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Dimmitt P.A.L.S. prepare for duties



The 2006 – 2007 PALS attended their training this past week at Ceta Canyon. The Pal Program (Peer Assistant Leadership) is a peer helping program in which high school students are trained to work with younger students at the elementary and middle school. A few of the goals for the program are promoting improved behavior and attendance, providing a listening ear, encouraging improved academic performance, and promoting informed and responsible decision-making. These students are kneeling from left: Mary Sanchez, Isela Velo, Brandy Smith, Chelsea Buckley, Kylah Riddle. Kneeling second row: Thelma Medrano, Edith Velasquez, Dana Sandoval, Standing from left: Seth Noland, Gerardo Reyes, Josh Norman, Jessie Lara, Alex Chavira

Dimmitt schools open Aug. 15

Good news for tax payers

School starts early this year for the DISD, according to superintendent Les Miller.

But that's the last time it will be happening.

All students start classes Aug. 15, according to their regular class time.

"We had a waiver to start school prior to the week of the Aug. 20," he said.

"Next year TEA will not grant any waivers and we won't be able to start school prior to the last Monday of August.

"For us it's good to start early and we can be out before Memorial Day and finish the semester before Christmas, but good or bad, kids have to go to school 180 days.

"But, there's really not a good or bad - we've done it before when we had to end the semester after the Christmas break.

"This year everything will be like it has in the past. But beginning with the 07-08 school year it won't because the TEA will no longer grant any waivers."

There was good news on the horizon for DISD.

At a special session of the Legislature, teacher raises had been approved, but with no visible funding except for the districts themselves.

However, DISD got good news recently.

"It seems like we'll be able to receive enough additional dollars from the state to pay for the teacher raises that the state passed," Miller said.

"That's a big deal. Normally they pass a raise and don't fund it. This will be the first time they've funded the raises in quite some time."

And there's good news for tax payers, too. The tax rate is dropping 13 cents.

"We'll be setting our tax rate at the next board meeting from \$1.50 to \$1.37," he said.

"The state condensed everyone's tax rate by pumping more money into the educational system and most were able to lower their taxes - for us that's a 13-cent decrease that tax payers will see reflected on their bills."

The next board meeting is Monday, Aug. 14 at 7 p.m.

Cotton price outlook harsh

Drought continues unabated

With the demand for cotton surging even as production dries up around the world, and as China continues to absorb a disproportionate share, cotton prices are forecast to rise almost 8 percent this year, before jumping up by more than 14 percent next year.

In a monthly update of its annual supply, demand and pricing forecast, the International Cotton Advisory Council (ICAC) said demand during the current cotton year is forecast to rise by 7.0 percent, to an estimated 25.0 million tons from 23.4 million a year ago.

But cotton production around the world is ex-

pected to drop by 5.7 percent, creating a gap between supply and demand of almost 13% when compared with last year.

China and its textile mills will continue to drive world mill use, with Chinese consumption expected to reach a record 10.5 million tons next year, up about 6.1 percent, or 600,000 tons from last year. At that rate, Chinese textile plants will be using roughly 43 percent of the world's available supply of cotton.

Next year, the cotton growers said, India is expected to become the third largest cotton exporting nation, behind the United States and Uzbekistan.

Indian cotton exports are forecast at over 800,000 tons next year.



Remember when?

This was taken south of town recently, but with .16 inches of rain to show this month and less than nine inches all year long, farmers are hoping for more rainbows - and much more rain.

Regional Farm Bill hearing set for Lubbock

The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry announced that a Regional Farm Bill Hearing will be held by the Committee on Friday, Sept. 8, in Lubbock.

The hearing will start at 9 a.m. CDT in the Museum of Texas Tech University Helen DeVitt-Jones Auditorium which is located at 4th Street and Indiana

Avenue.

Information on submitting comments for the Official Hearing Record, or by web form - as well as comprehensive schedule with maps and directions and links to LIVE and replay audio files of the hearing will be posted on the Agriculture, Senate.gov web site: <http://agriculture.senate.gov/ag/fbfield.htm>

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Prepare your children for a safe 'back to school'

Yes, it's already that time: Time to start preparing for back-to-school. But beyond pencils, notebooks and maybe a new backpack, emergency physicians are urging parents to prepare for potential medical emergencies to ensure a safe school year for their children.

"Being prepared is key for so many things, and this goes for medical emergencies as well," said Dr. Frederick Blum, President of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP). "Your child is in a much better position to receive prompt medical attention if emergency personnel do not have to take time to get parental consent, track down medical records or investigate immunization histories."

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Just when you thought it couldn't get worse

Dallas schools investigated by FBI

By **DIGGER ELAM**

Although it hasn't rained in many months in Dallas, storm clouds are gathering over Dallas ISD in the form of the often feared FBI.

The FBI wants to look at all receipts of the 200 misused credit cards floating around Dallas ISD.

As I previously reported, over 2 million dollars was spent last year on 200 credit cards issued to staff members and these expenditures come with no receipts.

This was a lot of money wasted by some individuals.

Many items bought were for school use but some



DIGGER ELAM

purchases are questionable.

The FBI wants to look at these expenditures on these 200 credit cards and wants

individual staff members to bring forth these receipts. This has devastated the summer holidays for many Dallas ISD staff members who have been scurrying all over Dallas trying to recover receipts for items they purchased.

You may ask what business is this of the FBI? This is official FBI business because over a million dollars of Dallas ISD money was spent at the PX at Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth. PX purchases are to be made by army personnel and not the

private sector. Here is where the violation occurred that brought the feared FBI to Dallas.

I just hope for the sake of these great staff members of Dallas ISD that nothing wrong has occurred.

This sheds a black eye for the teachers and administrators of Texas.

Digger Elam is retired as Superintendent of the Hart ISD.

SCHOOL

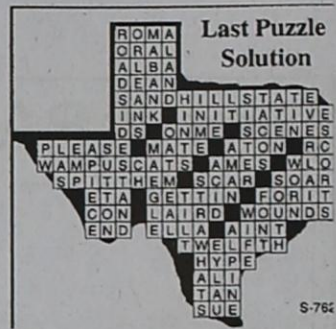
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Many schools include medical forms in the enrollment process, but it is a good idea for parents to make sure their children's schools have their children's most recent medical information.

ACEP offers medical forms to help you with this process (<http://www.acep.org/webportal/PatientsConsumers/MedicalForms/>) and the following tips for parents:

Complete a consent-to-

treat form, and give copies to the school or day care provider for them to keep in your child's record and to take with them if your child should need them.



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ACROSS

1 sesquicentennial governor White

5 TXism: "he's got ___ of arrows in his quiver"

6 Galveston had the 1st one in TX

7 make a cake

8 Bill Parcels ___ with the Cowboys began in '03

9 the Eagles in Abilene (abbr.)

12 Volkswagens: "Karmann ___"

17 TXism: "a ___ Sundays" (long time)

19 ___ fibrosis

21 north of Odessa on hwy. 385

22 Sea World's "___ Kooky Castle"

23 "Remember the Alamo" (2 wds.)

28 TXism: "thinking ___ doing"

29 1st female TX Sec. of State, Meharg

30 dung beetle

31 TXism: "he's a fire ___" (mean)

35 horse hair

36 TX Forke's character on TV's "Wings"

42 LBJ's Secretary of Defense, Robert

44 panhandle county: ___ tree

46 ___ of breadth

48 "the bull" south of the border

49 period when Mavs eliminated Spurs in '06 (abbr.)

DOWN

1 noncommittal response (3 wds.)

2 this Dickenson took his wife Susanna to the Alamo

3 TXism: "caught between a ___ hard place"

4 once a Taylor AM

9 TXism: "active as a fox in ___ house"

10 USC is still tryin' to figure out ___

11 UT financial aid office (abbr.)

12 he was Gen. Patton in the film (init.)

13 TXns brag talk

14 Lou Gossett role on "Lonesome Dove" sequel

15 unit of matter

16 Asian deer found in TX

18 Amarillo hosts "___ State Fair"

20 Astro Clemens won six ___ Young awards

23 TX jockey Willie (init.)

24 TX summer necessity (abbr.)

25 a male sheep

26 studies for the test

27 TX Autry film: "___ Grande"

32 Rangers league (abbr.)

33 when repeated, a way to say "Adios"

34 TXism: "play ___ close to the vest"

36 quantity (abbr.)

37 small computer network (abbr.)

38 standing up

39 Odessa county

40 Big Bend is the size of ___ Island

41 pickup rubber

43 TX "Cowpokes" artist Ace (init.)

45 Yo ___ Digo Creek

47 "Tell me what's on your mind" (2 wds.)

48 Ranger Millwood & Astro Clemens stats

55 TXism: "ain't ___ lick of sense"

50 this TX Paddock was "World's Fastest Human" in '26 (init.)

51 "___ las Palmas" (1st name of Rio Grande)

52 TXism: "___ the mark"

53 land measure

54 worn-out horses

56 TX George Foreman victory (abbr.)

57 TX eatery "Pizza ___"

58 national air monitor (abbr.)

WEATHER

	High	Low	Prec.	Snow
Tuesday	92	64	.04	
Wednesday	92	62		
Thursday	93	62	.12	
Friday	89	60		
Saturday	92	62		
Sunday	94	63		
Monday	96	63		

August Rainfall .16
2006 Rainfall 8.52
2006 Snow 1.00

Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.

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with Vergie Gerber, 945-2669

Our Holy Family Parish "Labor Day Picnic" will be held Sunday, Sept. 3. We are hoping for great participation in our parade and in the floats.

The theme this year will be based around the new theme for Nazareth - "It Starts at Home."

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new school staff: Superintendent Keith Langfitt, High School Principal Clay Richardson; bank director Rick Anderson; boys basketball coach Zach Boxell; assistant football coach Matt Bella; and special education teacher Wendy Young.

45-50 altar servers and many sponsors drove to Wonderland Park on Sunday for the "Altar Server Appreciation Party," sponsored by Holy Family Church. All enjoyed hot dogs and hamburgers made by the sponsors after 5 hours of rides! The day was perfect for this event, even a small shower of rain to call off everyone.

Catherine Huseman enjoyed several days with her daughter, Emaline and Ralph Pohlmeier in Yukon, Oklahoma last week. She rode with Jodie Huseman, Jodie's mother Lola Leer and children, Tessie, Clint and Riley, who drove on to Springfield, Missouri to visit their family. While at Emaline's, Catherine enjoyed visiting with her grandson Terrell, Aimee and Alex Pohlmeier who came from Broken Arrow and a granddaughter Melissa who came from Stillwater. A wonderful time was had, but it was way too hot and dry!

On Saturday, August 5, the Nazareth Buyers Club held the 3rd Annual Pickup Raffle, with Desperado's catering a total of 450 people.

As the reverse drawing concluded, Todd and Carla Bradley became the owners of the 2007 Chevrolet pickup. The benefit was a great success, and the Nazareth Buyers Club extends a special thanks to all who purchased a ticket! The proceeds will go towards purchasing the Nazareth FFA and 4-H members' show animals for the upcoming year!

A family reunion of the Alphonse "Shorty" and Isabell "Easy" Heiman was held last weekend at Lake Murray at Ardmore, Oklahoma and hosted by Julene "Heiman" Gerber and Fritz. Twenty-one of their children and grandchildren attended. Four

of the five Heiman children came. Etta Mae (Heiman) Sellers of Sallesaw, Oklahoma and eleven of her children and grandchildren, JoAnne (Heiman) Bowen of Plainview, Texas, Denny Heiman and wife Pill and twenty-one of their children and grandchildren of Nazareth attended.

Nazareth's senior Jake Hoelting and Matt Messer of Gruver were the area's Class 1A representatives playing on the North squad, coached by Palo Duro's Jeff Evans, Monday night, during the Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star Basketball game in Austin at the Erwin Event Center.

Jake scored 12 points in the game and led the North squad in 3-pointers with four.

At halftime, Jake qualified to shoot 3-pointers in a contest.

He shot 14, 3-pointers in 45 seconds, to finish as runner-up to Nic Wise with 17. Wise was coached by Royce Huseman at Kingwood High School. South won the game 122 to North 116.

Jake will now continue his tennis career at Tyler Junior College.

Nazareth senior Zane Farris played in the Texas High School Coaches' Association All-Star Football game on Tuesday night in Austin for the North squad, coached by Amarillo High's coach Larry Dippel.

Zane was very impressed

with Coach Dippel's one-on-one way of coaching and will continue his football career at WTA & M in Canyon.

The Meinrad and Agnes Hollenstein Family recently held a weekend family reunion at beautiful Ceta Canyon Camp, east of Happy, Texas.

All eight children had families represented. Attending were the three remaining daughters, Emma Nihill of Anaheim, California, Martha Huseman of Amarillo, Ann Kleman of Amarillo, a daughter-in-law Louise Hollenstein of Canyon, and their families, along with families of the late Ernest Hollenstein, Herman Hollenstein, Marie Venhaus, Regina Huseman and Bertha Huseman.

About 180 family members enjoyed the weekend fishing, swimming, hiking to the water falls, a dance, card games, water fights, (the adult children of Martha Huseman were the "red shirts" and the adult children of Bertha Huseman were the "blue shirts" teams, starting the water fight - both teams were drenched when done), a talent show, eating and visiting, mass with Father Cal Stalter and a little sleeping.

Family members came from Texas, California, Arizona, New Mexico and Alabama.

Please remember to pray for all of our sick people and our troops overseas.

Hola, amigos. Hello, friends. La vida esta llena de milagros.

Life is full of miracles. Jozavy Daniel Arguijo was born on July 28, 2006 at 12:44 p.m. at BSA in Amarillo.

He weighed in at 2-pounds, 7-ounces and measured 15-inches long. I know, he doesn't sound very big, but he's a fighter and keeps the nurses on their toes.

It's truly breath taking to see such a tiny, tiny person with such a huge hunger for life.

He wiggles and gets out of any position they try to keep him in.

It's obvious he's gonna be a handful when we get him home. I have to admit, it's been a tough week, but thanks to God, family and friends we have gotten through and will continue to move forward. Jozavy and I are both doing great and looking forward to coming home, even though it'll be a while.

So, please, please keep us in your prayers.

Josh, Jozavy and I would like to thank everyone who has helped us during our hard times.

My sister, Elidia Dozal, my nieces Monica, Karina and Maggie Dozal, Christopher Dozal, my sister-in-law Lorraine Mendoza and her mom Maria Herrera, and my dad Francisco Mendoza Sr. all patiently waited in the hallway at BSA for Jozavy to be born.

The were the first to meet the big guy.

Since then, we have had

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

so many visitors and phone calls that it would be impossible to remember, much less name them all.

Special thanks to our loving neighbors Santos G. Perez and Sylvia P. Guerra for taking the time to drop by before heading down to South Texas.

They took along with them a picture of Jozavy to place at the altar at the Virgen de San Juan del Valle. If anyone knows the history of that church, they know that miracles happen there everyday.

So, if anyone would like to contact us they may do so by calling 346-3882.

Another reminder to the DHS Class of 1996, plans are underway for a class reunion scheduled for Homecoming week.

Event coordinators Cicely Reyna and Alicia Sanchez are busy making plans and trying to contact class members.

So far, events include attendance of the Homecoming Pep Rally, Homecoming game, a family BBQ, breakfast and several nights of catching up.

So, like I've said before, if you'd like more info, contact me and I'll put you in contact with Cicely or Alicia.

Well, I know that everyone has given and given this year to many fundraisers and medical

funns.

Now, my husband and I find ourselves in a tough situation and would like to ask help from the community to help get us through.

We will have to stay in Amarillo for a few months with our son, Jozavy as well as travel back and forth to Dimmitt to tend to business. I am not able to work right now and have to continue to see doctor's and specialist for my diabetes, which is not covered by my insurance.

We would greatly appreciate any help that can be shared with us.

For now, we have not set up an account, but anyone wishing to help can do so by contacting my sister, Elidia Dozal at the admissions desk at Plains Memorial hospital or by contacting me at 346-3882.

But, please remember that the thing we are most in need of and will not cost you a cent is prayers.

Prayer is the only thing that has gotten us this far and will continue to get us from one day to another.

Please remember that I do have access to a computer and will try to continue writing the Hispanic Voice, so please keep sending me your e-mails.

I will definitely be looking forward to them.

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Mr. and Mrs. Derek Lance Ray
Ray-Bills

Katie Lyn Bills of Canyon, and Derek Lance Ray of Seminole, were united in marriage on June 10, 2006. The double ring ceremony was held at the united Methodist Church in Earth, with Bobby Broyles of Ballinger officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Bills of Earth, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Walters of Dimmitt, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Wooten of Dimmitt, the late Ms. Tommie Bills of Earth, and Richard and Sharron Bills. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ray of Seminole, and the grandson of Mrs. Jo Starkey and the late Joe Starkey of Seminole and Mrs. Kasteen Locker and the late Olan B. Locker of Brady.

The sanctuary of the church was decorated for the special occasion with pew markers composed of pictures of the couple tied with black ribbon. The altar was decorated with greenery and white candles. There was six candles at the front of the church that were lit in honor of the couple's grandparents.

Jennifer Brown, cousin of the bride, greeted guests at the church and helped guests sign in before the ceremony. Organists, Bruce Bills of Lubbock, brother of the bride, and Blake Bouldin of Lubbock played a selection of hymns as guests were being seated. Danica Mahanay, of Amarillo, sang "Your Love Amazes Me" as the grandmothers were being seated. The mothers were seated and wedding party walked in as "Pachelbel Canon" was played. Brothers of the bride, Bruce and Curt Bills played "Seek Ye First" as the couple lit the unity candle.

The bride wore a Galina candlelight chiffon gown. The gown featured intricate embroidery of pears and rhinestones on the thin shoulder straps as well as on the bodice. A jewel encrusted tiara held a matching crystal beaded fingertip veil.

For something old, the bride chose the white Bible that her grandmother and mother carried in their weddings, which sat at the front of the church. Something new was her gown and pearl jewelry. The bride borrowed the unity candle that her parents lit at their wedding. Something blue was a sapphire and diamond ring from her grandmother. The lovely bouquet she carried was filled with red calla lilies, dark pink roses, light pink hydrangea, and silver heart jewels that was all wrapped with pink ribbon.

The matron of honor was aunt of the bride, Amy Longanecker of Amarillo. Bridesmaids were Amy Nichols of Seminole, Amanda Hinsley of Floydada and Lacey Crawford of Pampa, all college friends of the bride. The bridesmaids chose their own black tea length dresses. The flower girls, Anna and Audrey Wooten of Dimmitt, wore light pink sun dresses with pink flowers on them. They carried satin bouquets of white roses.

The groom wore a classic black tuxedo, which consisted of a white vest, a white tie and a white tuxedo shirt. The groomsmen wore the classic black tuxes, which consisted of black vests, black ties and white tuxedo shirts.

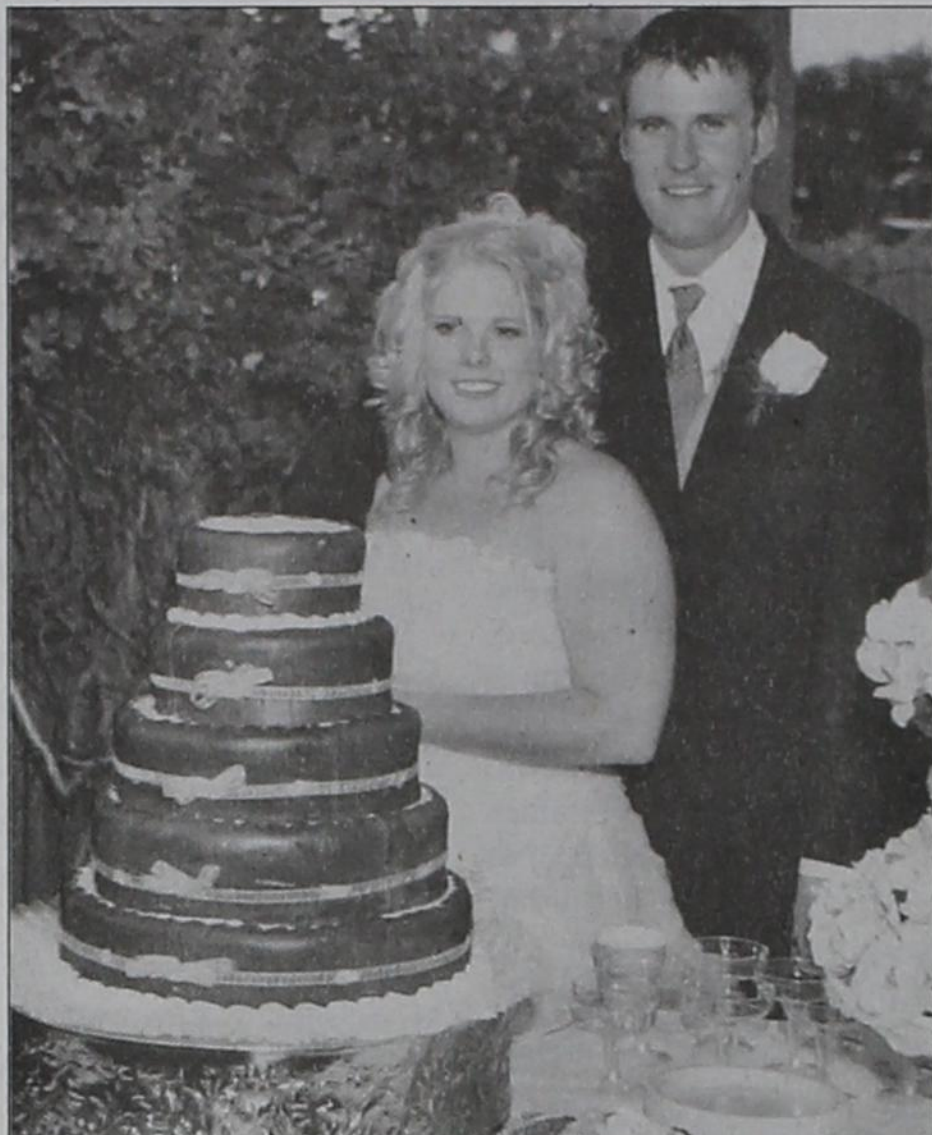
The best man was Ryan Ray of Manchester, Connecticut, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Jay Ray of Clyde, Josh Parrott of Odessa, and Ben Armstrong of Tulsa, Oklahoma, all lifelong friends of the groom. Brody Ray, cousin of the groom, served as ring bearer. He wore a black tuxedo and carried a pink satin pillow embroidered with the couple's names.

Jason Wooten, Rusty Wooten, both of Dimmitt and Greg Brown of New Braunfels, all cousins of the bride served as ushers. Curt Bills of College Station also served as an usher.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the church's fellowship hall. The hall was decorated with white tablecloths, greenery and candles. Guests were seated at round tables enhanced with tall candle lit glass vases and colorful Gerber daisies coming out of them. Other table decorations consisted of Gerber daisies, rose petals, and tea light candles.

The bride's table held a five tiered wedding cheesecake with fresh fruit topping. Mints made by the bride's grandmother, strawberry punch and monogrammed napkins were also on the table. Guests were also treated to a beautiful and delicious hors d'oeuvre table. Lauren Brown of New Braunfels and Becky Brown of Dumas, both cousins of the bride, served the guests.

The groom's table held a two tiered German chocolate cake decorated with the Double T of Texas Tech. Chocolate covered strawberries were in abundance on the groom's table as well as fresh iced tea. Jennifer Brown, cousin of the bride and Shelley York, friend of the bride, both of Earth, helped serve the guests. After their honeymoon in St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands, the couple is at home in Seminole. Derek is continuing working at Davis, Ray & Co. as an accountant. Katie is employed by Seminole ISD, teaching Video Tech, BCIS and Computer Applications.



Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Dean Portwood
Vick-Portwood

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Dean Portwood are at home in Amarillo following their July 15 marriage in Dimmitt and a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico. Mrs. Portwood is the former Jade Lynette Vick, daughter of Johnny and Janie Vick of Dimmitt. The groom's parents are Tommy and Paula Portwood of Dimmitt.

The couple exchanged vows in a formal evening ceremony in the back yard of the bride's parents at 717 W. Grant St. Rev. Randall Keeney officiated at the double-ring ceremony under an archway in a garden setting. Maid of honor was Jenna Rumpy, friend of the bride, and best man was Brent Portwood, the bridegroom's twin brother. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Vick, the bride's sister, Rachal Harman, Cassandra Casas, Crystal Nino and Audrey Saenz, all friends of the bride. Groomsmen were Brent Black, brother-in-law of the groom; Tyson Adams, brother-in-law of the bride; and Brad Beck, Ty Waller and Terry Tice, friends of the groom. Flower girls were Haylie Nino, friend of the bride, and Shelby Black, niece of the groom, who strewed rose petals along the bride's path from small pink purses. Ring bearers were Jefferson and Jackson Adams, nephews of the bride; Landon Portwood and Logan Black, nephews of the groom; and Grayson White, cousin of the bride.

Following the processional, the bride's grandmother, Clara Vick, and the groom's grandmother, Pauline Hoyler, lighted a unity candle symbolizing the joining of their two families. Wedding music included Everything by Lighthouse for the prelude; Running on Faith by Eric Clapton for the groom's processional; Something by the Beatles for the bride's processional; Maybe I'm Amazed by the Beatles; and Yellow by Coldplay for the recessional. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a full-length champagne dress with an overlay adorned with sequins and roses, and carried a bouquet of blush and bashful roses. The bridesmaids all wore black dresses with white, pink or hot pink polka dots and carried miniature tea roses in white, pink and hot pink, each adorned with an earring from the jewelry box of the bride's grandmother, Mildred Sheffy. They also carried small black purses. The flower girls wore pink dresses with black polka dots and carried pink purses for their rose petals. The bridal attendants, the couple's mothers and grandmothers, and many of the women guests wore wide-brimmed summer hats. And the bride's father, as he escorted his daughter down the aisle, wore an evening tuxedo identical to those of the other men in the wedding party, but he topped it off with a wide-brimmed black porkpie hat with a white hat-band. The back-yard wedding was a third-generation tradition in the bride's family. The band, Melancholy, provided live music for the post-wedding dinner, cake-cutting and toasts in the back yard. Band members are Casey Jones, vocals; L. J. Solar, guitar; Kellen Hooten, bass; and Mykel Garcia, drums. The bride is a 2001 graduate of Dimmitt High School and earned her bachelor of science degree in elementary education from West Texas A&M University in 2005. She teaches at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt. The groom is a 1997 graduate of Dimmitt High School, and graduated in 2003 from the Academy of Professional Careers with a major in pharmacy tech. He is employed at Maxor Pharmacy in Amarillo.



Joshua Flores and Lyndsey Heard
Heard-Flores

Emmett and Elaine Heard are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lyndsey Erin to Joshua Flores, son of Rosie and Johnny of San Antonio. Lyndsey is a graduate of Dimmitt High School and Covenant Nursing School. She is currently employed as an RN at Covenant in Lubbock. The prospective groom is employed with USA Food Service in Lubbock. The couple Plan to wed on Sept. 23 at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.



Dr. and Mrs. Carroll Dean Gregory

Gregorys celebrate 50th anniversary

Carroll Dean Gregory, M.D. and Barbara Ann Alder were married June 5, 1956, in Dallas.

They have three daughters, Marilyn Kay, who lives in Acworth, GA., with husband Chris O'Connor; and daughters Kelly and Lauren; and daughters; Cynthia Ann with daughters Ashley and Shelby in San Mateo, Calif.; and Emily Carol with sons, Roland and James Dean in Dimmitt

College News

Nyssa Alanna Martinez, daughter of Lalo and Linda Martinez of Dimmitt, made the Dean's List at Texas Tech University for the Spring Semester. A graduate of Dimmitt High School, she is majoring in pre-med. She had a 3.8 GPA for the spring. She was also inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma honor societies earlier this year.



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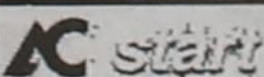
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The Christians' prayer

By TRENT TANARO

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One of the greatest challenges today is developing a growing prayer life.

We know what prayer is and how important it is, yet we continue to leave it out. Even as a minister, I find it a challenge.

We all have struggles with our prayer time with God in some form or another.

Some of us just can't find the time to stop and pray more often, and some have trouble finding the right motives when praying.

The first step to a growing prayer life with God is to accept the fact that He is our Maker, and we are His creation.

We are in the position of total

submission to His will.

As this fact becomes a mind set, a way of thinking, we will begin to look to Him in prayer naturally.

Our motives will become more in tune with His will also.

It will not happen overnight, it will take time and patience.

You will grow from the inside out with a working prayer connection with God.

One thing to keep in mind as you grow in this area, Jesus, God in the flesh, spent large amounts of time in prayer with the Father.

He spent time in the garden praying before important decisions, and

before He faced the cross. He spent time praying before He chose His team that would change the world, before He was arrested, and as He was crucified. (Luke 6:12-16, 22:39-46, 23:34,46) If the Son of God made prayer a priority, we should make it ours as well.

One step at a time, be patient with yourself, and you will grow in your walk with God. More on this matter coming soon.

He is the maker, we are the created!

Trent Tanaro is the Youth Minister at Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ, Dimmitt.



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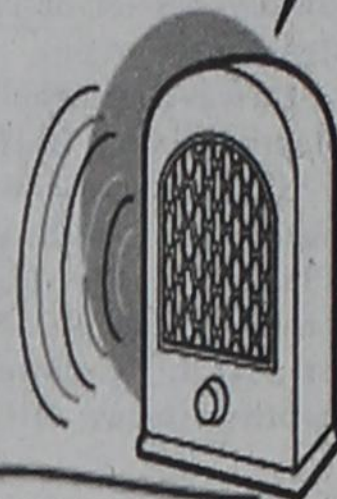
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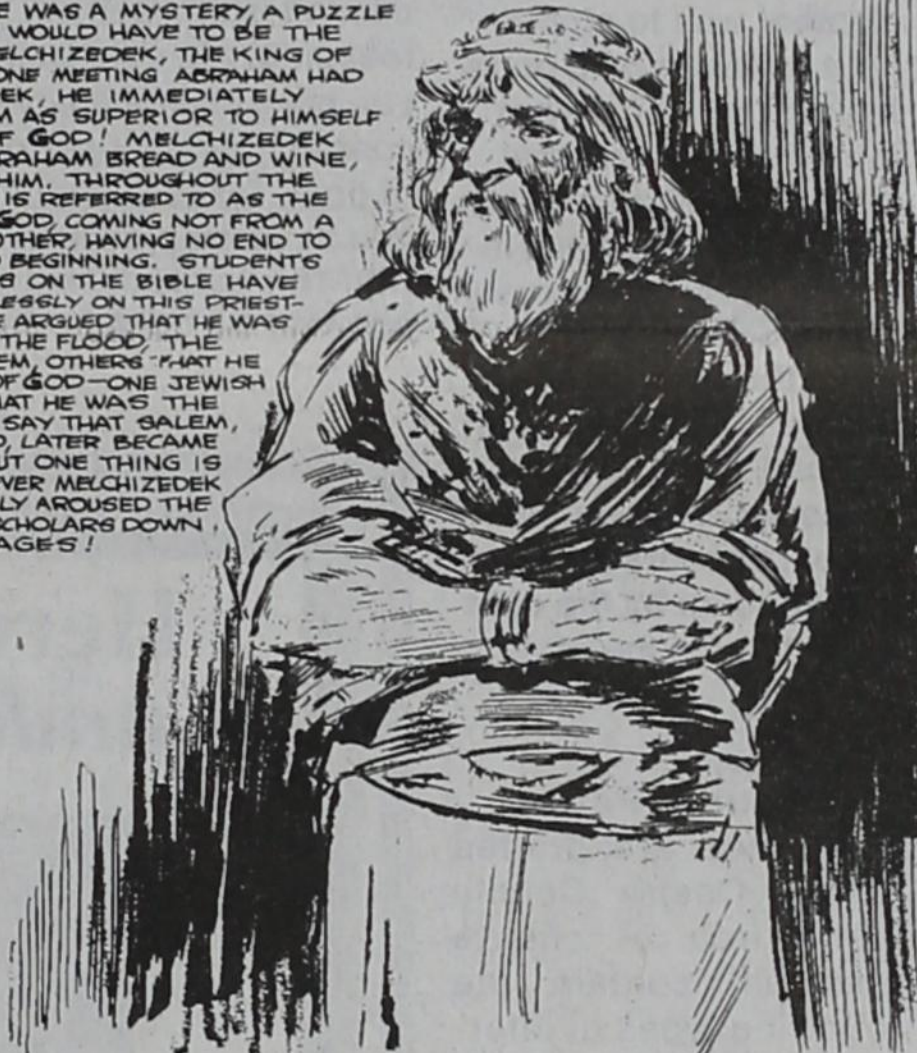
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Obituaries

RANDALL 'RANDY' FRED POPEJOY

Services for Randall "Randy" Fred Popejoy, 48, of Hart, were Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2006, at First Baptist Church in Hart with Bro. Jack Lee and Bro. Matt Baird officiating. Burial was at Hart Cemetery.



Randall 'Randy' Fred Popejoy

Mr. Popejoy died Aug. 4, 2006, in Hart. He was born March 14, 1958 to Fred Finnis and Mildred Mae Popejoy.

He was a life-long resident of Hart and was a farmer most of his life until 1999 when he became owner/operator of Popejoy Trucking.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Hart.

Survivors include four sisters, Kay Nell Bradley of Plainview, Freddie and brother-in-law J.D. Myrick of Hart, Connie and brother-in-law Billy Joe

Farris of Hart and Linda Crownover of Lubbock; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Jeanine Bearden.



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DELBERT L. BYRD

Services for Delbert L. Byrd, 74 of Slaton were 2:00 P.M. Wednesday at the Post Church of Christ with Melvin Byrd officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home. Delbert died Monday, Aug. 7, 2006. Born October 8, 1931 to Samuel George and Anna Lucile Stanley Byrd near Post.

He attended school at Patton Springs and Spur. At the age of 16 he started cowboying. Over the years he worked for the Matador Ranch, Pitch Fork, Double U, Swenson, Slaughters, H.C. Lewis and the T-Bar Ranch.

He was in the oil field industry for aprox. 20 years both locally and in South America and later owned Kiwi Drilling Co.. He cowboied up until his death.

He married Dona Juanita Flemins April 14, 1976 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

He is preceded in death by his first wife, Vonceil Byrd and a granddaughter Amber West.

Survivors include: Two sons: Bert and Debbie Byrd of Hart and Sam Byrd, Nazerath; one daughter: LaVonda West of Slaton; three step-daughters: Wynette Hendricks of Dallas, Angelic Edwards of Lubbock and Anita Shirlene Fisher of Slaton; three brothers: George Byrd of Post, Melvin Byrd of Port Orchard, Washington and Ed Byrd of Crosbyton; four sisters: Lois Thomas, Jody Ammons, both of Post, Linda Byrd of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Ann Lowe of Meridian, Mississippi; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

What's the Law

Q. I owe a company money from about ten years ago. I have not heard anything for about five years, but now a debt collector is calling me day and night. He also is calling my sister. I tell him I don't have the money and can't afford to pay, but he will not stop harassing me. What can I do?

A. First, if the debt is that old, there may not be any legal action the debt collector can take. After four years, most debts are barred by what is called the "statute of limitations." This means if a lawsuit is filed, you could have it dismissed.

There is no law, however, that prevents a debt collector from asking you to pay a debt, even if legal collection of the debt is barred. You can stop the debt collector from continuing to harass you in several ways.

First, under federal law, if you send the debt collector written notice demanding he stop all further communication with you, he must stop. He still has the right to sue, but in your case, that alternative is barred by the statute of limitations.

Another way to stop a debt collector is to make it clear that you do not intend to pay, and that his calls are just a waste of time. For example, if you get very upset every time a debt collector calls, the debt collector begins to think that you will pay, to avoid being harassed. Your conduct almost encourages more bad conduct by the debt collector. On the other

hand, if you are polite and calm, and slowly and carefully explain that you recognize that you owe the debt, but cannot afford to pay and believe that it is barred by limitations, the debt collector will soon realize calling is waste of time. Debt collectors make money by collecting money. A debt collector cannot afford to spend a lot of time on the phone with someone they know is no going to pay.

Finally, I should point out that under the law, a debt collector never has the right to harass, threaten, or otherwise abuse you. If that happens, let the debt collector know you know your legal rights and you expect he will stop. If he does not, consider speaking with an attorney or a filing a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission.

Q. The other day, a friend came to see me at work. After he left, my employer asked how I knew him. I said he was an old friend. The next day I was fired. My employer told me he had "problems" in the past with my friend, and did not want me working in the store. Is this legal?

A. As far as the law is concerned, your employer doesn't even need a reason to fire you. Unless you have an employment contract for a set period of time, Texas law treats you as an employee at will. This basically means you may be fired, or quit,

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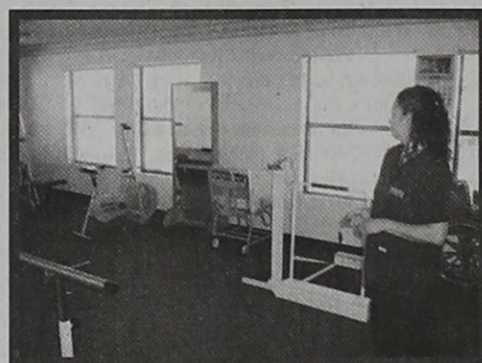
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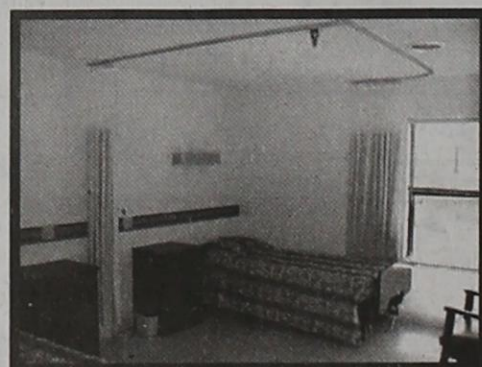
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Cotton Report

Contrary to weakness seen in key outside commodity markets, cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade finished at six-week highs as speculative and fund buying was spurred by technicals.

Earlier in the week, seasonally slow activity and a lack of news kept some market participants on the sidelines as many still are waiting for the next supply/demand report from USDA to provide a clearer market direction.

According to traders, at least some of the indication of the crop decline in the United States will be included in the next supply/demand report from USDA. The August 11 report will include data from out-in-the-field assessments for the first time this season. In the meantime, some analysts have been wondering when the market might start considering the wilting U.S. crop as a friendly fundamental pricing factor.

“One look at USDA’s most recent crop condition report shows that if the Cotton Belt were to somehow receive hurricane-type precipitation, given the current drought conditions in most areas, the rain would be a welcomed and yield-improving event,” a trader said.

USDA’s crop report showed an average of 34 percent of the crop in very poor to poor condition versus last week’s 32 percent and last year’s average of 11 percent. An average of 39 percent of the crop is in good to excellent condition compared to last week’s 38 percent and last year’s 61 percent.

Meanwhile, USDA reported net export sales of U.S. cotton totaled 50,800 bales of old crop in the week ended July 27, an 18 percent increase from the previous week but 51 percent less than the four-week average. Major purchases by Mexico, China, Japan, and Guatemala were partially offset by cancellations from other countries. Net sales of 63,000 bale of new crop for delivery in 2006-07 were mainly for Mexico and Indonesia.

Export shipments during the week reached a marketing year high at 598,800 bales, up 29 percent from the previous week and 44 percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Mexico, Turkey, and Indonesia.

Spot cotton sales increased this week as online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas in the week ended August 3 totaled 2,998 bales compared to the previous week when 1,045 bales were traded. Average prices received by producers in the most recent week ranged from 43.60 to 48.68 cents per pound compared to 49.34 to 51.45 cents per pound the previous week.

On the international front, Brazil will decide by next week whether to ask a legal panel at the World Trade Organization (WTO) for permission to impose up to \$1.0 billion of sanctions on U.S. imports, saying the United States failed to adequately cut cotton subsidies, a senior Brazilian trade official said.

The WTO ruled last year that some governmental payments to U.S. cotton

farmers and exporters were illegal after Brazil complained they were depressing world cotton prices. U.S. and Brazilian trade officials discussed the cotton dispute in Geneva last week. If the WTO finds the United States has not changed its cotton subsidies sufficiently, Brazil could impose \$1.0 billion in import tariffs on U.S. goods.

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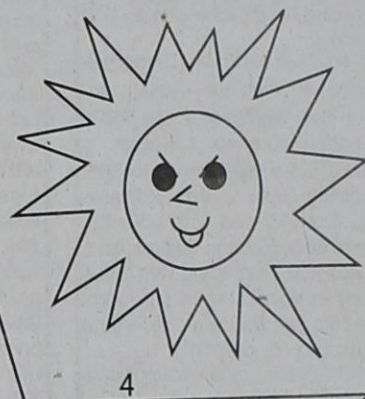
Hot, sticky days that make us sweat! Days when nothing seems to be happening...dog days of summer!

Dog days are here when the Dog Star, Sirius, appears over the horizon just before sunrise.

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Do you know that dogs don't sweat the way humans do?

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The hottest days of the year are here and...

- _____ are tossing and turning, trying to sleep.
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- _____ are wilting from lack of rain.
- air conditioners hum and _____ are whirring.
- garbage and trash _____ are smelling bad!
- _____ is parched because there is a drought.
- chocolate _____ are melting.
- _____ is protecting our skin from the sun's rays.
- bicycle _____ are sinking into heated tar.
- our _____ is running overtime to keep food cold.
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- our _____ is sweating to cool us off.

I love stifling, sticky weather.

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I come out at dusk. The hum I make is the sound of my wings beating. I pester you until I find the right place and then I bite you! I suck your blood. I make you itch. I make you scratch. Who am I?

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Are these items red or yellow?

- warm and fuzzy
- a warning
- you must stop your car
- a friendly wink
- is hot
- is smiling
- a warning at a crossroad
- a greeting
- so it is easily seen in traffic
- so it is cheerful
- firetruck
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The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the City of Dimmitt by 9.8%.

The family of Margaret Cantrell would like to thank Dimmitt Nursing & Rehab for the excellent care she received and to Donna Charanza and Hospice Care for the kindness shown to her. Also, a thank you to Dr. Gary Hardee. Sincerely, Darrell & Joanne Lacy and Family Clyde & Lisa Schulte and Family

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Our family would like to thank you for the warm welcome we have received over the past few weeks. Your hospitality has already made us feel like Dimmitt is home. We would like to extend a special thank you to Linda Razor and other members of the Clinic and the Hospital Staff for the beautiful welcome reception. We are looking forward to an exciting future as residents of Castro County!
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The Castro County comprehensive Education SSA provides education for children ages three, four, and five, who have problems in the areas of communication skills, concept development, and gross and/or fine motor skills. Also, programming for children with vision or hearing disabilities is available.

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Padres o otros individuos interesados se les urgen que se pongan en contacto con la oficina de educacion especial por la calle 608 W Halsell, Dimmitt, TX o por telefono (806) 647-3103 para sentar una cita o para mas informacion.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Dimmitt board of Adjustment is scheduled to conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, August 15, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Public Works Office, 905 W Bedford, to discuss and consider a variance of Section 14-21 of the City Code for Paul & Glenna Fry who are planning to construct a carport at 302 Western Circle Drive. This carport will be located within the 5 ft. side property line "No construction Zone" as established by 14-21 of the City Code. Mr. & Mrs. Fry wish to be in compliance with city codes by a variance being granted. Persons wishing to make comments both for and against this request for a variance may attend the public hearing or they may review the request for a hearing at the office of the Department of Public Works 905 E Bedford, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The Dimmitt Board of Adjustment does exercise all rights and privileges as established by Article 1011g of the Vernon's Civil Statutes. Karen Hutson Code Enforcement Officer City of Dimmitt

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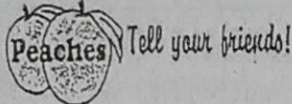
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What can we learn from Gibson outburst

BY REX M. ROGERS

Mel Gibson's recent trials - DUI, resisting arrest, and a belligerent drunken anti-Semitic tirade - is a sad reminder for the Christian community. I don't know the condition of Mr. Gibson's heart. Is he a believer in Christ?

Does he really harbor hateful anti-Semitic views? Is he an actor in real life, i.e. a hypocrite, as well as in film? I don't know. But I do know this: the Christian community should learn to walk carefully around "celebrity Christians." When Mel Gibson produced The Passion of the Christ he became something of a

new-found celebrity darling of many in the Christian community. Church groups, schools, and other Christian leaders vied for Gibson's time and attention or for the ultimate - a photo op. For Gibson and his film company this was a boon to marketing.

These new relationships, vigorous press attention, and a reasonably good quality film helped make The Passion of the Christ a blockbuster, despite official Hollywood's distance and even disdain. But Mel Gibson, as we have painfully witnessed, is just a man. He will make mistakes. He is capable of taking the wrong path. People holding him too closely as their latest celebrity Christian hero can get burned. The Christian community did this a few years ago with Jane Fonda. She declared her faith in Christ and Christian groups stumbled over each other in an effort to trot her out as the latest trophy validation of - just maybe - Christianity was true after all. Cal Thomas warned us back

then. He said the woman is a new believer and to let her alone. Give her time to grow. Unfortunately she has now renounced her Christian faith and is experimenting with other spiritual interests.

The point is, when are we going to learn? Satan is also at work. Had Mr. Gibson run off with a woman not his wife, Hollywood and the

rest of American culture barely have blinked. We would have pointed out the inconsistency of this actor with his recent religious filmmaking, but then we would have moved on.

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NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION

General Permit Authorization No. TXG920720

APPLICATION. EDGAR MILTON DENNIS, P.O. Box 275, Dimmitt, Texas 79027-0275, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under General Permit No. TXG920000 for authorization to operate a new dairy facility at 4,200 total head, of which 3,600 head are milking, in Castro County, Texas. The notice of intent was received by TCEQ on March 14, 2006. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this general permit except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions or events. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The proposed facility is located on the south side of County Road 610, approximately 2 miles east of the intersection of County Road 610 and Farm-to-Market Road 1055 in Castro County, Texas. The facility will be located in the drainage area of Mackenzie Reservoir in Segment No. 0228 of the Red River Basin.

A copy of the notice of intent, application, the Executive Director's technical summary, and the CAFO general permit is available for viewing and copying at the Castro County Courthouse/County Clerk's Office, 100 East Bedford, Room 101, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has made a preliminary decision to approve coverage of this facility under General Permit No. TXG920000.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. In addition, the public may request a public meeting. If significant interest exists, the Executive Director will direct the applicant to publish a notice of the public meeting and hold the public meeting. The applicant must publish notice of a public meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the CAFO is proposed to be located. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements of the general permit and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the notice of intent for coverage under the general permit.

INFORMATION. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the general permit process, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-786-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us

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Social Security notes

Safeguard your SSN

By Carmie Hill Social Security
District Manager in Plainview

TX In a time when identity fraud is a major concern, Social Security is working hard to protect your Social Security number.

Our efforts are focused on preventing anyone with criminal intent from using false or stolen birth records to get a Social Security number.

A new law, which went into effect last December, requires, for example, specific proofs of the age, identity and citizenship of anyone applying for either a new or replacement Social Security card.

Also, all documents used as proofs of age, identity or citizenship must be either originals or copies certified by the issuing agency. We cannot accept photocopies or notarized copies of documents.

Even before the most recent law, additional steps had been taken to protect Social Security numbers.

For example, Social Security numbers have been removed from all benefit checks, and now only the last digits of Social Security numbers are used on such mailings as the annual Social Security Statement.

This ensures that if someone should steal your mail, he or she would not also be able to steal your number. But protecting your Social Security number is still a joint effort.

Here are just a few things you can do:

You should keep your Social Security card in a safe place with your other important papers.

Do not carry it with you unless you need to show it to an employer or service provider.

You should be very careful about sharing your number and card to protect against misuse of your number. Giving your number is voluntary even when you are asked for the number directly.

If requested, you should ask why your number is needed, and how your number will be used.

For more information about protecting your Social Security number, you can visit the Social Security website at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Or you can call Social Security's toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the publication *Your Social Security Number and Card*.

Also, if you would like more information on preventing identity theft, you can visit www.consumer.gov.

O.A. Cleveland's Newsletter

Cotton moved higher on the week as US crop conditions deteriorated further, exports shot higher and certificated stocks moved lower for the second consecutive week.

The potential for higher prices surfaced in late winter when it became apparent that West Texas had little to no subsoil moisture and long range weather models called for the Texas problems to spread east throughout the cotton belt.

Weather conditions actually deteriorated more than had been expected and, coupled with stronger than forecast U.S. exports, both U.S. and world carry over stocks have been reduced beyond expectations.

These factors, taken together with certificated stocks showing a tendency to decline, the technical picture brightened and speculative funds have been consistent buyers, pushing the market higher.

Yet, the weather meltdown for cotton will carry prices higher during the year. USDA field enumerators were in cotton fields on August 1 and the supply demand report will give us the first objective yield estimates for the season.

Additionally, the market will also get its first look at USDA's acreage abandonment level. Abandonment in Texas will be the key more so than the yield. However, most states are facing declining yields due to this season's heat and drought. In July USDA projected the U.S. crop at 20.5 million bales. Industry estimates have the crop generally at 19.5 million bales. Yet, there are a couple estimates out there that are below 18.0 million bales! However, whether it is this report or one in some ensuing months, I look for U.S. production to be closer to 18.5 million bales. The smaller U.S. crop will result in a reduced world production and a reduction in U.S.

exports. USDA's current U.S. export estimate for 2006-07 is 16.6 million bales, about one million below what the final tally for U.S. exports will be for 2005-06. However, given the drastic decline in the U.S. crop, exports will likely fall within the 15.5 to 16.1 million bale range.

The U.S. will experience a significant drop in carry over stocks during the current year. This will add support to the market throughout the year.

Net export sales for the week ending July 27, the last full week of the 2005-06 marketing were 50,800 bales. Shipments for the week were a marketing year high of 598,800 bales.

With a four day week remaining before the export shipments book is closed for the marketing year, net exports, in statistical 480 pound bales, will likely climb to 17.6 million bales, or 600,000 bales more than the USDA's estimate last month. No doubt, next week's supply demand report will be bullish.

However, that begs the question; will trading during the first four days of the weekfully discount the report?

That is the answer we all wish we knew. Likely however, the market is expecting a U.S. crop of 19.5 million bales.

An estimate of 19.3 million or below would likely push the market above the pre report trading level. Likewise, an estimate above 19.7 million bales would likely pull the lower.

Either way, U.S. stocks are moving lower and the longer term outlook for New York futures is higher. It is far too early to price the 2006 crop, unless you did so several months ago-above the 60 cent level. It will return.

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Attorney General warns part of W. Texas after floods

Home repair, charity, flood damaged car plays are common in the aftermath of storm

AUSTIN - Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott today warned El Pasoans and other West Texas communities to be wary of fly-by-night contractors and other scam artists who might try to take advantage of homeowners and other consumers during the ongoing flooding and its aftermath.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of West Texas and the challenges they face as many seek safety for their families and protection of their property," said Attorney General Abbott. "My office will move aggressively against anyone who seeks to make a fast buck by exploiting those who are now suffering and who in the coming days will be picking up the pieces the storms left behind."

Attorney General Abbott praised those who are now helping less fortunate El Pasoans whose homes and businesses are flooded. However, he also pointed to the possibility of scams that, unfortunately, often appear during and shortly after a natural disaster. He offered consumers the following tips:

Home repairs. Be wary of contractors who show up unexpectedly at your door and offer to do roof, drywall and other major repairs, especially if they are not from your community and low-ball their offer saying that they have material left over from a previous job and insist on being paid in cash and up front.

You should first obtain bids in writing from several contractors and review each one carefully. Ask the contractor if they are covered through insurance or a bond, particularly if you hired them for a large project. You should also check with the city to make sure electricians and plumbers with whom you are considering a contract have the necessary license and have obtained the required permits.

Get all terms in writing and do not sign a contract you do not understand or which has spaces left blank. Pay the contractor only as the work progresses, and do not sign a completion certificate until you are satisfied that all repairs were done properly. If the work is substantial, you

might consider having an independent inspector look it over before you settle the bill with the contractor.

Before hiring a contractor, contact city officials, the Better Business Bureau and the Office of the Attorney General to find out if consumers have filed complaints against them in the past.

Charity scams. Be wary of telemarketers, solicitations by mail, or those who show up unexpectedly at your doorstep urging you to make an immediate donation to a charity with which you are not familiar and which supposedly will aid victims of the disaster. A legitimate charity will offer detailed information in writing about how your money will be used and will give you the time you need to make your decision.

Be particularly suspicious of solicitors who are long on emotion but short on detail about how your donation will be put to use. Always make the donation using a check or money order made out to the charity, and be wary of organizations with names that are very similar but not identical to those of a recognized charity.

Flood damaged cars. Often, flood damaged cars are written off as totaled by insurance companies and are destined to be used as scrap. However, scam artists regularly purchase these vehicles, do some engine repairs and refurbish the interior, and offer them for sale without disclosing the serious damage caused when they were submerged. These vehicles can be very dangerous to drive. In the coming months, El Pasoans should be particularly careful when purchasing used cars and should have a trusted mechanic inspect the vehicle before signing a contract and paying any money.

Additional information to help consumers protect themselves against these and other scams that might appear after a storm is available on the Attorney General's Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us or by calling 1 (800) 252-8011. The information is available in English and Spanish.

Community Calendar

Dimmitt ISD substitute in-service

A substitute in-service will be held at the Dimmitt ISD Administration Building located at 608 W. Halsell at 10 a.m., Monday, Aug. 14, 2006. Any person desiring to substitute in the Dimmitt ISD school system will be required to attend this meeting and they are reminded to bring their Drivers License and Social Security Card.

Class of 1996 plans reunion

The Class of 1996 is planning a 10-year reunion. We are searching for all fellow classmates. If you or anyone you know has contact information for an alumni, please contact the following: Cicely Reyna via e-mail at cicely_landers@yahoo.com or phone (817) 691-1518 or Alicia (Sanchez) Escamilla via e-mail at: alicia.escamilla@ttu.edu or by phone at (806) 544-5486.

DHS Registration

Dimmitt High School will be having their registration Tuesday, August 8, 2006
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Juniors
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Sophomores
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Freshmen 1 : 0 0
p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Juniors through freshmen will be taking their school picture. Students must be dressed in appropriate school day attire. T-shirts with logos, or jewelry in poor taste will not be accepted. School dress and hair codes will be enforced.

Students who are new to the district will need to come at the scheduled time and bring their school records, Social Security Cards, and Birth Certificate. Money for class dues, parking and fines will be collected at this time.

Harvest Days Fair set for Sept. 7-9

The Castro County Fair Association has begun renting out booth space and preparing for a great fair this year, which is scheduled to begin Sept. 7 and run through Sept. 9.

Registration for the Junior Tractor Pull will be Thurs-

day, Sept. 7 at 4:45 p.m. at the Castro County Expo; registration for the Pet Show will be the same day at 5 p.m. Friday, starting at noon, registration for fair exhibits will begin and end at 6 p.m. at the Expo Center. The Castro County Fair Parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9. The theme this year will be "A Heart for Country Living." Let's make this a year to remember our parade with lots of floats and participants. Don't forget to nominate an individual for Parade Grand Marshal. It should be someone who has contributed and supported our community. Stop by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce to pick up a nomination form. The Chamber is planning on having a Street Dance this year on Saturday evening. For more information on booths, either inside or outside the Expos, call (806) 647-2524.

Photo exhibit at the Home Merc

The photography exhibit "Where the Spirit Left" is on display in the Home Mercantile Building in Nazareth, and can be viewed by

the public (until Sept. 4) on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-7pm, or on Sunday from 10:30am to 12 noon. There is no charge for admission. Information on Ms. Harvey's work can be found at www.wherethespiritleft.com. For those wanting to see the exhibit from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. during the week, can call 806-945-2211 to have the building opened.

For more information contact Darryl Birkenfeld at 806-938-2529 or Melinda Harvey at 806-535-3860.

Garcia fund established

A medical fund has been established at Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, Dimmitt Branch, for Paola Garcia.

English classes offered

The First Assembly of God Church, 300 S.E. 2nd Street in Dimmitt is offering free adult English classes, free, starting May 2. The classes will run from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 647-5662.

AFS student homes needed

If you're interested in hosting a student from a foreign country who will attend school in Dimmitt, please call Vicki Buckley at 647-2472.

Nazareth School
Registration August 18, 2006

High School:
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Juniors - 9:05 to 9:50
Sophomores - 9:55 to 10:40
Freshmen - 10:45 to 11:30

Junior High:
8th Grade - 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.
7th Grade - 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.
6th Grade - 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.

The school dress code will be required for all students. Pictures will be taken on this day so please come prepared.

Nominations for Parade Marshal

The Castro County Fair Association deadline for submission of Parade Marshal candidates is Friday, August 18, 2006.

Your nominations should be turned in at the Chamber of Commerce, 115 W Bedford, Dimmitt, Tx.

Who's New



Paige R'Nae Rodgers

John, Haylei and Kaitlin Rodgers have welcomed a new addition to their family.

And Georgie Wall of Dimmitt has a new granddaughter, Paige R'Nae Rodgers, also the granddaughter of Dennis and Linda Rodgers of Perryton.

She was born July 6, 2006, at 7:47 a.m.. She weighed 7-pounds and 15-ounces and was 20-inches long.

Rogers feted with shower

Elly and baby boy Rogers were given a beautiful shower on Saturday, August 5th in the home of Jim and Sally Bradford.

A western theme was carried throughout the shower.

The centerpiece on the serving table was a wooden rocking horse with a stuffed horse sitting atop. The table was accented with boot-shaped glasses, ropes, red bandanas and two bouquets of mixed yellow flowers.

The guest were served ice cream sundaes, yellow cake, chocolate cake and almond tea on black and white checkered dishes.

There were several out-of-town guests, including Elly's sister, Jalane Johnson of Happy, her mother, Gayle Rhoades of Canyon, and her grandmother, Foy Lane of Canyon.

Other out-of-town family members present were June Rogers of Lubbock and Mandi Wolf of Lubbock. Rala Underwood of Lubbock, Lori Bennett of Hart, Mary Bradley of Albuquerque, Summer McLean of Lubbock and Cassie Lyon of Amarillo were out-of-town friends that came to offer their congratulations to the mom-to-be.

Elly was presented a handsome stroller/carseat combo by the hostesses.

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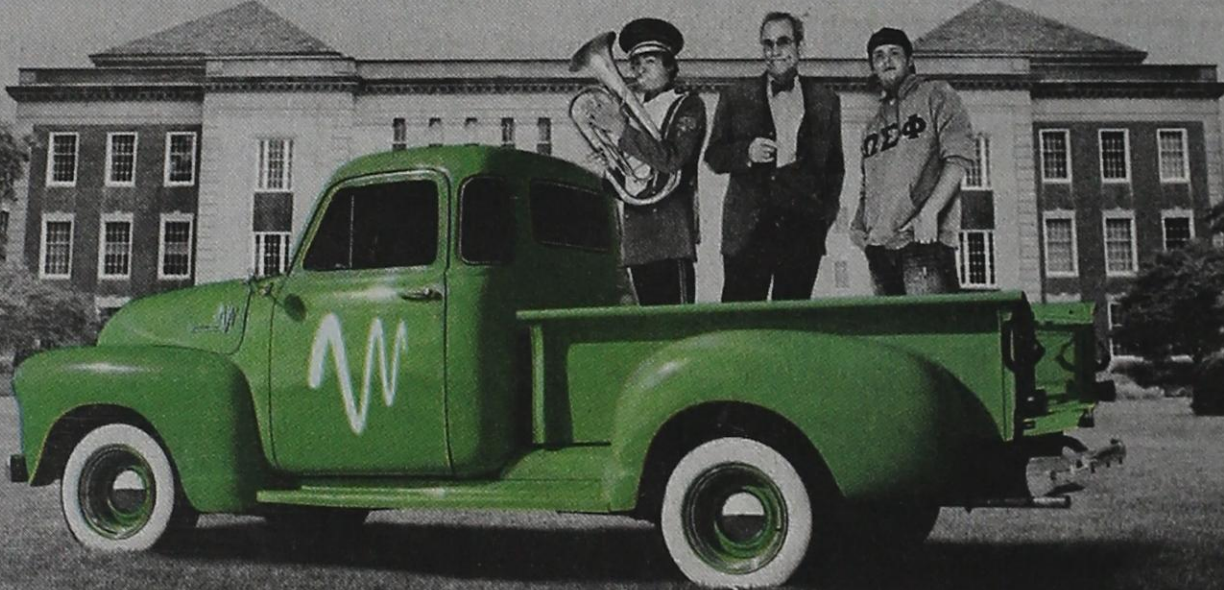
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