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By Don Nelson

Pat Tate Truelove can tell you something about Evita.

The 1950 Dimmitt High School graduate had a brief audience with the legendary "empress of Argentina" back in the summer of 1951.

At that time, Eva Peron wasn't yet legendary. But she was busy building the legend, and Pat got a dose of her *modus operandi*.

Pat is the daughter of Curtis and Marie Tate, long-time Dimmitt residents who are now retired and living in Amarillo. She was an all-stater on DHS's 1950 state championship girls' basketball team, and attended Wayland College on a basketball scholarship.

In the summer of '51, Pat had just completed her freshman year at Wayland and was a member of the US National Women's Team touring South America to promote women's basketball as a possible Olympic event.

The US team played the Argentinian team in Buenos Aires. Presiding over the large coliseum crowd were President Juan Peron—in his full military regalia—and his wife, Eva.

After the game, Pat was named the Most Valuable Player.

She was escorted to the president's box to receive her MVP award.

"I had no idea what to expect," Pat said. "I was just an 18-year-old kid, a year out of high school."

"The first thing I noticed when I got up to Juan and Eva Peron's box were all the medals on his chest. I wondered how he could hold all of them up."

It was Eva Peron who presented Pat with her MVP prize.

It was (*ta-daaa!*) an autographed 8x10 picture of Eva Peron.

"I thought, 'What is this?'" Pat said. "A picture? I would rather have had one of those medals off of his chest. It seemed to me that he had more than he needed, anyway."

But Pat comported herself graciously, as West Texas girls do, and thanked *Senora Peron* for the picture.

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## Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Feb. 13	36	22	Tr.
Feb. 14	33	24	..06
Feb. 15	50	24	
Feb. 16	62	23	
Feb. 17	65	25	
Feb. 18	68	32	
Feb. 19	62	39	..04
Thursday	40	37	..03
Friday	51	33	.. Tr.
Saturday	45	19	
Sunday	51	18	
Monday	52	21	.. Tr.
Tuesday	22	19	..08
Wednesday	28	22	..03

February Moisture.....0.24  
1997 Moisture.....0.66

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



**FORMER SCHOOLMATES, STILL FRIENDS**—A reception was held Saturday for former Dimmitt High School AFS exchange student Michele Bertonneau Cantinaud of France, and her husband, Claude, in the home of Myrtle Lois Moran, Michele's American "mom" during the 1963-64 school year. Among those attending were (from left) Danelle Crowley, Claude Fournier, Michele Cantinaud, Linda Davis Johnson, Jane Cleavinger Stollings, La Dawn Kemp Reichling, Pat Moran Tanner and Shari Willis Bradley. Cantinaud said she still keeps in touch with many of her former classmates. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Former AFS student still knows her way 'home'

By LINDA MAXWELL

Michele Bertonneau Cantinaud of France still knows her way home to 1005 W. Bedford in Dimmitt.

She gave precise directions to the driver of the car that brought her into town last Thursday for her first return visit to Dimmitt, more than 30 years after she had lived here as an American Field Service foreign exchange student. She was easily able to find the home she had shared with the Russell Moran family for the 1963-64 school year at Dimmitt High School.

Michele had visited with members of her American family when they went to France, and her son and the daughter of her husband, Claude, both had visited in Dimmitt. But this was Michele's first opportunity to revisit the town that was a part of her AFS experience, an experience that she said made quite an impact on her life.

She said her AFS adventure "changed my mind completely. I was very shy, but I am more open to others now. I am much more open to other cultures and I am more curious to meet people and talk to them," Michele said. She also said the experience greatly increased her knowledge of English, which has been a big help in her career.

Michele said when she returned to France after her AFS year here, she went directly to university, where she majored in English.

"Here I came wearing American clothing and with an American accent," Michele said with a laugh. "Most of the other students spoke English with a British accent."

She said she worked in a modern

art gallery for 10 years, but she and Claude have moved to the South of France now, and she spends her time taking care of the house and garden and helping Claude in his work as a dentist.

"I was amazed that nothing has changed at the school," Michele said of Dimmitt High School. She and Claude mingled with the students Friday and ate lunch in the cafeteria. "It is just as clean and new as it was 34 years ago."

Her American "mom," Myrtle Lois Moran, and "sister," Pat Moran Tanner of Atlanta, Ga., hosted a reception for Michele and Claude Saturday afternoon in Dimmitt, and several of Michele's former schoolmates attended and reminisced about old times.

"I was very pleased to meet my former school friends," Michele said. "I find that we have not changed at all. I feel 18 again. I am very moved to be here again."

School mates who visited included Danelle Crowley of San Antonio, Linda Davis Johnson of Fort Worth, Jane Cleavinger Stollings of Perryton, La Dawn Kemp Reichling of Sausalito, Calif., Shari Willis Bradley of Dimmitt, and Beth Sheffy of Tulsa.

The couple plan to do some additional visiting and sightseeing in the US, and have already spent some time in San Diego, Fort Worth, Albuquerque and Santa Fe. They will spend almost a week in Atlanta with Pat Tanner and her husband, Perry, who Michele has never had the opportunity to meet.

Michele said she talks about her AFS experience every chance she

gets and encourages friends and acquaintances to allow their children to participate in the program.

"It is the best way to understand each other. It opens your mind," she said.

## Candidate filing opens

Candidates for positions on local school boards, the Castro County Hospital District Board of Directors, and city governing bodies may now file for a place on those ballots for the May 3 elections.

Filing opened Feb. 17 and will continue through March 19.

Early voting will be held April 14-29.

Those wanting to run for office may file at the administrative offices of the governing body they wish to serve.

Positions that candidates may file for are listed below.

### Hospital Board

The terms of Jerry Annen, Carolyn Sides and James Welch are expiring.

### City of Dimmitt

The terms of Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins and at-large council members Carole Dyer, Lyman Schroeder and Malcolm Reynolds are expiring.

### City of Hart

The term of Hart Mayor Tony Leibel is expiring, along with the terms of aldermen Doyle K. Davis and T.D. Martinez.

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## CRP sign-up begins Monday

Producers planning to place land in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) may begin signing up for the program Monday.

The 1997 CRP sign-up will continue through March 28, according to Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman.

To sign up for the 15th CRP, contact the Castro County Farm Service Agency (FSA) for an appointment. Absentee landowners interested should contact the FSA office in the county where their land is located.

"CRP is a voluntary program designed to encourage producers to plant long-term, resource-conserving vegetation on eligible cropland to improve soil, water and wildlife resources," said Harold Bob Bennett, state executive director of FSA.

"If eligible, producers may receive annual rental payments and cost-sharing assistance to establish the approved cover," Bennett added.

The length of contract is 10 to 15 years and certain activities which have long-term environmental benefits may qualify for incentive payments, according to Bennett.

"Those who wish to apply must

have owned or operated the land being offered for at least 12 months prior to March 28 and meet several other FSA requirements.

In addition to the FSA requirements, the cropland must meet additional requirements administered by the US Dept. of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS).

"Factors such as the erodibility of the land, evidence of scour erosion and the land's proximity to noncropped wetlands are a few of the eligibility factors examined by NRCS," said John Burt, NRCS state conservationist.

Also considered in determining CRP eligibility are practices which are highly beneficial to the environment. Practices like buffer strips on riparian areas, grass filter strips, grass waterways, shelterbelts and the protection of areas around well heads all have long-term benefits to the environment long after a CRP contract expires, according to Burt.

According to Bennett and Burt, both FSA and NRCS are working closely to insure a successful sign-up.

## County calls in consultants for library's heating project

County commissioners agreed unanimously Monday to sign a \$5,380 contract with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc., to serve as consultants on the replacement of the heating and cooling system at Rhoads Memorial Library.

The consulting firm will study the layout of the building to determine what type of system will be needed. The firm will advertise the project for bids, meet with bidders, recommend a bid and conduct site visits during construction.

Parkhill, Smith and Cooper also will conduct a final inspection of the project.

75% of the firm's consulting fee will be due when the bids are awarded, with the balance due upon completion of the project.

Money for the project will come from an endowment fund set up for the library, according to commissioners.

The \$5,380 does not include any parts or labor for installing a new system.

Rhoads Memorial Librarian Cindy Pottorff said preliminary cost estimates for the new system range between \$18,000 and \$33,000.

The county discussed needed repairs at the Expo Building, and

agreed to have a contract drawn up with local contractors Bud McLain and Kent Lindsey for the work.

The work will include making one set of doors handicapped-accessible, constructing a ramp leading to those doors and designating several parking spaces for the handicapped.

Also, the foyer will be painted and the men will cover the ceiling tiles above the bleacher areas with sheets of Masonite. In the past, the tiles have been pushed up and food and other objects have been placed there, according to Howard Smithson. He said he hopes the Masonite will help solve that problem.

In other action commissioners:

♦Gave approval to Dan Schmucker to place stop signs at partially blind intersections at County Roads 518 and 614, and County Roads 614 and 527.

♦Gave approval for Ronnie Gfeller to install of a 480-volt wire under County Road 510-A.

♦Approved conservation work on Road 502.

♦Approved members of a salary grievance committee.

## Swifts to face Lorenzo in regional quarterfinal

The Nazareth Swifts will begin the defense of their Region 1-A championship Friday when they take on Lorenzo in a regional quarterfinal matchup.

Tip-off in the first-round game is slated for 7 p.m. at the Texan Dome in Levelland.

Nazareth and Lorenzo are two of the favorites in the regional tourney. Two others—Paducah and Roby—also square off in a first-round game Friday at noon.

Paducah and Roby were in Region 2-A a year ago and Roby upset Paducah and won the regional championship.

In other quarterfinal games Friday, Springlake-Earth will meet Gruver at 1:30 and Valley will play Rotan at 5:30.

Lorenzo (28-4) has been ranked in TABC's Top 20 most of the season, holding down the No. 17 spot in the February poll.

The Hornets aren't as tall as the Swifts, but they are fast and they like an up-tempo game.

"They rely on a 2-1-2 press," said Nazareth Coach Mark Makeever. "They really live and die by it. From that they'll drop back into a 2-3 zone defense."

Makeever said three Lorenzo players are averaging 14 points per game this season.

They are Dane Swetnam, a 6-2 junior forward-post; Gary Wall, a 5-11 senior post; and Erasmo Garcia, a 5-11 junior post. But it was Billy Dominguez (5-10 senior forward) and Silas McCaddon (6-0 junior forward) who destroyed Samnorwood Tuesday in an area playoff.

"They're good shooters and passers," Makeever said.

In the 85-61 win over Samnorwood, Lorenzo shooters nailed seven treys.

Dominguez finished with 22 points and hit four treys in the game while McCaddon added two and Garcia had one. McCaddon was the leading scorer with 24 points. Also finishing in double figures were Swetnam with 14 and Wall and Garcia with 10 each.

If Nazareth beats Lorenzo Friday, the Swifts will advance to the semifinals Saturday against the winner of the Valley-Rotan quarterfinal game. That semifinal will start at 11 a.m. at the Texan Dome.

The regional championship game is slated for 7 p.m. Saturday at the Texan Dome.



**HERE WE GO BOBBIES!** This group of Dimmitt students show off their support for the Dimmitt Bobbies Friday as they take on Comanche in a Region 1-AAA semifinal game at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. The

Bobbies, who knocked off No. 3-ranked Slaton in bi-district, then beat Monahans in area, saw their hopes for a trip to state die at the hands of Comanche Friday. Photo by Carter Townsend

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

Dr. Gary Manning, the interim pastor at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt, was invited to preach and attend a banquet at Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa, which is pastored by a former student of his. Dr. Manning said the men did everything for the banquet—decorated the tables and cooked and served the meal. Sounds like the Methodist and Baptist men in Dimmitt. There may be men in other churches in Dimmitt who do the same, but they have not told me!

The Methodist Sweetheart Banquet was held the evening of Feb. 17 in the Fellowship Hall. The tables were decorated with red candles in a red base with greenery in the center. Candy kisses were scattered on the tables, along with red glitter and red napkins. The Methodist Men prepared and

served the delicious meal of steak, baked potatoes, tossed salad, rolls and ice cream. They gave every lady a beautiful red carnation corsage, and gave the men a boutonniere. I have never seen so many red dresses! Jackie McLeroy and her mother, Mary Small of Lubbock, and Bettye Wallace of Canyon were there for all the fun.

After the meal, everyone went to the sanctuary for the entertainment. The Methodist Men's Quartet sang several selections, including *God is So Wonderful*, *The Gift of Love*, and *Tell Me Why*. The audience joined in singing *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*. Don Nelson sang *If I Loved You*. Chuck Braafladt sang *I Can't Help Falling in Love With You*. James Baker sang *Scarlet Ribbons*, and Charles Axtell sang *Love Me Tender*, as he played the guitar. They ended their concert by singing *Alleluia*. Deanne Clark accompanied the quar-

ter on the piano and Jerry Stump controlled the sound system. Thanks, men, for a wonderful evening!

The funeral for James and Reta Welch was very sad, but impressive. An overflow crowd of about 800 filled the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt. This couple was loved by everyone, and it was shown by the many, many sprays and bouquets of flowers displayed in the church. Between the two caskets were a saddle and cowboy hat and a trunk displaying the hats that Reta used for her famous hat program. So many have expressed their regrets now that they never saw her program. I was privileged to see it twice and it was a fun and entertaining program!

Cleo Forson was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center. The members

brought a sack lunch and Cleo served a delicious blackberry cobbler and ice cream for dessert. Alma Kenmore won high score, and Susie Reeves was second. Others playing were Dede McLaurin, Loranel Hamilton, Louise Mears, Opha Burks, Carol Lantz, Bernice Hill, Neva Hickey, Ina Rae Cates and Virginia Crider.

Out of town visitors at the Castro County Museum last week were Jennifer Fuller of Canyon, Dee and Nona Umberson of La Luz, N.M. (his mother is a resident of Canterbury Villa in Dimmitt), and Jeanine Wimberly of Canyon.

Several from Dimmitt attended the 76th annual Panhandle Pastors and Layman's Conference held in Plainview Feb. 17-18. The theme was "Those Who Wait Upon the Lord."

Dr. Frank Pollard, a former pastor of Dimmitt's FBC, brought the conference sermons on that Monday morning and evening and Tuesday afternoon and evening. E.D. Morgan, a former Dimmitt resident, gave his testimony on Monday morning. Special music was presented by Sherman and Tammy Aten (they have been in Dimmitt, leading the singing for a revival), Panhandle Singing Men, the Prison Choir, and the singing group "Spirit" (who also have sung in Dimmitt).

It was good to visit with Frank Pollard and I visited with Clyde and Nancy Vaughn of Tulia. (They were neighbors of my parents several years ago. Their daughter is Debbie Hutto of Muleshoe. Her husband, who died a few months ago, was related to the Huttos in Dimmitt.

My daughter, Sue Vaughan, gave her husband, David, a surprise 50th birthday celebration in Dallas on Feb. 15. She prepared and served a lasagna dinner and birthday cake for 19 family members and friends. Guests brought fishing equipment for David to enjoy when he goes fishing. Some members of the family in attendance were Charles and Betty Vaughan of Dimmitt, Bob and Vicki

James of Lancaster, Brent and Tiffany Vaughan of Dallas, Kristin Vaughan, who came in from college at Texas A&M, and Eldon and Mary Huett of Carrollton, and several friends, including Alice Lagrone of Marshall and her sons Greg Boggan of Dallas and Dusty Boggan and family of Arlington.

The reception for Michele (Bertonneau) Cantinaud and her husband was held on Saturday afternoon in the home of Myrtle Lois Moran. Michele was the American Field Service foreign exchange student from Parisot, France, who attended Dimmitt High School with the Class of 1963-64 and stayed in the home of the Morans.

Those visiting included Pat Moran Tanner of Atlanta, Ga., La Dawn Kemp Reichling of Sausalito, Calif., Linda Davis Johnson of Dallas, Beth Sheffy of Tulia, Jane Cleavinger Stollings of Perryton, Shari Willis Bradley of Dimmitt, and their sponsors Ralph and Avis Smith, along with many of Myrtle Lois's friends. Guests enjoyed a table full of delicious pick-up foods.

Karen Sheffy attended Vision 2000, dealing with the formation of small groups in Lubbock Saturday. Margaret Parsons and Deanne Clark joined Jane O'Kelly of Pampa in Amarillo for a Women's Spiritual Growth Retreat on Saturday.

Ralph Smith led the Methodist

Handbells Sunday. Avis Smith, former Dimmitt High School history teacher, presented a speech on presidents and Republican Organization for Women Wednesday at K-Bob's. Three guests and 21 members heard about Presidents Washington, Lincoln and Roosevelt. Mention was made of other presidents, but history records these three as the most memorable because of crises occurring during their terms.

Recent presidents haven't been rated yet, because 50 years normally passes before a presidents' impact is felt. Kathy Hill, president, announced that she will be attending the Texas Federation of Republican Women's Legislative Day in Austin in March and gave announcements of future events. Deanne Clark and Marguerite Cole handed out a legislative packet containing letters and cards and information about current issues such as The Smart Card proposed for Texas schools to be used as a reference between principal and student in employment.

A letter to Texas Senators regarding caution of United Nations infringement on US treaties, release of violent criminals from prisons, and a note of caution regarding the proposed uninsured children's crisis was included. Committees have been appointed for the ensuing year.

Donna Stump is old (50) as declared by a sign at her office!

# Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

Billie and Emma Jean King became great-grandparents for the second time last Thursday morning when a little girl was born to Brandi and Jimmy Arnold of El Paso. She weighed 7-1/2 pounds and is named Kendra Page. She has an older sister, Aubry Nacole.

Emma Jean King attended the ROW meeting in Dimmitt Wednesday.

Gwen Snitker called last Thursday morning to tell me that Barbara Crozier had died of cancer and that the funeral was held in Clovis, N.M., Thursday morning. She and her husband, Johnny, lived at Sunnyside and Johnny drove a butane truck for Sunnyside Farm Store when Weldon and Irene operated it. They lived in the Sweeney House.

Judy and Clyde Damron, Lillian Carson and Robert and Frances Duke and probably others attended the funeral services for James and Reta Welch in Dimmitt Tuesday morning.

Betty and Alton Loudder visited with Janelle and Milburn Haydon Saturday afternoon in the Muleshoe hospital. Dorothy Ott of Hereford came while they were there, so they got to visit with her, too.

Genevieve and Lowell Westmoreland of Littlefield spent the day Thursday with Betty and Alton Loudder.

Gay, Verba and Sharon Sadler and Ruth King of Hereford left Friday evening to take Ruth to the Dallas area to visit with her sister-in-law, who is ill. They spent Friday night at the Sadler lake house at Hubbard Creek Lake near

Breckenridge and went on to Dallas Saturday morning. While Ruth visited with her sister-in-law, Sharon visited with her sister, Juanelle Winsor in Fort Worth. She is a former resident of the community. Gay and Verba visited in Fort Worth with Elizabeth Worthington, also a former resident of the community. They all went back to the lake to spend Saturday night and came home Sunday.

Judy Loudder flew last Sunday morning to California with her mother, Elvira Upchurch, and her sister, Gay, both of Lubbock, to see their other sister, Peggy, and her husband, Jim Oberby and family.

Brandi Green celebrated her 13th birthday Feb. 18. Dara Green and Rosie Loudder took her and her friends to Lubbock Saturday for some ice skating. Judy, Doug, Lyle and Kelley kept the kids. Tuesday night Linda Green, Doug, Lyle and Rosie and Lenzie Loudder came to the Greens with gifts. Dara served a pie.

We received a shower of light rain Wednesday morning and a snow flurry Thursday. It also has been cold. Saturday morning it was 16 degrees, and 24 on Sunday morning. Monday morning it was 30 degrees with freezing drizzle and light snow. The electricity went off about 6 a.m. and my thermometer froze over, so I couldn't see if it was getting any colder. The double-paned, four-section window on the north side of the house where the thermometer is located was frozen solid at 7 a.m.

*There are mothers who do the most marvelous things with left-overs—they throw them away.*

*Insanity and intelligence are hereditary. In the case of insanity the mother gets it from the child. In the case of intelligence, the child gets it from the mother.*

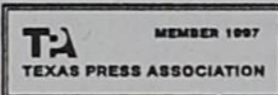
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### Last Puzzle Solution

- ACROSS**
- Lubbock's Buddy Holly tune: "\_\_\_ On"
  - this Jack was in "The Texas Wheelers"
  - large birds raised on some TX ranches
  - Edwards Aquifer is \_\_\_ source of drinking water for San Antonio
  - TX Pride was '71 CMA \_\_\_ of the Year
  - Dallas Morning News banned them from front page in 1907
  - TXism: "he's \_\_\_ (not alert)"
  - TX Mandrell's "If Loving You \_\_\_ Wrong"
  - Olney hosts "One-Armed Dove \_\_\_"
  - TX rancher Chuck Norris was \_\_\_ weight karate champ
  - TXism: "couldn't fight his way out of \_\_\_ bag"
  - TXism: "\_\_\_ up on" (study)
  - TX Lefty Frizzell hit: "Always \_\_\_ With Your Kisses"
  - Cisco h.s. class
  - biggest oil discovery was East \_\_\_
  - TX Buddy Holly hit: "Not \_\_\_ Away"
  - Nolan's full initials recently done to Capitol's exterior
  - this Meredith was in "The Son of Davy Crockett"
  - TX Kite stroke
- DOWN**
- near Lubbock: \_\_\_
  - a snack on TX Southwest planes
  - where TX banks keep the dinero
  - TXism: "never let \_\_\_ you sweat"
  - Sweetwater has big rattlesnake \_\_\_ up
  - TX choreographer Tommy
  - some Texans use it for long distance
  - TX Vikki Carr hit: "\_\_\_ Must Be Him"
  - West TX plains tribes were these
  - in '92 Cowboys were the \_\_\_ in the NFL
  - discourteous
  - this school beat A&M in '93 Cotton Bowl (abbr.)
  - TX outlaw Ringo rode with the \_\_\_ gang
  - TXism: "cold as a banker's \_\_\_"
  - TX Bonnie & Clyde pulled 'em (2 wds.)
  - Austin band: Asleep \_\_\_ The Wheel
  - Corpus Christi is 70 \_\_\_ cent water
  - penalty point tries by the Spurs (2 wds.)
  - sane or clear
  - TXism: "splittin' image of"
  - Paris hosts Chili du \_\_\_ Chili Cookoff
  - TX Hagman show: "I \_\_\_ of Jeannie"
  - Andrews AM/FM
  - Galveston movie: "Capricorn \_\_\_"
  - Texans were \_\_\_ after '93 Super Bowl

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## Proposed groundwater legislation to be reviewed at March 7 meeting

An overview of proposed groundwater legislation to be introduced during the current 75th Texas Legislative session will be among several topics slated for discussion at the quarterly meeting of the High Plains Ogallala Area Regional Water Management Plan meeting.

The meeting will be held Friday, March 7, at 10 a.m. at the Plainview Country Club, 2902 West Fourth Street.

The meeting is open to the public and all interested persons are invited to attend. A dutch treat lunch will be served at a cost of \$9.80. Reservations must be made by contacting Kathryn CdeBaca at the High Plains Water District, (806) 762-0181 before 5 p.m. Tuesday.

C.E. Williams, manager of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District in White Deer, will discuss groundwater legislation during the morning session. Following a lunch break, representatives from the US Dept. of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) will present information about new Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) rules.

John Ashworth with the Texas Water Development Board in Austin will discuss a recent study pertaining to groundwater quantity and quality in the Dockum/Santa Rosa Aquifer, which underlies the Ogallala Aquifer in portions of the area. Use of

groundwater from the Dockum/Santa Rosa Aquifer is being considered as an alternative to pumping Ogallala Aquifer water for some applications.

Butch Bloodworth, also with Texas Water Development Board, will discuss water demand forecasts and the possible effects that these demands will have on the High Plains region during the next 50 years.

Immediately following the meet-

ing's adjournment, the Management Team will meet to review various study components for the Ogallala Regional Water Management Plan.

Additional information about the Ogallala Regional Water Management Plan is available by contacting Dr. Lloyd Urban at the Texas Tech Water Resources Center at (806) 742-3597 or A. Wayne Wyatt at the High Plains Water District at (806) 762-0181.

## Plan is underway for managing groundwater

Ensuring the water we drink is safe has become a national priority, but recently it also has become a priority in Texas.

The water we drink comes either from a surface source such as a river or lake, or it's pumped from underground aquifers. A plan is in the works to make sure Texans are careful not to contaminate the groundwater sources.

Extension ag engineer Dr. Bruce Lesikar has a hand in developing the statewide management plan, mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

## Wheat voting to end Tuesday

Voting in the Texas Wheat Producers Board's 13th biennial mail election will end Tuesday.

Of the 15 board members serving six-year terms, five are facing expiring terms, including for District II, David Cleavinger of Wildorado. All board members with expiring terms are eligible for re-election.

The election is being held by mail ballot. Also, ballots may be obtained at Agricultural Extension Service Offices.

Producers may also vote on a proposition to limit the wheat assessment.

Counties included in District II are: Castro, Deaf Smith, Hale, Swisher, Parmer, Randall, Potter, Briscoe, Armstrong, Oldham, Carson, and Floyd.

## Windbreak trees available

Windbreak seedlings can be ordered now through Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District in Dimmitt. Contact the office for more information or for assistance in planning and planting effective windbreaks. Or, you may call the provider of the seedlings, the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery, at 806-746-5801.

Homestead windbreaks block the wind in summer and winter, according to Robert Fewin of Lubbock, area forester for the TFS. He said multiple row breaks also add natural beauty, privacy and value to a homestead.

## Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR

### Employee leasing: A way to reduce personnel costs



Entrepreneurs have many things in common. Some of the most common elements are that they want to spend less time complying with government regulations, doing paper work and dealing with personnel issues. They would like to have more time to spend on the fun parts of running their business.

Over the years, these common areas have presented some classic business opportunities. For example, the problem of dealing with employees spawned the employee leasing industry.

Employee leasing is a contractual relationship in which small and mid-sized businesses transfer their personnel and payroll functions to a company that specializes in this activity. The firm that leases the employees usually provides benefits such as health and unemployment insurance, worker's compensation and retirement programs. The employer retains full control of the work performed by employees.

### Many benefits in leasing

There are many benefits in leasing employees. The first is that you can keep your present workforce. You don't need to hire new employees, rather you simply lease your present team through the leasing company.

The second benefit is that staff leasing can actually lower your cost of doing business. Savings of two to five percent are common. The savings are made possible through lower worker's compensation rates, health and unemployment insurance costs and savings in administrative time and expense. The leasing companies pool the employees of many businesses to reduce costs.

Another benefit is the reduction of the "hassle factor." For many small business owners, the filing of payroll forms, unemployment tax reporting and medical and pension administration is an overwhelming burden. If they hire someone to handle these duties, their costs go up. If they try to fight through the paperwork themselves, their blood pressure goes up and their productivity goes down. Owners and managers often find themselves spending less and less time managing the operations of the company that produce the profit.

A related advantage is the time the owners save by not having to shop for insurance plans. Every individual owner would have to spend many hours to compare the features and benefits of several plans to ensure they are getting the best value and coverage for their employees. The employee leasing companies have specialists who can quickly compare offerings and ferret out the best value.

Staff leasing also allows the transfer of critical employee liabilities away from the business. For example, the business is no longer responsible for payroll taxes on leased employees. The burden of defending worker's compensation and unemployment insurance claims, as well as complying with a myriad of other government regulations also shifts to the leasing company.

Other benefits include standardized personnel manuals, written job descriptions and help with interviewing and testing of potential employees. Some leasing companies can even do background checks and drug testing programs.

### Not risk free

No business relationship is free from risk. The lease company could be poorly managed and fail. Or they might not pay insurance premiums and leave your employees in the cold when a claim is filed.

Before you sign up, check out the leasing firm. Reputable companies will be quick to give you references. Check these references to confirm that the company does all they promise.

Most well established companies will be members of the National Staff Leasing Association. This association requires quarterly audits by outside firms to ensure proper conduct.

In summary, a good leasing company can save you time and money. Most importantly, it may allow you to get back to the core operations of your business. By focusing your efforts on doing the tasks you do best, you may increase your profits even more.

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Mart's*. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

## Food Service honors Murillo

Margarita Murillo, a meat and entree cook at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt has been named Food Service Employee of the Month for February.

Murillo has been employed in the Food Service Dept. Since 1984 when she was hired as a substitute worker. In 1985 she was hired as a part-time employee and in 1989 she was hired as a full-time worker.

Murillo is responsible for preparing all entree items for the students at Richardson Elementary School and Dimmitt Middle School.

She was presented with a bouquet of roses, a memorial plaque and \$50 by Food Service Director Charles Ketchum.

## Cotton Talks

Projections of supply and off-take for the 1997-98 marketing year indicate a total supply of 22.3 million bales. The supply figure is based on estimated 1997-98 production of 17.8 million bales being added to 4.5 million bales of expected carryover from 1996 production.

The projections were calculated by economic staff from the National Cotton Council were released during the National Cotton Council's annual meeting.

One of the most encouraging

pieces of information released was the projection for negligible raw cotton imports in 1997, even though Step 3 import quotas continue to open as a result of current relationships between US prices and the "A" index. The relationship between US price and the "A" index has narrowed slightly since mid-December, although not enough to shut off Step 3 import quotas.

"The issues surrounding the problem of Step 3 and raw cotton imports are numerous and a simple solution has not presented itself," said PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "Our efforts to develop a solution to this issue will continue through out contact with legislators, USDA representatives and the National Cotton Council staff and members."

Estimated offtake for the 1997-98 marketing year is 18 million bales, 11.2 million for domestic consumption and 6.8 million to the export market.

Planting intentions reported to the National Cotton Council indicate producers currently intend to plant 7.1% fewer acres in 1997. Expected plantings are put at 13.6 million acres, roughly one million acres fewer than were planted in 1996. Texas planting projections for 1997 were put at 5.2 million acres, 500,000 acres less than 1996.

Alabama, Florida, Virginia, Missouri and Arizona are the only states projecting an increased upland cotton acreage in 1997.

## Choosing The Right Insecticide For Corn

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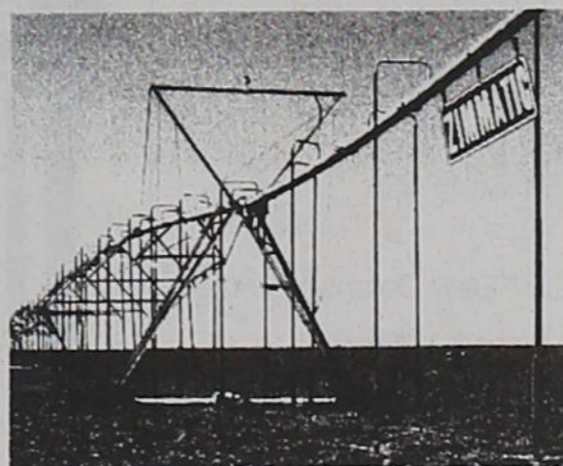
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## Girl Scouts are seeking alumni

The Caprock Girl Scout Council is searching for Girl Scout alumni for inclusion in a special alumni event.

Anyone who has ever been involved with the Girl Scout program, as a leader or scout, and is not currently registered with the organization, should contact the Caprock Girl Scout Council at 2567 74th Street, Lubbock, 79423.

Alumni may send their name, address, and phone number, along with the approximate number of years they were in the organization and in what capacity, to the above address. Or forms can be picked up at the News office.

The Caprock Council is holding a council-wide birthday celebration on March 8 in the Merchants Building of the South Plains Fair in Lubbock. The event will be from 10 a.m. until noon and the cost will be \$2 per person.

Activities will include an old-fashioned sing-along, a wall of memories, an archive display of memorabilia, demonstrations, new and old proficiency badge activities, and birthday cake.

Girl Scouting was founded on March 12, 1912, making this the 85th anniversary of Girl Scouting.

## DKG accepting applications now

Applications will be accepted through March 15 for a \$500 recruitment grant which will be awarded to a Castro County student who is majoring in education.

Those wanting to apply for the grant should contact Joanne Snider at (806)647-3502.

To qualify, a student must have graduated from a Castro County high school and have official verification of acceptance by the education department of a college or university. Applicants must submit a letter of application with a verified statement from their school's education department and a current transcript.

The committee will review applications and then make a decision on whether the scholarship should be paid in two installments or given all in one semester.

The recipient will be notified by April 15.

The grant is sponsored by the Iota Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa gamma and has been awarded each year since 1987. Sometimes it is divided between two students.

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# People



## Nazareth plans benefit dinner

A benefit steak dinner will be held Sunday evening in Nazareth and proceeds will help with medical expenses of three local residents. The steak dinner with all the trimmings including potatoes, green beans, salad and dessert will be served from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the Nazareth Community Hall. A social hour will precede the meal, beginning at 5 p.m. Take-out plates will be available. Money raised from the event will help with medical expenses of Ricky Leavitt, Mary Lou Birkenfeld and Joan (Lange) Harbison. Cost will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. The event is being co-sponsored by the Nazareth Knights of Columbus, Nazareth Lions Club and Catholic Order of Foresters.

## Screening set March 6

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic next Thursday, March 6, at Medical Center of Dimmitt, 112 W. Jones. The screening costs \$70. The Texas Dept. of Health will help pay for the exam for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-377-4673 or 806-359-4673. A minimum of 15 women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns. Each participant at the screening will receive a breast exam and one-on-one instruction in breast self-examination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection. They also will receive a mammogram by a mammography technician. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.



Mark Bain and Heather Fritz

## Bain and Fritz to wed

Heather Fritz and Mark Bain will exchange wedding vows on May 24 at Lakeridge United Methodist Church in Lubbock. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Teri Schweinebraten of Colorado Springs, Colo. She graduated from Lubbock Monterey High School in 1988 and attended Texas Tech University. She is employed by First United Bank in Lubbock. The prospective groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bain of Dimmitt, graduated from Perryton High School in 1981. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 1986 with a degree in finance, and is also a graduate of Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University. He is employed at First United Bank in Lubbock.

## RNR plans classes

Classes on CPR training and on Certified Nurse Aide training have been scheduled by Rural Nurse Resource, Inc., a nonprofit organization based in Floydada that provides health and safety education for rural

West Texas communities. A five-week course on Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) training will begin on March 24, and will be limited to 12 students. The class will train individuals to care for patients in a nursing home, hospice, home health or private care setting. Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation classes will be offered, also. Adult CPR will be offered March 1, 4 and 8; Child CPR, March 1, 8 and 11; CPR for health professionals March 1; and community CPR March 8. For more information on any of the classes or to request an application packet for the CNA class, call the RNR office at 806-983-8096.

## Girl Scout meeting set

Girls who want to join the Girl Scouts can sign up at a meeting next Thursday, March 6, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt, 218 W. Jones. "We now have troop leaders for girls ages kindergarten through sixth grade," said area membership director Heather Tradup of Plainview. The registration fee for joining Girl Scouts is \$6, and financial assistance is available. For more information, Tradup can be contacted at 1-800-530-4823.

## Kendall, Calvert recite vows Saturday in formal ceremony

Meredith Ann Kendall and Raif Massey Calvert were united in marriage Saturday at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Austin. Msgr. Francis Jordan presided at the nuptial service. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Charles Kendall of Austin; and the granddaughter of Mrs. Paul Kendall of Gainesville, and the late Paul Kendall and the late Dr. and Mrs. Edward R. Villemez. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Calvert of Austin. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos E. Calvert of Dimmitt and the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. Massey Jr. of Abilene.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and she wore a gown of candlelight silk satin. The bodice featured a decolletage of fine illusion highlighted with a band of silk at the neck. Long, tapered illusion sleeves were finished with narrow silk cuffs. The sheath dress featured a full skirt which flowed from the sides into a graceful semi-cathedral train. The sheer low back was accented by a row of delicate silk buttons. Her two-tiered cathedral-length veil of silk illusion fell from a crown of Alencon lace and flowed beyond her train.

Maid of honor was Melinda Claire Kendall of Austin, sister of the bride. The bridesmaids were Amanda Michelle Cloud of Austin, Deana Marie Lowe of Arlington, Nichole Lynn Rauert of Boulder, Colo., Anna Christine Sessi of Fort Worth and Kara Alison Smith of Dallas. Serving their brother as best men were Jess Michael Calvert and Drew Stanton Calvert, both of Austin. Groomsmen were Christopher Kyle Baker of Dallas, Justin David Clark of Lubbock, Hunter Eugene Maloy of Austin and Clay Whitney Stockton of Wylie, cousin of the groom. Ushers were Wade Lee Calvert of College Station, Case Thomas Stockton and Thomas Allan Stockton Jr., of Rockwall, all cousins of the groom; and Dennis Keith Ceder of



MRS. RAIF MASSEY CALVERT ... nee Meredith Ann Kendall

Austin. A reception followed at the Austin Country Club. The rehearsal dinner, hosted by the groom's parents, was at The Headliner's Club. Members of the houseparty were Rachel Alsop of Austin, Julie McPhail of Arlington, Nicole Millican of San Angelo and Chelsea and Megan Thornton of Austin. The bride is a graduate of Ander-

son High School and Texas Tech University where she was a member of Pi Beta Pi Sorority. She is a systems analyst with Environment and Ecology, Inc., in Houston. The groom graduated from Anderson High School and Texas Tech University. He is currently employed at First State Bank and will enter law school in the fall. The couple will live in Houston.

## What's cooking? In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Feb. 27 to March 7.

**DIMMITT**  
**Preschool-First Grade Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** Nachos with cheese and peppers, Mexipinto beans, cantaloupe and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Fish nuggets, baked potatoes, fruit fantasy and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Barbecued beef on a bun, potato salad, fresh watermelon and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Poor boy steak, parsley green rice, cantaloupe, hot cheese rolls and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Cheeseburger on a roll, potato rounds, tossed salad with dressing and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Beef enchiladas, refried beans, Arroz Mexicano and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Fish burger, onion rings, fruited gelatin and milk.

**Grades 2-12 Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of beef stir fry, grilled chopped steak or nachos with cheese and peppers; Chinese-style vegetables, Lyonaise carrots or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, cantaloupe or plums; muffins, cheese rolls, Fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of fish nuggets, Chinese plate or enchiladas; baked potatoes, tomato and okra gumbo or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruited gelatin or broccoli and cauliflower salad; muffins, wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
**MONDAY:** Choices of barbecued beef on a bun, lasagna with ground beef or taco pie; potato salad, creole green beans or Mexipinto

beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad or coleslaw; garlic bread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Choice of poor boy steak, chef's salad or Monterey casserole; parsley green rice, cantaloupe or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fresh watermelon or cucumber and tomato salad; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortillas or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of salmon patties, cheeseburger on a roll or chicken taco with hot sauce; savory peas, potato rounds or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, waldorf fruit salad, taco condiment salad or pea salad; assorted muffins, hot wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of shepherd's pie, chicken tomato bake or beef enchiladas; southern collard greens, escalloped tomatoes or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, macaroni salad or peas; cornbread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of turkey and dressing surprise, fish burger or fajitas with sauted onions; candied sweet potatoes, onion rings or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruit fantasy or carrot-raisin salad; cornbread, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

**FRIDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun with chili; salad, dill pickles, potato chips, fresh fruit, apricots, vanilla ice cream, and milk, punch or tea.  
**MONDAY:** Choice of steak finger basket, hamburger basket or pizza; dill pickles, fresh fruit, chocolate cake and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Choice of enchilada casserole, hamburger basket or pizza; tortilla pieces, salad, corn, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, apricots and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of oven-fried chicken, hamburger basket or corn dog, wheat rolls, green beans, salad, apricots, fresh fruit and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of sack lunch or hoagie sandwich, apples, potato chips, Golden Grahams treats, dill pickles and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of fish nuggets, hamburger basket or pizza, gelatin dessert, salad, corn on the cob, peaches, cornbread, fresh fruit and milk.  
**Junior High and High School**  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken fajita; salad, sliced cheese, gelatin dessert, pineapple, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun with chili; salad, dill pickles, potato chips, fresh fruit, apricots, vanilla ice cream and milk, punch or tea.  
**MONDAY:** Choice of steak finger basket, pizza or hamburger basket, beets, mixed vegetables, peaches, dill pickles, fresh fruit, chocolate cake and milk, punch or tea.  
**TUESDAY:** Choice of enchiladas, tortilla pieces, hamburger basket or pizza, salad, corn, gelatin dessert, apricots, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of oven-fried chicken, hamburger basket or corn dog, wheat rolls, green beans, beets, apricots, peaches, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of sack lunch or hoagie sandwich, apples, potato chips, sugar cookies, dill pickles, carrot sticks and milk, punch or tea.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of fish nuggets, hamburger basket or pizza, gelatin dessert, salad, corn on the cob, peaches, apricots, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.

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**THURSDAY:** \*Baked potato with bread or corn dogs, salad, broccoli, pears, dessert and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** \*No school!  
**MONDAY:** \*Frito pie or pizza, salad, beans, applesauce, peaches and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** \*Nachos or corn dogs, salad, corn, fruit cocktail, pears and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** \*Tacos or hamburgers and French fries, lettuce, beans, pineapple, dessert and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** \*Sandwiches with tater tots or corn dogs, lettuce, corn, peaches, brownies and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** \*No school!

(\*Entrees designated with an asterisk will be served to elementary school students while secondary students will be allowed to choose between the two entrees.)

Together We Can



## Kinser graduates from basic

Army Pvt. Eric L. Kinser of Dimmitt has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Kinser is the son of Leroy and Sharon Kinser of Dimmitt. He is a 1995 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

## OM teams plan public performance

The Odyssey of the Mind teams from Dimmitt Middle School and Dimmitt High School will perform Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Dimmitt High School Auditorium.

The public is invited to attend the event.

## Strings group to perform in Plainview

A guest appearance by Odessa's Strolling Strings of Permian High School will be featured tonight (Thursday) during the final performance of the Plainview Symphony Orchestra.

The concert will be held in Herral Auditorium on the campus of Wayland Baptist University, and it is slated to begin at 7:30 p.m. Additional tickets will be available at the box office prior to the performance for \$8 for adults and \$4 for students.

The Odessa Strolling Strings Quartet will be directed by Kathy Fishburn.

Sharing the spotlight will be the first conductor of the Plainview symphony during its 1979-80 season, Dale Daniels. Daniels, along with then Plainview City Manager John Hatchel, was instrumental in forming Plainview's Symphony Orchestra 18 years ago. He is now musical director of the Dallas Lake Highlands United Methodist Church, according to J.W. King Jr., artistic director of the Plainview Symphony Orchestra.

The guest conductor will be Boyce Wyrick, orchestra director for Lubbock Coronado. This will be Wyrick's third directing appearance.

The 65-member orchestra, made up of area musicians, will perform one number with the Strolling Strings and one under Daniel's direction.

The Strolling Strings is a "fun and impressive group," said King. "They will stroll through the audience, in formation, carrying the string instruments they are playing."

The Odessa group has presented special concerts in many Texas sites, including the Texas Music Educators annual convention in San Antonio.

The Symphony will open the concert with *Orpheus in the Underworld* by Jacques Offenbach. Other selections will include *An American Symphony* from Mr. Holland's Opus, a medley of LeRoy Anderson's *Favorites* and Mancini's *Memories*.



David Colborn Jr. and Traci Jeffcoat

## May vows planned

Jerry and Nancy Mathis announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Traci Jeffcoat of Phoenix, Ariz., to David Colborn Jr., son of Dave and Marsha Colborn of Tempe, Ariz.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows in Southcrest Baptist Church in Lubbock at 7 p.m. on May 10.

The bride-elect is a 1986 graduate of Hart High School and a 1991 graduate of Texas Tech University. She is a registered nurse at Scottsdale Memorial Hospital in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The prospective groom attended Arizona State University and he is employed by Federal Express in Mesa, Ariz.

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## Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Congratulations to Don and Betty Acker, who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday evening at the Community Hall with family and friends.

Their children, Clayton Acker of Rawls, Roanne Fitzsimmons, Frank Acker and Vance Acker, all of Amarillo, and their families, hosted the evening.

Out-of-town brothers and sisters of the couple, including Jerry Leinen and family of Amarillo, Arlene Steffens and family of Slaton, Louis Acker and family of Arlington, Walter Acker and family of Bartlesville, Okla., and Joan Melcher and family of Holly, Colo., attended. Members of their wedding party also were in attendance except for the late Fred Acker, Don's brother.

A prayer vigil for Eric Rose was held Feb. 18 with Father Ken Kellar officiating. It was very special as Eric's teachers from the TLC Class at Gene Howe Elementary School each shared with those present episodes that happened at school involving Eric and classmates.

Mass of the Angels was celebrated Wednesday morning, Feb. 19, at St. Mary's Church in Amarillo with

Father Ken Kellar officiating.

We will long remember the beautiful way Father Kellar brought the children and teachers of the TLC Class into his homily, the wonderful St. Mary's Choir and the filled church of family and friends.

Eric was buried in the Holy Family Cemetery at Nazareth with Father John Hickey officiating. Father John had a very meaningful short service at the CCD Building.

Our sympathy to Shirley Schacher in the loss of her mother, Ruby Dempsey, 76, of Dimmitt.

A baby shower was held Sunday for Ethan Tell, infant son of Bruce and Tanya Schulte. The shower was held at the home of Linda Merritt. Many friends and family members attended.

The regional free throw contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus was held Saturday in Canyon. Those going on to Austin for the state competition will be Tyson Schulte, Tyler Ehly, Eric Schilling, Blake Birkenfeld, Kimberly Brockman, Erica Gerber, Kyla Schacher and Lindsey K. Gerber.

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**STATE QUALIFIER**—Dimmitt High School sophomore Miranda Turner (left) earned a Division I rating on her Class I piano solo during a recent solo and ensemble contest at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, and that rating earned her a trip to the state contest later this year. Turner performed Mozart's *Piano Sonata—K331, Ronda Alla Turca*. Also pictured is Turner's piano teacher, Sue George of Tulia. *Courtesy Photo*

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# Sports



## Bobcats sweep doubleheader in Saturday's season opener

The Dimmitt Bobcats started their 1997 baseball season off with a bang Saturday, exploding for 35 runs in two games to run rule the Morton Indians in a doubleheader at George Howell Memorial Park.

Zack Matthews got the start on the mound in the season opening first game, and he hurled a two-hitter as Dimmitt thrashed Morton, 21-1 in three innings.

Dimmitt hitters erupted with several doubles in the second game and Richard Carpio controlled Morton from the mound for a 14-4 victory in five.

Matthews and Louis Nino each picked up four RBIs in the games.

Morton pitchers couldn't find the right combination to silence Dimmitt's bats. The Bobcats picked up seven hits in the game, and took advantage of numerous Morton errors—eight—to post the convincing win, 21-1.

Matthews faced just 14 batters in the first game Saturday and gave up just two hits.

Matthews got the win while Mark Herrera took the loss for Morton.

The Bobcats poured it on in the first inning, knocking home eight runs and shutting out the Indians.

The big first inning was highlighted by a two-run shot by Matthews in his first at-bat of the season. Conrado Saucedo knocked in Sergio Pedroza on a bunt, then Matthews stepped up and took a pitch over the fence.

Dimmitt Coach Bobby Feaster said the Cats stole five bases in the first game, and several of those were in the first.

"When we went up 8-0, we quit

of the third, but Dimmitt ended the game with a 13-run performance in the bottom of the third.

Sergio Pedroza reached on a double, then Saucedo got on thanks to a Morton error.

After that Matthews picked up his second homer of the game, this time in his fourth at-bat, bringing home Saucedo for another two-run slam.

Sergio Pedroza, Richard Carpio, Michael Pedroza, and Amato Caldera all picked up doubles off of Morton hurlers while Caldera added a triple and Matthews took two over the fence.

"I felt like when we got on base we made things happen," said Feaster. "I was pleased with the fact that we scored so many runs, but I was a little disappointed in our defense. We had five errors in the two games and that won't work."

Dimmitt had a little tougher time in the second game, but a big third inning lifted the Cats and they were able to post a big 14-4 victory.

The Bobcats took a 2-0 lead in the first inning of the second game Saturday, but Morton came back with a run in the top of the second and shut the Cats out in the bottom.

Dimmitt opened up the game in the third with an eight-run inning and a 10-1 advantage. Dimmitt added a run in the fourth and three in the fifth to take the victory.

"Morton played its two best pitch-stealing," Feaster said. "We got two men on with walks, then we hit a screamer right at second and just like that the inning was over."

After the scoreless second inning, Morton picked up one run in the top

ers in the second game, and for a while there it was close. But I think they got a little tired and we started hitting in the third," Feaster said.

The Bobcats out-hit the Indians 13-6.

Morton cut down on its errors in the second game, but still had problems pitching against Dimmitt hitters.

The Bobcats got doubles from Sergio Pedroza, Matthews, Louis Nino and Caldera.

Dimmitt takes its 2-0 record into this afternoon's (Thursday) game with Shallowater. Game time will be 3:30 p.m. at George Howell Memorial Park in Dimmitt.

Michael Pedroza will get the start today (Thursday) against Shallowater.

"He's new, and we want to try him out early to see what he's capable of. We've got a short schedule before we have to start district, and we want to know what we have before we have to start district play," said Feaster.

On Saturday, Dimmitt will travel to Hale Center to meet the Owls in a matinee game at 1 p.m.

Dimmitt will face Shallowater, there, Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

### Bobcats 21, Morton 1

Morton	001	1	2	8
Dimmitt	80(13)	21	7	2

Mark Herrera, Gregg Quick (2), Eric Enriquez (3) and Freddie Gonzales of Morton; Zack Matthews and Shaun Furr of Dimmitt. WP: Matthews (1-0). LP: Herrera (0-1). 2B: Sergio Pedroza, Richard Carpio, Michael Pedroza, Amato Caldera, all of Dimmitt. 3B: Caldera of Dimmitt. HR: Matthews (2).

### Bobcats 14, Morton 4

Morton	010	03	4	6	4
Dimmitt	208	13	14	13	3

Jimmy Morin, Mando Taranglo (3), Chris Honesta (4) and Eric Enriquez, Freddie Martinez (4) for Morton; Richard Carpio, Luis Nino (5) and Richard Martinez for Dimmitt. WP: Carpio (1-0). LP: Morin (0-1). 2B: Cisco Roberts of Morton; S. Pedroza, Matthews, Nino and Caldera of Dimmitt.



UP FOR A LAYUP—Shawna Kenworthy (23) of Dimmitt takes a fastbreak layup just a step ahead of Comanche defenders Friday night in a Region 1-AAA semifinal game at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. The Bobbies came within four of the Maidens in the final

four minutes of the game, but couldn't get any closer, and Comanche turned up the heat after that for a 58-45 victory. Comanche went on to defeat Aledo for the regional championship. Also pictured are Dimmitt's Jacy Buckley (11) and Amber Matthews (20).

Photo by Carter Townsend

## Region 1-AAA semifinals

# Bobbies' playoff run ends at hands of eventual champs

Cinderella's glass slipper broke Friday night as Comanche took a 58-45 win over the Dimmitt Bobbies in the Region 1-AAA semifinals at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

The Bobbies ended the season with two big pieces of hardware to add to the bulging trophy cases at Dimmitt High School and a record of 22-13. That ain't chopped liver, especially when the Bobbies were once three games under .500.

The game see-sawed early, with Heidi Weaver tying the score at six with five minutes to play in the first quarter. The Maidens scored the next six points, but Jacy Buckley hit a running jumper at the buzzer to make it 12-8 after a quarter.

In the second period, the Bobbies came back to tie it at 18 on a three-point play by Amber Matthews with 2:58 left in the half. Comanche hit a bucket and a free throw, but

Buckley scored again late in the half to make it 21-20 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Comanche threatened to break the game open, jumping to a 36-24 lead late in the period. Weaver converted a three-point play with 32 seconds left in the quarter to make it 36-27.

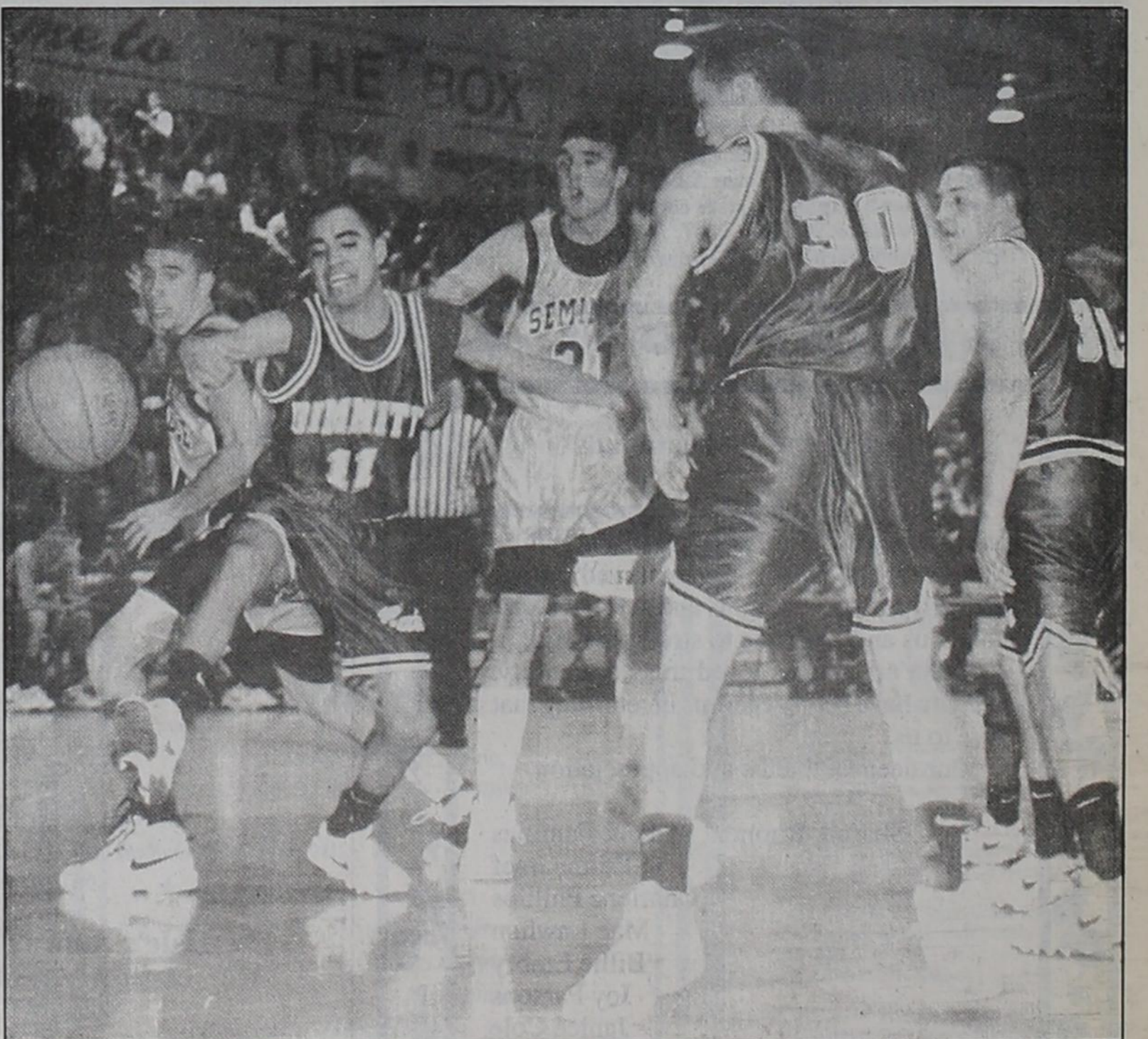
Dimmitt went with a quick lineup to start the fourth quarter, and the Bobbies made a big run at the Maidens. With Stephanie Hinojosa and Heather Wise off the bench, Dimmitt sic'd the press on Comanche, forcing five turnovers on six possessions by the Maidens.

Shawna Kenworthy started the run with four straight free throws to cut the gap to 38-31, then baskets by Matthews and Kimberly Newland cut more from the lead. When Wise got a steal, drove down the floor and nailed a short jumper, Dimmitt was within four, 41-37 with 4:23 left.

The Bobbies got just eight more points the rest of the way, while Seminole hit 17 points. Point guard Amber Ward had 13 of her 24 points in the fourth quarter, including nine free throws. Comanche shot 19 free throws in the fourth quarter, while Dimmitt went to the line 10 times in the period.

If the fourth quarter seemed longer than any other period in the game, it was. The clock malfunctioned in the first three periods, going 2:02, 2:01, 2:00, 0:59, 0:58..... Tournament director Joe McLain talked with the game officials about the problem at the end of the third quarter, but no extra time was put on the clock. The scoreboard malfunctioned again in the fourth period, but this time officials stopped the game and reset the clock.

Matthews led Dimmitt with 13 points, while Weaver was also in double figures with 11.



LOOSE BALL!—Dimmitt's Jason Nino (11) battles Seminole players for a loose ball underneath the basket Friday when the two teams met in a Class AAA bi-district game at Lubbock Monterey. Dimmitt suf-

fered its third loss to Seminole Friday, dropping the playoff game in a heartbreaker, 51-50. Pictured at right are Dimmitt's Cameron Lust (30) and Charley Sanders (31).

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BRANDON SMITH (12) of Dimmitt flies through the air, getting around Seminole's Kaleb Clay (25) for two of his 11 points Friday in a Class AAA bi-district playoff at Lubbock Monterey. Dimmitt overcame a 35-26 halftime deficit to take a lead late in the fourth, but it was Seminole that came out on top at the end, 51-50. Photo by Carter Townsend

**Seminole edges Cats, 51-50, in bi-district**

# Third time not a charm for Cats

A huge second half comeback was just a little short as Seminole edged Dimmitt 51-50 to take the bi-district crown Friday at Lubbock Monterey High School.

Dimmitt bounced back from an 11-point deficit to take a brief lead in the fourth quarter, but the Indians used their 20-8 free-throw advantage to advance to the area round.

The Bobcats lost their last four games of the season for the first time in recent memory, but the last was definitely not for lack of effort. After a cold shooting first half, Dimmitt bounced back to outscore Seminole 23-9 from the field in the second half.

The Indians made just four field goals in the second half, but seven free throws were enough to serve Seminole the win. Dimmitt made just one free throw in the second half, out of four attempts.

The Bobcats shot 36% (11 of 32) from the field in the first half. The Bobcats missed their first several shots of the game before Cameron Lust hit the first of his game-high 17 points to put Dimmitt on the board with 5:40 to play in the first quarter. Seminole started out tentatively, too, and led just 4-2.

The Indians lengthened their lead to five, 12-7, with 2:53 to go in the quarter before the Bobcats cut it to a one point game twice in the last two minutes on buckets by Brandon Smith (12-11) and Charley Sanders (14-13). The Indians hit a basket and two free throws in the last 1:10 of the period to lead 18-13.

Seminole silenced the north-side bleachers filled with over 1,000 Dimmitt fans with a big run in the second quarter. A trey by Heath Burrell with 1:50 to go in the half put Seminole ahead 31-20, but the Tribe scored just five more times from the field the rest of the game.

Dimmitt's fans started coming to life when the Bobcats did, late in the second period. Lust, Smith and Jason Nino each had field goals in the last two minutes as Dimmitt closed the gap to six, 32-26, but a late trey by Kaleb Clay gave Seminole a 35-26 lead at halftime.

Dimmitt's offense was superior to the Indians all night in every department except filling the hole. The Bobcats had just seven turnovers all night, while Seminole turned it over 19 times. Eight of those mistakes came in the third quarter as the Bobcats closed within three points, 43-40, after 24 minutes.

Smith hit a trey with 2:39 to play in the third, his last points of the night, to make it 39-35. Lust scored 20 seconds later to cut it to 39-37. Ogden and Luke Sheets scored buckets to put Seminole up 43-37, but Thomas fired home a trey from 21 feet out on the left side to make it a three point contest with eight minutes to play.

After an Ogden free throw 1:10

into the final period, Thomas hit a basket with 5:43 left to make it 44-42. Lust tied it 38 seconds later at 44.

Thomas gave Dimmitt its first lead of the night with 4:09 to play when he grabbed an offensive rebound and scooped the ball into the hole. He was fouled, but missed the free throw that would have lengthened the lead.

Josh Elder (who didn't suffer a bloody nose against Dimmitt for the first time this year) hit two free throws with 3:59 left to tie it at 46.

Both teams slowed it down and worked the ball very deliberately, but a non-call cost the Bobcats a chance to take the lead. Smith was knocked down while driving for a go-ahead basket and lost the ball. No foul was called on the play.

Seminole worked the ball around for over a minute before Elder made the Indians' only field goal of the fourth quarter, a trey with 1:55 left that put Seminole up 49-46.

Charley Sanders made one of two free throws with 1:47 left, and the Bobcats forced a turnover on Seminole's next possession. The Bobcats worked the ball around for almost a minute and passed it to Thomas in the right-hand corner.

Thomas was ready to pass the ball, but as he did the Seminole zone defense floated away from him. All of a sudden he was wide open, and he lobbed home one of his signature high-arching treys to tie the score at 50 with 38 seconds to play.

Seminole called time out and then worked the ball around the perimeter for 20 seconds. With 15 ticks left, Indians coach Mike Waldrup hollered "Go!" The Indians worked the ball to Ogden, who drove the lane, pulled up on his dribble, took three steps and shot. His basket didn't go down, but he made the first of two free throws with 6.6 seconds to play to put Seminole up by a point.

The Bobcats rebounded the missed second shot, and Thomas dribbled the length of the floor. He was under the basket and covered by two Indians, but somehow got the ball up and to the rim as he was knocked down. The ball bounced twice across the rim before falling off, giving Seminole the win.



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# Swifts outlast undefeated Higgins

The Nazareth Swifts knew they'd have their hands full with undefeated Higgins Tuesday night, and they did—for three and a half quarters in a Class A Area playoff at Amarillo High.

The one major flaw with the talented Higgins team was a lack of depth—the Coyotes only played five players through the first two-and-a-half quarters. Higgins got in foul trouble and didn't have a strong support staff to spell the players in trouble. That killed the Coyotes against the Swifts.

Nazareth used a pressure man-to-man defense to wear down Higgins' starting five, and the Coyotes' bread-and-butter players, forward Joel Booker and post Nathan Deal, both fouled out in the fourth quarter.

That left the door open for the Swifts, who cranked the heat in the fourth to turn a four-point advantage

into a 23-point victory, 87-64.

Nazareth opened the fourth quarter on fire, going on an 18-3 run over the first four minutes to take a 72-56 lead. That run was paced by Bryan Braddock, who hit three threes during the run, then got a steal and fed Nathan Hoelting underneath for another easy two. Marcus Brockman added a three during the run and Barry Hoelting cashed in on an offensive put-back.

Then with just under four minutes left in the game, a double foul was whistled on the Swifts' Justin Bingham and Higgins' standout Booker. Booker was out of the game and after that the Swifts rolled.

Nazareth used several different players including Braddock, Bingham and Darren Huckert to guard Booker during the game, keeping a fresh man on him throughout the game. Those defenders stayed

glued to Booker no matter where he went.

"Booker is a matchup for anybody," said Swift Coach Mark Makeover, whose team improved to 29-4 with the victory. "He's hard to handle. He's very athletic."

Booker finished the game with 21 points while teammates Nathan Deal had 15 and Jared Miller had 13.

Booker had a good game against Nazareth, but it was Nazareth's Braddock and Nathan Hoelting that controlled the game.

Hoelting dominated inside, scoring almost at will in the first half and dominating the boards. He finished with 32 points to lead the Swifts and 20 of those came in the first half.

"Their depth was a big factor tonight," said Hoelting. "They didn't have enough to stop us when they got in foul trouble. We knew they were going to be tough coming in. They were undefeated—that says something for a team. They gave us a good game."

Braddock, who sank six threes in the game, gave the Swifts the spark they needed to take control early and again late in the game during the big fourth-quarter run. He finished with 28.

"We knew they basically played five deep, and when Deal got his fourth and went to the bench (in the third) Nathan stepped in and took control," said Braddock. "After they got in foul trouble they started leaving me open," Braddock said. "I just started knocking them down."

"They gained my respect tonight," Braddock added. "They shot the ball well and did a good job."

Higgins had one lead in the game, 2-0, after Jared Miller scored with 6:51 left.

But Nazareth got its first basket from Hoelting with 6:33 left and that shot started a 12-0 run. Braddock got a steal and layup and added a pair of NBA three-pointers during the stretch and Hoelting added another shot and with 4:43 left Naz was on top 12-2.

Higgins came right back with a run of its own, starting with a Booker three. Over the rest of the period Higgins outscored Nazareth 12-8 and trailed by just six at the quarter, 20-14.

Nazareth used a trey by Marcus Brockman and three free throws by Nathan Hoelting in the first two minutes of the second to take another 10-point lead, but Higgins came right back.

A three by Miller with 5:55 left cut Nazareth's lead to seven, then Deal picked up an easy inside jumper to trim the margin to five.

The teams traded baskets for the

next minute before Higgins went on another run.

Dustin Baker scored two jumpers off of the dribble in a 50-second span to cut Nazareth's lead to 29-25 with 4:04 left. Nazareth got a free throw, then a three by Booker with 3:40 remaining made it a two-point game, 30-28.

Brockman hit two free throws with 3:06 left to give the Swifts a little more breathing room. Braddock and Hoelting combined for eight points over the final 2:40 to give Nazareth a five-point edge at intermission, 40-35.

Booker cut the Swifts' lead to three to open the third, but Nick Gerber got that bucket back, tipping in a missed shot by Brockman with 7:03 left.

Braddock scored five points in 45 seconds, but his jumper and they were answered with similar Higgins shots by Baker and Miller.

Deal was the first Coyote starter to take the bench when he picked up his fourth foul with 3:28 left in the third. He didn't return until the fourth quarter.

Booker cut it to three with a trey at the 3:08 mark, but Nazareth starting closing the door on Higgins a minute later.

Brockman scored on a fast-break layup and was fouled by Booker, who picked up his fourth personal on the play. Brockman's free throw was good for a 51-45 Swift lead. At the end of the stanza Nazareth found itself clinging to a 54-50 lead.

But Higgins was tired. And the Coyotes were in foul trouble. And it took its toll down the stretch.

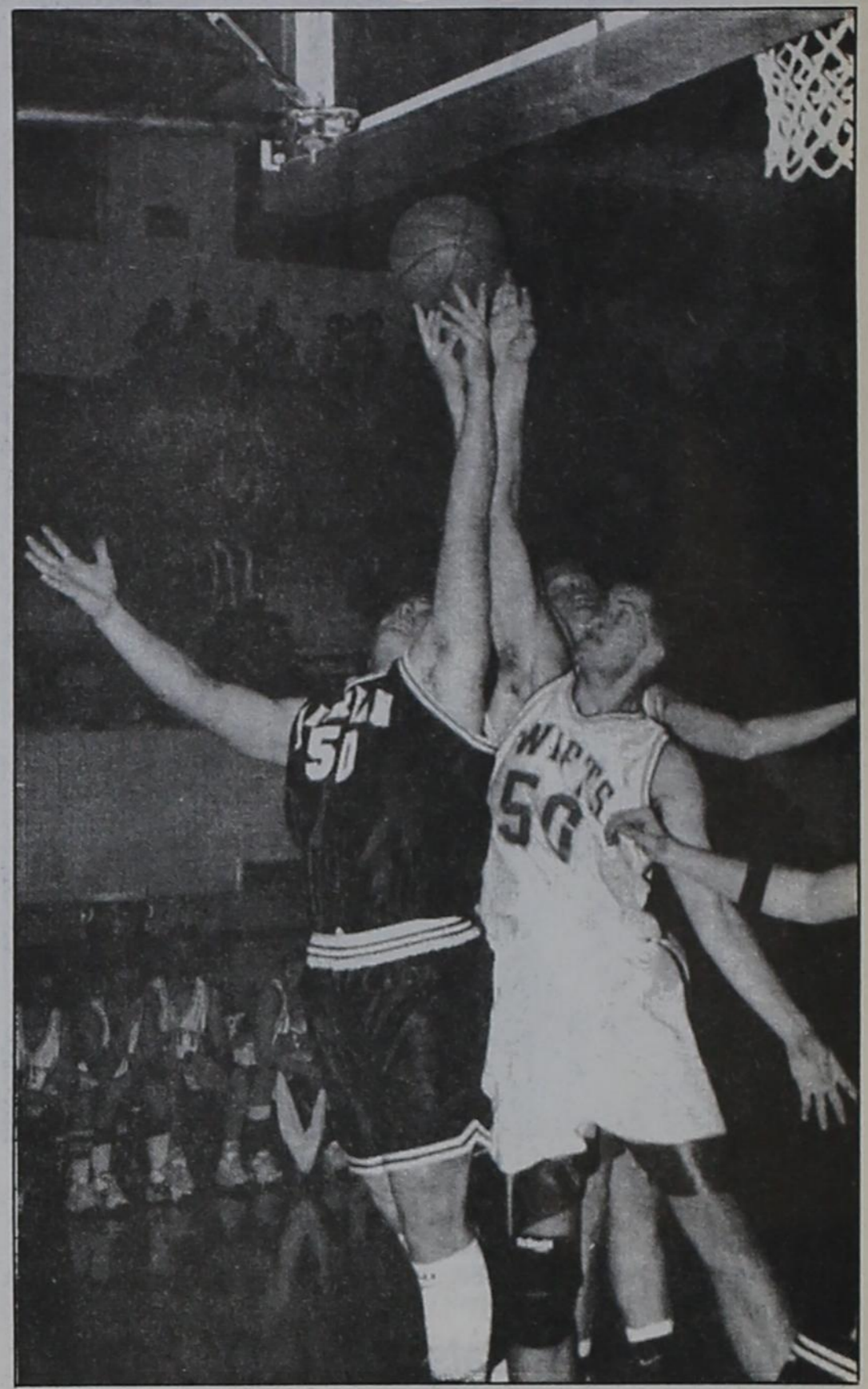
The Swifts big 18-3 run zapped Higgins' hopes for an upset. Braddock's three threes came over a two-minute span, and virtually sealed the game for Nazareth.

Nazareth shooters made 44% of their shots from the field (31 of 70) and 62% of their free throws (16 of 26). The Swifts turned the ball over just seven times in the game.

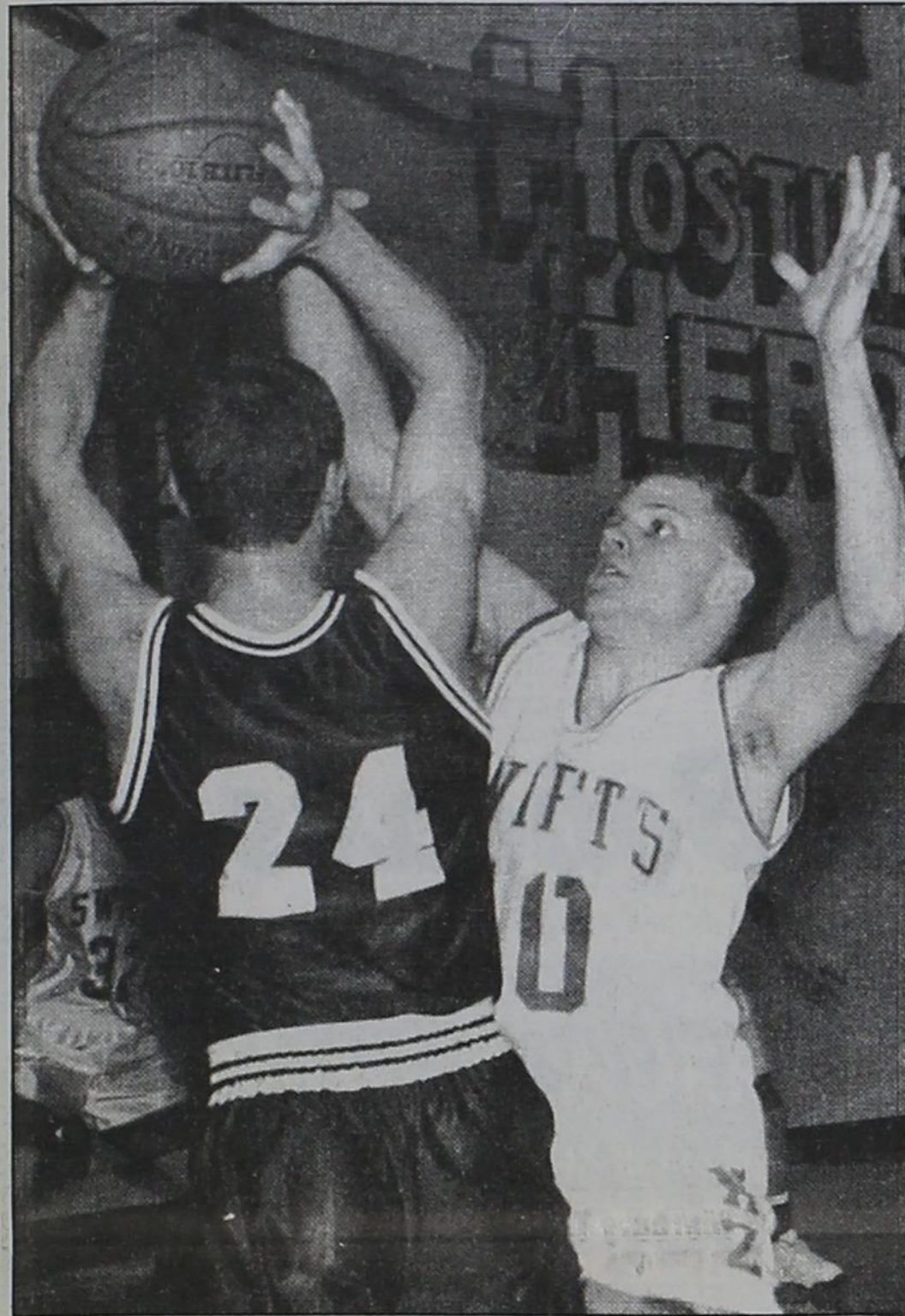
Higgins was accurate on 48% of its shots from field goal range (22 of 46) and hit 11 of 16 free throws.

Both teams cashed in on nine three-pointers. Higgins suffered 17 turnovers, 12 of which came in the second half when the Coyotes started getting tired. Nazareth won the board battle, 39-29.

*There is only one thing about which I am certain, and that is that there is very little about which one can be certain.* —Somerset Maugham



NAZARETH POST NICK GERBER (50) battles Adrian's J.R. Carnes (50) for a rebound last Thursday in a Class A bi-district playoff at Hereford. The Swifts jumped out early and coasted to an 85-40 victory. Gerber had six points in the game. Photo by Dwayne Acker



PRESSURE DEFENSE! Darren Huckert (10) of Nazareth applies pressure to Adrian ballhandler Brent Barnes (24) in a bi-district playoff, and the Swifts controlled the game from the beginning, posting an 85-40 victory. Adrian couldn't handle the pressure defense applied by the Swifts and turned the ball over 32 times in the game. Photo by Dwayne Acker

## Class A bi-district

# Swift defense stymies Adrian

Nazareth's defensive pressure and Nathan Hoelting were too much for Adrian to handle last Thursday, and the Swifts walked away from the Hereford Junior High Gym with an 85-40 Class A bi-district victory.

Hoelting was unstoppable and the Swift defense was impressive in the victory. Hoelting finished with 28 points to lead all scorers and was one of three Swifts to reach the double-digit mark in the game. Bryan Braddock finished with 14 for Nazareth while Barry Hoelting added 11. The Swifts got points from 10 players in the game.

Nazareth applied full-court pressure that stunned Adrian and forced 32 turnovers. Nazareth never trailed and the only tie came with 6:53 left in the first quarter when J.R. Carnes hit from the baseline to knot the score at two.

Then the Swifts turned up the heat. Hoelting hit a three-pointer 10 seconds later and the slaughter was on.

Justin Bingham of Nazareth answered a shot by Wilbur Garrison to keep Nazareth in front by three. Adrian would cut the advantage to a point on a shot by Jody Hodges, but after that Nazareth took control.

Adrian's turnover woes started midway through the period. After a Nathan Hoelting basket with 3:41 put the Swifts up 9-6, Adrian was whistled for walking. Then Barry Hoelting took a rifle pass from Braddock and scored on the play with 3:04 left for an 11-6 lead.

A Barry Hoelting steal and feed to Braddock put the Swifts up 13-6 with 2:42 left and Adrian asked for a time out.

Over the next 2:39 Adrian outscored the Swifts 6-5, but the Swifts were still on top, 18-12 at the end of the first, thanks to a Barry Hoelting jumper with 19 seconds left.

Adrian was almost perfect from the field in the first quarter, but the Swifts didn't allow many shots. Adrian finished the quarter by making 5-of-6 shots from the field and 1-of-2 from the free throw line.

Adrian's luck wouldn't hold out, however.

Nathan Hoelting opened scoring in the second period, kicking off a 14-2 Swift run over the first 4:31 of the quarter. During that period the senior post connected on three shots from the field, made two free throws and recorded three steals.

Adrian's drought ended on a shot with 3:29 left, but Nathan Hoelting kicked off another Swift run seconds later.

He tipped in a missed shot by Braddock. Then Braddock got a steal and drove coast-to-coast for a layup and before Adrian realized it the Swifts were up by 20, 36-16.

Marcus Brockman got a steal, layup and free throw after he was fouled by Garrison on the play with 2:16 left and that put Nazareth on top 40-18.

By the end of the period the Swifts had built a commanding lead, 42-22.

Adrian, which suffered 19 turnovers in the first half, only managed to shoot the ball 14 times from field goal range over the first 16 minutes. Ten of those shots were on target. But the Swifts were 16-of-28 from the field and 9-of-13 from the line. Adrian shot just two free throws in the first half.

Nathan Hoelting, who had 18 of his 28 points in the first half, got the Swifts' first basket of the second on a three-pointer with 7:26 left in the quarter.

Nazareth blew the game wide open in the second half, outscoring Adrian 14-8 in the third and 29-10 in the fourth for the victory.

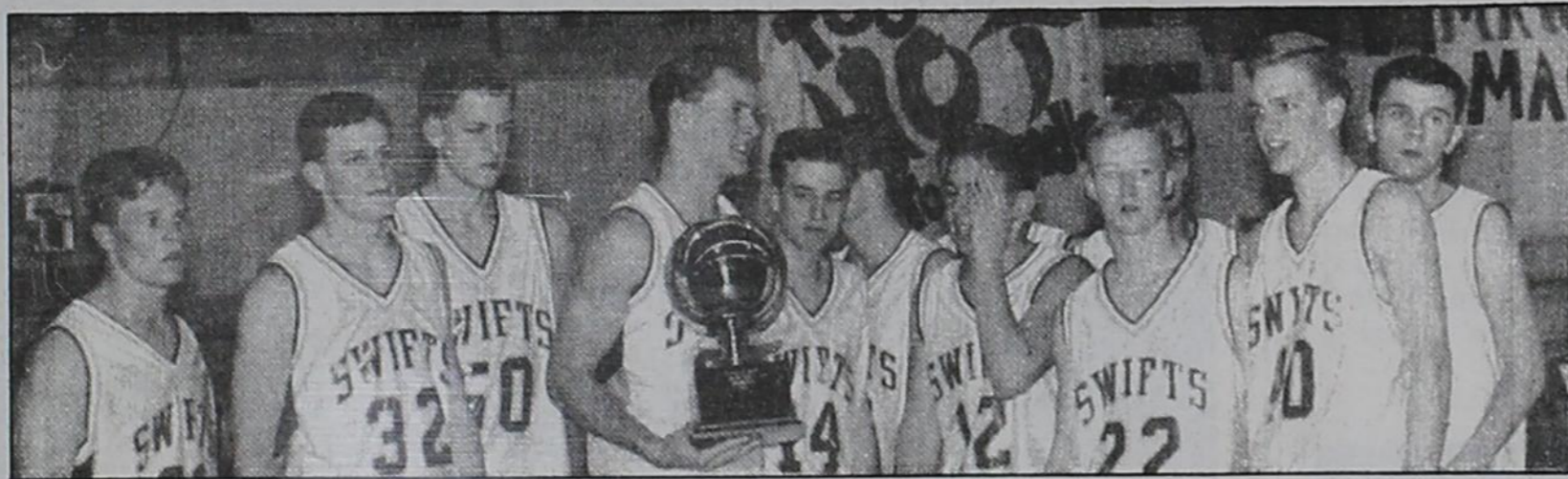
Leading 56-30 at the start of the fourth, Nazareth got two big three-point plays off of Adrian turnovers to open the period, and the Swifts would score 17 unanswered points before Adrian found the bottom of the net in the quarter.

The first three-point play was converted by Brockman, who got a cross-court pass from Braddock which resulted in a basket and free throw 18 seconds into the quarter.

Then Braddock stole the ball and drove all the way down the court, scoring on an off-balance jumper as he got hammered underneath. His free throw was good for a 62-30 Swift lead.

Braddock made it 65-30 with 7:18 left. After that Nick Gerber scored on an offensive rebound, Braddock hit a pair of free throws, and Nathan Hoelting added one charity toss and an offensive rebound and basket of his own. With five minutes left, the Swifts had a 73-30 lead and Coach Mark Makeover rested his starters for the rest of the game.

Nazareth outscored Adrian 12-10 down the stretch to take the 85-40 win.



**Good Luck, Nazareth Swifts  
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AMBER MATTHEWS (20) of Dimmitt gets off a shot against Comanche's Amber Ward while Jacy Buckley eyes the rim and tries to get in position for a rebound Friday night in a Region 1-AAA semifinal game at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. The Bobbies stayed with Comanche most of the way, but the Maidens pulled away in the final four minutes for the win, then beat Aledo Saturday to earn a trip to state.

Photo by Carter Townsend

## More about 1:1

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When she got back home, she tucked the picture away somewhere and forgot about it.

Pat went on to become an all-American at Wayland, then played for the Atlanta Peaches. Eventually, she settled in Amarillo, where she raised her family. She was inducted into the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame in 1974.

Pat never has quit promoting women's basketball. As chairman of the Women's Sports Division of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, she helped start the National Women's Invitational Tournament and headed the team selection committee. The NWIT put Amarillo on the map in the fast-growing collegiate sport.

(And yes, when the US women's team won the Olympic gold in Atlanta last summer, Pat was there.)

While in New York once, Pat went to see Andrew Lloyd Webber's blockbuster musical, "Evita."

When she got back home, she looked for that old autographed picture. And found it. And framed it.

"The Broadway musical made my picture a conversation piece," she said, "and now that the movie is out, my picture has new life again."

So who needs a medal?

Because of the "black ice" and packed snow on the roads this week, we've had a lot of wide-eyed, white-knuckled motorists slipping and sliding into places where they didn't really want to go.

If you've driven on ice much, you probably know these tricks. But just in case you don't:

**1. When you're driving on ice or packed snow, use a soft touch on your accelerator, brakes and steering wheel.**

When you start from a dead stop, don't use your accelerator. First, try it at idling speed. If that doesn't work, then use the least amount of acceleration that will get you going.

Start off in second gear if you have one, instead of low or first, and shift into high or drive as soon as you can. Higher gears deliver less torque and less spin.

Don't build up more speed than you know you can control. And don't try any sharp turns.

**2. When you need to stop on ice or snow, shift into neutral gear before using your brakes.** (Or, if you have a stick-shift, push in on the clutch.)

When your gears are working against your brakes, you're much more likely to go into a skid.

If you're in neutral and go into a skid anyway, take your foot off of the brake pedal, then try again—using that soft touch.

**3. If you start skidding off**

course, first shift into neutral and try to stop. If you're going too fast for that, then you should (and this is an unnatural reaction) *steer gently in the direction of the skid, not away from it.* Then, when you sense that your tires are gripping again, steer gently back toward your original course.

There's a physical principle of inertia involved in that steering

technique which I can't explain. I just know it works when you're on a level surface and have room to maneuver. But if you happen to be skidding kawhonkerjog into a bar ditch, rotsa ruck.

I hesitate to pass on this advice as though I were an expert driver. Now, just watch me bounce my pickup off of some lady's new Cadillac the next time out.

## Letter

### 'Congratulations, Swiftettes'

Dear Editor:  
I would like to congratulate Coach Johnny Hampton, Coach Cathy Lane and the Nazareth Swiftettes on an outstanding basketball season.

This team and its coaches faced many adversities during the season, but never gave up. As a result of their perseverance, they were district runners-up (in a tough district) and bi-district champions.

A lot has been said and written in area newspapers about Nazareth's 25-year playoff winning streak coming to an end. No team likes to have the dubious honor of breaking a tradition, but it has to happen sometime.

Just ask Coach Joe Lombard, former Nazareth Coach and current Canyon coach. His No. 3 nationally-ranked team lost to Levelland Friday. This loss also broke a string of 62 consecutive victories. After their season came to an end with that loss

he told his team, "Life goes on; you'll bounce back and there will be another chance at another time."

For the two Nazareth seniors, Misti Ball and Jill Ramaekers, there won't be another chance in high school, but you can be sure the Nazareth Swiftettes will be back.

The manner in which they rallied in the playoff game against Farwell and in their other playoff games shows the character and determination of these young ladies and their coaches.

I hope the Nazareth community keeps this in mind and continues to support the Swiftettes and their coaches in the future. I know I will.

JO BETH MAYS,  
Teacher, Nazareth ISD

## Scoreboard

### THURSDAY Class A Bi-District Swifts 85, Adrian 40

Nazareth 18 24 14 29—85  
Adrian 12 10 8 10—40  
**NAZARETH**—Darren Huckert 1 0-0-3; Michell Brockman 0 2-2-2; Bryan Braddock 4 5-7-14; Justin Bingham 1 1-2-3; Jerad Birkenfeld 0 0-0-0; Nathan Hoelting 11 4-7-28; Barry Hoelting 5 1-4-11; Billy Don Cannon 2 1-4-6; Marcus Brockman 3 2-2-8; Nick Gerber 2 2-2-6; Josh Merritt 0 0-0-0; Shane Ethridge 1 0-0-3. **Totals:** 30 18-30-85.  
**ADRIAN**—Brooks 2 0-0-4; Burns 0 0-0-0; Hale 0 0-0-0; Aceudo 1 0-0-2; Hodges 2 0-0-4; Briggs 0 0-0-0; Homfield 2 0-0-4; Schoenenberger 0 1-1-1; Losolia 0 0-1-0; Cames 5 2-4-13; Hall 3 0-0-6; Garrison 3 0-0-6. **Totals:** 18 3-6-40.

### FRIDAY Class AAA Bi-District Bobcats 50, Seminole 51

Dimmitt 13 13 14 10—50  
Seminole 19 16 8 8—51  
**DIMMITT**—Cameron Lust 6 1-2-13; Brandon Smith 5 0-1-11; Kalem Thomas 4 0-1-10; C. Thomas 3 1-2-7; Jason Nino 3 0-0-7; Casey Smith 0 2-2-2. **Totals:** 21 4-8-50.  
**SEMINOLE**—Ogden 6 3-5-15; Elder 3 3-6-9; Burrell, 2 3-5-10; Clay 2 0-0-5; Sheets 2 2-6-6; Shain 1 0-0-2. **Totals:** 17 11-18-51.

### REGION 1-AAA SEMIS Bobbies 45, Comanche 58

Dimmitt 8 12 7 18—45  
Comanche 12 9 15 22—58  
**DIMMITT**—Heidi Weaver 5 0-0-10; Jacy Buckley 4 1-1-9; Amy Matthews 0 0-0-0; Amber Matthews 6 1-5-13; Shawna Kenworthy 0 4-4-4; Stephanie Hinojosa 1 3-4-5; Heather Wise 1 0-2-2. **Totals:** 18 9-16-45.  
**COMANCHE**—Quast 2 2-4-6; Williams 0 2-2-2; Hartmon 4 0-0-8; Ward 7 10-14-24; Rainey 4 0-0-10; Gutierrez 0 1-2-2; Tyson 3 1-7-7. **Totals:** 20 16-29-58.

### TUESDAY Class A Area Swifts 87, Higgins 64

Nazareth 20 20 14 33—87  
Higgins 14 21 15 14—64  
**NAZARETH**—Darren Huckert 0 0-0-0; Mitchell Brockman 0 4-4-4; Bryan Braddock 10 2-5-28; Justin Bingham 0 0-0-0; Jerad Birkenfeld 1 0-0-2; Nathan Hoelting 13 6-10-32; Barry Hoelting 1 1-2-3; Billy Don Cannon 1 0-0-2; Marcus Brockman 4 3-4-14; Nick Gerber 1 0-0-2; Shane Ethridge 0 0-1-0. **Totals:** 31 16-26-87.  
**HIGGINS**—Dusty Baker 3 0-0-6; Cole Smith 0 0-0-0; Ryan Baze 0 0-0-0; James Thompson 0 0-0-0; Jacob Heesch 2 0-0-5; Joel Booker 6 6-7-21; Billy Cummings 1 0-0-3; Nathan Deal 6 2-5-15; Jared Miller 4 2-2-13; Garrett Barton 0 0-0-0; Cleatus Shawn 0 1-2-1. **Totals:** 22 11-16-64.

## LIVE SPORTSCASTS

### Friday:

7:00 p.m. .... Nazareth Swifts vs. Lorenzo  
(Regional Quarterfinals)

### Saturday:

TBA ..... Boys' Regional Games  
(Semifinals—11 a.m., Finals—7 p.m.)

### Daily, M-F:

7:05 a.m. .... Texas State Network Sports



## Bradley named District 1 MVP

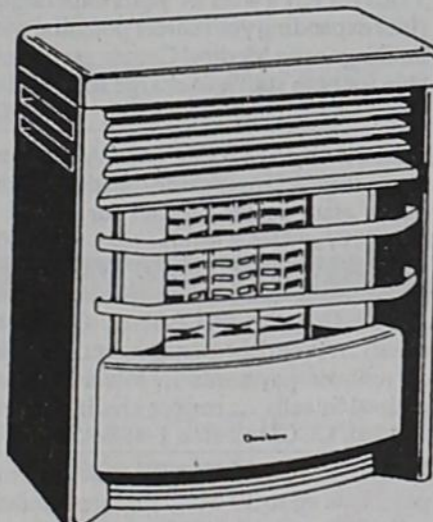
Carrie Bradley was named Most Valuable Player for District 1-AAA and was joined by two teammates who made the first-team honor squad and two others who earned honorable mention.

The 1-AAA all-district team was announced earlier this week.

Jacy Buckley and Amber Matthews, both Dimmitt juniors, were named to the first team along with River Road junior Mary Adams and senior Becky Gregory; Perryton junior Jaclyn Nowlin; Tulia junior Roni Henderson; and Muleshoe senior Brandi Harrison.

The second-team unit features Erin Wilhite, a sophomore from Muleshoe; Leigh Ann Ogden and Tobi Alexander, Perryton sophomores; Jennifer Daniels and Laurie Adams, juniors from River Road; Crissi Brooks, a senior from Tulia; and Tammy Spencer, a junior from Friona.

Earning honorable mention all-district honors were Dimmitt sophomore Shawna Kenworthy and junior Heidi Weaver.



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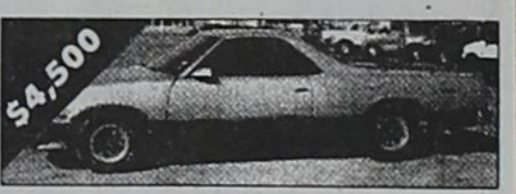
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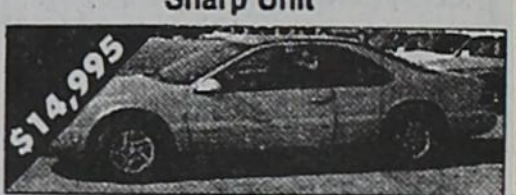
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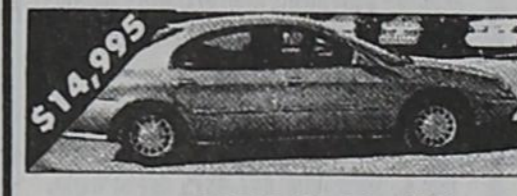
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