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## Hospital remodeling

# The race is on!

The race is on at Plains Memorial Hospital.

It's a race to remodel half of the east wing into a new geriatric psychiatric unit.

The hospital board approved the project last Thursday night. Contractors went to work immediately.

They have only until April 10 to have the unit completed and in service.

If the contractors don't finish in time, the hospital will have to wait a year before putting the unit into operation because of the state's annual budgeting and scheduling calendar for this type of unit.

It's a \$333,000 gamble.

To hedge its bet, the hospital board is requiring performance bonds on all the contractors.

Officials estimate the new unit can earn up to half a million dollars a year for the hospital.

Hospital officials started eyeing the new unit in late 1996 as another "window of opportunity" to help fight off the financial ailments that are plaguing many hospitals—especially rural hospitals.

In recent years the district has launched such fast-growing services as the rural health clinic, the Home

Health Agency, the physical therapy department, the swing-bed program, extended care and respite care programs, and expanded laboratory services, and has adopted more aggressive marketing.

A hospital spokesperson said the new geriatric psychiatric unit would treat persons 65 and older for such common traumas as loss of a spouse or child, grief, depression over aging, loss of self-sufficiency, a pending move into a nursing home, etc.

The new unit is not designed to treat victims of Alzheimer's Disease, the spokesman said.

The unit reportedly would serve both in-patients and out-patients, with three rooms and six beds for in-patients.

Virtually all the construction work will be done by out-of-town contractors. Maintenance Director Mark McDonald told the board that several local contractors submitted bids at first, then "withdrew like McClellan's Army," citing lack of manpower and inability to get materials in time to complete their jobs within such a short time frame.

McDonald said that because of the time factor, bids ran about 50%

higher than the architect's original estimate of \$220,000.

He estimated that the requirement for performance bonds would add another 2.5% to the cost. Some of the contractors, such as electricians, are required to be bonded anyway.

Board Chairman Bill Clark and Trustee Jerry Annen both expressed "serious concern" over whether the project could be completed by the April 10 deadline.

"However, to me, it seems to be worth the risk," Clark said. "If we delay a year, we'll be penalizing ourselves two years on a program that can add to our bottom line considerably. It's my opinion that we should go ahead with this and get it done."

The board adopted a motion by Carolyn Sides, seconded by Annen, to proceed with the project and to require performance bonds on all contractors.

Separate contracts are being awarded on demolition; electrical work; mechanical work; walls; ceiling and insulation; millwork; vinyl wall covering; floor tile, carpet and ceramic work; floor preparation, sealing, painting, fireproofing and bricking; doors, frames, hardware and bathroom fixtures; fire alarm; nurse call system; and appliances.

## Ramaekers appointed to hospital board seat

The hospital board has appointed Henry Ramaekers of Nazareth to the board seat vacated by the Feb. 14 death of longtime trustee James Welch.

In making the appointment, board members noted the custom of having as many communities within the hospital district as possible represented on the board. The Nazareth area has not had a representative on the board for several years.

Ramaekers, a Certified Public Accountant, is the Dimmitt branch manager of Brown, Graham & Co., CPA.

Two persons reportedly were asked if they would be willing to fill the vacated seat, with an eye toward running for election when the term expires in two months. They were Ramaekers and James Welch's son, Mark, of Bethel. Trustee Jerry Annen said Mark Welch declined because of personal obligations.

The vote to appoint Ramaekers was unanimous.

James Welch had served on the hospital board almost 28 years before he and his wife, Reta, were killed in a car-train collision at Sudan Feb. 14.

## Weather

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



THE NAZARETH SWIFTS CELEBRATE after winning their second consecutive Region 1-A championship Saturday night at the Texan Dome in Levelland. The Swifts beat Lorenzo Friday in quarterfinal action, then downed Rotan and Gruver Saturday to claim the title. The Swifts will meet Moulton today (Thursday) at 10 a.m. in a Class A

state semifinal game at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin. Pictured from left are Billy Don Cannon, Nick Gerber, Darren Huckert, Barry Hoelting, Nathan Hoelting, Corey Makeever, Bryan Braddock, Dustin Ramaekers and Marcus Brockman.

Photo by Anne Acker

## Swifts to begin state title quest today against Moulton

The Nazareth Swifts are on their way to the state basketball tournament for the third time in four years, and they hope that this will be the year they win it all.

The Swifts (31-4) captured their second straight Region 1-A championship Saturday night, edging Gruver in a hard-fought battle, 56-49, earning the right to advance to the state tournament.

Nazareth, the top-ranked team in the state, will take on the Moulton Bobkatz today (Thursday) in a Class A semifinal game at 10 a.m. at the Frank Erwin Special Events Center, better known as The Drum.

In the other semifinal game, No. 5 Weatherford Brock (28-8) will meet No. 6 Wortham (25-2) at 8:30 a.m. The state championship game will be played at 9 a.m. Saturday morning.

The Swifts boarded the bus for Austin Tuesday morning, and traveled to Brownwood, where they spent Tuesday night. Nazareth completed its journey to Austin on Wednesday morning.

Nazareth will be making its seventh appearance in the state tournament since 1980 while Moulton will be making its fifth appearance.

The Swifts were state runners-up in 1994 and lost in the semifinals to eventual champion Avinger a year ago.

Moulton is no stranger to The Drum, having won the Class A state championship in 1991. That was last time the Bobkatz made the trip to the Final Four. Moulton was state runner-up in 1990.

Moulton is ranked ninth and sports a 37-2 record. One of those losses came in the fourth game of the season to El Campo and the other was a district game against Snook.

The Bobkatz captured the Region 4-A championship

in convincing fashion, ousting Chilton, Round Top-Carmine, Sabinal, Abalon and Milano enroute to the state tournament.

Moulton's closest playoff game was in the regional semifinals against Abalon, but the Bobkatz pulled it out by 11, 82-71.

They beat Chilton, 78-51, in bi-district; Round Top-Carmine, 79-49, in area; Sabinal, 82-55, in the regional quarterfinals; Abalon in the semis; and topped it off with a big 55-36 win over Milano in the finals.

The Bobkatz feature 6-3 senior Kevin Fishbeck, an all-around player who averages 19 points per game. He's a four-year starter and was voted Most Valuable Player at the Region 4-A tournament this weekend. He's known for his ability to control a game.

He's joined in the starting lineup by two 6-4 guys who average 15 points apiece. They are senior Andy Dierschke and freshman Robert Tovar. Point guard is Bradley Darilek, a 5-8 sophomore; and Dusty Wagner, a 5-8 junior, is a guard.

Although Fishbeck is Moulton's go-to man, Dierschke was a sparkplug for the Bobkatz in the playoffs, hitting eight of nine shots to open up a close game in the regional tournament.

Moulton features good shooters, and likes a full-court, in-your-face man defense.

The Bobkatz have a lot of depth, and two freshmen off of the bench see as much playing time as the starters. They are Anthony Weeks, a 5-10 freshman guard; and Scott Chaloupka, a 6-1 freshman forward. Chad Hendrichs also will see a lot of playing time at guard. He started for Moulton earlier in the season, but Tovar replaced him the starting lineup late in the season.

## 1:1

By Don Nelson

To Eddy Riley:  
"I feel sorry for people who don't live here and can't see the sunrises we've had the last several mornings."

(If you want to see for yourself, sunrise will range from 7:13 Friday to 7:08 next Wednesday. Be there 15 minutes early, preferably with a cup of hot coffee.)

Remember the tricky wind we had all day Monday?

Clarence Nelson, 83, was paying his water bill at the city hall's drive-up window when the wind whipped his billing card and the attached check right out of the drop-tray and took it who-knows-where.

He looked and looked for it—under his car, around the driveway, behind the building—to no avail.

So he wheeled around to the front

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## 24-hour car wash to open

A family business will be opening in Dimmitt soon with the intention of "cleaning up."

A new, coin-operated automated car wash is being installed by Kim and Kathy Rundell of Nazareth, formerly of Bovina. The establishment will occupy the quarter block across from K-Bob's Steak House, at SH 86 and Southwest Second.

"It will be a nice, brick structure and we plan to keep it cleaned up," Kathy Rundell said. She said three wash bays with wash wands will be included, along with an automated drive-through with high pressure wash and spotless rinse. A covered drying area will be included in the back, with vacuum machines.

Change vending machines will be on-site, along with machines that

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FATHER AND SON TEAMWORK—Bobby Feaster is the coach of the Dimmitt High School varsity baseball team, and his son, Grant, 6, is the team mascot and bat boy. Although his uniform is a little bit different from the ones worn by the "big guys," Grant is proud of his job and really enjoys it, according to his mom, Amy Feaster, a teacher at Richardson Elementary School. The team stands at 3-2 for the season.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Filing deadline in local elections set March 19

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 Henry Ramaekers are expiring. Ramaekers was appointed to fill the remaining two months of James Welch's term.

No one had filed as of Wednesday morning.

### City of Dimmitt

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

Incumbent Schroeder has filed for re-election.

### 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.

No candidates had filed as of Wednesday morning.

### City of Nazareth

The terms of both city commissioners are expiring: Carl Dean Kleman for a two-year-term, and Glenn Ehly for a one-year term. No candidates had filed as of

Wednesday morning.

### Dimmitt ISD

School board members whose terms are expiring include Place 1 representative John Nino, and Avery Thrasher for Place 5.

The only candidate who had filed as of Wednesday morning was incumbent Nino.

### Hart ISD

Hart's school board has two members whose terms are expiring, David Smith and Danny Rodriguez; and one who resigned, Jerry Miller.

Incumbent Smith was the only one who had filed as of Wednesday morning.

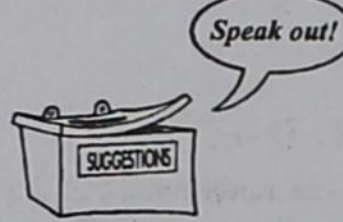
### Nazareth ISD

Those whose terms are expiring on the Nazareth board are Sidney Birkenfeld and David Olvera.

No one had filed as of Wednesday morning.

# Op-Ed

Opinions, Editorials, Letters, Features



## Confessions of an Internet Junkie

By RICHARD SPEARS  
(rspears@arn.net)

"Hi, I'm Richard, and I'm a Cyberholik." (Group response: "Hi, Richard.")

It all started 12 years ago. That's when I bought my first computer with a modem. The computer salesman told me that a modem was a neat little gizmo that would allow my computer to call other computers on the phone. I didn't understand, or know what he was talking about, but I knew I had to have it.

It was the early days of communication. Calling the Burg Board in Amarillo, I heard my computer dialing the phone number, and suddenly I saw a prompt on my screen asking for my name, and what password I wanted to use. As the months went by, I would call the local BBS's (Bulletin Board Systems) and read messages, leave electronic mail, and download programs from the host computer into mine.

I could feel the addiction beginning.

It starts out when you re-shuffle your finances so that you can get an additional phone line, just for the computer. Eating and paying rent became a lower priority than my communications.

I made new friends, engaged in heated political discussions, and learned more about my computer. Soon, I learned about BBS's around the country, and began dialing up computers everywhere in my thirst for new information.

Then came the networks: CompuServe, Genie, and America Online. They offered more programs to download, more people to meet, games you could play online, electronic mail that spanned the globe. I could send electronic mail messages to Rush Limbaugh, and even the President. I gave them both daily advice. I was certain they anxiously waited for my e-mail.

I knew I was in trouble when my phone bill and my CompuServe bill went to three figures. It would drive me to the poorhouse and I didn't care. I would wear a sign that read, "Will Work for Online Charges."

I'd heard about the Internet. The Internet is a series of huge supercomputers around the world connected by satellites. It was created in the '70s by NATO countries to com-

plement the military's computer networks in the battle against the Soviets. During the '80s, the project was scrapped by the military, and control of the Internet was turned over to colleges and universities around the world, so that research could be shared among students and faculties. Until the early '90s, using the Internet was restricted. Then it opened up to the general public.

Today, no one "owns" the Internet. It is similar to the railroad system. It is a series of commercial and private computer systems that are connected and can be used by anyone. All a person needs is a computer with a modem, and an Internet Provider.

An Internet Provider (IP) is usually a commercial company that has a satellite transmitter, who sells connect time to the Internet.

I quickly located IPs in Lubbock, Plainview and Amarillo. The rates vary, but I found one in Amarillo that offered unlimited time for \$19 a month. There are no catches, no hidden fees or costs. Once you are on the "net" everything is basically free. These are the same things CompuServe charges by the minute.

My first night on the Internet, I played for hours. I lost track of time. You can do searches from a key word, and find thousands of reference "links" to your search word. You can browse thousands of "News Groups" and find topics, information and downloads on almost any topic. From recipes to political discussion. From movie reviews to tax information. Fan clubs, parenting discussions, clip art, music, sound effects, and religious discussions are all there.

One of my favorites is Internet Relay Chat. This is where you can "talk" interactively with other people who are logged on to the net chat. There are several thousand chat channels where you can find people discussing as many topics. I found a chat channel for law enforcement officers, as well as a chat channel for people who hate cops. There are channels for different hobbies, professions, and interests.

It was everything I'd heard it was, and more. It was also worse than I'd heard, and lots more.

I'd read in the news that there were things on the "Net" that were

not for children, and I cannot agree more. The Internet is free speech at its best and worst. Since it is worldwide, there is no governing agency to monitor its content. Many of the news groups have a sexual theme. If parents are concerned, they need to make the online time a family time so they can see what areas their child is going into.

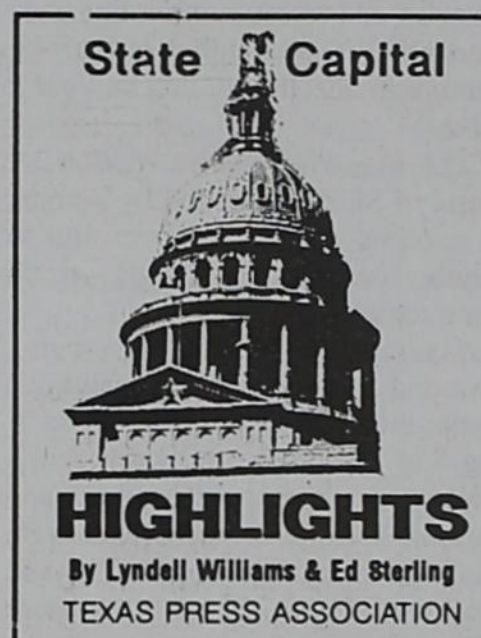
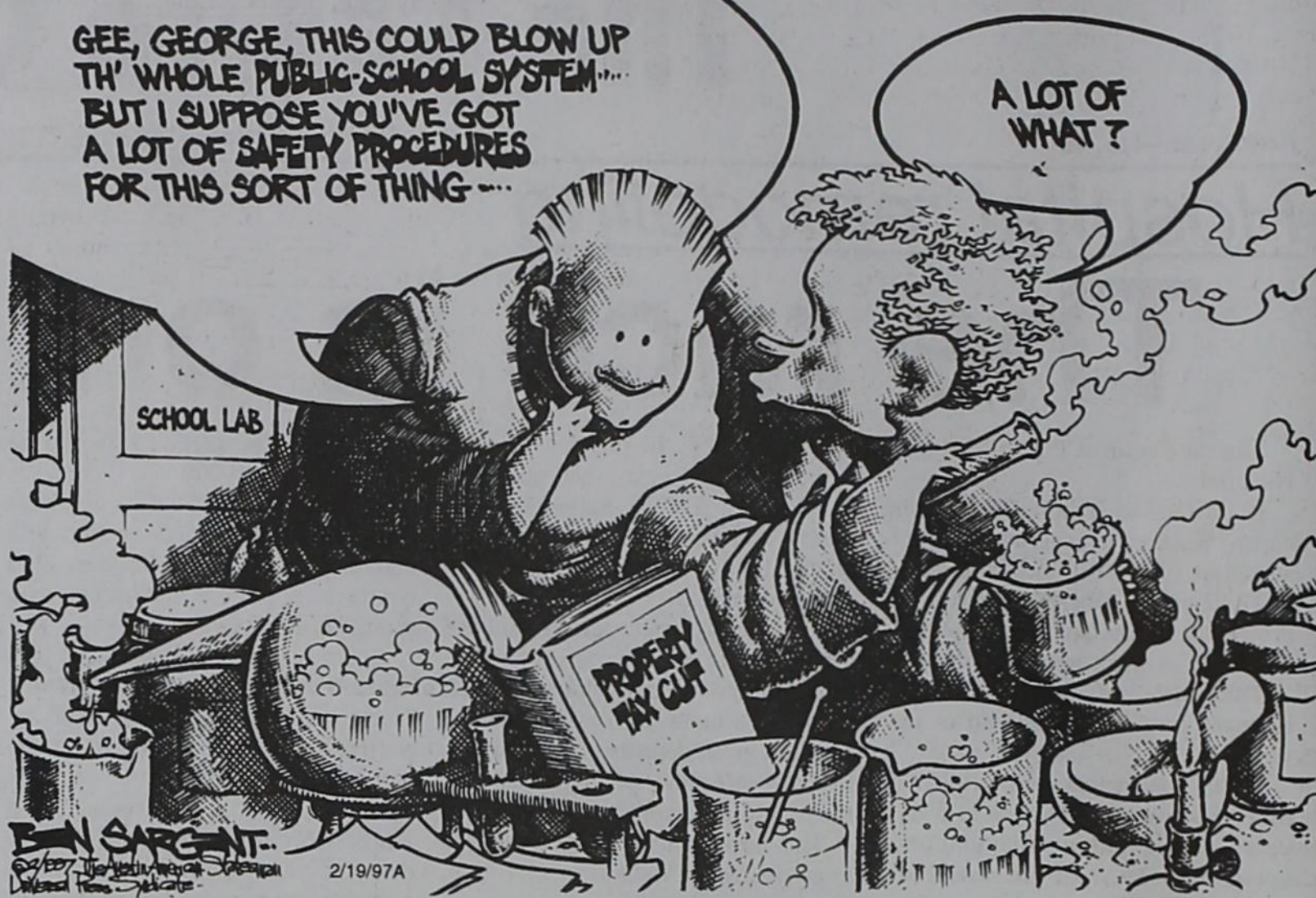
If you know a person's Internet Electronic Mail Address, you can send them mail. It only takes a few seconds for the message to get to their mailbox. The next time that person logs onto the Internet, it will alert them to the message in their mailbox. If only the postal service were that efficient.

I soon discovered File Transfer Protocol (FTP). I could effortlessly check servers in Australia, Finland, France and Japan. I could browse through the files located in universities all over the world. I read about cancer research, view NASA satellite photos, and even read declassified CIA intelligence reports. Some of the files I found in Japan were written in Japanese, strangely enough. I didn't understand what they were, but it was fascinating. I downloaded a new and improved solitaire game, a new screen saver, and a sound effect of Arnold Schwarzenegger saying, "Hasta la vista, Baby."

I admit it. I have become a cyberholik. I can't make it through the morning without a strong cup of coffee and checking my e-mail.

I would love to tell you more about the Internet, but I need to check the newsgroup for Cyberholics Anonymous, and see if my new friend, "Green-eyes," is still on the Chat Line.

Richard Spears is a Castro County deputy sheriff and heads up the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program for the county's school children. He also teaches adult computer classes.



AUSTIN — There was room under the Christmas tree for property tax relief, but there was no way to squeeze a fully formed plan through the chimney.

Scurrying Capitol elves drafted a proposal that would cut school property taxes by about \$3 billion a year — buy left some important questions unanswered. Such as, how can the cuts:

- Be made permanent?
- Be kept from creeping higher? (Gov. George W. Bush has said he will reject any bill that does not promise taxes won't creep back up, either through hiking tax rates or higher property tax appraisals.)
- Be made so as to not disrupt school funding formulas?
- Be made without picking a political fight with business interests?

"We're looking at all these issues. There are still a lot of things to figure out," state Rep. Tom Craddick, chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, told the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Though Craddick thinks there is a way to shift more of the \$10 billion school property tax burden from property owners to the state government, there is no consensus on whether cuts can be made without making a mess of the painstakingly devised school funding formulas.

Rep. Paul Sadler, chairman of the House Public Education

Committee, told the *American-Statesman* it's impossible to shift the burden without affecting school funding formulas.

"It's an exercise in futility because you are looking for short-term answers to fix long-term problems," he said.

### Bomer Opposes Settlement

Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer last week filed a formal objection to a proposed nationwide class-action settlement of consumer complaints against the Prudential Insurance Company of America for unfair life insurance sales practices.

A settlement could affect 10 million Americans — including 300,000 Texans — who bought Prudential whole life policies between 1982 and 1995.

Bomer was one of five insurance commissioners who declined to join Prudential's agreement because it did not provide adequate redress for consumers.

He said the proposed settlement places an almost impossible burden on consumers who want compensation beyond the token "basic claim relief" that the class-action attorneys worked out with Prudential.

"These consumers have been shortchanged once; they should not be shortchanged again," he said.

Bomer also urged the New Jersey federal court to enforce a Texas Department of Insurance subpoena for Prudential's records of Texas agents who have been targets of at least three sales-related complaints. Prudential has refused to honor the subpoena.

The Department of Insurance had sought the information because it could be useful to consumers who need evidence of misrepresentation for use in the "alternative dispute resolution" process, in which they would seek relief through an out-of-court claim settlement.

The class action suit accuses Prudential of "churning" and misrepresentation in the sale of cash-value life insurance products. Churning occurs when an agent persuades a consumer to borrow against an ex-

isting policy to pay the premium on a new one.

### Names of Nursing Homes Secret

The Texas Attorney General's Office has ruled that state officials can keep secret the names of 10 publicly financed Texas nursing homes that spent \$614,374 on such items as a Cadillac, baseball tickets and jobs for relatives who did no work.

The names had been sought by the media and other groups through the Texas Public Information Act.

The attorney general said the names are not open to the public because the documents that name the facilities are the state auditor's working papers.

"It's not mandatory that (the state auditor) withhold that information, but there is a legal exception that they may use," explained Ron Dusek, spokesman for Attorney General Morales.

A spokesperson for the state auditor's office said the names will not be released.

### Final Exam Exemptions Drop

More Texas students were hitting the books for final exams last week because of a new state policy that has prompted school districts to quit exempting students from finals.

The new policy by Education Commissioner Mike Moses ended all funding for students who are not at school because of exemptions from final exams.

In the past, school districts would let students with good grades skip finals and still receive the same amount of money. School funding in Texas is based on student attendance.

The policy became effective this semester and is now affecting students for the first time.

"You can no longer get paid for kids being absent," Dr. Moses told the *Dallas Morning News*. "I have this personal feeling that if you exempt kids from final exams all the way through high school, they may have trouble when they wind up at a state university and have to take a semester exam for the first time," he said.

## Letter

### Church thanks community for support of Welch family

Dear Editor:

I want to take this opportunity to thank the people of Castro County and the people of Dimmitt for their support in the recent deaths of Reta and James Welch.

Our church has suffered a great loss in these untimely deaths. But we also realize that many of you have also felt this loss. The mission of our church is to proclaim Jesus Christ and to promote communities of hope, joy, love and peace.

The people of Castro County and Dimmitt have fulfilled that mission in their kindness, love and continued support for the Welch family. We are eternally grateful and joyful to see the support given to the Welch families in this time of need. You have shown us what it is to rally together

in support and love for others. You truly are a community of hope, joy, love and peace.

We want to especially offer our thanks and gratitude to Randy Gressett, youth minister, for his assistance and ministry at the Welch funeral. The community of Dimmitt should be proud to have such a minister in its midst.

It is so hopeful to see all joining hands, no matter what our backgrounds and beliefs, working together in support of and honoring such persons as Reta and James Welch. May God be with us all as we continue to honor the lives of these two special people.

RICHARD FOSTER  
Southwest Region Administrator  
Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

## Letter

### County residents help appreciated

On Sunday morning, Feb. 16, we were traveling south on Highway 385 north of Dimmitt when my husband, Jackie Thompson went into cardiac arrest.

Our entire family wants to say thank you to the person who made a call on their cell phone; to Joe Ortega who went for help; the ambulance crew; law enforcement personnel; and Dr. Joplin and the hospital staff.

Your response time and professional care was really commendable. The compassion shown to our family will always be remembered.

Our husband and father passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 19, in an Amarillo hospital. We are confident that you did everything possible and we really appreciate it.

GLENDA THOMPSON  
GARY & GLENDA CHADWICK & FAMILY  
JACK & KANDY THOMPSON & FAMILY

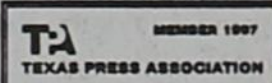
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- free meal in San Antonio; \_\_\_\_\_ Jimenez Thanks-giving dinner
- TXism: "double cussidness"
- Houston space agency
- pie \_\_\_\_\_ mode
- this Drayton bought the Astros in '92
- mate of 20-down
- Israel's first king
- Crystal City has a statue of Popeye the \_\_\_\_\_
- early Marlin was a health \_\_\_\_\_ sort
- Willie's "Blue Eyes Cryin' in the \_\_\_\_\_"
- \_\_\_\_\_ and ye shall receive"
- TXism: "happy as a kid on \_\_\_\_\_ lap"
- TXism: "fast enough to catch \_\_\_\_\_"
- Canadian h.s. class
- 15-across or 20-down
- TXism: "mortgage on the \_\_\_\_\_" (cattle)
- "I'm in the \_\_\_\_\_" for Love"
- TX Benton won this for "Kramer vs. Kramer" (2 wds.)
- this Joseph invented the ice cream soda in Denison in 1800s
- Staubach keeps a \_\_\_\_\_ shell to remember Vietnam
- TXism: "let \_\_\_\_\_ rip!"

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- chain \_\_\_\_\_ fence
- ex-Cowboy kicker Lin (init.)
- play by SMU's James McLure: "\_\_\_\_\_ Wars"
- TXism: "plain as the \_\_\_\_\_ mule"
- TXism: "got as much to \_\_\_\_\_ as a hibernating bear"
- this Esther swam in film "Texas Carnival" (init.)
- make a basket
- TXism: "put that in \_\_\_\_\_ and smoke it"
- TXism: "never sign anything in the glow of \_\_\_\_\_ light"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ slinger" (writer)
- TX Kite's ball holder
- full initials of TX Roddenberry
- TXism: "fork tongued"
- TXism: "put \_\_\_\_\_ on it" (shut up)
- TX Audie's biography: "\_\_\_\_\_ on the Bullet"
- medical TV show
- this TX town means "Land of Flowers"
- UT has handwritten songs by this Paul \_\_\_\_\_ Oswald
- mate of 15-across
- VCR speed
- Clyde h.s. class
- regulator of South Texas Project (abbr.)
- eleven footballers
- in Alvarado: \_\_\_\_\_ Settlers Reunion
- TXism: "cowboy \_\_\_\_\_" (jukebox)
- female pig
- TXism: "worn \_\_\_\_\_ frazzle"
- TX bumper sticker: "Honk if \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus"
- express an opinion
- 40 Pleasant, TX
- "shut yer \_\_\_\_\_"
- cowboy wagging game (2 wds)
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- Stinnett h.s. class (2 wds.)
- horse restraint
- tree juice
- TXism: "marry up"
- Texans must \_\_\_\_\_ auto regis. yearly

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

Rosetta Bellinghausen had a fun time in Dallas on the weekend of Feb. 21-23. That Friday, she was so excited when she attended her first hockey game. It was between the Dallas Stars and the Calgary Flames of Canada. The Stars won.

On Saturday, she attended a basketball game in which her grandson, Canaan, was playing. His team won.

Saturday night she took Canaan and Jordan to see the play, Bobby Socks and Pony Tails, at Trinity High School.

On Sunday, the entire family, David, Melody, Jordan, Canaan,

Shiloh and Rosetta, went to church at the Trinity Assembly of God at Cedar Hill. Jim Hennessy is the pastor, and his brother-in-law, Randal Ross, is pastor of the Trinity Church in Lubbock.

On Sunday evening, they all attended "The Complete Brandenburg Concertos" at the Meyerson Symphony Center sponsored by the Dallas Bach Society. Some of the songs they played were Concerto No. 5 in D Major, Concerto No. 6 in B Flat Major, and Concerto No. 2 in F Major, where Mr. Giangiulio played the trumpet. Rosetta was partial to

him, since he was the only Italian playing in the orchestra. One of the big money contributors for this building was Ross Perot.

Tommie Sue Nisbett and her two daughters, Sherlon Dyer and Jeanne White, always have fun when they get together. In the summer, Tommie Sue raises a garden and the girls come to Dimmitt and they can and freeze vegetables. They had more fun a few weeks ago when they went to Las Vegas. They were very impressed with the hotel New York, New York that looks like

New York City. They even enjoyed just watching all the people as they walked around in the big mall. They watched a street show and rested, and then saw the sights in downtown.

Out of town visitors at the museum last week were Lynn Moore of Plainview and Darron White of Lubbock. We enjoyed visiting with these two men, since they are both young! Darron said he wanted the \$5 tour of the museum, so he gave us a check for \$5. Since it was cold and snowing, I told him I would give him the \$10 tour next time, and show him all the other buildings.

We would like to thank all the men who worked at the museum on a cold day—Lance Louder, Houston Lust, George Sides, Robert Duke, Wade Kirby, Troy Kirby, Dudley Wooten, Travis Hampton Jr., and Dale Winders.

Dale and Lauren Fezell of Houston are the proud parents of a baby boy, Jacob, who weighed 9 pounds and 4 ounces. He was born on Feb. 12. He has a big brother, Caleb, who is 3. Grandparents are Mary Lynn Lankford of Amarillo and the Fezells of Lubbock, and great-grandmother is Mary Edna Hendrix of Dimmitt.

The Ben Scotts had company from Winters over the weekend—Scotty Belew, Ben's cousin, and his wife Peggy. Delicious meals were prepared by Mollie and enjoyed by family and visitors. They had a steak cookout on Saturday and a chicken enchilada dinner on Sunday. Robert and Dickie Dobbins joined the group on Saturday night.

Virginia Crider and Loranel Hamilton were the hostesses for the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center. They served popcorn fish and popcorn shrimp and chips and salad and chocolate cake for dessert. Cleo Forson won high score and Alma Kenmore won second. Others playing were Helen Braafladt, Ina Rae

Cates, Neva Hickey, Bernice Hill, Louise Mears, Dude McLaurin, Susie Reeves, and Elizabeth Huckabay.

Members of the Odyssey of the Mind teams held their public performance on Sunday afternoon in the Dimmitt High School auditorium. "Can You Dig It," was performed by the Dimmitt Middle School Classics team, coached by Kim Hays. Team members are Cliff Wright, Alexis Proffitt, Rae Odom, Thomas Brockman, Jill Merritt, Ryan Hays and Kelsey Welch.

The DMS structure team, "Double Trouble," is coached by Wayne and Paula Proffitt. Team members are Daniel Proffitt, Kylie Webb, Lori Schulte, Josh Hardwick and Cherie Norman.

The DHS "Double Trouble" structure team is coached by Pat Keith and Wayne Proffitt. Team members are Timothy Proffitt, Jeremy Matthews, Jason Hall, Jason Hargrove, Michael Keith, Andy Hill, and Jared Townsend.

I am amazed at the talent these kids have in their ability to make all the props and then performing, as well as all the dedication and hard work by the team members and the coaches.

Joint worship services were held this past Sunday with the congregations of Immanuel Baptist Church and Lee Street Baptist Church. Sunday morning Immanuel attended Lee Street during their Sunday School hour and worship service, with Immanuel's choir bringing the special music and Rev. Frank Travis bringing the message.

Sunday afternoon the congregations had joint services at Immanuel, with Al Webb of Lee Street bringing the special music and Rev. Kevin Wood bringing the evening message. After the service, a joint observance of the Lord's Supper was held. Both congregations indicated an enjoyable and worshipful time was had by all.

Una Ward, formerly of Dimmitt, has moved to the assisted living center at King's Manor in Hereford. She will be 90 Saturday and would appreciate calls and letters from all of her friends. Her new address is King's Manor, No. 706, Box 1999, Hereford, 79045, phone 806-364-2616.

Carolyn Jones hosted her bridge club Thursday and served her special flan for dessert with pickup foods during the afternoon.

Members Ruth Jackson, Dorothy Gilbreath, Shirley Wise and Margaret Parsons played with guests, Dorothy Hopson, Martha Jo Hyman, Deanne Clark and Avis Smith.

"Cottonpatch Gospel" was the name of the concert held Sunday in Plainview. Going from Dimmitt were Betty and Ed Freeman, Myrtle Lois Moran, Marie Perrin, Dorothy Sheffy, Bill and Deanne Clark, Jack and Doris Flynt and Bill and Kathryn Birdwell.

The Jack Flynts fixed deep fat fried turkey and the trimmings for Carolyn Sideses un-birthday and V.C. Hopson's March 6 birthday Friday night at their home.

The Percy Parsonses, Bill Birdwells, V.C. Hopsons, George Sideses, Don Grahams and Bill Clarks shared cards and good food.

Continuing a 20-year practice of celebrating Aquarius birthdays together were Linda Roberts Mires, Ruby Moultrie and Deanne Clark.

This year they invited friends Dickie Holcomb Ballard, Diane Blume of Levelland, Elva Forrester (Deanne's mother from Lubbock), Linda's aunt Ruby and mother Helen Smith, also of Lubbock. They went out to eat and took in "South Pacific" at the Civic Center.

First United Methodist Church sponsors the musical and local talent is featured.

Myrtle Lois Moran also saw the production this past week.

# Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

Juanelle Haydon underwent surgery in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital Friday afternoon. Eddie and Sherry Haydon drove them to the hospital and stayed with them all day and through the night. Dorothy Ott and her daughter, Melony, both of Hereford, Evelyn Mitchell of Farwell and Lillian Hamilton of Earth stayed through the surgery. She was still in intensive care Sunday, but is expected to go home soon.

Kelly Green has been sick all week and went to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Saturday expecting surgery, but after tests was sent home until Monday. He went at 4 a.m. Monday for pancreas surgery.

Verba and Gay Sadler didn't get to visit with Elizabeth Worthington in Fort Worth last weekend, as they had planned. Later they learned she was in the hospital with a heart attack.

Teeny talked to Naomi Brown of Hale Center by phone Saturday. She has been having a problem with her diabetes, which is unusual for her. She is consulting with her family doctor to get it under control.

Rosie, Dara and their kids went to the airport in Lubbock Saturday to bring Judy Louder home from her visit in California with her mother and a sister. They also visited another sister and her family.

Rev. Bennie and Joyce Wright attended the Pastors and Layman's conference at Wayland Feb. 17-18. I forgot to mention it last week. Rev. Bennie and Joyce were in Loop Friday evening and Saturday tending to some business regarding her late father's house.

Emma Jean King went to Levelland Friday to see her grandson, Lance, play on the Springlake varsity team. He is a senior this year. They lost by two points in the last second of the game. Lincoln has finished his games on the junior varsity team.

Frances Duke spent Sunday through Wednesday baby-sitting with her granddaughters, Ashlee and Alyssa Duke. She asked me to invite

the Christian women of the community to the International World Day of Prayer meeting set for Friday at 4 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt. The program was written by Korean women.

## Screening set today

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 today (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.

Alton and Betty Louder spent the day Friday with Lowell and Genevieve Westmoreland in Littlefield.

I may have seen the new "Hale Bobb Comet" Sunday morning at 4, but there were so many big stars up there, I didn't know whether I saw it or not. It was pretty cold out my back door at that time.

Teeny Bowden went to the diagnostic clinic in Amarillo early Monday morning for a complete physical.

Joyce Wright hosted a baby shower Sunday afternoon in the parsonage honoring Caulin Vance Bradley, son of Justin and Kasie Bradley. Those attending were Lillian Carson, Louise Bradley, Heather Bradley, Kasie Bradley, her mother, Linda Tunnell of Lazbuddie, Macelle Winders of Amarillo, Verba Sadler, Willie Mae Sadler, Ruth Brown of Dimmitt, Maurice Carson of Cotton Center, Dorothy Gilbert, Tanner, Aimee, Ashton, Bailee and Caulin Vance Bradley.

## Parents asked to attend planning meeting for prom

Parents of Dimmitt High School juniors are asked to attend a meeting Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the high school home economics room to make plans for food for the junior-senior prom.

For more information call Wanda Nelson at 647-4364 or Joanne Snider at 647-3105.

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The City of Nazareth will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on March 10, 1997 at the City Hall, 106 2nd, Nazareth, Texas, in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizens participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities and the use of past TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Dianne Wilhelm, City Secretary, at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. For further information, contact Dianne Wilhelm at the City Hall, 806-945-2285.



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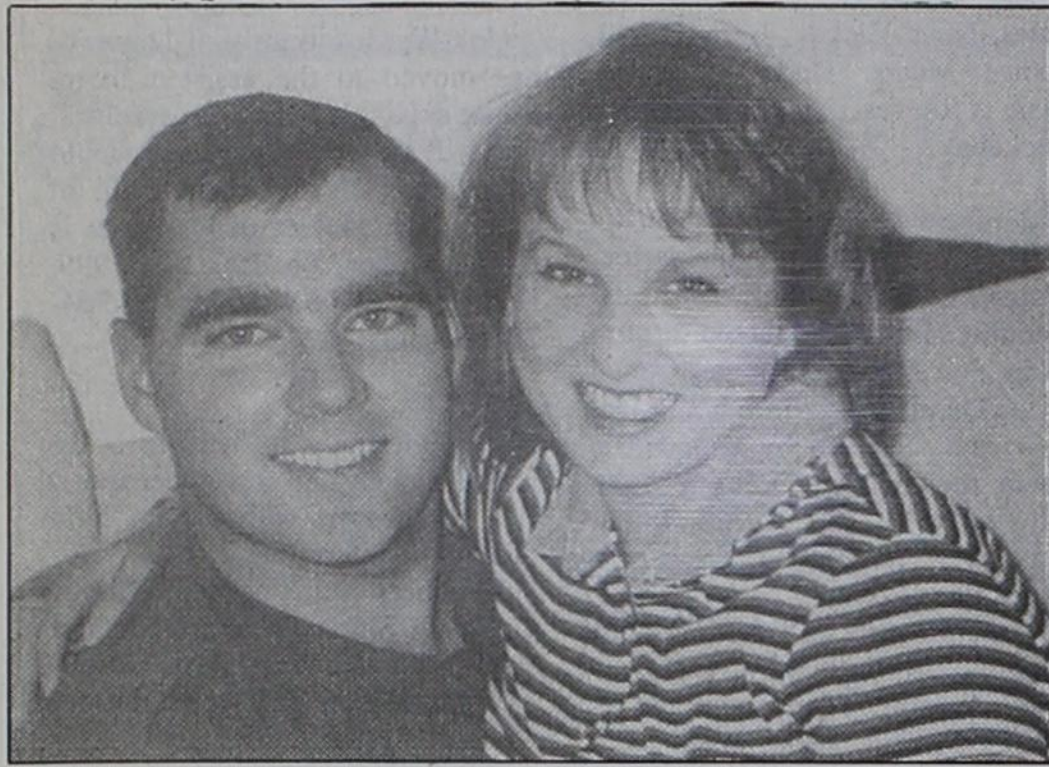
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# People



Kerry Ladell Lewis and Tamera Diane Gooss

## June vows planned

Larry and Susan Gooss of Brea, Calif., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tamera Diane Gooss, to Kerry Ladell Lewis, son of Avie Lewis of Georgetown and Cliff Lewis of Amarillo.

Lewis is the grandson of Geneva Justice of Dimmitt and the late Virgil Justice.

The couple are planning a June 21 wedding at 2 p.m. in the gardens of the Muckenthaler Cultural Arts Center of Fullerton, Calif.

The bride-elect is a 1989 graduate of Whittier Christian High School. She graduated from Azusa Pacific University in 1993 and she holds a bachelor of arts degree in math. She teaches high school math and is the cheerleader sponsor at Western Christian High School of Covina, Calif.

The prospective groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1986. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1991 with a bachelor of science degree in bio-engineering. He is a captain in the US Air Force and works as a bio-environmental engineer at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

After the wedding the couple plans to live at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

## Bridal shower honors Carter

Jennifer Carter, bride-elect of Kennen Howell, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday morning in the home of Mrs. Carol Schroeder.

A linen ecru cutwork cloth covered the serving table, which held an arrangement of fresh flowers in a bow and silver epergne flanked by two blue and white candles, representing the bride's chosen colors.

Crystal and silver appointments were used to serve the guests petite cheese sausage squares, finger cinnamon rolls, fresh fruit, iced raspberry tea and hot coffee.

Honored guests attending were Zora Patterson, grandmother of the bride; Kim Burnam, sister of the groom; and Charlene Howell, aunt of the groom.

Out-of-town guests and relatives were Sandy and Stephanie Morehead of Odessa; Cindy and Devanie Ad-

ams of Amarillo; Darla and Shelby Carter of Childress; Linda and Charla Chesher, Cathy Shields, Gayle O'Brian, Vernell, Daphnie and Jenny Cunningham, all of Friona; Montie Howell of Bovina; Sheryl and Kyla Howell of Tulia; Dannette Howell of Lubbock; Gayle Stovall of Fritch; Colleene and Melanie Howell of Texline; Olivia and Les Brown of Hereford; Wendy Peebles of Canyon; Debra Bridenbaugh of Amarillo; Ruth Weidenbach of Plainview; and Stacy Hardage of Hale Center.

The honoree was presented with a set of Pampered Chef cookware, a microwave oven and an artistic print by the hostesses.



MR. AND MRS. JEFFREY HALLFORD  
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## Newlyweds make home in Michigan

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Hallford are home in West Olive, Mi., after enjoying a wedding trip to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

The couple were married Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. Bruce Bowman officiating.

The bride is the former Larissa Muncy, daughter of Rodney and Veronica Muncy of Richland Springs. The groom is the son of E.W. and Rubye Hallford and is the grandson of Emily Clingsmith of Dimmitt.

Music was provided by Claudia Hamilton, organist, who played several selections including *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* by Bach; *Canon in D* by Pachelbel and *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* by Mozart.

Guitar soloist Dr. Michael Fontenot played *Gavotte* by Bach, *Gavotte* by Ponce and *Study in D* by Sor.

Richard Gonzales was the trumpeter and he played several selections before the ceremony. He accompanied Mrs. Hamilton on *Bridal Chorus* by Wagner for the procession and *Wedding March* by Mendelssohn for the recessional.

Dr. Rollee Blondeau, tenor soloist, sang the *Lord's Prayer*.

Green ferns, ivy and candelabras added to the church decor. Lilies and orchids decorated the pews.

The bride wore a diamond white Southern Belle gown of raw silk with a portrait neckline and pleated sleeves accented with pearls and sequins on the bodice and skirt. The medium-length train was embellished with pearls.

She wore a veil trimmed with diamond white satin ribbon accented with pearls and creamy taupe tea roses with Belgian lace leaves.

She carried a natural spray of

heather, lilies and orchids with diamond white ribbons.

Jennifer Hallford of San Antonio was matron of honor. Vivian McCall of Boerne was the flower girl.

The bridal attendants wore matching floor-length gowns of burgundy velvet and satin with plunging backs. They carried bouquets of lilies and heather.

Danny Hallford of San Antonio was best man for his brother. W. Michael Clark was the ring bearer.

Ushers were Mark Muncy of San Saba and James Muncy of Richland Springs, brothers of the bride.

A reception followed the wedding at the Auslander Restaurant with about 200 guests attending.

Floral arrangements, linens, rose petals and bows carried out the color scheme of burgundy, heather and ivory.

The bride's cake was a four-tiered confection of ivory icing decorated with heather-like flowers made of icing and topped with a small cross. The chocolate groom's cake sported the Texas Tech University Double T logo.

The bride graduated from San Saba High School in 1993. She worked at Security State Bank and Trust and KAS Originals in Fredericksburg. She is now employed by Elan' Boutique in Holland, Mi.

The groom graduated from Fredericksburg High School in 1990 and from Texas Tech University in 1994. He holds a bachelor of science degree in horticulture and is employed by Walters Gardens in Zeeland, Mi.

## Third grade slates program

Third graders at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School will present a music program Wednesday (March 12) at 9:30 a.m.

The public is invited to view the presentation, which will be held in the RES cafeteria.

Students will perform original choreography, including "The Dinosaur Dance" and "The Martian Hop."

## Library receives grant gift

Rhoads Memorial Library received \$225 in grant money from the Tocker Foundation recently to go toward the purchase of *The Handbook of Texas*.

The Tocker Foundation is a private foundation that gives grants to small, rural libraries in Texas, according to Rhoads Librarian Cindy Pottorff.

The Handbook is a six-volume reference set put out by the Historical Society of Texas. It contains short reference items on Texas and its history, and even includes an entry on Running Water Draw. Pottorff said the set is an update of the two-volume work that had been issued in 1952.

Pottorff said the reference set was priced at \$275, with the library making up the \$50 difference.

"It is a purchase we just couldn't have afforded without the generous help of the foundation," Pottorff said.

## World Day of Prayer to be Friday

A special service in observance of the World Day of Prayer will be held at First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt Friday at 4 p.m.

All Christian women from every denomination are encouraged to attend the meeting, which is open to the public.

The worship program is titled "Like a Seed Which Grows Into a Tree." It was written by Christian women in Korea.

## Book Club will host OM teams

The Dimmitt Book Club will meet Wednesday (March 12) at Rhoads Memorial Library at 4 p.m.

The public is invited to attend and view performances by the Dimmitt Middle School and Dimmitt High School Odyssey of the Mind teams.

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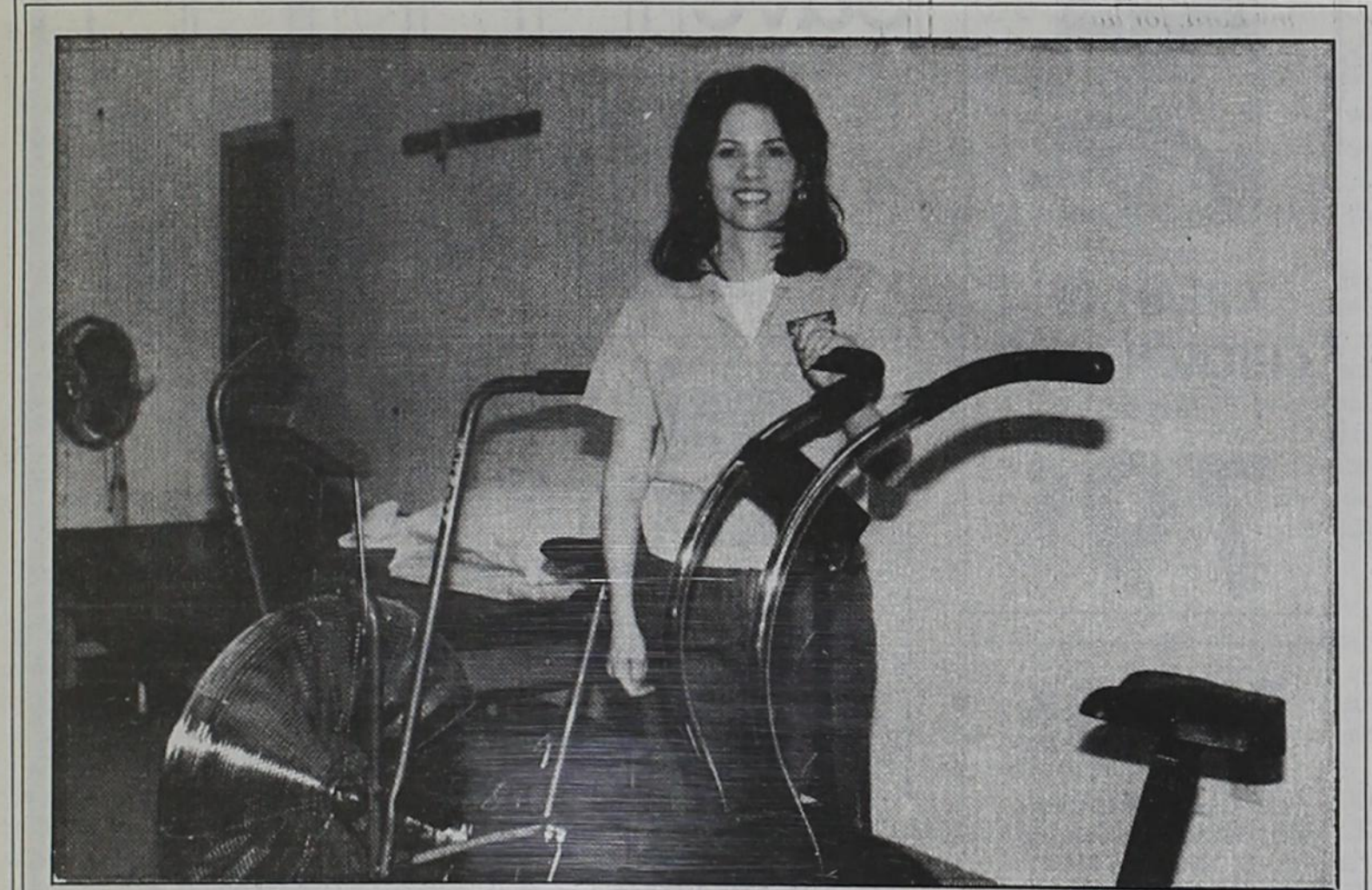
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Kirsten and Harold Verkamp of Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio are the parents of a baby boy, Brandon Douglas, who was born Feb. 25 at 8:45 p.m. He weighed in at 9-1/2 pounds and was 19-3/4 inches long. He has a big brother, Daniel, who is 3. Grandparents are Leslie Birkenfeld and Robert and Mary Verkamp, all of Nazareth. Great-grandparents are Rose Birkenfeld and Evelyn Backus, both of Nazareth, Ella Verkamp of Idalou and Lahoma Benke of Lawton, Okla.



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

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for March 6-14.

**DIMMITT**  
**Preschool-First Grade Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** Beef enchiladas, refried beans, Arroz Mexicano and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Fish burger, onion rings, fruited geatin and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Ground beef and macaroni, Mexicali corn, applesauce, assorted muffins and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Cheese pizza, watermelon, savory green beans and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Corn dogs, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad with dressing and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Beef stew, honeydew melon, crackers and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Fish nuggets, corn on the cob, apple slices, cornbread and milk.

**Grades 2-12 Lunch**  
**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 pears; 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.

**MONDAY:** Choice of ground beef and macaroni, bean chalupas or beef taco; Mexicali corn, southern collard greens or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, applesauce or pineapple sunset salad; assorted muffins, wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, corn tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

**TUESDAY:** Choice of Chili Fritos with picante sauce, cheese pizza or beef and bean burrito with chili; fresh watermelon, savory green beans or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, coleslaw or watermelon; garlic bread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of corn dogs, poor boy steak or green enchilada casserole, hash brown potatoes, squash or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, potato salad or coleslaw; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

**THURSDAY:** Choice of fruit and cheese plate, barbecued chicken or nachos with cheese and peppers; vegetable medley, potato salad or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or honeydew melon; cornbread, wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

**FRIDAY:** Choice of fish nuggets, red beans and rice or enchiladas; potato wedges, corn on the cob or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, raw spinach salad or apple slices; cornbread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

**HART**  
**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.

**MONDAY:** Choice of chicken sandwich, hamburger basket or corn dog, dill pickles, lettuce, tomato and pickles, fruit cocktail, carrot sticks, peanut butter bars, fresh fruit and milk.

**TUESDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken nuggets; gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, plums, apricots, carrot sticks, raw broccoli, wheat rolls, chocolate pudding and milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of burrito deluxe, chili con carne and beans, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun; apricots, mixed vegetables, salad, beets, raw broccoli, fresh fruit, gelatin dessert, banana pudding and milk.

**THURSDAY:** Choice of steak finger basket, pizza or hamburger basket; beets, mixed vegetables, peaches, dill pickles, chocolate cake, fresh fruit and milk.

**FRIDAY:** Choice of fish nuggets, pizza or bean burrito, salad, dill pickles, cornbread, spinach, peanut butter bars, fresh fruit, gelatin dessert and milk.

**NAZARETH**

**THURSDAY:** \*No school!

**FRIDAY:** \*No school!

**MONDAY:** \*Chili dogs or baked potato, salad, broccoli, applesauce, fruit cocktail and milk.

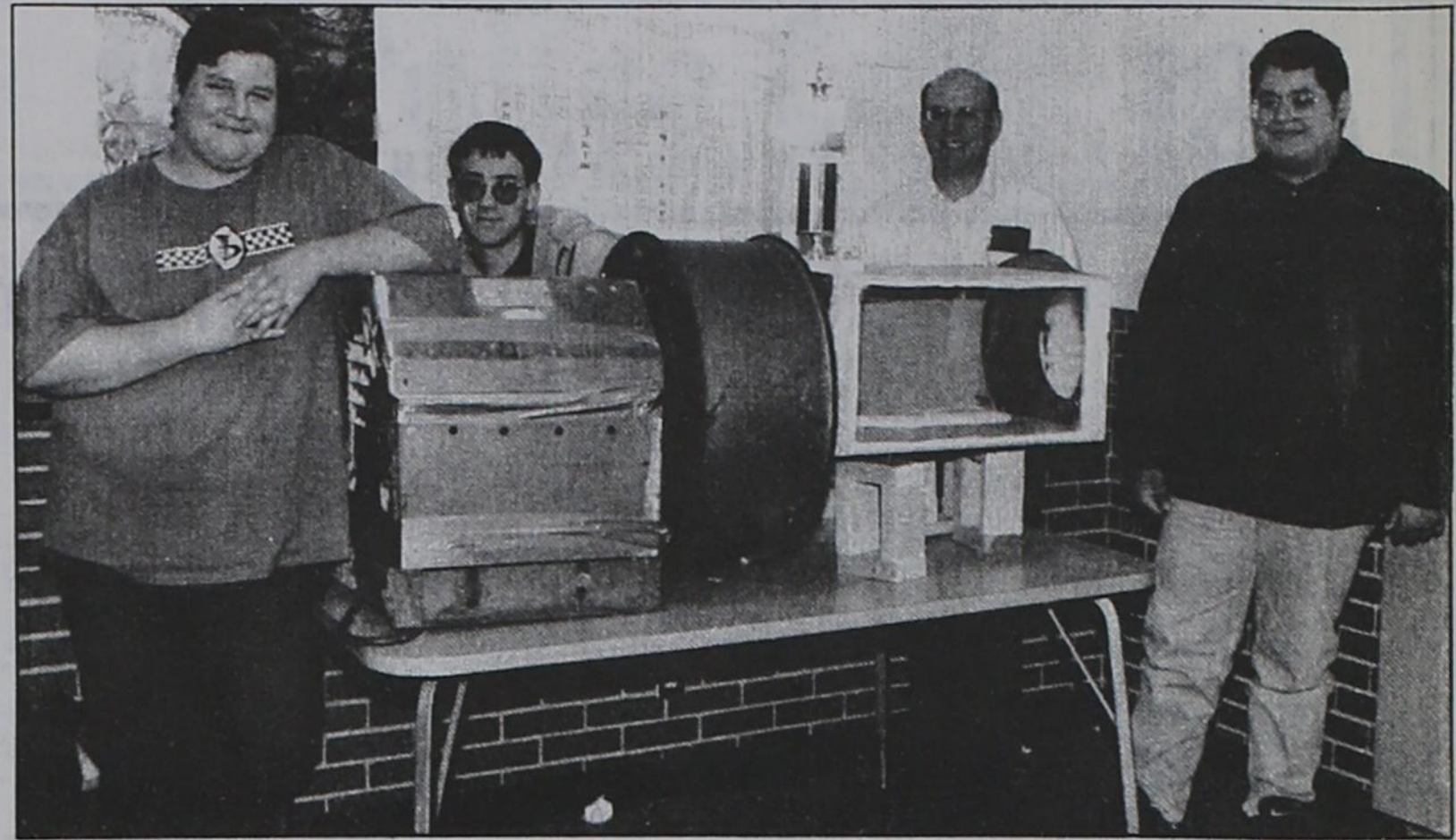
**TUESDAY:** \*Spaghetti with roll or pizza, salad, corn, peaches, pears and milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** \*Hamburger or grilled chicken sandwich, French fries, lettuce, beans, oranges, dessert and milk.

**THURSDAY:** \*Chicken spaghetti with roll or corn dogs, salad, beans, oranges, pineapple and milk.

**FRIDAY:** \*Cheese pizza and baked potato, salad, okra, peaches, dessert and milk.

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



**THIRD PLACE ENTRY**—This engineering project constructed by members of the Math-Science Club of Dimmitt High School won third place honors at a regional contest in Midland recently. Shown are (from left) Bradley Kinser, Jayson Heck, Terry Stovall, sponsor, and Rosendo Amador. Not shown are Will Shannon and Francis Purcell, sponsor.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Davis to speak to Flame Fellowship

Camie Davis of Lubbock will speak to the Dimmitt Flame Fellowship at Rhoads Memorial Library Friday at 7:30 p.m. and the public is invited.

Davis, 29, grew up in a charismatic church and "saw the power of God revealed through her mother's teaching and healing ministry," a fellowship spokesperson said.

She has been teaching in churches, Bible classes and home groups for the past two years, speaking about the person of the Holy Spirit.

"Through his guidance, she has also been called first and foremost to a life of intercession, specifically for Israel and the Jewish people," a spokesperson said. "As the end times are upon us, this call has intensified and Camie has spent much of her time educating Christians and reminding them of the great importance of Israel and the Jews in these last days."

## St. Patrick's Day dance is planned

The Knights of Columbus in Nazareth will sponsor a St. Patrick's Day Dance on Saturday, March 15, and proceeds from the event will benefit Catholic Family Services.

The dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall. Music will be provided by the group, Southern Sky, of Friona.

Admission is \$10 per person. For a \$25 donation, an individual will have his or her name placed on a special ad that will be displayed during the dance, and will receive two tickets to the event.

## Phyllaier advances to state solo contest

Janet Phyllaier earned a Superior rating on a Class I flute solo and that qualified her for the state solo and ensemble contest later this year.

The regional contest was held Feb. 22 in Lubbock.

Phyllaier, daughter of Phil and Alice Phyllaier, is a senior at Hart High School.

The contest will be held in San Marcos in May.

She performed her flute solo to *Wind Song* by Dean C. Howard. She was accompanied on the piano by Pam Kennedy.

## Local Red Cross plans garage sale

The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross, headquartered in Hereford, is planning to hold a garage sale in the near future to raise money for the disaster fund benefiting families who lost their homes and businesses during recent storms.

The American Red Cross Disaster Services reports that in Arkansas eight shelters were opened following recent tornado activity. Approximately 130 people are still being housed by these shelters. To date, Red Cross has served 4,350 for tornado victims.

In Mississippi, no shelters were needed for tornado victims, however, two emergency response vehicles are currently on site and have served 150 meals to victims there.

Tennessee was hit with floods and tornadoes. Four Red Cross shelters are currently open and one emergency response vehicle is currently on site.

In Kentucky, flood victims were served 3,000 meals and 800 people are being housed in eight shelters.

In Ohio several hundred flood victims are living in 10 shelters.

Thirteen shelters in West Virginia are housing 225 flood victims and 528 meals have been served.

All Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary gifts of time and money from the American People.

To help the victims of these and other disasters, call 1-800-HELP NOW (1-800-435-7669) or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish). You may also contribute to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund by sending a check to your local Red Cross Chapter or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington DC 20013.

Internet users can get more information about Red Cross activities and mail a secure online credit card contribution by visiting American Red Cross World Wide Web site at <http://www.redcross.org>.

## Local students place at engineering contest

The Math-Science Club of Dimmitt High School won third place honors at the Texas Aeronautical Solutions contest Saturday in Midland.

Team members who worked on the project included Bradley Kinser, Jayson Heck, Rosendo Amador, and Will Shannon. Sponsors are Francis Purcell and Terry Stovall.

Competitors had six weeks to research and design a concrete air-

plane wing that would fly in a wind tunnel. It had to achieve lift and also be able to carry weights. The DHS team successfully designed a wing and constructed a mini wind tunnel to test it in.

Stovall said that 26 schools originally entered, but the DHS team was one of the few that made it to the regional contest.

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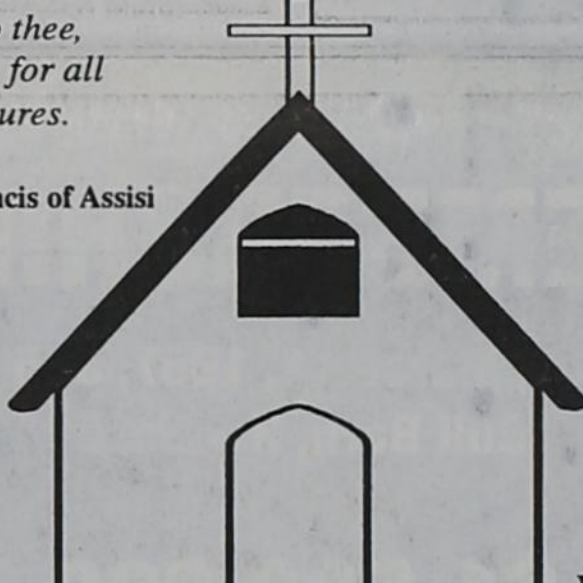
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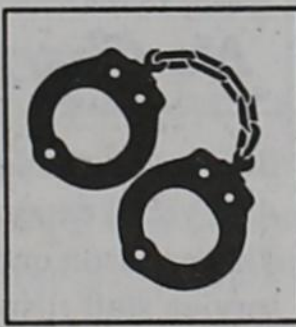
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## Deaf Smith REC annual meeting slated Tuesday

Deaf Smith Rural Electric Cooperative members will receive capital credit refunds from 1984 and a portion of 1985 totaling \$1,500,000 at the Cooperative's annual meeting and dinner Tuesday.

The meeting begins at 5 p.m. in the Hereford Bull Barn.

## Cable to audit local subscribers

Cable television viewers who are hooked up to Classic Cable's cable systems without proper authorization have until March 31 to get legal or they will be prosecuted.

"Stealing cable television service may have less social stigma than other crimes, but it is as criminal as shoplifting," said Classic Cable spokesperson Tracy Anderson.

Unauthorized use of cable service is punishable by six months in jail and a fine of up to \$2,000.

Classic Cable executives say through March 31 unauthorized viewers can call the company at 1-800-999-8876 and sign up to pay for the service or have it disconnected without any questions asked.

Steven Seach, president of Classic Cable, said no records will be kept of the fact the connections reported by the deadline were unauthorized.

After March 31, a crew of security personnel will use special equipment and visual inspections to examine cable connections in neighborhoods and will file charges against those who have nonpaying hookups.

Anderson said an estimated 125 people in the Classic Cable service area are receiving cable service without paying, usually through making unauthorized connections, tampering with cable boxes or moving into a new place that has cable without paying for the service.

Anderson said the theft results in an estimated \$385 a year in lost franchise fees and taxes to the local community and state.

A fish, chicken and beef dinner will be served and the Dixie Melody Boys will provide entertainment following the meal. A short business meeting to elect three directors will follow the Dixie Melody Boys' first performance.

Position 1 candidates are Donald Wright, incumbent; and nominee Clyde Damron Jr. Incumbent Clarence Martin and nominee David Carthel are candidates for Position 2. Candidates for Position 3 are incumbent Clark Andrews and nominee A.J. "Tony" Urbanczyk.

Another highlight of the evening's activities will be drawings for attendance prizes totaling more than \$1,000. A color television set will be awarded as the grand prize.

The Dixie Melody Boys, making their second consecutive appearance at Deaf Smith REC's annual meeting, have enjoyed tremendous success for the past three decades, including a Grammy nomination and numerous Fan Award nominations from the Singing News Magazine.

They have been featured on such popular television programs as The

Ralph Emery Show and most recently, Primetime Country, which airs live each evening via The Nashville Network. The talented group has enjoyed over 20 Top 40 hits, including seven Top 10 releases and a number one single, *Antioch Church Choir*.

The Dixie Melody Boys' goal of delivering a first-class performance filled with excitement, energy and lots of traditional southern gospel music are traits which have proven to play an essential role in the success they have enjoyed.

## Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR

**This will make you rich:  
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*There are two ways of getting on in this world: by one's own industry, or by the weakness of others.*

—Jean de La Bruyere



Nearly every week for the last few weeks my mailbox has contained information on some new business venture someone believes I should be involved in. They all have one theme in common: for little money,

with no selling and almost no effort you can make some major bucks. The headlines are exciting. Phrases such as "Earn \$3-\$5,000 per month part-time!" "Would you like a big raise?" (Usually followed by a long list of folks earning thousands every month. And "I make \$1,000 per day," are typical.

I'm certain I'll get more mail after writing this column. Folks who believe in multi-level marketing businesses (and there are thousands of them out there) are going to flood my mailbox.

So for the record, let me stress that this is not an anti multi-level marketing piece. I will try to cover the subject in a neutral manner. Some are bound to perceive it in a negative way simply because I don't happen to share their enthusiasm.

In reality, multi-level marketing offers comparable opportunities to franchises and other types of businesses. Some concepts are better than others, some ideas require more money than others and all have some element of risk.

Not every multi-level marketing business is a good one. In addition, no business will make you rich (legally) without some investment and a good deal of effort on your part.

### Separating the wheat from the chaff

So how can you spot a good multi-level marketing opportunity? How do you know when to jump in with both feet? Let me share a few thoughts on what to look for.

First, look closely at the opportunity. Are the products or services the company provides really needed or wanted by a wide range of people? What makes this company's offerings truly unique and marketable? Can your potential customers purchase similar products through conventional retail channels? Why are this company's products and services better or more attractive to consumers?

Second, determine if the products or services offer good value. Remember that value is a comparison of price versus quality and quantity. Compare products with other brands and companies. Try the products before you sign on. Can you really save money? Does this product or service save time or enhance your life? If you become a believer, it's easier to convince someone else.

The next step is to evaluate whether the company is more focused on tangibles (products and/or services) or intangibles (building mass by creating huge down lines). Long-term success will depend on tangibles. No one builds real wealth unless someone in the down line is selling product. You can only maintain sales year after year with quality and value.

Finally, take a good look at the company. Is the firm one with a proven track record? Has it survived the test of time? There is a downside here. Recent research shows that those folks who become part of a multi-level marketing program early on have better than average odds of achieving real wealth from the venture. There are analysts who believe you've waited too long, if you wait to see a firm develop a proven record.

I wish you well with your efforts. If you decide to jump in, please don't try to sign me up. I've already got all the opportunities I can manage. I would, however, enjoy hearing about your success.

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

## Boll weevil eradication recall fails

After an exhausting petition verification process, the verification committee announced last week that the High Plains Weevil Recall Organization's petition to recall the current boll weevil eradication program had failed.

After removing 1,196 verified

duplicate petitions, the committee found that the petition fell short of the number needed to meet the 40% required by law.

The verification committee, headed by Taylor County Judge Lee Hamilton and including representatives from the Texas Agricultural

Extension Service, the Texas Dept. of Agriculture and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, began the petition verification process on Feb. 20. Observers from the petitioning party and the Plains Cotton Growers were present during the verification process.

During opening remarks, Judge Hamilton asked High Plains Weevil Recall president Tommy Applewhite how the recall organization had arrived at the total number of 9,526 petitions. According to Judge Hamilton, Applewhite said that approximately seven members of the recall effort had personally counted the petitions at the same time, in the same room, and that the number was accurate.

"Mr. Applewhite assured me that he was confident with the number," said Judge Hamilton. "I explained to him that we would start from 9,526 and count backward from there. He said he was comfortable with that."

Because both the verification committee and Applewhite were aware of the possibility of duplicate petitions, Judge Hamilton recommended that the first step in verifying the petition was to determine which petitions were indeed duplicates, and then remove them.

## FSA plans training for ag credit borrowers

Swisher County will host the first of a five-part training program for producers who borrow operating funds through the Farm Service Agency.

The first part of the Top Quality Production Management Training required by FSA will be offered in Tulia at the Swisher County Courthouse Annex, 310 West Broadway, on March 22 from 1 to 6 p.m.

Registration deadline is March 21, and fees must be paid by that date, unless producers make other arrangements with Bob Detlefsen by calling him at (817) 772-2013. Those producers will be allowed to register and pay at the door.

Part 1 of the training will not be

offered again in Tulia before this fall. Producers must attend a Part 1 course before attending Parts 2, 3, 4 and 5, which will be scheduled after March.

The remaining parts of the program will be combined and will be presented in two, full-day classes.

Attending these classes will complete all of a producer's production training requirements.

For more information about the program and for costs, contact Detlefsen at (817) 772-2013 or Karen Harlan at (806) 546-3200 in the evenings.

Registration fees should be paid to Texas Farmers Training Co-op, P.O. Box 23256, Waco 76702-3256.

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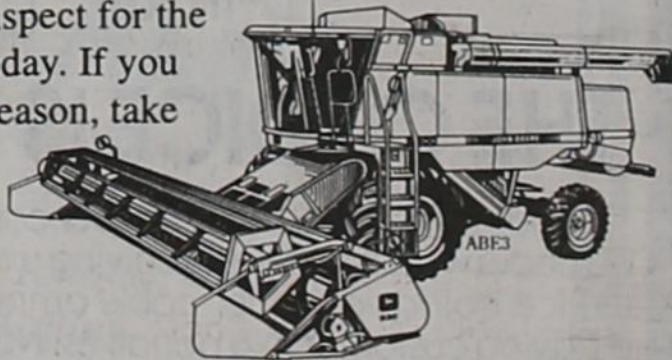
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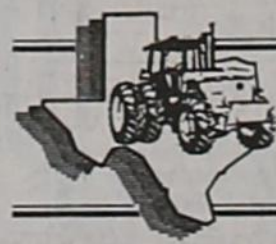
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# FSA to explain new CRP rules at meeting

Producers puzzled about the new requirements for the Conservation Reserve Program can learn all about the changes at an informational meeting Monday.

The Castro County Farm Service Agency office will conduct the meeting in the meeting room at Dimmitt City Hall beginning at 7 p.m. All producers are invited to attend.

CRP sign-up started Monday and will continue through March 28, according to Trish Elliott, county executive director of the Farm Service Agency.

"Signatures must be obtained on the CRP-1, Conservation Reserve Program Contract no later than March 28, so it is imperative that interested producers give this matter their prompt attention," Elliott said.

The Farm Service Agency and Natural Resource Conservation Service staffs in Castro County will be working together to assist producers in making offers.

Those planning to sign up in the program should call 647-2153 to schedule an appointment, Elliott said.

"We feel the appointment system will be the best way to serve you effectively within the time period allowed for sign-up."

## CRP program

The Conservation Reserve Program is a voluntary program that offers annual rental payments, incentive payments for certain activities and cost-share assistance to establish approved cover on eligible cropland. Certain activities may qualify for incentive payments. The length of the CRP contracts vary from 10 to 15 years.

The program encourages farmers to plant long-term resource conserving covers to improve soil, water and wildlife resources.

## Land eligibility

Eligible cropland is defined as land that has been planted or is considered planted to an agricultural commodity in two of the last five years (1992-1996) and must be capable of being planted in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity, Elliott said.

Eligible cropland also must meet the following criteria before it can be offered for enrollment in CRP:

- Land must have an Erosion Index of eight or higher or be considered highly erodible land according to the conservation compliance provisions.

- The land must be considered a cropped wetland.

- The land must be located in a national or state CRP priority area. Most of Castro County is in a state CRP priority area, according to Elliott.

- The land must be devoted to any of a number of highly beneficial environmental practices such as filter strips, riparian buffers, grass waterways, shelter belts, wellhead protection areas and other similar practices.

- The land must be cropland associated with or surrounding non-cropped wetlands, or must be subject to scour erosion.

The Natural Resource Conserva-

tion Service will determine whether or not acreage meets eligibility conditions, Elliott said.

## Producer eligibility

Producers offering acreage for CRP must have owned the land for at least 12 months prior to the March 28 deadline.

The only exception is for owners of land currently in CRP. They may re-offer such land for enrollment regardless of the length of ownership if all other eligibility requirements are met.

There are some exceptions that might apply.

For more information on producer eligibility requirements, call Elliott at the FSA office.

## Ranking criteria

After producer and land eligibility requirements have been met, the applications are ranked according to the environmental benefits for the land being offered. Bids are then ranked in comparison to all other bids offered and selections will be made from that ranking.

Environmental benefits include:

- Benefits to the wildlife habitat resulting from covers on contract acreage.

- Improved water quality as a result of reduced erosion, runoff and leaching.

- Reduced erosion on the farm.

- Long-term benefits from certain practices such as tree plantings which continue beyond the contract period.

- Improved air quality as a result of reduced wind erosion.

- Enrollment in conservation priority areas which contributes to the improvement of identified adverse water quality, wildlife habitat or air quality.

- Cost.

## Rental rates

Rental rates are based on the relative productivity of soils within each county, the average of the past three years of local dryland cash rent, or the cash rent equivalent.

The maximum rental rate for each CRP offer will be calculated in advance of enrollment. This rate will be based on the type of soils offered. The basic rental rate for Castro County is \$31 per acre, plus \$5 per acre maintenance fee.

## Effective date of accepted contracts

For CRP sign-up 15, new contracts for acreage currently enrolled in CRP that are due to expire on Sept. 30 will be eligible to be effective on Oct. 1.

Producers with new contracts accepted for acreage not previously enrolled in CRP will have the option of beginning their contracts on either Oct. 1, 1997 or Oct. 1, 1998.

# Hospital board hears plan for 'co-op health insurance'

An organization made up of more than 100 rural Texas hospitals has launched a new "cooperative health insurance" program, and is urging the Castro County Hospital District to adopt it.

It's called the "community health plan." It's a preferred provider organization (PPO) devised by the Texas Organization of Rural & Community Hospitals (TORCH).

TORCH spokesman James Alexander explained the program to the hospital board last Thursday night.

He said that the plan is a managed care program that would be sold by a designated local insurance agent, would be more affordable for local residents than some of the larger HMO and PPO programs, and would keep more local residents at home for the types of care the local hospital can provide.

"The big managed-care organizations come in and either take business out of the town or tell the local hospital, 'This is what we will pay for your services, and if you don't take it, we'll take your patients somewhere else,'" Alexander said.

"We want to give you your own managed-care tools," he told the hospital board. "It's a buy-local, shop-local approach. You provide what you can provide, and send your members somewhere else for the rest."

He described the TORCH plan as being "much like a co-op. None of our smaller hospitals can do this by ourselves, but working as a group we can provide these services."

He said that TORCH—a non-profit organization geared to the specific needs of rural hospitals—"had to sort through a bunch of insurance companies to get what we wanted" for the Community Health Plan.

130 Texas hospitals are members of TORCH, making it a large enough organization to have clout with the insurance industry, Alexander said.

"There are more member hospitals in TORCH than the total number of hospitals in Oklahoma, for example," he said.

Answering questions from board members, Alexander said local cooperatives, businesses and farm associations could participate as groups. He also said the plan includes a prescription card option.

"Nobody gets fat on this plan," Alexander said. "A lot of it is plain vanilla. The agent gets a smaller commission than standard, but can sell a ton of it. The hospital and the doctors can live with the rates this plan pays if they keep their operations efficient."

Hospital board members decided they wanted to discuss the proposal further before taking any action on it.

# Police Calls

Saturday at 1:49 a.m., a 26-year-old Dimmitt man was booked into jail on charges of assault/family violence. A 21-year old Dimmitt woman told police the man had caused injury to her hand and had pushed her during an argument.

A 45-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested by city police and jailed for aggravated assault early Saturday.

Sunday evening, a Dimmitt man, 37, was arrested by city police for assault/family violence and was jailed. The victim was a 20-year-old Dimmitt woman.

A 23-year-old Hereford man was jailed for DWI, first offense, at 12:15 a.m. Saturday. He was arrested by city police in the 700 block of S. US 385.

Public intoxication charges were listed against two people jailed over the weekend—a 37-year-old Hart man early Saturday and a 48-year-old Dimmitt man late Sunday.

Also on Sunday, a 51-year-old Hart woman was jailed on a warrant for hindering apprehension, and in a separate incident, a Hereford man, 23, was jailed on outstanding DPS warrants.

Ronnie Gfeller told deputies that someone stole one of his fence chargers Monday night. He valued it at \$400, and said it was taken from his property east of Dimmitt.

Cornett Equipment Co. reported to deputies Tuesday morning that the back window and a tail light were broken out of a car belonging to Robert Ewing. The damage was estimated at \$974.

Monday at 9 p.m., two vehicles heading west on SH 86 west of Dimmitt were involved in an accident when both attempted to turn north onto FM 1055 at the same time. A 1994 Ford Ranger pickup, driven by a person with the last name Milligan, and a 1990 Buick, driven by a Mrs. McLain, collided at the intersection, causing minor damage to both vehicles and minor injuries to McLain. DPS troopers said both drivers will be cited.

Four incidents involving minors

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and alcohol were reported to police on Saturday.

At 4:06 a.m., a minor was charged with being in possession of alcohol in the 400 block of West Lee. Eight cans of beer were taken as evidence.

At 4:10 a.m., a man was charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor, also in the 400 block of West Lee.

At 9:55 p.m., underage suspects were found in possession of eight

cans of beer at Roadside Park.

At 11:35 p.m., underage suspects were found in possession of 29 bottles of beer in the 600 block of West Etter.

Carmen Castillo of Dimmitt told police that someone broke out three windows on a 1983 Camero while it was in the 300 block of West Andrews early Sunday.

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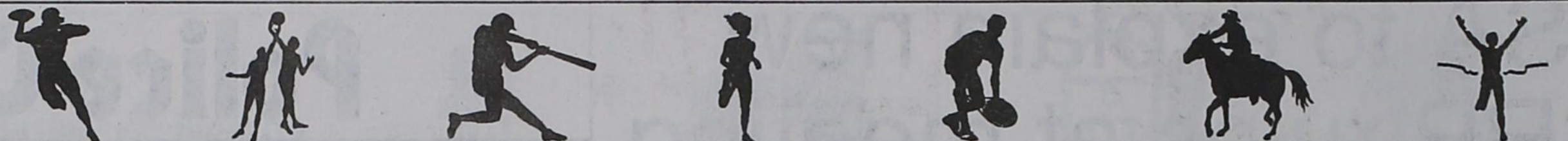
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### CITY OF DIMMITT TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Dimmitt will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m., on March 10, 1997, at City Hall in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) Grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Don Sheffy, City Manager, at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

# Sports



## Swifts win second straight regional crown

Gruver point guard Brent Armes may have set the tempo of the Region 1-A championship game Saturday, but it was Nazareth point guard Bryan Braddock who controlled the game, at least in the fourth quarter.

Braddock hit three crucial three-pointers and scored 13 points over the final eight minutes to spark the Swifts in a 56-49 victory over the Greyhounds. The victory assured the Swifts of a trip to the Final Four for the second straight year.

Nazareth Coach Mark Makeever said Braddock's fourth-quarter effort exhilarated the Swifts and proved to be the difference in the game.

"Bryan's a gym rat. This means a whole lot to him," Makeever said. "We're between a rock and hard place with him sometimes because he tries to do much himself. But he came through for us tonight, and in this morning's game."

Gruver finished its season with a 22-14 mark while the Swifts improved to 31-4.

Nazareth wanted to play an up-tempo game against Gruver, but Armes directed his team in a patient, half-court game that kept the teams close the entire way.

"That guard (Armes) is tough. We wanted to speed it up a little bit, but

he kept it slow," Makeever said. "They played great defense and they out-rebounded us bad (34-21). But Bryan's threes in the fourth quarter were big, then we hit our free throws when we needed to. We've been doing a good job of hitting free throws all year and it paid off."

Braddock came alive the fourth to give the Swifts the momentum they needed to take control of the game and victory in the waning minutes Saturday.

"I was worried all day long that they would try and slow it down on us," said Braddock, who led all scorers with 27 points in the title tilt. "I

wanted to pick up the pace so we could take the crown and we did."

Armes not only directed his team on offense, but had the task of guarding Braddock most of the game—until he got in foul trouble in the fourth quarter.

"He did a pretty good job of shutting me down in the first half, but then he got in foul trouble and they switched off," said Braddock. "The guy who took me then left me open and I knocked down the shots."

Nazareth led 33-30 at the start of the fourth quarter, and Gruver trimmed the lead to two with 5:55 left on an Armes three-pointer before Braddock got hot.

He hit his first three-pointer with 5:42 left, then drained another 30 seconds later.

Two-pointers by Nathan Hoelting and Braddock came after a trey by Josh Mayhew of Gruver, and Braddock's shot gave the Swifts a 47-38 lead with 2:57 left in the game.

With 2:35 left Jim Potts scored for Gruver, and Nazareth took a time out with 2:35 left.

The Swifts worked the clock for 36 seconds before Braddock found himself open and virtually assured the Swifts of a victory with a three-pointer.

Two free throws by Mayhew cut it to eight, then Jared Johnson scored to pull Gruver within six with 57 seconds left.

Gruver got five points from Buster McLain in the last 40 seconds, but Nazareth hit six free throws during that span and claimed the championship.

It took a while for the Swifts to adjust to the slow-paced game in the first quarter, and they only managed to put 10 points on the board in the stanza, including four by Hoelting in the first three minutes of the game.

The Swifts got two points from three other players including Braddock, Mitchell Brockman and Barry Hoelting.

Gruver managed just seven points in the quarter, though.

Potts, who led the Greyhounds with 18 points, scored after nabbing an offensive carm with 5:25 left to tie the game at two, then McLain sank a pair of free throws with 4:46 left to knot it at four.

Gruver got a partial block on a Swift outside shot with just over a minute-and-a-half to go in the first, but Mitchell Brockman leaped high,

caught the rejected ball in mid-air and layed it in for two to give the Swifts a 6-4 lead.

Mayhew, who finished with 13 points, sank a three-pointer with 1:14 left to give Gruver its only lead of the game at 7-6.

Braddock scored with 50 seconds left, then Barry Hoelting connected with three ticks left on the clock for the 10-7 first-quarter edge.

Both teams shot the lights out in the first five minutes of the second quarter. The Swifts were 6-of-8 from the field, including two treys by Braddock; while the Greyhounds were 6-of-6 before they missed a shot in the stanza.

Braddock and Potts traded baskets to start the second quarter, each hitting two in the first 1:20. The difference was Braddock's were from three-point range while Potts's were short twos from underneath the hoop.

Braddock's second three put Nazareth up 16-9, but Potts's second shot pulled Gruver within five.

An Armes basket with 5:54 left in the half pulled the Greyhounds within three, but Nathan Hoelting got that back seconds later.

Another Potts basket was countered by Nathan Hoelting, and Potts fouled on the play. Nathan Hoelting added the free throw for a 21-15 Swift lead.

A three by Mayhew cut it to three, but Nathan Hoelting was the target downcourt 16 seconds later and the Swifts went back on top by five.

Gruver's Heath Tolleson picked up his first points of the game with 3:29 left and Nazareth's lead was down to

three again. But Braddock drove inside, put up an off-balanced shot that fell and was hammered by Tolleson. He made his free throw for a 26-20 Swift lead and that's how the half ended.

Nazareth took an eight-point lead with 6:27 left in the third when Hoelting hit a pair of free throws, but the Swifts were silent until Marcus Brockman counted two more free throws with 1:23 left.

Potts was rampant during the Swift drought. He scored three unanswered baskets during the stretch and with three minutes left Nazareth found itself in trouble, clinging to a two-point lead.

Brockman's two free throws made it a four-point lead, but Potts found the hole again, scoring with 40 seconds left. Then Mayhew stole the ball from Braddock near midcourt and drove in for a layup to tie the game at 30 with 16 seconds left.

Braddock didn't let Gruver celebrate for long. He took the inbound pass, drove the length of the court and took a layup with seconds left on the clock. He was fouled by McLain and sank the free throw to give the Swifts a three-point edge, 33-30.

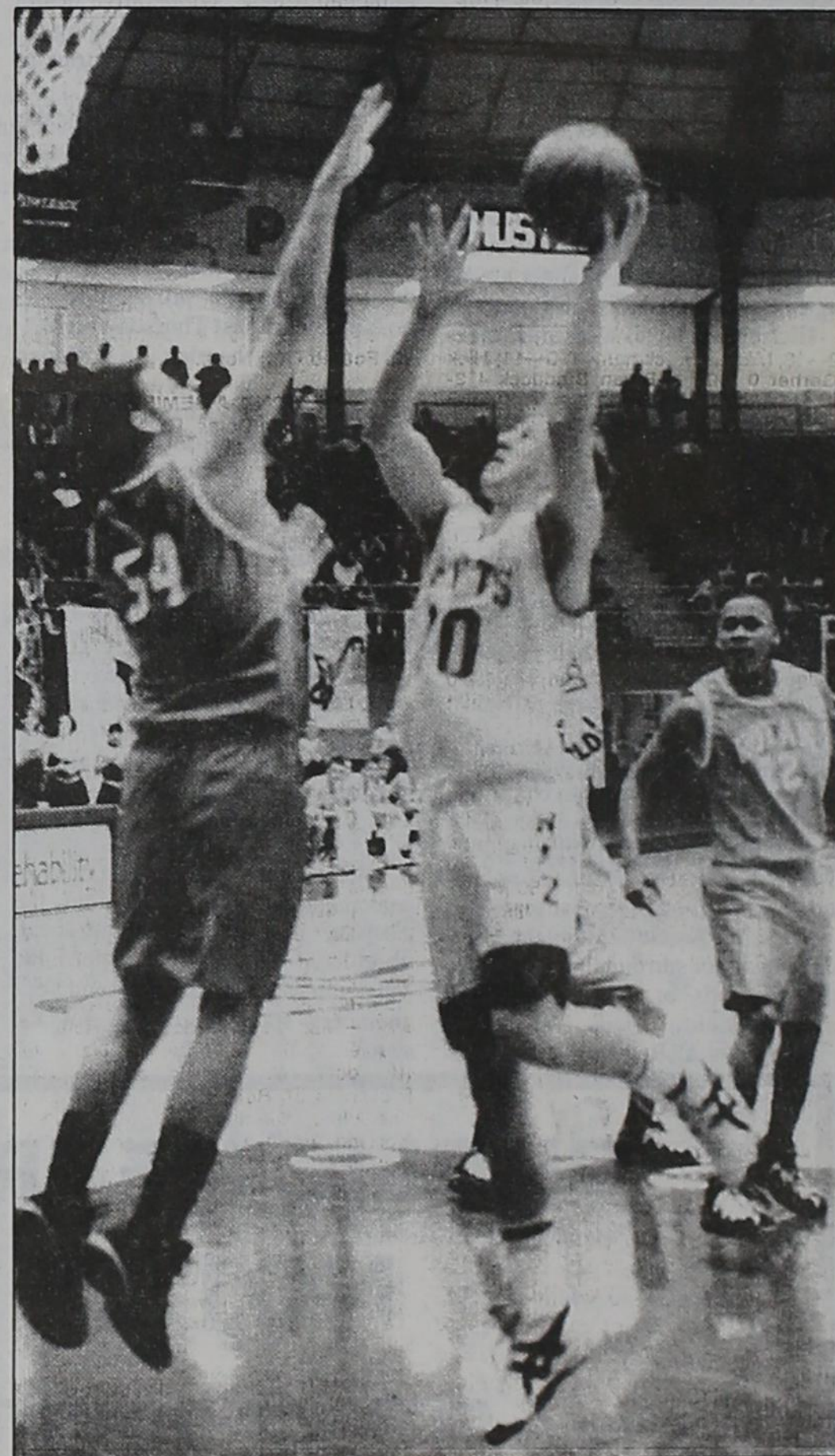
Nazareth went on to outscore Gruver 23-19 in the fourth quarter for the win.

"Gruver never died. They did an outstanding job and kept after us until the last buzzer," Makeever said. "I've known Coach Garland for a long time and he does a great job. This wasn't one of his most talented teams, but they get the job done."



GRUVER'S DEFENSE couldn't stop Nazareth's Bryan Braddock (14) Saturday night. Braddock, scoring two of his game-high 27 points here, took control of the game in the fourth quarter, scoring 13 of his points to lift the Swifts to a 56-49 victory and their third regional championship in four years.

Photo by Anne Acker



NAZARETH'S NATHAN HOELTING (30) turns and makes an inside post move against Rotan's Zack Morris (54) Saturday morning in a Region 1-A semifinal game at the Texan Dome in Levelland. Hoelting and the Swifts downed Rotan, then beat Gruver Saturday night to claim the regional championship for the second straight year. Hoelting finished with 23 points in the semifinal game.

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**Good Luck, Nazareth Swifts in the State Tournament!**

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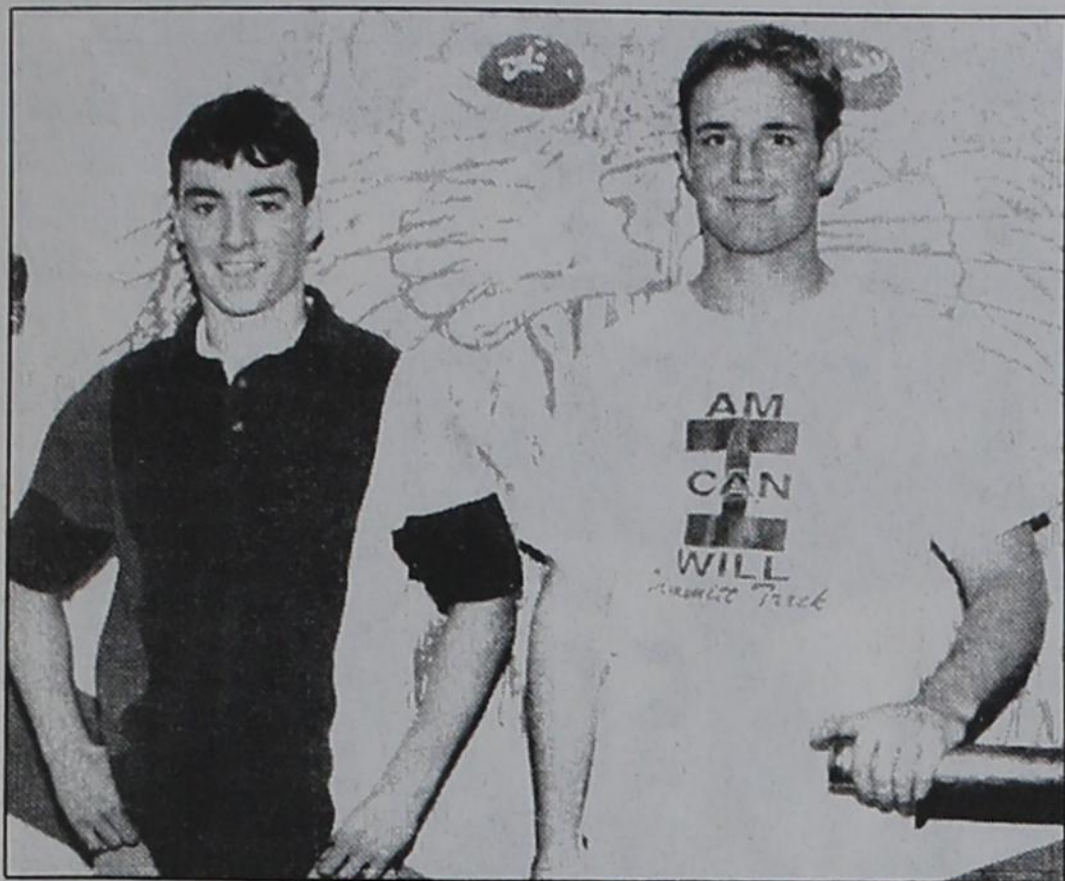
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**REGIONAL QUALIFIERS**—Jason Hall (left) and Beau Hill (right) will compete in the Regional Powerlifting Championship in Sundown Saturday. They won the right to compete by placing in the top of their weight classifications at the qualifying meet held Feb. 22.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Two power lifters qualify for regional

Two members of the Dimmitt High School Power Lifting Team will compete in the Regional Power Lifting Championship in Sundown Saturday.

The team sent eight members to the regional qualifying meet Feb. 22, also in Sundown.

Those qualifying for regional are Jason Hall, who placed third in the 123-pound class, and Beau Hill, who placed fourth in the 181-pound class.

Hall's total score of 800 came from a squat lift of 270, a bench press of 210 and a deadlift of 320.

Hill had an aggregate score of 1,085, from his squat lift of 410, bench press of 225 and deadlift of 450.

Others who entered the qualifying

meet and their scores included:

In the 148-pound class, Justin Sutton, squat 235, bench 200, deadlift 310, total score 745; and Luis Reyes, squat 235, bench 150, deadlift 275, total 660.

Tyson Traylor competed in the 165-pound class, with a total score of 815, from a squat of 300, bench 155 and deadlift 360.

In the 181-pound class, Mike Keith and Jason Hargrove tied for 10th with a total of 940 each. Keith's scores were 330 squat, 235 bench, and 375 deadlift. Hargrove's scores were 305 squat, 270 bench and 365 deadlift.

Michael Penney had a total score of 890 in the 198-pound class, with lifts of 360 squat, 210 bench and 320 deadlift.

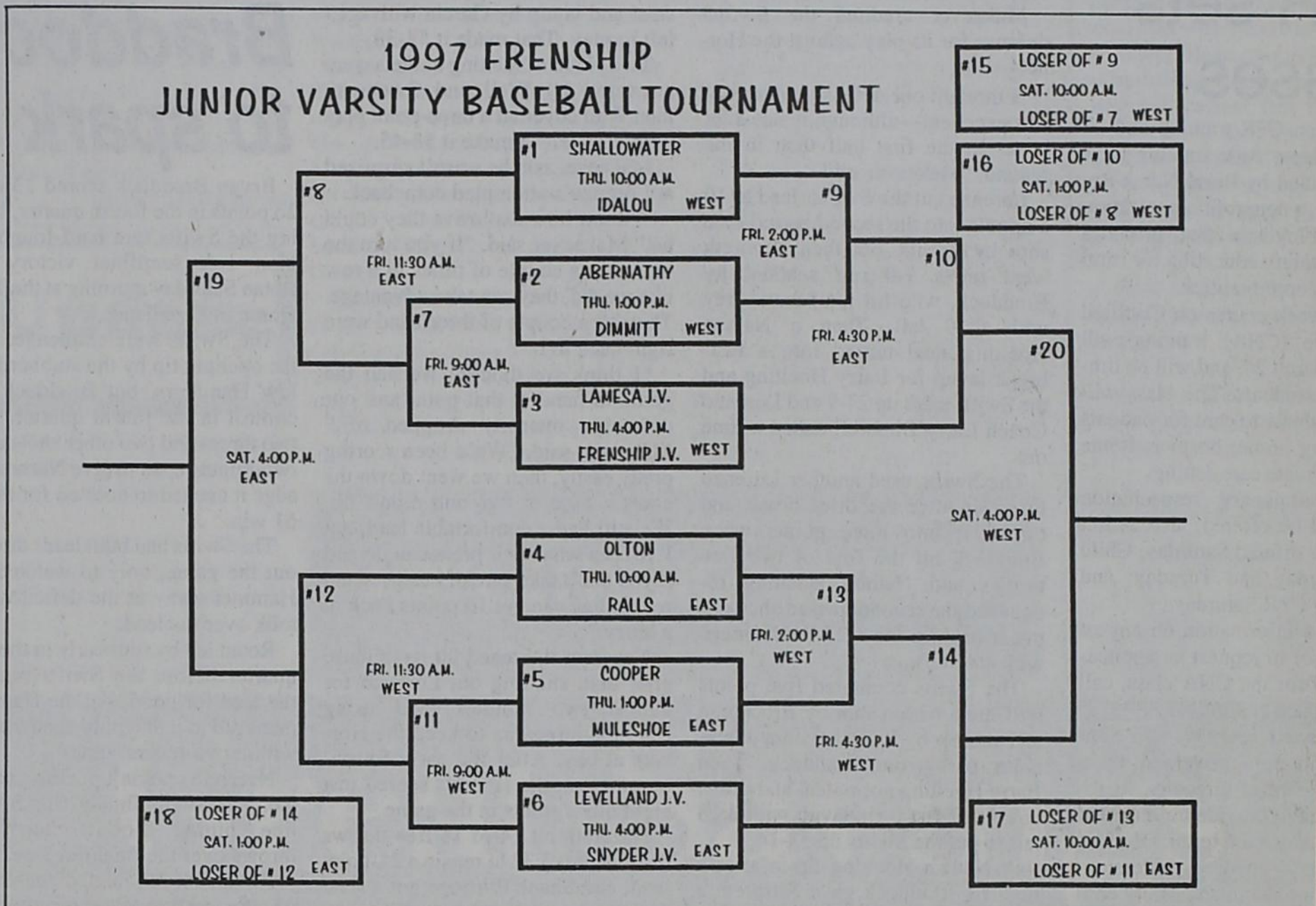
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## Scoreboard

### REGION 1-A QUARTERFINAL at Texan Dome, Levelland

Swifts 76, Lorenzo 53

Nazareth 19 18 17 22—76

Lorenzo 7 11 16 19—53

### NAZARETH—Nathan Hoelling 8 2-

2—18; Marcus Brockman 4 0—11; Nick Gerber 0 0—0; Bryan Braddock 4 3-

6—13; Justin Bingham 3 2—8; Darren Huckert 0 2—2—2; Mitchell Brockman 0 5-

6—5; Jerad Birkenfeld 0 0—0; Barry Hoelling 6 3—4—15; Billy Don Cannon 1 0-

0—2; Shane Ethridge 1 0—2. Totals: 27

17—24—76.

### LORENZO—Silas McCaddon 2 0—0—4;

Erasmo Garcia 6 0—0—13; Kane Swetnam 4

2—3—11; David Hernandez 1 0—0—2; Billy Dominguez 3 0—2—7; Erik Rodriguez 0

0—0—0; Brian Garcia 0 0—0—0; Bo Forsman 0 0—0—0; Gary Wall 7 2—3—16;

Sidney Gant 0 0—0—0; Ephriam Hinojos 0

0—0—0; Jason Randolph 0 0—0—0. Totals:

23 4—8—53.

### FG—Naz: 27 of 59 for 45.8%; Lorenzo:

23 of 58 for 39.7%. 3FG—Naz: 5 of 15 for

33.3% Marcus Brockman (3) and Braddock (2);

Lorenzo: 3 of 14 for 21.4% Erasmo Garcia, Swetnam

and Dominguez. FT—Naz: 17 of 24 for 70.8%;

Lorenzo: 4 of 8 for 50%. Rebounds—Naz: 43 (Nathan

Hoelling 14); Lorenzo 29 (Swetnam 7). Assists—Naz:

15 (Braddock 9); Lorenzo 15 (E. Garcia 6).

### Turnovers—Naz: 12 (Braddock, N. Hoelling

and Bingham 3); Lorenzo 15 (Swetnam 8). Blocked

Shots—Naz: 2 (N. Hoelling and Gerber). Steals—Naz 9 (N.

Hoelling and B. Hoelling 2); Lorenzo 6 (E. Garcia 3).

Total Fouls: Naz 10, Lorenzo 20. Fouled Out: None.

### REGION 1-A SEMIFINAL at Texan Dome, Levelland

Swifts 68, Rotan 61

Nazareth 18 8 18 24—68

Rotan 12 11 18 20—61

### NAZARETH—Nathan Hoelling 9 5-

5—23; Marcus Brockman 1 0—0—2; Nick Gerber 1 0—0—2;

Bryan Braddock 9 3—8—26; Justin Bingham 0 4—4—4; Darren Huckert 0 2—2—2;

Mitchell Brockman 1 2—2—4; Barry Hoelling 1 1—4—4; Billy Don Cannon 1 0—0—2;

Kit Schulte 0 0—0—0. Totals: 23 17—23—68.

### ROTAN—Reed Underwood 1 4—4—6;

Larry Daniels 5 3—6—14; Zack Morris 9 3—4—21;

Stony Carillo 3 0—2—7; Jay Ben Alls 3 4—5—10; Jake Baker 0 0—0—0;

Joey Sepeda 1 1—2—3; Kris Rogers 0 0—0—0. Totals: 22 15—23—61.

### FG—Naz: 23 of 53 for 43.4%; Rotan: 22

of 66 for 33.3%. 3FG—Naz: 5 of 13 for 38.5% (Braddock 5);

Rotan: 2 of 8 for 25% (Daniels and Carillo). FT—Naz: 17 of 23 for 73.9%;

Rotan: 15 of 23 for 65.2%. Rebounds—Naz: 38 (Nathan Hoelling 16);

Rotan 43 (Daniels 12). Assists—Naz: 11 (Braddock 5);

Rotan 8 (Daniels 3). Turnovers—Naz: 14 (Braddock, N. Hoelling

and Mitchell Brockman 3); Rotan 11 (Carillo, Rogers and Alls 3).

Blocked Shots—Naz: 3 (N. Hoelling 2); Rotan 2 (Daniels and Carillo).

Steals—Naz 5 (B. Hoelling 2); Rotan 8 (Alls 4). Total Fouls:

Naz 21, Rotan 20. Fouled Out: Underwood for Rotan.

### REGION 1-A CHAMPIONSHIP at Texan Dome, Levelland

Swifts 56, Gruver 49

Nazareth 10 16 7 23—56

Gruver 7 13 10 19—49

### NAZARETH—Nathan Hoelling 7 5-

8—19; Marcus Brockman 0 6—6—6; Nick Gerber 0 0—0—0;

Bryan Braddock 9 4—8—27; Justin Bingham 0 0—0—0; Darren Huckert 0 0—0—0;

Mitchell Brockman 1 0—0—2; Barry Hoelling 1 0—0—2; Billy Don Cannon 0 0—2—0.

Totals: 18 15—24—56.

### GRUVER—Buster McLain 2 2—3—7;

Jared Johnson 2 0—0—4; Jim Potts 9 0—0—18;

Brant Armes 2 0—0—5; Josh Mayhew 4 2—2—1; Matt Overbay 0 0—0—0;

Charlie Stavlo 0 0—0—0; Jason Tebest 0 0—0—0;

Heath Tolleson 1 0—0—2. Totals: 20 4—5—49.

### FG—Naz: 18 of 39 for 46.2%; Gruver:

20 of 50 for 40%. 3FG—Naz: 5 of 12 for 41.7% (Braddock 5);

Gruver: 5 of 17 for 29.4% (Mayhew 3). FT—Naz: 15 of 24 for 62.5%;

Gruver: 4 of 5 for 80%. Rebounds—Naz: 21 (Nathan Hoelling 6);

Gruver 34 (Potts 10). Assists—Naz: 7 (Brockman 3);

Gruver 16 (Armes 6). Turnovers—Naz: 9 (Braddock 4);

Gruver 14 (McLain and Armes 4). Blocked Shots—Naz: 1 (N. Hoelling);

Gruver 1 (Potts). Steals—Naz 5 (Braddock 3); Gruver 6 (Armes 3).

Total Fouls: Naz 9, Gruver 22. Fouled Out: Armes for Gruver.

Technical Foul: Braddock for Nazareth.

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## Ortiz signs with ASU

Dusty Ortiz of Hart has signed a national letter of intent to play football for Angelo State University next fall.

Ortiz, a 6-6, 270-pound senior, was a two-way starter on the line for the Hart Longhorns this season. He earned all-district honors for his play on both sides of the ball.

Several colleges contacted Ortiz. They included East Central University in Ada, Okla., University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, Southwestern University, Trinity University, McMurry University and Hardin-Simmons University.

## Hart's Reyna is named all-district

Moses Reyna of Hart earned mention to the all-district team, which was announced last week.

Reyna was joined on the all-3-AA squad by Lockney's J.R. Walker Jr. and Adam Cummings, Hale Center's Derreck Johnson and Wes Horsford, Highland Park's Matt Evans and Paul Weller, Bovina's Tony Beauchamp and Luke Steelman and Olton's Jake Conner.

Four other Longhorns were named to the District 3-AA honorable mention squad for the 1996-97 season.

They are Lupe De La Fuente, Sergio Martinez, Jared Aven and Michael Pantoja.

# Swifts use big first-half to oust Lorenzo Friday

Nazareth's guards handled the full-court press applied by Lorenzo Friday and used a big first-quarter to down the quick, feisty Hornets, 76-53, in a Region 1-A quarterfinal game at the Texan Dome in Levelland.

Nazareth took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter on a three-pointer and offensive put-back by Bryan Braddock and a 15-footer by Justin Bingham.

Lorenzo cut Nazareth's lead to four twice in the quarter, but the Swifts pulled away toward the end of the stanza and were never threatened again.

Lorenzo's defense couldn't stop the Swifts' attack, giving up double-figure scoring to four individuals. Nathan Hoelting led the Swifts with a game-high 18 point performance. His brother, Barry Hoelting, finished

with 15 while Bryan Braddock added 13 and Marcus Brockman chipped in 11.

For the Hornets, leading scorer was Gary Wall with 16 while Erasmo Garcia had 13 and Kane Swetnam finished with 11.

The Swifts got scoring production from five players in the first quarter to take a 19-7 lead after the first eight minutes. Braddock led the explosion with seven points.

Lorenzo's defense surrounded Hoelting inside, and kept close tabs on Braddock on the perimeter.

"That's just good coaching," said Nazareth Coach Mark Makeever. "They had to shut Nathan down to have any chance. He's averaging 30 points and 14 rebounds in the play-offs. But we had guys like Marcus and Justin step up and hit big shots. I thought we should have been a little more patient and try to get him the ball."

Makeever credited the Swifts' defense for its play against the Hornets.

"I thought our defensive intensity was excellent—although it was a lot better in the first half than in the second," Makeever said.

Lorenzo cut the Swifts' lead to 10 a minute into the second period on a shot by Garcia, but then Nazareth went on a 9-0 run sparked by Braddock, who hit his second trey with 6:39 left. Then a Nathan Hoelting steal turned into a fast-break layup for Barry Hoelting and the Swifts were up 24-9 and Lorenzo Coach Larry Birdwell called a time out.

The Swifts used another Lorenzo turnover after the brief break and turned it into three points when Braddock hit the first of two free throws and Nathan Hoelting rebounded the second missed shot and put it back in for a 27-9 advantage with 4:40 left.

The Swifts countered five points by Garcia with a shot by Brockman and another by Bingham on a down-court pass from Braddock. Then Barry Hoelting got a steal and drove coast-to-coast for a layup with 3:18 left to put the Swifts up 33-14.

A Nathan Hoelting tip-in after a miss by Braddock gave Nazareth a 37-16 lead with 1:15 left, but

Lorenzo's Swetnam cut it to 19 when he scored with 42 seconds left, and the score stood at 37-18 at the break.

The Swifts opened third-quarter play with a three-pointer by Brockman and a jumper by Barry Hoelting, who added another shot with 6:21 left to put the Swifts up 44-20.

Billy Dominguez, who had just two points for the Hornets in the first half, scored five more over a 37-second period around Barry Hoelting's last basket to trim the Swifts lead to 21, 44-23.

The Hornets kept pace with the Swifts in scoring in the third quarter, but couldn't gain any lost ground, and trailed the top-ranked Swifts 54-34 at the end of three.

Lorenzo's defense shut down the Swifts at the start of the fourth quarter, and during that dry spell, the Hornets were able to cut Nazareth's lead to 16, using a shot by Wall after an offensive board by Garcia, and a steal and layup by Garcia with 6:19 left to play. That made it 54-38.

Two Nathan Hoelting baskets were answered by Wall and Swetnam, then Wall converted a three-point play with 4:14 left to make it 58-45.

Makeever said he wasn't surprised at Lorenzo's attempted comeback.

"I knew how explosive they could be," Makeever said. "If you turn the ball over a couple of times in a row like we did, they can take advantage. They hit a couple of threes and were right back in it."

"I think we thought we had the game in hand at that point and our defensive intensity dropped off," Makeever said. "We'd been scoring pretty easily, then we went down the court a time or two and didn't hit. We still had a comfortable lead, but I've seen what their press can do and if you don't take care of business and relax, they can get 10 points back in a hurry."

Nazareth tightened up its defense after that, shutting out Lorenzo for almost two minutes, and using Lorenzo turnovers to keep the Hornets at bay. After the early fourth-quarter run, the Hornets scored just eight more points in the game.

Nazareth hit 14-of 18 free throws over the last 3:32 to regain a 21-point lead, and Shane Ethridge got a steal and layup to cap the victory.



PLANNING THE WINNING STRATEGY  
... Nazareth Coach Mark Makeever maps out a plan for the final minutes in Saturday's regional title game  
Photo by Anne Acker

## RNR sets 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 Saturday; Child CPR, Saturday and Tuesday; and community CPR Saturday.

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.

RNR started in 1990 as a nonprofit corporation governed by a volunteer board of directors. Its focus has been to provide training and continuing education to rural nursing and emergency medical professionals, as well as health and safety education to the general public.

# Braddock comes alive in fourth to spark Swifts to win over Rotan

Bryan Braddock scored 13 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter, boosting the Swifts to a hard-fought Region 1-A semifinal victory over Rotan Saturday morning at the Texan Dome in Levelland.

The Swifts were challenged from the opening tip by the stubborn Yellow Hammers, but Braddock took control in the fourth quarter, using two threes and two other shots over a two-minute span to give Nazareth the edge it needed to hold on for the 68-61 win.

The Swifts had built leads throughout the game, only to watch Rotan Hammer away at the deficit until it took over the lead.

Rotan led by four early in the third quarter before the Swifts regained the lead for good, but the Hammers managed to pull within one twice and within two several times.

Nazareth couldn't put the game on ice. The Swifts finally won it at the line, hitting 8-of-10 clutch free throws over the final three minutes.

Rotan out-rebounded the Swifts, 43-38, and had fewer turnovers (14 for Naz and 11 for Rotan), but the Hammers couldn't stop Nazareth's strong offensive weapons, Braddock and Nathan Hoelting.

That duo scored 49 of the Swifts' 68 points Saturday morning. Hoelting finished with 23. For Rotan, Zack Morris was a constant source of frustration for Swift defenders as he poured in 21 points on 9-of-15 shooting from the field and a 3-of-4 performance from the line. Teammate Larry Daniels finished with 14 and Jay Ben Alls added 10.

Nazareth Coach Mark Makeever said the Hammers' man defense gave the Swifts a few problems Saturday morning.

"We haven't seen man in any of the playoff games and they play an aggressive man," Makeever said. "We'd been working on zones a lot in practice, and haven't worked much against a man defense and that showed."

Braddock was the spark the Swifts needed at the end of the game, but he was also the key cog in an 18-12 first-quarter effort by the Swifts.

He scored Nazareth's first seven points in the game and finished the

quarter with 10. Two of his five three-pointers came during that quarter.

Braddock gave Nazareth a 12-7 lead with 3:55 left on a long trey, then Barry Hoelting made it 14-7 with a shot at the 3:08 mark.

The Swifts got baskets from Nathan Hoelting and Billy Don Cannon over the rest of the quarter, but Rotan picked up three big free throws and got a layup from Alls who was able to steal the ball with seconds left for the 18-12 first-quarter score.

Turnover after turnover and missed shot after missed plagued the Swifts at the start of the second period, allowing Rotan to Hammer its way back into the lead with 3:31 left in the quarter.

Nazareth was allowed just one field goal over the first 5:14 of the second period and that came after an offensive rebound by Nick Gerber early in the stanza.

Nazareth lost the lead with 3:31 left, but it didn't take the Swifts long to regain it. With 2:46 left Justin Bingham got the steal and Nathan Hoelting turned it into a big two-pointer and 22-21 Swift lead.

A perfect pass from Braddock to Mitchell Brockman underneath added two more to the Swifts' score before Rotan silenced the Swift comeback with a shot by Daniels with 33 seconds left.

Braddock picked up another big notch in the assist column with three seconds left when he penetrated, then dished off to an open Nathan Hoelting underneath for two and a 26-23 halftime lead.

"This is a game of flows. They make a couple of good plays in a row, then we did. Then we finally stopped them a couple of times and were able to regain the lead," said Makeever.

The third quarter started off as a repeat of the second for the Swifts.

Rotan came out hot, using pressure defense to rattle the Swifts over the first four minutes and the Hammers regained the lead. They took their biggest lead of the game with 4:26 left in the period on a Daniels shot that made it 34-30, Rotan.

A pair of Nathan Hoelting free throws cut the Hammer lead to two,

then Braddock hit a three to give Nazareth the lead for good with 3:39 left in the third quarter.

Another Braddock to Nathan Hoelting play inside gave the Swifts a three-point edge with 2:30 left, but Rotan cut it back to a point on an offensive put-back by Joey Sepeda with 1:27 left.

The final minute of the stanza was a free throw shooting bonanza.

Nathan Hoelting converted a three-point play after he sank a shot and was fouled by Daniels. That made it a four-point game. Over the final minute the Swifts made four charity tosses while Rotan hit three and a layup by Alls. That made it a 44-41 Swift advantage after three.

That's when Braddock and the Swifts went to work.

Marcus Brockman, who had been silent through three quarters, finally scratched to open scoring in the fourth and give the Swifts a 46-41 lead.

But Rotan answered with a trey by Stony Carillo and it was a two-point game again.

Braddock picked up his fourth three 20 seconds after Carillo connected, then Nathan Hoelting and Morris traded shots and Daniels added a free throw.

Braddock's fifth three came with 5:45 left and lifted Nazareth to a 54-47 lead. He scored again with 5:12 left after two free throws by Alls.

Rotan came back with baskets by Morris and Daniels, but Braddock squeezed in a pair of free throws between those baskets, then added a jumper afterward for a 60-53 Swift lead.

Morris got two off of an offensive rebound with 3:57 left, then Carillo scored to cut the Swift lead to three with 3:16 left.

But Nazareth took control at the foul line over the final three minutes, hitting its eight shots to eke out the victory.

## Girl Scouts alumni to meet

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.

The Caprock Council is holding a council-wide birthday celebration on Saturday 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.

## Shot clinic set today

A clinic offering immunizations against several childhood diseases will be held in Dimmitt today (Thursday) from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt Middle School auditorium.

The clinic will offer vaccines against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw, whooping cough, measles, rubella, mumps and HIB.

The Texas Dept. of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size and the ability to pay.



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# Shallowater edges Dimmitt

The Dimmitt Bobcats lost for the first time this season to the Shallowater Mustangs, 6-2, last Thursday in Shallowater.

Errors helped the Mustangs get base-runners and score early. Shallowater third baseman, Tony Ortiz's third inning homerun gave the Mustangs a 3-0 lead that the Bobcats were unable to erase.

Dimmitt's starting pitcher, Michael Pedroza went five innings and allowed just three hits before being relieved by Zack Matthews in the sixth.

Adam McDonald pitched a complete game for the Mustangs and held Dimmitt to two runs on three hits. The Bobcats scored runs on Shawn Furr's double in the fifth and a Matthews' single in the sixth.

The Mustangs added to their lead with one run in the fifth inning and capped off the scoring with a two-run sixth.

"We were close to cutting into their lead," said Dimmitt Coach Bobby Feaster. "We had a couple of well hit balls get knocked down by the wind at the fence for outs."

The Bobcats, 2-1 overall, had limited practice early in the week due to the icy weather.

**Bobcats 2, Shallowater 6**

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## Correction

In last week's News, it was reported that the term of Cindy Birkenfeld is expiring on the Nazareth School Board. It should have read Sidney Birkenfeld. The News regrets the error.

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perform a skit. The balsa wood "bridge" fabricated by the team held over 300 pounds at the public performance given Sunday afternoon. They will compete at regional Saturday in Amarillo. They are coached by Wayne and Paula Proffitt.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Errors plague Cats in loss to Shallowater

The Bobcats' fortunes against Shallowater didn't change Tuesday when the two teams pre-district series came to Dimmitt. The Mustangs won the game 16-4 by taking advantage of Dimmitt errors and timely hitting.

After getting the first two batters of the first inning out, Bobcats' starting pitcher, Luis Nino got into trouble. After a walk and a single, the Mustangs scored a run on a pass-ball. On the next pitch, Shallowater catcher, Todd Jordan cleared the bases with a three-run blast to dead-center.

The Bobcats rallied in the bottom of the inning when Sergio Pedroza and Conrado Saucedo led off with singles. Dimmitt cut the lead to 4-2 on a Shallowater error.

In the third inning off the bat of Tony Ortiz, the Mustangs went deep

again for two more runs. The Bobcats answered with two runs following two walks and an error.

Dimmitt reliever Michael Pedroza held Shallowater to one run over the next three innings but the Bobcats were held scoreless.

Shallowater broke the game open in the sixth with five runs on four hits.

With a 3-2 record, the Bobcats hope to bounce back today (Thursday) when they play Abernathy in the first-round of the Frenship JV Tournament. The game is scheduled for 1 p.m. at Wolfforth.

**Bobcats 4, Shallowater 16**

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## Farm Service Agency Update

Castro County was declared eligible for FSA disaster emergency loans on Nov. 15, 1996.

Generally that means that farmers who have lost at least 30% of their production due to a natural disaster are eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) loans.

FSA Ag Credit Manager Ed Luebken is urging farmers interested in applying for an emergency loan to turn in applications to FSA as soon as possible.

Deadline for all applications is June 24.

For more information call 647-5141.

Applications for 1997 FSA operating loans are available in the county FSA office. Questions about eligibility should be directed to the staff at 647-5141.

Part One of the five-part Top Quality Production management training will be offered to all FSA borrowers required to take the course on Saturday from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Swisher County Annex, 310 West Broadway in Tulia.

Contact R.G. (Bob) Detlefsen at (817) 772-2013 (anytime) or Karen Harlan at (806) 546-3200 (evenings) for more information.

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Producers should check with the FSA office before planting any vegetables to see how it will fit in with the contract acreage on your farm.

AMS is taking steps to conduct a sign-up period for producers who grew cotton in 1995.

Producers may sign up in the FSA office before April 14. Only those eligible persons in favor of the conduct of a referendum would need to participate in the sign-up by provid-

ing their signature to affirm that they want the department to conduct a continuance referendum.

Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairments or hearing impairments. If accommodations are required, please contact Trish Elliott at 647-2153.

## Water district plans meeting on precipitation enhancement

Information about a proposed precipitation enhancement program will be offered during a public meeting March 20 in Muleshoe.

The meeting will be one of several held during March within the High Plains Water Conservation District No. 1's district director precincts.

The Muleshoe meeting will begin at 9 a.m. at the Bailey County Coliseum and residents of Bailey, Castro and Parmer counties are invited to attend.

George Bomar with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in Austin will be the guest speaker. Bomar has been involved with precipitation enhancement programs since 1975 and oversees the permitting of all weather modification activities in the State of Texas.

Bomar will discuss the theory of cloud seeding for precipitation enhancement, the benefits of additional rainfall to regional surface and groundwater supplies, the operation of the Water District's proposed precipitation enhancement program and how precipitation enhancement differs from hail suppression programs.

"These meetings will allow the public to learn more about precipitation enhancement and how both agricultural producers and homeowners can benefit from additional rainfall," said A. Wayne Wyatt, manager of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1.

"In addition, the five meetings will give our five-member board of directors an opportunity for feedback from the public as to whether or not the Water District should implement a precipitation enhancement program

this spring and summer," Wyatt said.

Dale Gober of Bovina is the district director representing Bailey, Castro and Parmer Counties. Members of the Water District's Bailey County Committee include Bill Liles of Muleshoe, secretary; Clif Heinrich of Maple and James L. Wedel, Lloyd D. Throckmorton, Curtis Hunt and Jerry Nichols, all of Muleshoe.

The Castro County Committee includes Delores Baldrige of Dimmitt, secretary; Hubert Backus of Nazareth and Donny Nelson, Kevin Riley, Vic Nelson and Darrell K. Buckley, all of Dimmitt.

Members of the Parmer County Committee are Pat Kunselman of Bovina, secretary; Alan Monroe and Ellen Gallman of Friona, and Pat Ware, Tommy Williams and Todd Christian, all of Farwell.

Additional information about this and other meetings and/or the potential benefits of precipitation enhancement to the High Plains area is available by contacting the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock 79405-1499 or by calling (806) 762-0181.

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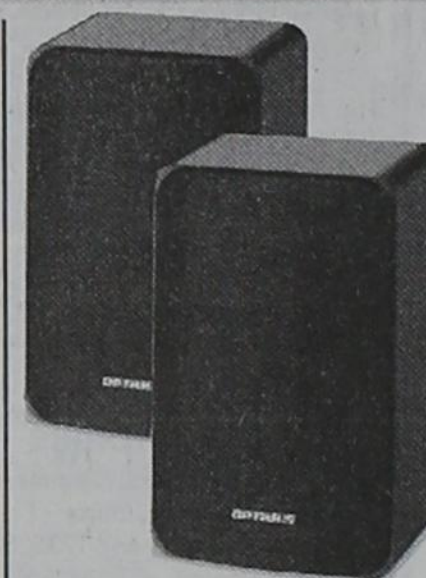
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## 24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS  
We would like to thank the staff and nurses at Plains Memorial Hospital for the excellent care and concern during my recent stay in the hospital.

We would like to thank all who came by to visit and all the prayer groups in town for their cards and prayers.  
VIRGIL BROCKMAN & FAMILY  
24-48-1tc

CARD OF THANKS  
Dear friends,

We would like to express our appreciation for all the kindness shown during Ricky's stay in the hospital. Please accept our special Thank You for your prayers, visits, phone calls, delicious food and treats, lovely flowers and plants, cards and letters, and special and entertaining gifts.

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RANDY & LYNN LEAVITT  
DARLA & TRACEY DAVIS  
MICKEY & DOROTHY MIXON  
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CARD OF THANKS  
On Sunday morning, Feb. 16, we were traveling south on Highway 385 north of Dimmitt when my husband, Jackie Thompson went into cardiac arrest.

Our entire family wants to say thank you to the person who made a call on their cell phone; to Joe Ortega who went for help; the ambulance crew; law enforcement personnel; and Dr. Joplín and the hospital staff.

Your response time and professional care was really commendable. The compassion shown to our family will always be remembered.

Our husband and father passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 19, in an Amarillo hospital. We are confident that you did everything possible and we really appreciate it.

GLENDA THOMPSON  
GARY & GLENDA CHADWICK & FAMILY  
JACK & KANDY THOMPSON & FAMILY  
24-48-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

The Nazareth Knights of Columbus would like to thank all who helped make the benefit steak supper for Ricky Leavitt, Mary Lou Birkenfeld and Joan Lange Harbison a success. A special thanks goes to the Foresters, Nazareth Lions Club and Legion Auxiliary for their help in sponsoring the benefit. We couldn't have done it without you.

NAZARETH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
24-48-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

The Nino family would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, gifts, visits and food during our mother's illness. We continue to pray for a complete healing as we know you are praying for the same. May God bless you and thanks again.

MR. & MRS. EMILIO NINO  
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## 25—Legal Notices

### BID NOTICE

The Castro County Appraisal District is accepting bids on behalf of Castro County, Dimmitt ISD and City of Dimmitt. Sealed bids must be received by March 13, 1997, 4 p.m. at the Appraisal District office, 204 SE Third (Rear), Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Castro County, Dimmitt ISD and City of Dimmitt each reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive formalities.

The properties open for bid are: Lots 9-10-11, Block 23, Original Town of Dimmitt; Lot 7, Block 50, Original Town of Dimmitt. Further information may be obtained at the Appraisal District office, (806) 647-5131.

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**DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL** Odyssey of the Mind structure team members include (from left) Michael Keith, Jeremy Matthews, Timothy Proffitt, Jason Hall, and Jared Townsend. Not shown are team members Jason Hargrove and Andy Hill. For their

"Double Trouble" long-term solution, the team constructed a bridge-like form of balsa wood that held over 300 pounds of weights at the public performance given Sunday afternoon at the DHS auditorium.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

# OM teams prepare for regional Saturday

The three Odyssey of the Mind teams from the Dimmitt schools will be going to Amarillo High School Saturday for the regional competition and a chance to advance to the state contest.

Two teams from Dimmitt Middle School and one from Dimmitt High School will participate. Performance times for the long-term solutions are open to the public.

The DHS structure team in the "Double Trouble" competition will give its performance at 10 a.m. in the AHS "Old Gym." The DMS structure team will perform at 1:20 p.m. in the same place. The DMS Classics team in the "Can You Dig It?" competition will perform at 2:20 p.m. in the AHS auditorium.

AHS is located at Bell and Fulton in Amarillo.

Members of the DHS structure team are Timothy Proffitt, Jeremy Matthews, Jason Hargrove, Jason Hall, Michael Keith, Andy Hill and Jared Townsend. Coaches are Pat Keith and Wayne Proffitt. The team is performing a take-off on the fable of "Three Billy Goats Gruff," with Timothy Proffitt as the troll, Matthews and Hill as goats, and Hall and Michael Keith as crushers. The structure guidelines have been changed this year, with teams required to build a bridge-like structure, rather than the tower type shape used in the past.

The DMS structure team includes

Daniel Proffitt and Lori Schulte as crushers, Kylie Webb as a secretary, Josh Hardwick as Mr. Snodgrass, and Cherie Norman as Mrs. Snodgrass. Coaches are Wayne and Paula Proffitt.

The DMS classics team must present a performance about archaeology that includes four team-made artifacts and a portrayal of an archaeologist who explains the use of the artifacts. A scene also must be included showing ancient times and how the artifact was really used.

Team members are Cliff Wright, Alexis Proffitt, Rae Odom, Thomas Brockman, Jill Merritt, Ryan Hays, and Kelsey Welch. Coach is Kim Hays.

# Water District offering low-interest water conservation equipment loans

Under a contract with the Texas Water Development Board, the High Plains Underground Water District No. 1 has \$1 million available for loans to area producers at 5.05% interest for the purchase of agricultural water conservation equipment.

Farmers in Bailey, Cochran, Hale, Lubbock, Lynn and Parmer Counties as well as the portions of Armstrong, Castro, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Hockley, Lamb, Potter and Randall counties within the High Plains Water District service area are eligible to apply for an agricultural water conservation equipment loan from the District.

Irrigation systems approved for loans under the program are Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) center pivot sprinklers; low pressure drip irrigation systems; low pressure center pivot sprinkler systems with drop lines no more than four feet from the ground; surge valves; soil moisture monitoring devices used to schedule the timing and/or amount of irrigation water applied; and furrow dikes to hold irrigation water or precipitation in place until it can soak into the soil.

Contractor services for land leveling or shaping land slope to improve irrigation application efficiencies are also eligible for funding under the loan program.

Under the District's guidelines, loans may be made up for up to 75% of the cost of the agricultural water conservation equipment and installa-

tion, excluding any portion of the cost of the equipment cost-shared under a federal program.

Loans are secured by a first lien on the equipment. Additional security equal to the loan amount must also be provided by a Deed of Trust which gives the District a lien on the land; a letter of credit from a bank; or assignment of other liquid assets, such as a certificate of deposit.

Producers approved for agricultural water conservation equipment loans will have varying payback periods based upon the amount borrowed from the Water District.

"Under this contract from the Texas Water Development Board, producers who borrow up to \$9,999 will have a five-year payback period. Those who borrow from \$10,000 to \$19,999 will have six years to pay back their loan, and those borrowing \$20,000 or more will have seven years," said Becca Williams, Water District Director of Administration.

Additional information and/or copies of the agricultural water con-

servation equipment loan program guidelines are available by contacting Becca Williams, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Ave. Q, Lubbock 79405-1499, or by calling (806) 762-0181.

## Girl Scout meeting set

Girls who want to join the Girl Scouts can sign up at a meeting today (Thursday) 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.

# Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Congratulations to the Nazareth Swiftettes, Coach Johnny Hampton and Assistant Coach Cathy Lane, as they finished an exciting basketball season, winning their bi-district game against Hartley before losing to Gruver in the area game. We are proud of you, win or lose!

Congratulations and good luck to the Nazareth Swifts, Coach Mark Makeever and Assistant Coach Colby Waldrop as they travel to Austin this week to compete in the Class A State Tournament. After winning games against tough competition like Lorenzo, Rotan and Paducah in the regional tournament in Levelland, the Swifts should be ready to handle the teams at state. Good luck. We are proud of you.

Our sympathy to the family of Velma Slavik, 81, formerly of Nazareth, who died Feb. 23 in Yankton, S.D. Mass of Christian burial was celebrated last Thursday at Holy Family Church and burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery where her husband, John, was buried in 1985.

Survivors include two daughters, Jo Braddock of Gayville, S.D. and Judy Forestieri of Houston; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Prayers are asked for Elias Bermea, who suffered a heart attack last week and is a patient in the Cardiac Care Unit at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Prayers are asked for Father Sherry's brother, Jack of Ireland, who is having major surgery. Father

Sherry has great faith in our prayer line.

A steak supper, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, the Nazareth Lions Club and the Foresters was well attended at the Community Hall Sunday evening. Proceeds will help with the medical expenses of Ricky Leavitt, Mary Lou Birkenfeld and Joan Lange Harbison.

Our sympathy to the family of

Shirley Schacher, 48, who died Sunday. Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Tuesday afternoon in Holy Family Church and burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Bob; two daughters, Judy of the home and Regena of Barling, Ark.; two sons, Benny of Amarillo and Ken of Post; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Joe Bob.

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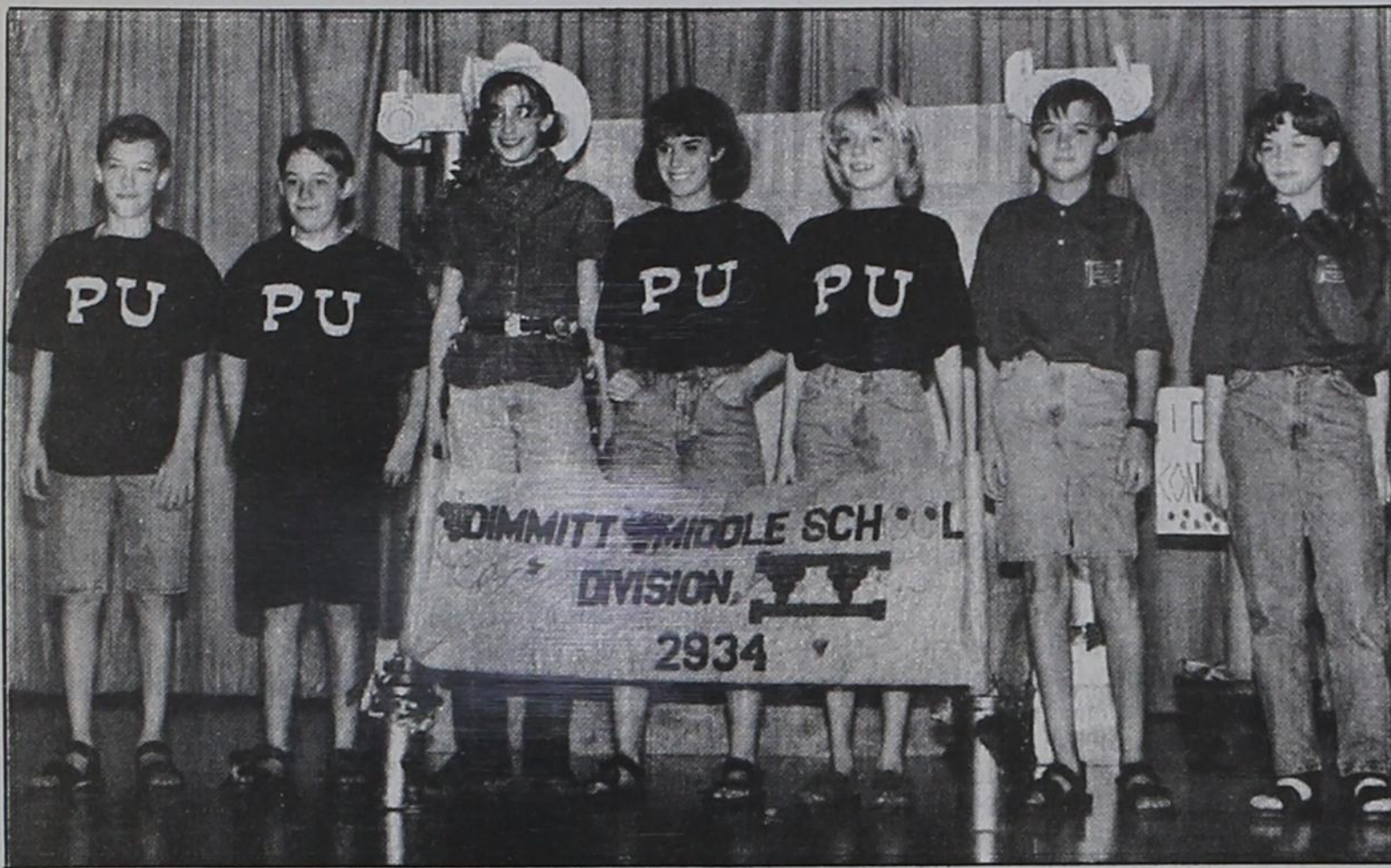
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## Windbreak trees available

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.



DIMMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL's Odyssey of the Mind Classics team, "Can You Dig It?," gave a public performance Sunday afternoon at the Dimmitt High School auditorium in preparation for the regional competition in Amarillo Saturday. Team

members are (from left) Ryan Hays, Thomas Brockman, Kelsey Welch, Alexis Proffitt, Jill Merritt, Cliff Wright and Rae Odom. They are coached by Kim Hays.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

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of city hall, went inside, had the ladies look up his bill, and wrote a new check.

Then on Monday afternoon, Evette Barrera of the Dept. of Human Services office, a block away, walked into city hall and paid Mr. Nelson's water bill.

The DHS staffers had found his check and original bill on the east side (the far side) of their building.

"What's so nice about it is to know that someone would go out of their way like that for someone else," Mr. Nelson said. "It restores your faith in humanity."

Evidently, to the staffers at the DHS office, "Human Services" isn't just a departmental title. It's an attitude.

## More about

# Car wash . . .

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will dispense wiping towels, fresheners and other cleaning needs. It will be open 24 hours a day.

The Rundells said construction is scheduled to start March 15 and be completed by June 15 if the weather is cooperative.

Kim Rundell said the family's "main business" is farming and he plans to continue his farming operations in the Dodd area. The car wash will be a sideline.

"The kids and I will make it our project, although it will pretty much run itself," Kathy Rundell said.

The couple both were born and raised in Bovina, so they are familiar with the area and the climate.

"We just thought a town this size needs a 24-hour car wash," Kim Rundell said.

## Cats to face Abernathy in tourney

The Dimmitt Bobcats will head into tournament action today (Thursday) when they take on Abernathy in first-round action of the Frenship JV Baseball Tournament.

The Bobcats and Antelopes will square off at 1 p.m. at the west ball park.

The 12-team field features junior varsity teams from Lamesa, Frenship, Levelland and Snyder, and also includes varsity squads from Shallowater, Idalou, Olton, Ralls, Cooper, Muleshoe.

If Dimmitt beats Abernathy today (Thursday), the Bobcats will advance to the championship quarterfinals where they will meet the winner of the Shallowater-Idalou first-round game Friday at 2 p.m. at the east field.

If Dimmitt loses to Abernathy, it will meet the loser between Lamesa and Frenship JVs Friday at 9 a.m. in a consolation quarterfinal at the east field.

The Bobcats will play two games on Friday, if they win their second game.

On Saturday, the consolation and championship finals will both begin at 4 p.m., with the consolation scheduled for the east park and the championship slated for the west field.



# Obituaries

## Eugenia Beaird

Funeral services for Mattie Eugenia Beaird, 73, of Brownwood, the sister of Mary Kate James of Dimmitt, were held recently in Brownwood.

Mrs. Beaird died Feb. 2. She was born March 2, 1923, in Bunger. She moved to Dimmitt in 1926 and married Hubert Beaird on Jan. 11, 1942, in Hereford.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Jan. 30, 1993, and by a brother, C.H. James, and a sister, Billye Wesson.

She is survived by two sons, Jim Beaird of Bangs and Joe Beaird of North Little Rock, Ark.; two daughters, Margaret Elder of Decatur, Ark., and Ann Johnson of Bangs; a brother, Glenn James of Harrison, Ark.; and a sister, Mary Kate James of Dimmitt; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

## Lorine Gilreath

Graveside services for Lorine Gilreath, 68, of Sudan, were held Wednesday afternoon in Sudan Cemetery with Jerry Ray and Terry Wilson, minister of Sudan Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial was under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Sudan.

Mrs. Gilreath died March 3 at her home after a lengthy illness.

She was born Feb. 2, 1929, in Olton, and married Lloyd Gilreath on April 3, 1943, in Sudan. He died Jan. 19, 1995. His brother is Donald Gilreath of the Bethel area.

Mrs. Gilreath moved to Sudan in 1954 from the Circleback Community. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter and two sisters, Pauline Williams in 1996 and Wanda Hill in 1993.

She is survived by two sons, Wayne Gilreath of Kingsville and Ricky Gilreath of Lubbock; three sisters, Mabel Reed and Pearl Davieau, both of Sudan, and Vera Kenoe of Austin; a brother, Alvin Talley of Chatwood, Ill.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Sudan Fire Dept. or the Sudan Ambulance Fund, or Hospice of Lubbock, 4314 S. Loop 289, Lubbock, 79413.

All happiness depends on a leisurely breakfast. —John Gunther

## Shirley Jean Schacher

Funeral services for Shirley Jean Schacher, 48, of Nazareth, died at 10:30 p.m. Saturday at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

A vigil service was held Monday evening in the CCD Building in Nazareth. Mass of Christian burial was read Tuesday afternoon at Holy Family Church in Nazareth with Msgr. Harold Waldow, Father Jerry Stein, Father John Hickey and Father Neal Dee officiating.

Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Schacher was born July 29, 1948, in Dimmitt. She graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1967. She married Bob Schacher on July 7, 1967, in Hereford, and the couple have lived in Nazareth ever since. She worked for Alco Dept. Store in Dimmitt as a point of sale coordinator for four years. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Joe Bob Schacher in 1980; her parents, Leonard Dempsey in 1994 and Ruby Dempsey in 1997; and a sister, Judy Ann Dempsey in 1946.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Benny Schacher of Amarillo; two daughters, Regena Bignall of Barling, Ark., and Judy Schacher of Nazareth; two sisters, Linda King of Eldorado and Donna Rose of Wylie; and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Stanley Maurer, John Hochstein, Frank Acker, Shawn Pohlmeier, Dean Schacher and Daniel Schacher.

The family requests memorials be to the Joe Bob Schacher Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 100, Nazareth 79063.

If you want a place in the sun, prepare to put up with a few blisters. —Abigail Van Buren

## Virginia Wyer

Funeral services for Virginia Wyer, 92, of Muleshoe, a former Castro County resident, were held Monday morning in the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe with Rev. John Wagoner, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery by Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wyer died Feb. 27 in El Paso.

She was born Oct. 10, 1904, in Clarendon, and married Harold J. Wyer on Jan. 23, 1925, in Shamrock. He died in 1982. In 1925, Mrs. Wyer moved to Muleshoe from the Big Square community in Castro County, where she had taught school. She had attended Texas Woman's University in Denton. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

She was a former owner of Phillips 66 Wholesale in Muleshoe, and was a former deputy for the Bailey County Sheriff's Dept., and had been secretary of the Bailey County Selective Service Board for more than 20 years.

Survivors include three nephews and four nieces.

The family suggests memorials to First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe or the Home Health Care Agency.

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