950 or higher on the SAT and top-quarter class ranking was required of all entering freshmen selected for the scholarships. A minimum grade point average of 3.40 on all college work attempted was required for continuing students.

Each candidate also submitted two letters of reference, a brief essay outlining educational plans, career objectives and personal goals and a formal application.

Birkenfeld, a freshman nursing major from Nazareth, is the daughter of Leslie Birkenfeld.

## Pest activity down in cotton

### Cotton

Pest activity has been very low in cotton as indicated by the scouting program fields. Cotton bollworm eggs have been found (less than 3,000 per acre) in southern Castro and Lamb Counties.

Some cotton has put on a substantial amount of vegetative growth during the past 10 days and PIX has been applied to several acres in Castro County to promote reproductive growth.

The relationship between soil moisture and fruit shed has been obscured by the interaction of moisture with insects, plant growth, soil oxygen and the time delay between a stress and resulting shed. This relationship is further complicated because either too much or too little moisture can cause fruit shed.

Soil saturation from excess moisture can cause abscission. In finer textured soils, the oxygen level decreases when a field is overwatered, especially if the temperature is warm.

Cotton plants close their stomata, or gas exchange sites, when soil oxygen is low. The closing of stomata reduces photosynthesis, evaporative cooling, both of which increases fruit shed. Lack of oxygen has been demonstrated in tomatoes to cause production of ethylene precursors in the roots. A similar mechanism is thought to occur in cotton where these precursors move up the stem and convert to ethylene, thus inducing fruit shed.

Moisture deficiency will cause small bolls and small- to medium-size squares to shed. Medium-size bolls also may shed if the moisture deficiency reaches sufficient severity. When stress is relieved by rain or irrigation, retention of blooms recovers immediately, but because squares are shed during the stress, up to three weeks are required for rate of flowering to recover. Heavy shed is often observed shortly after an irrigation that relieves a severe moisture deficiency. This shed usually is initiated by the severe

stress prior to the irrigation. But we observe the shed following the irrigation due to the time lag between stress and abscission zone upon rewatering.

When 20% to 25% of the plants are infested with eggs or newly-hatched larvae, treatment is justified.

### Corn

Spider mites are on the increase in corn and a few fields are at a treatment level. Early infestations of mites from adjacent wheat or improper irrigation are most likely the cause of these fields reaching treatment thresholds. Only Banks grass mites have been noted in corn to date.

The most useful characteristic between Banks grass mite and the two-spotted spider mite is the pattern of pigmentation spots on the body. The adult two-spotted spider mite has a well-defined spot on each side of the front half of the abdomen. The spots on the adult Banks grass mite extends all the way down both sides of the body, sometimes almost touching at the rear of the body.

Additionally, two-spotted spider mites produce more webbing than Banks grass mites.

Southwestern corn borer moths are on the move. All trap counts for the last week doubled.

Field scouting is clearly now in order given all the corn borer moth activity. Little to no eggs have been found in scouting program fields as of last Thursday.

Scouting for corn borer eggs takes time and knowledge of what to look for in the field. Eggs are flat, oval in shape and deposited singly or in groups of two to five or more. Eggs in masses overlap slightly like fish scales. Eggs are creamy white at first, but within a day, three parallel red wavy lines appear across the egg.

Eggs hatch in about five days and often the empty egg shells can be seen on the leaf. Look for eggs on both upper and lower leaf surfaces. Studies have shown most of the eggs will be found from two leaves above to four leaves below the ear leaf. Examine eight to 10 plants at four locations in the field.



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## Farmers Union says new dairy bill is beneficial

The Texas Farmers Union says a two-tier dairy policy bill that passed the US House Agriculture Committee last week may mean the difference between survival and bankruptcy for the state's 2,100 dairy farmers.

Texas Farmers Union President Joe Rankin says members of the committee responded to the financial crisis experienced by dairy farmers because of the sharply lower milk prices under provisions of the 1990 Farm Bill.

"The committee bill represents a vastly improved policy," he said. "It's not perfect, but it's a lot better than the present program."

Under the Agriculture Committee's bill, farmers would receive a support price of \$12.60 per hundredweight on a base level of production. Current wholesale milk prices are hovering at roughly \$10 per hundredweight. Dairy producers would be penalized for output above that base level with a much lower support price. The "tier" system is designed to discourage overproduction and thus stimulate market prices.

Ultimately, it was the leadership of the committee that carried the day for the two-tier measure. Agriculture Committee Chairman E. Kika de la Garza (D-Texas) and the chairman of the dairy subcommittee, Charles Stenholm (D-Texas) both voted in favor of the bill. It passed the committee by a vote of 23 to 21.

Supporters of the bill still may be

in for a fight when it reaches the House floor. President George Bush's advisors, including Agriculture Secretary Edward Madigan, have recommended that the president veto the measure based on their disagreement with the inventory-management provisions of it.

But NFU President Leland Swenson says the administration "must become aware" of the economic crisis facing dairy producers, and that "this bill is a sound, sane program." It helps to boost producer income, maintain a stable supply of reasonably-priced dairy products for consumers and food assistance program recipients, and it saves taxpayer dollars.

Swenson urged farmers to call the White House comment line to express their opinion about the dairy bill.

"Some very important members of Congress are convinced; and now the President must be convinced."

The White House comment line can be reached by calling 1-202-456-1111.

## County museum sets meeting

The Castro County Museum Association will hold a regularly meeting at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the museum building.

Anyone interested is invited to attend.

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# Concern about water waste sparks tailwater complaints

As the 1991 growing season gets underway, many High Plains producers are busy irrigating their young crops.

Unfortunately, some producers are allowing this irrigation water to escape from their fields—a practice which is against both state law and High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 rules.

Tailwater is excess irrigation water which runs out of fields. Allowing this water to escape not only contributes to unnecessary depletion of the Ogallala Aquifer, but it can also erode topsoil, damage neighboring crops and create a safety hazard by filling roadside ditches and culverts with mud and water.

"Today, most of the complaints received at the Water District come from people who are concerned about the waste of water," said Ken Carver, High Plains Water District assistant manager. "Many of the callers this year have reported tailwater because they believe groundwater is just too precious to waste. Carver notes that 31 tailwater incidents have been reported to the district thus far during the 1991 growing season.

Water District rules define tailwater as "groundwater pumped for irrigation that escapes . . . onto land other than that of the owner of the well unless permission has been granted by the occupant of the land receiving the discharge. This permission must be in the form of an agreement signed between the parties on a form acceptable to the Water District. Potential parties to such an agreement are warned that it may obligate the provider to provide a specified supply of water into perpetuity and/or the recipient to accept runoff in whatever quantities and at whatever time the provider chooses. Provisions of any agreement into must comply with Rule 1(h) (5)."

This rule defines water waste as

"willfully or negligently causing, suffering or permitting underground water to escape into any river, creek, natural watercourse, depression, lake, reservoir, drain, sewer, street, highway, road or road ditch, or onto land other than that owned by the well owner."

When a tailwater complaint is received, Water District personnel investigate the waste and document it with written memorandums and photographs. In addition, they contact landowners and/or operators and ask these parties to halt the water waste. Follow-up investigations are made to make sure the waste is stopped. In most cases, the District is able to work with the landowners/operators to resolve the problem.

"We prefer to work with the farm and address the problem," said Carver. "If that doesn't work, then we have no choice but to seek a court injunction."

A court injunction transfers the responsibility of fines and/or punishment to the District Court. Continued tailwater waste after receiving an injunction is considered contempt of court and carries a maximum penalty of a \$500 fine and/or a six-month jail sentence per occurrence.

If the violations continue following an injunction, the District Court also may order the county sheriff to padlock the water well to prevent further waste. Violators also can be held liable for damages resulting from their water release, such as accidents on flooded roadways, property damages or crop damage.

"There are many physical methods available to help control or prevent tailwater waste, but the individual operator is the key to whether or not water is wasted. Careful management of irrigation water eliminates tailwater waste," said Carver.

Tailwater control methods in-

clude reducing row lengths, terracing and borders. Farmers also can reduce tailwater waste by changing irrigation sets when the water reaches the end of the furrow and by reducing irrigation set times from one-fourth to one-third. Surge irrigation systems, which alternate water flow between two sets of furrows in timed cycles, can be set to automatically cut back irrigation set times when the water is expected to reach the end of the field. Use of these valves has proven to be an effective technique for tailwater management.

Tailwater return pits or modified playas can be used to collect runoff water. Water stored in the pits can be pumped to irrigate crops for about one-fifth of the cost of pumping groundwater to the land surface.

Use of a center pivot irrigation system is the best tailwater control of all. The movement speed of a center pivot system can be adjusted to match the water application rate to the soil water infiltration rate.

Producers who are experiencing tailwater problems on their farms within the Water District Service area are encouraged to contact Carver at the HPUWD, 2930 Avenue Q, in Lubbock or call him at 1-762-0181 for technical assistance.

## Langford attends speech camp

Robert Langford, a senior at Dimmitt high school, recently participated in Cameron University's speech-theater-debate camp.

The camp was held July 7 to 12, and 58 high school teachers and college professors served as staff. Junior staff members made up of high school and college speech champions also were included among the staff.

There were eight divisions of the camp this year including beginning and advanced team debate, beginning and advanced Lincoln-Douglas Debate, beginning and advanced individual events and beginning and advanced theater.



**SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE** — Elementary school students from Hart were "Simply Irresistible" dressed as rabbits, ponies, witches and more last year, as they performed various musical selections during intermission of the 1990 Miss Hart pageant.

The Hart Days and 1991 Miss Hart planning committees have scheduled the "Simply Irresistible" segment again this year during Hart Days, which will be held Aug. 5-10.

File Photo

## 'Dinner Theater' to be held during Hart Days

The Hart Golden Group will sponsor a "Little Dinner Theater" on Thursday, Aug. 8, in the Hart Golden Group Center.

The theater will be held in conjunction with Hart Days '81, and the performance includes a meal of brisket, red beans, potato salad, bread, apple pie and drinks.

The *Happy Hatters* of Dumas, a women's group, will provide entertainment.

A limited number of tickets is available to the theater and these are available by calling any Hart Golden Group Board Member or Fina Vaughan. The tickets are \$10 each.



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## Cotton Talks

The board of directors of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers voted unanimously to approve a budget for fiscal year 1991-92 at its July 10 meeting.

The budget will see the organization through the upcoming year and will guarantee continued operation of the organization's research, legislative and miscellaneous services on behalf of High Plains producers.

The budget, totaling \$310,125, matches PCG's 1990-91 budget but contains several adjustments that will enable the organization to get "more bang for the buck."

The 50-member board approved the budget as recommended by the finance committee.

Committee Chairman Frank Jones of Lamesa noted in his opening remarks that the PCG staff was able to cut expenses and reduce actual expenditures in 1990-91, trimming just over \$30,000 from estimated overall expenses.

Included in the 1991-92 budget was a proposal to purchase computer equipment for the PCG offices. With the new computers, PCG staff members will be able to improve the quality of the work they do, further enhancing the quality image projected by the organization throughout its remarkable 35-year history.

Discussion of the Research and Promotion Referendum, the current status of the High Plains Boll Weevil Control Program and the activities of the Plains Cotton Improvement Program also were discussed.

During discussion of the referendum, the voting dates were set for July 17 through 26 and the referendum is being held to determine if there is producer support for changes in the operation of the research and promotion activities overseen by the Cotton Board and carried out by Cotton Incorporated.

Producers were in the process of receiving their mail-in ballots at the time of the July 10 board meeting.

Cotton Board Representative Curt Wheeler presented a short program outlining the issues involved with the referendum and answered questions from PCG directors on the subject.

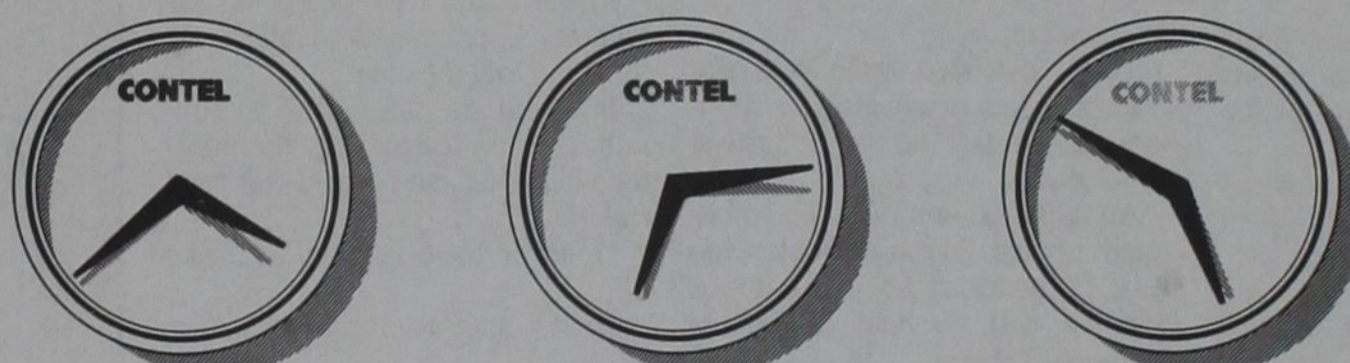
PCG President Larry Nelson urges everyone to get in touch with eligible voters in their area and encourage them to vote in favor of the referendum. He noted that each vote will make a big difference in how the referendum turns out with an anticipated 7,000-plus importers expected to vote no in the referendum.

Roger Haldenby, Boll Weevil Program coordinator, reported that the 1991 program was shaping up to be relatively small. He noted that the mapping phase of the program was already started and is expected to be completed by mid-August.

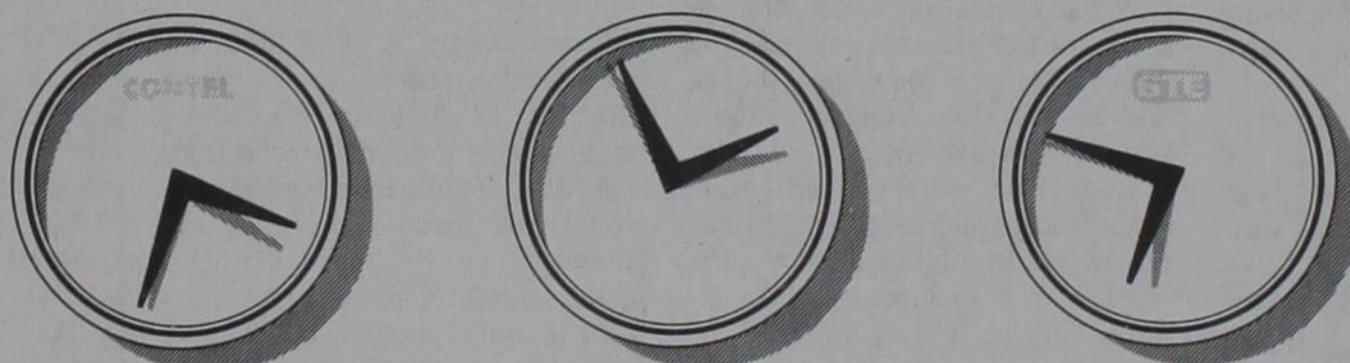
Plains Cotton Improvement Committee Chairman Myrl D. Mitchell of Lenora in presenting a brief rundown of their activities, explained the committee is currently in the process of designing a PCIP logo, which is to be made available for placement on seedbags of varieties which contain traits and characteristics developed in research funded by High Plains producers through the PCIP.

"The logo will help cotton producers identify varieties that contain the improved traits developed with their funds and give them an easily identifiable mark to look for when selecting the cotton varieties they will use," stated Mitchell.

In other business, the PCG board approved Larry Nelson as PCG's representative in the upcoming National Cotton Council, Cotton Incorporated and Cotton Board caucus. Nelson was given authority to negotiate on behalf of PCG at these meetings. The board also voted to re-elect the current members of both the nominating and executive committees for another term.



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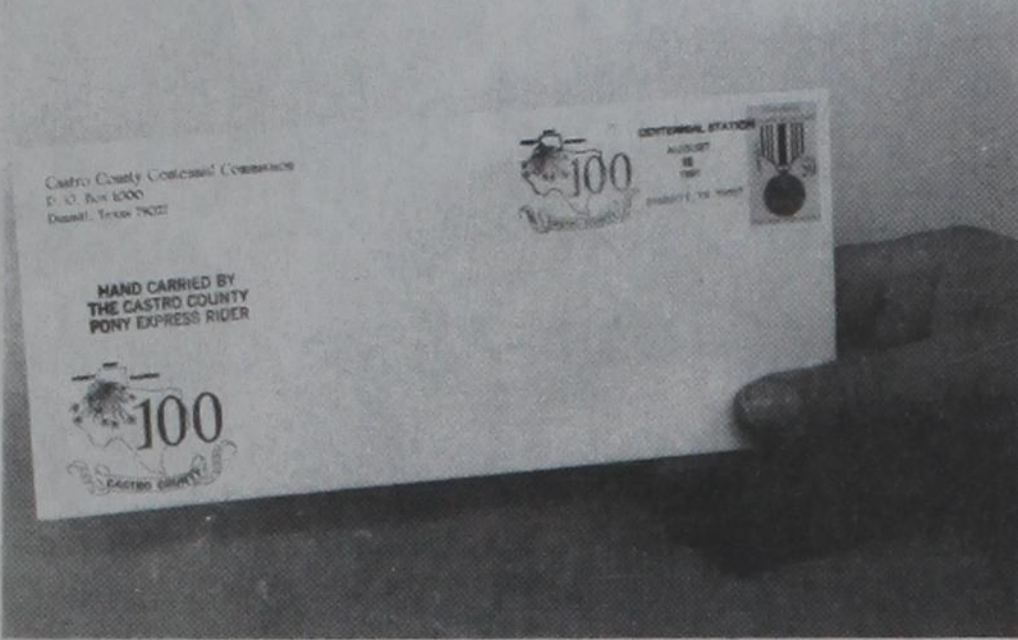
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Photo by Don Nelson

## Police Calls

A 32-year-old Sunnyside man was arrested Sunday morning for enticing a child and contributing alcohol to a minor. The complainant and his wife told Dimmitt Police that they had instructed the suspect not to take the victim with him.

A 47-year-old female advised police Sunday afternoon that a 24-year-old male had been harassing her. The victim claimed the suspect approached her at church and demanded food, money, clothing and tapes.

The victim requested that the suspect be restricted from her residence and her son.

Police advised the victim to give a statement at the police department on Monday.

Police arrested a 17-year-old Dimmitt girl Friday night after she assaulted an officer.

Salvador Ortiz, 37, of Dimmitt advised Dimmitt Police that some-

time between Thursday night and Friday morning, someone destroyed his mail box with an object, possibly a pipe.

Police arrested a 23-year-old Dimmitt man for parole warrant after the suspect flagged down the officer.

The suspect said he wanted to turn himself in because he knew there was a warrant for him, according to the police reports.

A 20-year-old Dimmitt man advised police last Wednesday night that a suspect driving a blue two-door car with a light-colored top made non verbal threats against him.

Police advised the victim to report to the police department the next day to give a statement.

Johnny Howard, 48, of Muleshoe sustained minor injuries when his 1981 Honda Prelude struck six cows about seven miles west of Dimmitt on Hwy. 86.

## More about Commissioners Court

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In addition, some legalities exist for Smith to sell the material to the county, he said.

"Such a transaction has potential conflicts of interest that could also result in criminal penalties," Davis said.

Basically, the law says a county employee cannot engage in business with a county entity, he said.

"A lot of these problems (in Smith's pit approvals) are just making sure we keep Commissioner Smith from unintentionally walking into a criminal case," he said.

Later, Smith told the court that his son might donate the material from his property.

However, Davis said the county is awaiting a ruling from the attorney general on a similar case that occurred in 1980.

"If the attorney general says it's OK, then will you approve it?" Smith asked the other commissioners.

"Let's see the attorney general's opinion on it," said Vincent Guggemos, Pct. 4 commissioner.

Meanwhile, Welt, Hanes and Merritt's frustration mounted.

"Could he (Smith) not sell his caliche to an individual and then the county buy it?" Hanes asked.

"That's kinda against the law isn't it?" replied Jeff Robertson, Pct. 3 commissioner.

"Well, it sounds like there's no way we can get this cleared," Hanes said, disgustingly.

"If you guys (Welt, Hanes and Merritt) can get him to approve his pits, I don't care what he does," Guggemos said.

The commissioners court has granted hauling approval (from pits other than Smith's) in Pct. 1 on at least two previous occasions — for Edd Ramaekers and Bruce Bridges.

"We just want the county protected from lawsuits," Robertson said.

Simpson also cautioned Smith on his involvement.

"I'm sitting here as judge and if I were going to give the commissioners something or they were going to pay me, I'd be awfully scared because I know where I'd end up," she said.

Robertson voiced his opinion on the solution.

"We'll build a road if you haul the caliche out and dump it, then we'll spread it and pack it," Robertson said, which is how his precinct handles such road repairs.

When Smith took office, his intentions were to caliche all roads, Simpson told the court.

She said she told Smith to submit a plan designating the most traveled roads, and others that need caliche.

"I never have seen it yet," she said.

Hanes again attempted to get an

## More about Hospice . .

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vide patient care. A lot of times we need food prepared, or we need someone to build a wheelchair ramp, or maybe someone who is an artist who could help a patient who would just love to do some oil painting."

She added, "Once you get comfortable with your own thoughts about life and death, you can help make someone else more comfortable." In the Hospice of the Plains program, terminally ill patients stay in their own homes, not in a central facility of any kind, she explained. "When someone is on hospice care, it's because they want to go home," she said. "They want to be around their dog, or in familiar surroundings. So we arrange it so they can have 24-hour care at home."

Medicare pays part of the cost of medication and professional services for the hospice patient, Driver said. Also, many insurance companies now pay for hospice care. The Hospice of the Plains program also is supported by the Plainview United Way, fund-raising programs and private donations.

Hospice of the Plains was started in 1984 with one patient and currently is caring for 13 patients in Plainview and Matador, Driver said.

"We have had several referrals of people here in Dimmitt, and we need some volunteers here," she said. "The program would also include Hart and Nazareth."

Anyone interested in volunteering for the hospice program may contact the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office, 647-2524.

answer to the trios situation by asking the court if they would approve the project if another pit was approved.

"As long as it's donated, and he (Smith) doesn't have any gain from it," Guggemos said.

"And as long as its legal," Robertson said.

The court also approved two conservation work contracts for \$675 in Pct. 4.

Louis Huseman requested six hours of work by the county at \$75 per hour; the other \$225 (three hours of work) will be done at Lester Womack's farm.

Smith and Dales Winders, Pct. 2 commissioner, said the county needs to limit the amount of time in such contract work.

"There are some guys trying to make a living doing this," Winders said. "When it (work amount) gets up to around six hours I think the county should step back."

Smith agreed, but wanted the time limit extended to 10 hours.

In addition, the commissioners approved a \$2,000 work contract for conservation work in Pct. 1.

Smith requested the county hire an elevating scraper to move dirt onto the washed-out road by Doug Higgins farm, three miles east of Hart.

In other action, the board unanimously approved to advertise for bids on: sealcoating Cemetery Road and First Street, in Pct. 1; reconstruction of First Street; annual audit of Castro County and painting the inside of the courthouse.

The court also discussed two redistricting plans prepared by Bob Bass of Allison and Associates.

However, Davis suggested the court meet with the redistricting advisory committee to discuss the plans before taking any action.

Simpson set a meeting for yesterday afternoon.

The court must adopt a resolution for redrawing precinct lines by Aug. 31, Davis said.



## Southwest Outdoors

with Mel Phillips



It's time to head for the mountains because hatchery-raised trout are biting in the beautiful, cool, Rocky Mountains and except for night time, fishing is getting tougher every day.

The fishing was super tough at the July 18 Lake Meredith Fun Tournament. JOE VALDEZ of Dalhart claimed first prize money of \$285 when he weighed in a 3.39-pound smallmouth bass. Second place prize money of \$133 went to LARRY JAMESON of Fritch, for his 1.75-pound smallmouth.

With 38 anglers, only two legal fish were presented after three hours of fishing. The July 2 Fun Tournament had 62 anglers and only three came to the scales. For the record, our last two tournaments at Meredith featured 100 fishermen with only five catching legal fish. These anglers are good. They know the lake and are willing to fish hard, knowing that the chances of catching a legal fish are 5%.

Stop and think about it—A 5% success rate in a field of dedicated fishermen is some pretty sorry fishing. I congratulate the winners and just wish that part of the huge fee increase in our fishing license (from \$8 up to \$13 as of Sept. 1) would go into a real program of fisheries improvement for LAKE MEREDITH.

Authorities in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. sit on top of their paperwork instead of picking up a pole and learning first-hand about fishing. Times are changing at the Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Now that the fishermen and hunters are paying most of the bills of the Texas Parks and Wildlife, it's just a matter of time until they demand better service for their money.

Right now, Texans are voting with their feet, and many drive west to Ute Lake and Conchas, east to Lake Foss, or south down to Lake Texoma. More and more club tournaments are being held in either Oklahoma or New Mexico.

The goal is tourism and recreational fishing. We in this part of Texas know that Texas Parks and Wildlife is serious about helping tourism and the fishermen when they implement a striper (or hybrid) program on Lake Meredith. Other lakes have both walleye and stri-

pers. Lakes with stripers enjoy some excellent fishing in the summer.

I WILL PERSONALLY PAY THE ENTRY FEES for any Texas Parks and Wildlife people who are willing to enter the Aug. 1 Fun Tournament at Lake Meredith. (They shouldn't use guides or pump our local experts for assistance.)

It is time for action and the next move is up to the experts with the Texas Parks and Wildlife. Next week I'll have the results from this Fun Tournament Challenge.

LAST CALL: The Moonlight Madness Tournament at Lake Baylor will begin Saturday at 12:01 a.m. A pre-tournament meeting will be held Friday at 11 p.m. Call 1-353-3654 for information.

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## Locals to be honored at centennial events

Local authors, artists and poets will be honored at separate events in August in celebration of the Castro County Centennial.

Local artists will be honored with an art exhibit Aug. 14-20 in Rhoads Memorial Library.

Sponsored by the Amateur Artists' Club, the show will be open to anyone from Castro County who wants to show, according to Frances Frazier, president of the Amateur Artists' Club. She added that club members are working on some special paintings featuring local landmarks for the show.

Those interested in displaying work in the show should contact Frazier at 647-4340.

During the same week, a cowboy poets presentation is planned for Aug. 16 at the Dimmitt High School auditorium. Titled "Spur Jingles and Saddle Songs," the event will feature Alvin Davis, director of the Texas Tech Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock, as the

program emcee.

Those interested in the local program as poets or advertising sponsors may contact Tammy Wilhite at 647-3669.

An authors' tea will be sponsored by the Dimmitt Book Club Aug. 17, honoring all local authors. The tea will be held at Rhoads Memorial Library.

Anyone with information on local authors is asked to call librarian Cindy Pottorff at 647-3532.

Those to be honored will include authors living here now or who lived here in the past. Writers who have had articles published in magazines or professional journals, and those who have published theses, will be included, along with those who have written books.

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