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By Don Nelson

Note to the First State Bank: Thanks for the gladioli bulbs!

I planted nine of 'em around an ash tree at home.

(I wanted to surprise my bride so I didn't ask her for any advice beforehand. I should have. I realized after planting two or three bulbs that I was setting them upside down. We'll just have to wait and see if nature's determination can overcome ignorance.)

Elsewhere around town, people who probably know what they're doing have planted 7,482 more gladioli bulbs to help in this year's CUFUPU program, courtesy of the bank.

I thought the bank already had gone the extra mile in beautifying the town when it built that great little mini-park on North Broadway. All those colorful gladiolas [or gladioli, or gladioluses — I looked it up] will be an extra blessing this summer.

What a generous thing to do. I understand the idea originated with the big guy himself, Ray Bain.

President Clinton is catching a lot of flak about his foreign policy, or lack of one.

All of us have dreamed of stepping in and telling our government—in simple, direct terms—what we should do in foreign affairs.

Before we mouth off too much, though, let's take a look at this commentary in *US News & World Report* by Theodore Sorensen, who was President Kennedy's special counsel and now practices international law in New York.

(Caution: Read it carefully.)

10 REASONS TO INVADE HAITI

1. Credibility. Because the preservation of America's standing as world leader requires us to send troops to any country in which human suffering reaches such atrocious levels—except, of course, for Rwanda.

2. Geography. Because the United States has a special responsibility to impose by whatever means necessary, including invasion, a genuine and enduring democracy in a neighboring island republic located so close to our own shores that our two countries are linked by a long history of US military and economic involvement and by the migration of several generations of people from their land to ours—except, of course, for Cuba.

3. Morality. Because, as options other than US ground forces fail to make a difference and the debate drags on, our national conscience cannot permit much longer the nightly news pictures of the shootings, deprivation and starvation that are being visited upon innocent children, whatever their ethnicity or color — except, of course, for Bosnia.

4. Refugees. Because, if we are to avoid the social and economic (and political) problems that would be created by a massive outflow of fearful and impoverished refugees to the United States, we must meet force with force in order to halt at the source all widespread human-rights abuses in this region — except, of course, in Guatemala.

5. Democracy. Because, as

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Still cookin'

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

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Thursday	94	62	
Friday	98	62	
Saturday	102	64	
Sunday	100	62	
Monday	98	69	
Tuesday	96	64	
Wednesday	97	63	

June Moisture	2.35
July Moisture	0.00
1994 Moisture	9.70

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County gets okay on precinct lines

Only the epilogue remains to be written as one of the most colorful stories in the history of Castro County is coming to a close with approval by the US Dept. of Justice of Castro County's commissioner precinct lines.

Preclearance was granted late June 29 for a plan submitted by the county in May. The plan, a minor modification of a 1992 proposal, was submitted by a Washington law firm and County District Attorney Jerry Matthews after one of the law firms representing the county was dismissed and the Washington firm agreed to work for no additional fees.

Filing is now open and remains open through Sept. 15 for commissioner posts in all four county precincts. The election will be open much like municipal, school and hospital elections, with the top vote-getter winning each commissioner election. There will be no runoff elections unless there is a flatfooted tie. Winners in Precincts 1 and 3 will serve two-year terms; winners in Pcts. 2 and 4 will receive four-year terms.

The election would be the first legal election for commissioners since the 1990 general election. A primary election was held in 1992 under a plan that had been submitted but not precleared by the Justice Dept. That election was thrown out

by US Federal District Judge Mary Lou Robinson in 1992.

The county has already paid or agreed to pay bills of more than \$356,000 to Allison and Associates, the law firm which initially handled the redistricting case; Daugherty and Associates, which took over when Allison and Associates handed over the case; and Sidley and Austin, a Washington, D.C. law firm which represented the county in the capitol when Daugherty and Associates was not able to practice in those courts. Daugherty and Associates was dismissed from the case May 10 by the commissioners court after the county received bills in May for almost \$188,000 from Daugherty and Associates and from Sidley and Austin.

Those bills were approved for payment but have not yet been paid, county officials said.

Sidley and Austin put a cap on its fees at what had already been

billed to the county.

The county could be out even more legal fees depending on rulings on fees rung up by the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF). The group represented Joe Crespino, the plaintiff in the civil case over the redistricting issue. In a special

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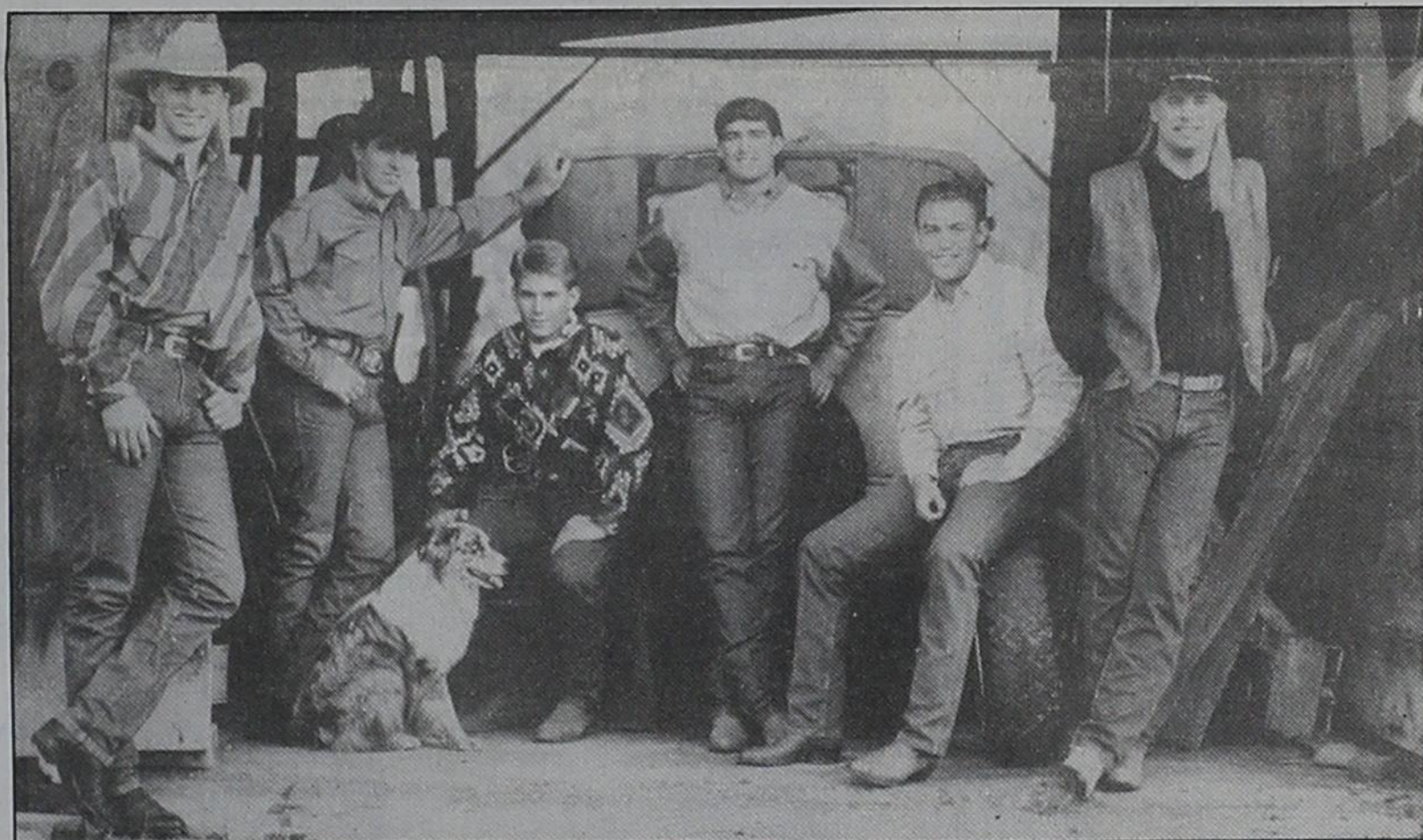


LIVE FROM MOUNT VERNON—George and Martha Washington, also known as Ed and Betty Freeman, fly the flag Friday during a concert at the gazebo. The concert was part of the July Jubilee sponsored by the Retail Merchants Committee of

the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. Events included soft drink and hot dog sales, a dunking board, DARE Frisbee toss and a bicycle rodeo.

Photo by John Brooks

Rough Riders, Armadillos highlight festival



THE SMOKIN' ARMADILLOS will headline this year's Suds 'n Sounds at the Nazareth Community Ballpark on the eastern edge of Nazareth on SH 86. The California group is one of five bands set to perform at Saturday's event, which include a one-time "reunion" show by the Rough Riders Band.

The Rough Riders will perform around 10 p.m., and the Smokin' Armadillos will go on stage about 11:30 p.m. Saturday after a fireworks show. Suds 'n Sounds is part of the 22nd annual Nazareth German Festival.

Courtesy Photo

An arts and crafts show, German sausage meal and Suds 'n Sounds will highlight the 22nd annual Nazareth German Festival, Saturday in Nazareth.

The Smokin' Armadillos of Bakersfield, Calif., will highlight Suds 'n Sounds, from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Nazareth Community Center Ballpark on the east side of Nazareth. Admission is \$15, with proceeds going to the Texas Deaf Program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, and the Nazareth Community Center. The Rough Riders have been sponsors of Suds 'n Sounds since its inception several years ago.

Each band will perform for about an hour, organizers said. Other bands will include Country Nites, a Plainview band, at 6 p.m.; Tom Mann and Ace of Hearts, at about 7 p.m.; Rowdy Ace, about 8:30 p.m.; and The Rough Riders around 10 p.m. A fireworks show will be held before the Smokin' Armadillos go on stage around 11:30 p.m.

The Smokin' Armadillos range in age from 17 to 24 and most of the band members met at North High School in Bakersfield, Calif.,

where they were students; fiddle player Jason Thierte is still a student there.

They have opened for top-name performers like Toby Keith, Willie Nelson, Steve Wariner and Sawyer Brown.

A 2,400-sq. ft. dance floor will be in the park, along with a concession stand featuring food, beverages, t-shirts and caps. Coolers, but no glass containers, are allowed in the ballpark. You'll need a lawn chair and shade to enjoy the evening.

The German Festival will include an arts and crafts show beginning at 10 a.m. in the school cafeteria; a German sausage meal from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Community Hall; and raffles, children's barrel train and tractor pull, and other games.

The meal will include German sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, vegetables, salad, homemade bread, apple strudel and homemade cakes.

Outdoor entertainment will be held in the area surrounding the hall. Tejas Trio and Bill Sava will be performing throughout the day.

Kemp receives medal for Estes

Friday is the 50th anniversary of the death of Capt. Greer Estes, a Dimmitt native, in France as part of the Allied invasion of Europe. Estes, who had been in the Army Reserve after a tour of duty in the 1930s, was called back into active service and was leading a group of men near La Haye-du-Puits, France, when he was killed by German defenders.

Andy Kemp grew up in Dimmitt and had always been aware of the large monument that marked Estes' grave at Castro Memorial Gardens. This is his story.

By ANDY KEMP

As a birthday gift from my dear mother, Jean, I was going to visit what to me was probably the single most important event of the 20th Century, D-Day and the Normandy invasion beaches. I was going to visit not just any old time but the 50th anniversary of D-Day.

I became aware while planning for this trip that the entire region of Normandy had planned many celebrations honoring the veterans who fought in D-Day and the Battle of

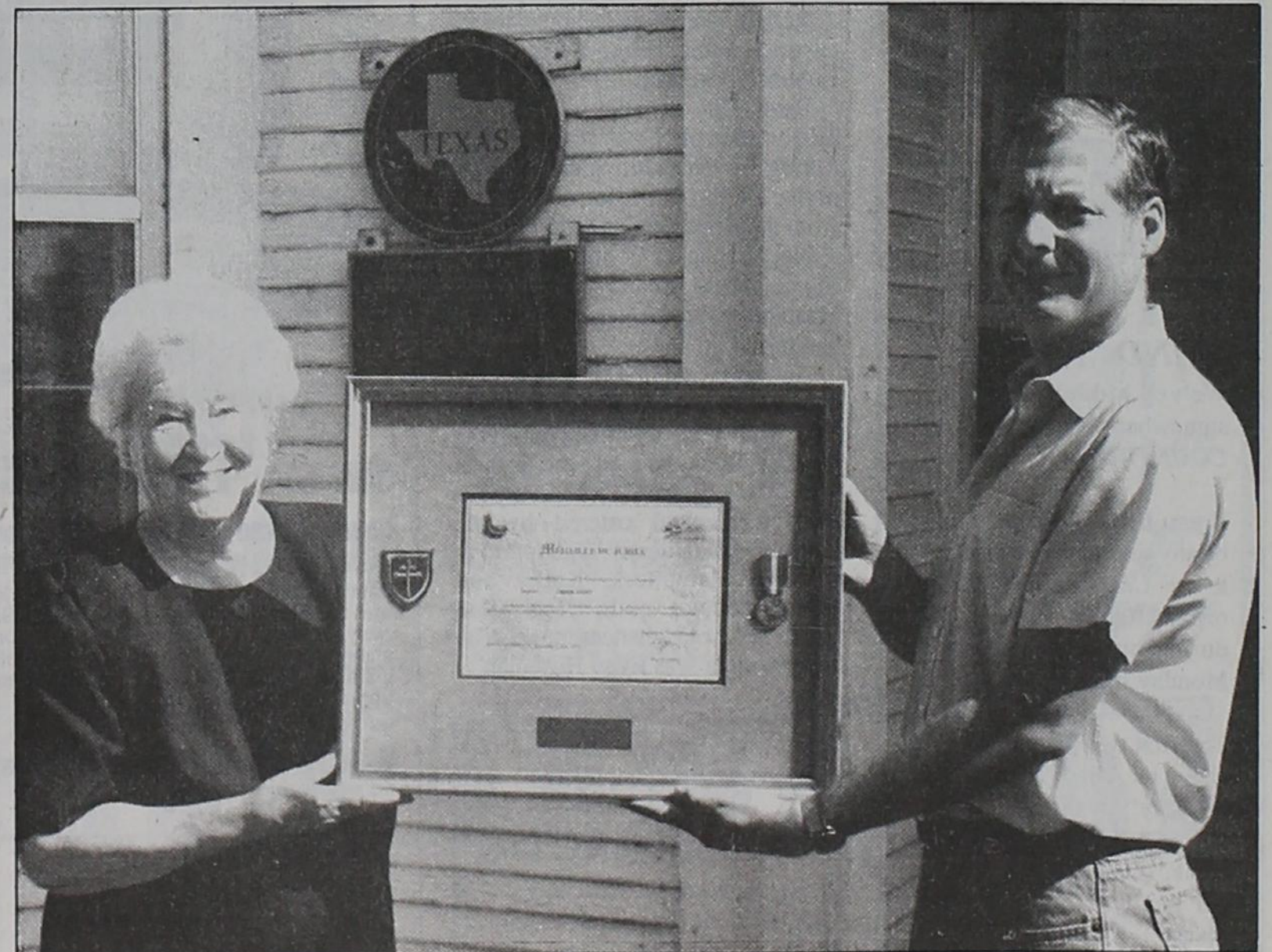
Normandy. The Lower Normandy Council had struck special commemorative medals to present to veterans or the families of deceased veterans. The only stipulation the French government made was that the honorees had to be there in person to accept their medals.

That's when I recalled the beautiful, white marble oblique headstone at the Dimmitt cemetery. It rose more than 15 feet. It reminded me of pictures I had seen of the Washington Monument.

Nettie, or Nana as she was called by her grandchildren, would take me and my sisters to weed and spruce up Papaw's grave, which was located just north of this pointed white headstone.

I remember the first words that caught my eye, "Killed in France," across the base of this unusual headstone. I had never read the word "killed" on a headstone before, always "died." The name read Capt. Greer Howard Estes and the date July 8, 1944. This always

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MEDAL PRESENTED TO MUSEUM — Andy Kemp (right) presents a medal and certificate to Mary Edna Hendrix (left) of the Castro County Historical Museum on Saturday at the museum. Kemp, a Dimmitt native who now lives in Fort

Worth, traveled to France last month to accept the medal and certificate in memory of Capt. Greer Estes, who was killed 50 years ago Friday in Normandy.

Photo by John Brooks

On the Go

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Mable Brock's friends Sharon Simpson and Mary Dudley of Silvertown were in Dimmitt for the golf tournament so they took Mable out to eat one evening.

The First United Methodist Church members have been entertaining their youth groups recently. They had a banana split party and games for the incoming junior and senior high members. Alan Steidle, the Dimmitt boys basketball coach, gave his personal testimony to the group. The adult sponsors were Karen Sheffy, Shelly Rice, Suzan Sanders and Linda Langford.

On another Sunday the youth took a sack lunch to Thompson Park in Amarillo and spent the afternoon at Wonderland Park. Adult sponsors were Lint and Connie Merritt, Lance and Terri Louder and Bill and Suzan Sanders.

Bobby and Amy Feaster were the sponsors for the junior high youth on June 26. They discussed making decisions. The juniors enjoyed playing volleyball and eating ice cream.

Out of town visitors at the museum have been Judy Shrum and Karlean and Brooke from Lafayette, Tenn., who were visiting the Sheltons; C.C. Murphy of Plainview; Fay Martin of Clovis, N.M.; Russell and Kay Springfield from Fort Worth, who came with Ruth Hackleman; George and Martha Washington from Mount Vernon, Va.; and Donna Raeder of Beltsville, Md., who was visiting Don and Colleen Newman.

Una Ward spent the weekend in Oklahoma, visiting a sister-in-law.

Lorene Beach has been visiting friends in Truth or Consequences, N.M.

Ioma Stokes has been having her family visiting.

The birthday folks at Golden Acres Senior Citizens Apartments were honored at the monthly dinner on June 28. Celebrating birthdays last month were Ioma Stokes, Pablo Esquivel, Johnnie Davis, Opal Thomas and Grace Anderson.

On hand for the dinner with the honorees were Rhea Killion, Cecile Plumlee, Sally Palmer, Susie Reeves, Edith Richardson, Gladys Hampton, Faye Ethridge, Alene Lilley, Roy Hollums, Ida Mae Moore, Cleo Parks, Virgie Moulton, Neva Hickey, Cindy Odum and Rae and Shae, and the guest of honor, Extension Agent Marilyn Neal.

Irene Carpenter gave the devotional Thursday morning at Canterbury Villa. Her subject was "A Wish for Wisdom." Solomon asked for wisdom and an understanding heart, so he was the wisest king who ever ruled. Renise Blair sang *I Have Found a Friend and God Will Take Care of You*, and Bill Newland sang *God's Grace Is Enough For Me*. Others singing were Bobbie Baldrige, Gertie Waggoner and Mary Edna Hendrix. Delores Ivy was there to visit her mother.

Virginia Crider was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center. She served almond raspberry bars with raspberry sherbet and candy for snacks. Johnnie Vannoy won high score and Edith Graef won second high score. Others playing were Helen Braafladt, Louise Mears, Neva Hickey, Cleo Forson, Alma Kenmore, Elizabeth Huckabay, Susie Reeves, Fern Dickey and Ina Rae Cates.

The Castro County Museum Board members held their monthly meeting Thursday night with Dale Winders presiding over the business meeting and Clara Vick read-

ing the minutes. Plans were made for Harvest Days in August. Other members present were Madge Robb, Ralph Lambright and Mary Edna Hendrix. A guest, Florene Leinen, also attended.

Dimmitt started celebrating the Fourth of July on Friday with several gathering at the gazebo for the first July Jubilee. Bill Sava sang several songs, as did Vince and Valerie Moss, Scratch Menard and Max Ellison, with Johnny Vick at the controls. They all sang several songs, including some patriotic songs and one for the children. Hot dogs and drinks were sold and several games were enjoyed including a dunking board and Frisbee toss. Ed and Betty Freeman were dressed in colorful costumes as George and Martha Washington.

Richard and Colletta Young came through Dimmitt on June 27 on their way home to Spokane, Wash. They had been to Dennison, Dallas and San Antonio on their vacation, visiting relatives and friends. Richard conducted a mini-concert while they were in Dimmitt and he sang several songs at First Baptist Church. Friends and several church members enjoyed a fellowship hosted by the choir with sandwiches, chips, dips, cookies, brownies and iced tea.

Richard is minister of music and education in the Driscoll Boulevard Baptist Church in Spokane, and Colletta is employed by a corrections center.

Jean Kemp and her son, Andy, of Fort Worth, and three of Jean's grandchildren were in Dimmitt over the July 4th weekend. They had been to Europe during the D-Day celebration. It was Andy's request for a birthday present that

led to the trip and his wanting to remember the late Capt. Greer Estes, who was killed during the war. Greer was the brother of Bob Estes of Plano and the late Helen Richardson.

Andy found enough information that he was able to get in touch with several of the men who had served along with Capt. Estes. Jean and Andy and Dorothy Sheffy called a few interested persons to meet at the museum Saturday morning and Andy presented the museum with a plaque with medals and information concerning the Normandy invasion.

Ed and Betty Freeman drove their grandson, Andrew Ortiz, home to Denver, Colo., on June 22. Andy's mother, Sally, flew in that afternoon from Oregon where she had attended a poets' workshop.

On June 23, they had an opportunity to visit with three of their great-grandchildren, Tai, Micah and Mason Tricu in Denver. They had supper at Jane Gaylord's.

On June 24, Ed, Betty and Sally started out for South Dakota, spending the night in Valentine, Neb. Saturday noon they arrived at the home of their daughter, Susan Gose, at Huron, S.D.

On June 26, Ed baptized his youngest great-grandson, Cody Scott Schoenfelder, at the morning worship service at the First Presbyterian Church of Huron. They had dinner at the home of Nick and Gena Schoenfelder. Others at the baptism and dinner were Cody's other great-grandfather, George Gose; his uncle, Sherman Gose; his aunt, Vanessa Nelson of Buffalo, S.D.; two of his cousins, Naomi and Miles Nelson; his grandmother, Susan Gose; and great aunts Sally Ortiz of Denver and Carol Walker of Minneapolis. The Freemans saw

all six of their great-grandchildren on the trip.

Sunday evening they drove to DeSmet, S.D., and saw the play *The Long Winter* by Laura Ingalls Wilder in an open-air theater.

The Freemans had lunch on June 27 at the Senior Citizens Center in

Huron and toured the Gladys Pyle Museum in the afternoon.

They left for home on the morning of June 28. En route they visited the Willa Cather Museum and Home in Red Cloud, Neb. They arrived home on the afternoon of June 29.

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By Uirgle Gerber, 945-2669

Carl Dean and Mary Klemman recently enjoyed a visit in Norwalk, Iowa, with LaVern and Karen Klemman. On Saturday and Sunday they attended the Ball family reunion in Atchison and Effingham, Kan. About 75 cousins from Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Texas enjoyed visiting and sharing many memories.

Also attending the reunion from Nazareth were Urban and Fred Ball and Jim and Evelyn Ball of Plainview. Fred Ball then spent a week with his sister, Esther Braddock, and her family in McKinney. They enjoyed going to a Texas Ranger ball game one evening.


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The first two to come in and show us where they found "Newsy" in this issue will win a 2-liter bottle of soft drink. (One win per month, per family. No phone calls, please.)

Last week's winners:
Virgil Brockman
Debbie Garcia

Denny and Pill Heiman's family enjoyed the Fourth of July weekend together at the Heiman home. On Sunday afternoon they invited a few couples to help celebrate Denny's birthday.

Charley and Bev Hill hosted their annual Fourth of July cookout and fun evening for 35 members of the Gerber family. After dark everyone enjoyed a great fireworks display.

J.C. and Jocelyn Pohlmeier hosted a Fourth of July farewell celebration for Dominic Fortin who will be leaving Nazareth this week. Dominic is Nazareth's foreign exchange student from Canada who has made his home with the Pohlmeiers this past school year. Approximately 100 students, friends and family enjoyed a barbecue and fireworks.

Amy Pohlmeier, who will be flying to Florida soon for the AAU basketball tournament, has been selling chances on some very nice items. The drawing was on the Fourth of July and the winners from Nazareth were: Justin Wethington, 1/2 beef; and Joy Wethington, a meal at Petitos Restaurant in Canyon. Someone from Lubbock won the gas barbecue grill.

Robert Verkamp is home to recuperate after being treated in a Lubbock hospital.

Beau Hill of Dimmitt had the misfortune of breaking his nose during a baseball game Friday night. He did get a lot of attention from the nurses at the hospital!

Norbert Acker is home after being a patient in Northwest Texas Hospital where he was treated for a bad throat infection.

An Acker reunion was held Sunday at the Nazareth Community Hall with 228 members enjoying the day. One who came the farthest was from Vineland, N.J. Everyone enjoyed a meal catered by the Catholic Daughters. Angela Acker and her daughters, Kathy and Joyce, made a quilt, "The Ohio Star," and sold chances on it. The lucky winner was Evan Huseman.

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champions of democracy, we cannot permit the results of a free and fair election to be nullified by the losers' resorting to force and violence — except, of course, in Angola.

6. Narcotics. Because the United States faces an onslaught of illicit drug shipments into this country that ruin as many American lives as would a military assault on our shores, this country cannot continue to tolerate the use of a neighboring nation as a staging area for those shipments — except, of course, for Colombia.

7. International law. Because the whole world's hopes for enforceable international law and order require us to punish a transgressor engaged in continuous defiance of the United States and the United Nations — except, of course, for North Korea.

8. Military superiority. Because, in selecting a place to demonstrate our resolve in a troubled world in which we cannot dispatch marines everywhere, we have always found it best to select the kind of small, poor country whose overmatched ground forces cannot prevent the early achievement of our objectives — except, of course, in Somalia.

9. Domestic politics. Because, acknowledging the fact that we are unlikely to invade Rwanda, Cuba, Bosnia, Guatemala, Angola, Colombia, North Korea or a half-dozen other killing fields around this planet, Haiti is the one place to gain the political benefits that flow from taking a tough stand and winning a glorious victory, benefits that in previous wars have traditionally carried over into the presidential election — except, of course, for the war in Iraq.

10. No alternative. Because we should have learned by now that

bitter, intractable situations of this kind require forceful military solutions, inasmuch as economic and political sanctions, diplomatic isolation, international condemnation and the encouragement of internal resistance, patience and compromise have never worked — except, of course, in South Africa.

Stats and amazing trivia gleaned from *American Demographics* magazine:

While Castro County showed a loss in population during a 1990-92 survey period, Parmer County to the east gained up to 1.5% and Swisher County to the west gained 1.5% to 3.5%. Most counties in north and west Texas lost population slightly, the same as we did.

One in four commercial radio stations in the US plays country music. Only one in 20 has a Top-40 format.

Country music stations increased by 6.7% (to 2,612) from 1989 to 1993. Next most popular is Adult Contemporary, followed by Religion-oriented stations. The fastest-growing format, though—as you might guess—is the News, Talk, Business, Sports format, which increased by 173% (to 734 stations). Following talk-show stations in descending numbers are stations devoted mainly to Oldies; Rock; Top-40; Adult Standards (nostalgia); Spanish and Ethnic; and Urban, Black, Urban Adult Contemporary.

Here are the most popular types of radio stations among different demographic groups:

Medium to heavy beer drinkers: Progressive Rock, Classic Rock, Jazz, Spanish/Latino and New Age.

Major appliance buyers, 1993: New Age, Country, Spanish/Latino, Golden Oldies, Classic Rock.

The affluent: New Age, Classical, All-News, Easy Listening, Jazz.

College graduates: Classical, Jazz, All-News, News/Talk, New Age.

1993 car buyers: Easy Listening, Classical, All-News, Golden Oldies, Jazz.

18-34 age group: Classic Rock, Progressive Rock, Top 40, New Age, Spanish/Latino.

35-44 age group: Jazz, Golden Oldies, Urban Contemporary, Adult Contemporary, Religious.

50 and older age group: Nostalgia, Full-Service, Easy Listening, News/Talk, All-News.

Can you define yourself by those demographic statistics? I can't.

Based on the kind of radio stations I listen to, I must be an affluent college graduate over 50 who bought a major appliance and a car in 1993.

I am a college graduate over 50. The rest of those assumptions don't apply.

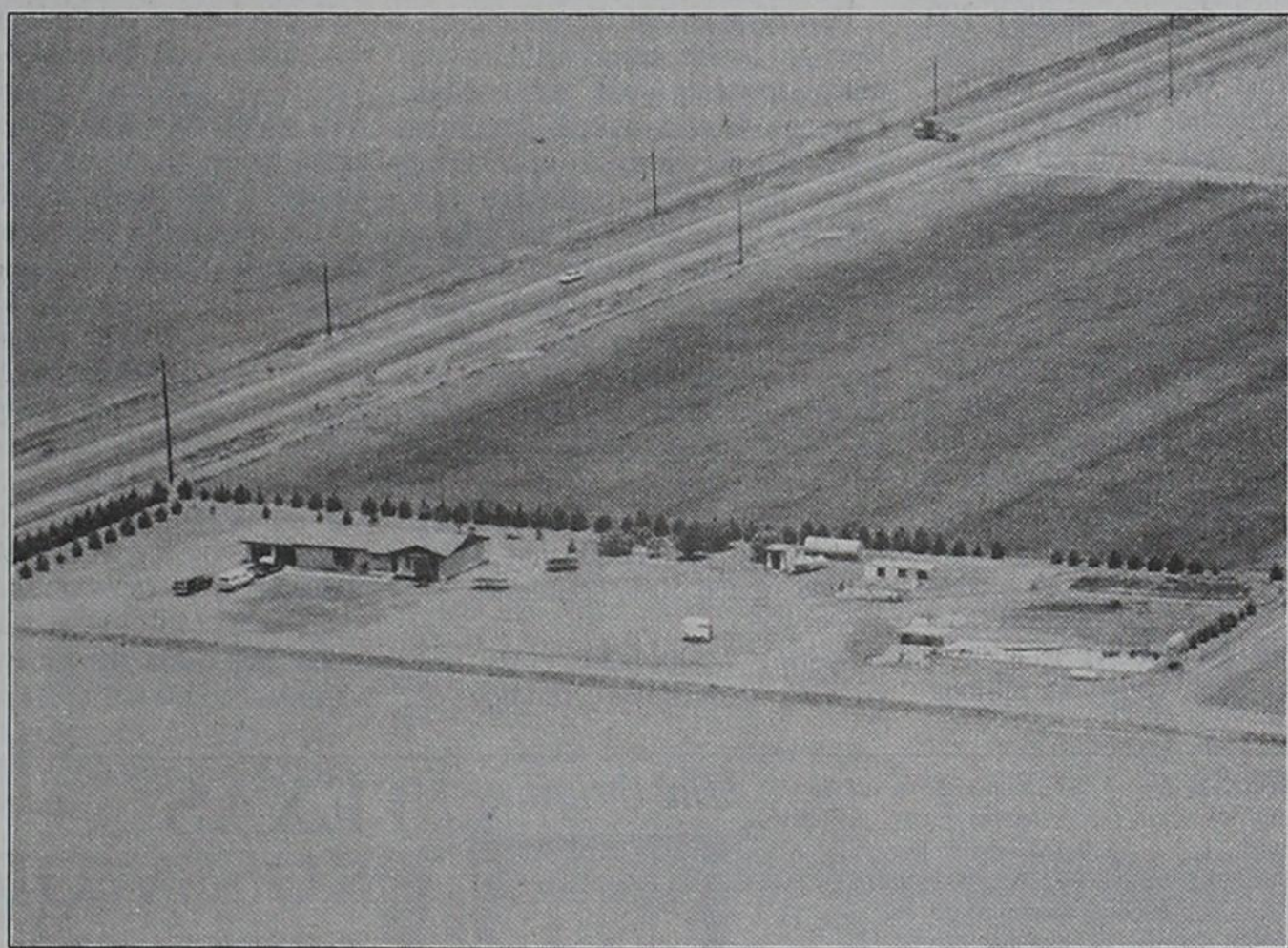
But the people who send out all the junk mail obviously don't realize that.



DRESSED FOR SUCCESS — Morris Wilcox, manager of the Dimmitt branch of First Bank of Muleshoe, gets ready to take the plunge Friday on the dunking board at the July Jubilee. Wilcox was

one of about 20 dignitaries who rode the dunking board as part of the festivities sponsored by the Retail Merchants Committee of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. Photo by John Brooks

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Making sense of debate on health care reform

(Reprinted from a publication of the American Hospital Association.)

Everywhere you go these days, people are talking about our health care system and how—or whether—it should be changed. It's a complex subject, and just about everyone is confused by it.

What do you need to know to make sense of the health care reform debate?

We hope this article will take away some of the confusion and help you decide how America's health care system can be made better for you and your family.

Q: Why is there so much interest in health care reform right now?

A: For most of us—those with adequate insurance coverage—the current "system" still works, providing the best care in the world. But for the nation as a whole, the system is breaking down. Health care costs far too much for what we get, and too many Americans (one out of every seven) have no health insurance coverage. If nothing is done, the nation's annual health care bill (now more than \$800 billion) will double by the year 2000, and the number of uninsured will continue to grow, with millions more underinsured. Most Americans agree that our system needs fundamental change.

Q: How did the health care system get this way?

A: The responsibility is everyone's. Government promises to provide care for the poor and the elderly, but doesn't pay the full cost of their care. Insurers deny coverage to some people because they want to avoid financial risk. Some employers don't provide coverage for employees because insurance is so expensive. Doctors order unnecessary tests and treatment to protect themselves against malpractice lawsuits. Hospitals charge more to patients with private insurance to make up for the cost of care for those who don't pay. Patients want the latest technology and aren't aware of the true costs of their care.

Q: Who are the people who have no health insurance?

A: Eighty-five percent of the 38 million Americans without insurance are employed or dependents of workers—people who are self-employed or have employers who do not provide health insurance. Other uninsured people are unemployed or between jobs. They aren't poor enough to qualify for Medicaid, and they aren't rich enough to afford individual health insurance policies.

Many are women and children; 15% of American children have neither private insurance nor publicly financed medical assistance.

Q: How can we solve all these problems?

A: Dozens of solutions have been proposed. They all share the goals of increasing access to health care while controlling costs, but they differ in how they would achieve this. At one end of the spectrum is the single-payer system, similar to that of Canada, in which there is one "insurer"—government—and it sets hospital budgets, limits physician fees, and funds health care for everyone through income and payroll taxes.

At the other is the marketplace approach, in which people would buy their own health care coverage with vouchers or tax credits, leaving cost control to market competition.

The approach that is supported by the Clinton Administration combines market competition and government regulation, and is sometimes called managed competition. Employers and individuals would purchase health coverage through large pools called health alliances that are designed to make coverage more affordable. Everybody would get a basic benefits package from approved health plans that provide a full range of medical services for a fixed payment per person. Employers would be required to provide coverage for their employees, with assistance for some so they can afford to do so.

Q: What approach do hospitals favor?

A: Working through the American Hospital Association, the nation's hospitals have developed a health care reform plan based on three goals: (1) access to guaranteed coverage for health services to all citizens; (2) a change in the way people get care to community-based networks of providers, and (3) fair financing of the health care system. It would change the way hospitals, doctors, and others provide care and the way consumers use it, so that our nation can afford to provide coverage for everyone.

Our health care system would be much more efficient if doctors, hospitals, and other health care providers in a community joined together to conserve resources and keep their patients and community healthy. If they formed local health networks that received a fixed payment for each enrolled patient, they would have a strong economic incentive to keep their enrollees healthy and to do it in the most cost-effective manner possible. There would be no reason to duplicate services or provide unneeded care, and the nation's overall health care bill could be held in check. Networks would be organized differently from community to community, but all would have the same goal: to identify the health needs of the community and to keep people healthy in the most cost-effective way.

Q: Is it really possible to provide health care for everyone without sending costs skyrocketing?

A: Yes, but only if we change the way we organize and deliver health care. Price controls alone won't change the underlying problems. If all we did was limit payments to doctors and hospitals, it would be like plugging the valve on a pressure cooker without turning down the heat. Locally based networks of doctors, hospitals, pharmacists, mental health professionals, and other caregivers are the key to affordable health care for everyone.

Q: What other kinds of changes are needed?

A: We need to change laws to make insurance coverage more affordable and to eliminate pre-existing condition clauses—provisions that restrict or deny coverage to people with illnesses that make

them likely to need medical care. New laws are also needed to reduce the costs of malpractice lawsuits. Guidelines to help physicians choose the most cost-effective clinical procedures must be developed and made available. Consumers need better information about cost and quality to help them make wiser decisions. The paperwork and administrative clutter involved in health care should be reduced, and more efficient information systems developed. And resources should focus on keeping people healthy and preventing serious disease, with use of the most expensive procedures and technology carefully managed.

Q: How will health care reform affect the average consumer?

A: You and your family will no longer have to fear losing your coverage; basic health services will be guaranteed, no matter what your job, health, or income. But any solution to the health care crisis will involve some trade-offs. We can't have access to care for all and the fanciest technology and total freedom of choice and still control costs. Whether the bills are paid from our payroll, our pocket, or our taxes, we still have to pay for them somehow. And the most expensive high-tech services and specialists might not be available unless there's clear evidence that you will benefit. But if reform is done right, the quality of care will stay high, preventive care will be more available, and there will be fewer hassles and red tape involved in getting and paying for care.

Fingerprinting recipients would halt welfare fraud

By KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON
US Senator

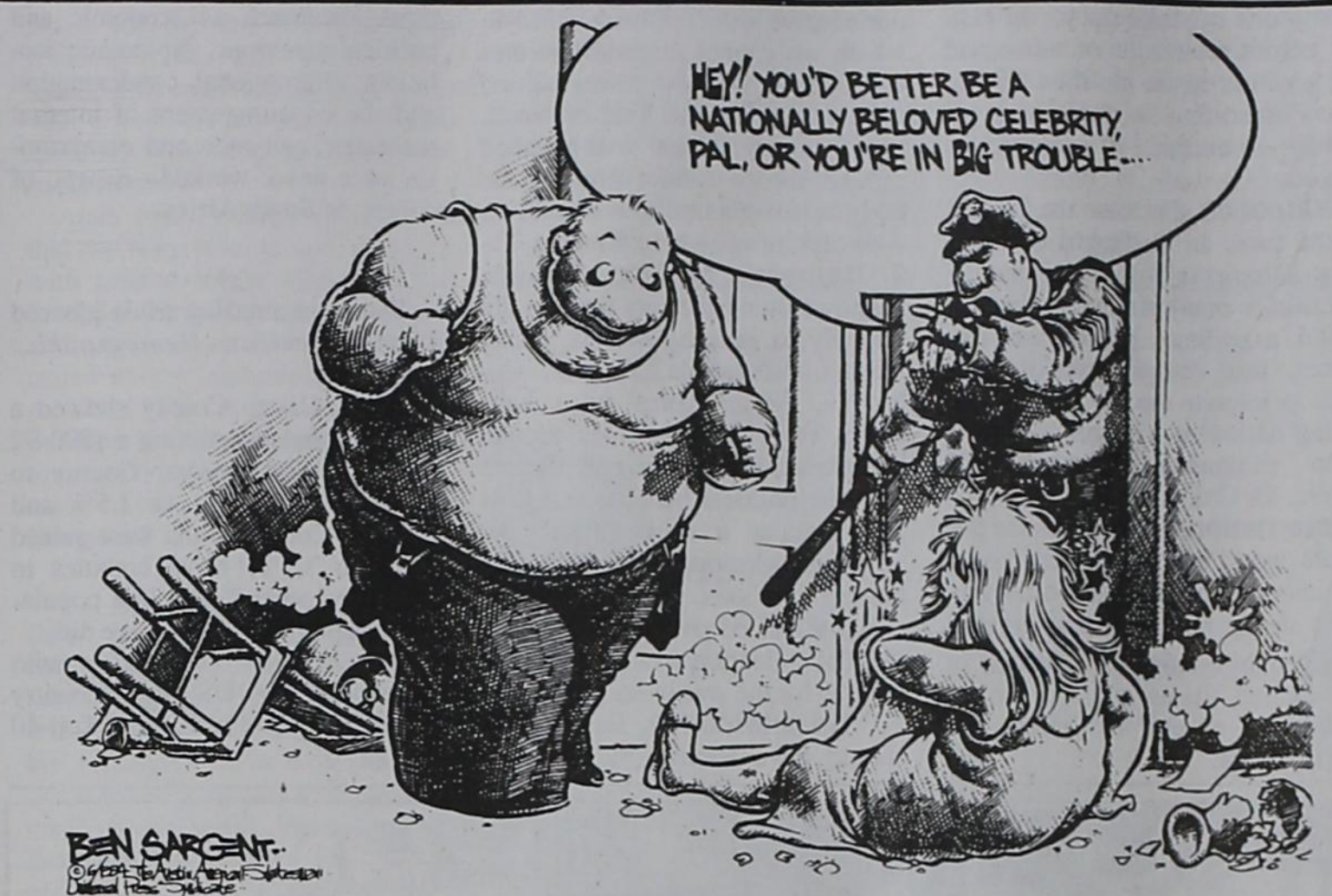
There is one absolutely unique feature every person has—fingerprints. Fingerprinting can be done, today, very quickly and inexpensively. Digital electronic technology has advanced to the point that a desk top computer can read and store fingerprints, and kick out duplicates.

This technological advance has major implications for our deeply troubled welfare system. Putting all able-bodied welfare recipients to work is an essential element of real reform, but it is only one part of the solution. We also need to halt the epidemic of welfare fraud. Fingerprint identification has the potential to eliminate just that.

Welfare cheats routinely use phony social security cards and other forged identification to defraud the Aid for Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program, Medicaid, and other public assistance programs. Welfare agencies have no effective way to catch these abusers, even though some collect as many as a dozen welfare checks under different names and addresses. Although state and federal governments spent more than \$22 billion last year for welfare, no one can estimate reliably how many hundreds of million or billions of dollars are lost each year to fraud.

Recently, I introduced legislation that would dramatically curb welfare cheating by putting a new high-tech tool in the hands of government agencies. My bill requires a fingerprint identification system. Through high-tech fingerprinting of all welfare recipients, we can effectively slash forgery and fraud.

Companies that supply this digital technology estimate a welfare office might be fully equipped for as little as \$300—less than a single average monthly AFDC benefit in Texas. Fingerprinting could be used to weed out cheats in both federal and state welfare programs.



Blame is on government

By PHILIP C. CLARKE

As the Administration and Democrats in Congress continue to push for government-sponsored health care reform, a review of some basic health care facts is in order.

One of the centerpieces of the Clinton presidential campaign was the notion that too many Americans can't afford health care insurance because the costs were going through the roof. And they have been. In 1980, total health care spending hit \$250 billion. This year, the total will skyrocket to \$981 billion, a nearly 400% increase!

Thus, after the election, the President gave his wife, Hillary, the role of overseeing a task force to

develop a health care solution. The result had even Democrats scratching their heads in wonderment. Employers would be forced to purchase insurance for all their employees, whether they could afford to or not. And all but the biggest corporations would make those purchases through government-sponsored purchasing and selling monopolies that the Clintons called health "alliances." In addition, the plan called for strict budget controls on health care spending and price controls on health care services.

It's now a year later and Capitol Hill is in the throes of trying to put together legislation—any legislation—to address health care reform. One plan would essentially expand the Medicare program to cover all Americans. Another, which has been called "Clinton Lite," would set up health alliances, but buying insurance would not be mandatory and price controls would be scrapped. A so-called Republican plan would also set up alliances and force every individual to buy insurance through them. And still another scheme would create a Canadian-style, single-payer system where each state would fund its own health care. The common theme in all these plans is more government involvement in our nation's health care.

Few dispute that there are problems in health care, such as too much spending and not enough coverage. But to address the problems, it's necessary to understand where they came from. The vast majority of people who don't have insurance are in that state because they can't afford it. Which raises the question: Why is health care so expensive? And the answer is: the government. Consider the fact that 46.4% of all health care spending this year will be paid for by government, both federal and local. And by the year 2000, that figure will be around 50%, double what it was in 1960.

Soaring health care costs and growing government funding of

health care are not unrelated. As the government pays for more services, the beneficiaries have every incentive to demand more services. After all, it's not their money. The resulting cost growth forces lawmakers to look for ways to hold down spending, and Uncle Sam has been no exception. But the cost constraints have unintended consequences. For example, price controls in both Medicare and Medicaid programs logically led health care providers to look for other ways to recoup their expenses. So they turned to privately insured patients and increased their fees. And hence the spending explosion in the last 15 years.

The pro-big government forces in Washington would have Americans believe that if the government takes over health care, it will be cheaper and in some cases, free. But of course, it can't be free. Citizens will have to pay for it either through higher taxes or reduced services. Only a few policymakers in Washington are talking about reform that has a chance of bringing down costs without the rationing of services. They would enroll the help of the most powerful system of controlling costs out there—the marketplace.

With the creation of "medical savings accounts," individuals could buy a catastrophic insurance policy in case of accident or expensive illness and set aside funding for routine medical expenses tax-free. And if they didn't use the set-aside funds, they could keep the money. Under these medical savings accounts, the incentives would all change. Instead of demanding more and more medical care because "someone else" is footing the bill, Americans would pay for only the health care they really need, and pocket the difference.

Much of Congress and the Clintons think that only government can solve the nation's health care problems. But as a popular bumper sticker asks: "Do you want your health care from the same people who run the Post Office?"

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Sports



LET IT FLY—Jared Griffitt sails a Frisbee toward three wading pools, targets for the Frisbee toss sponsored by DARE. Children won DARE t-shirts,

Frisbees and other goods. The booth promoted the program which will begin in all county schools this fall. *Photo by John Brooks*

Summer League

	Won	Lost
Lakers	6	2
Bullets	6	2
Bulls	6	2
Spurs	5	3
Magic	3	5
Suns	3	5
Knicks	2	6
Rockets	1	7

June 27th games
 Bullets 72, Suns 41. B — Wendi Ethridge 33, A'lyn Garza 13. S — Courtney Hoelting 17, Kara Culwell 10.
 Bulls 69, Magic 41. B — Kim Thomas 21, Amy Pohlmeier 17. M — Katrina Acker 9, Shelly Moore 9.
 Lakers 92, Rockets 37. L — Dolores Dimas 30, Carrie Bradley 17. R — Amy Matthews 10, Heather Braddock 8.
 Spurs 56, Knicks 53. S — Melinda Schmucker 23, Kenda Chisum 9. K — Misty Ball 15, Carie Wethington 14.
 June 28th games
 Knicks 78, Rockets 54. K — Halley Bradley 17, Carrie Bradley 13. R — Wendi Ethridge 19, Kenda Chisum 18.
 Bulls 79, Bullets 58. Bulls — Kenda Chisum 20, Wendi Ethridge 16. Bullets — Katrina Acker 14, Amy Pohlmeier 10.
 Spurs 75, Magic 58. S — Kim Thomas 16, Amy Matthews 13. M — Melinda Schmucker 12, Kara Josselet 10.
 Suns 69, Lakers 60. S — Amy Pohlmeier 16, Katie Daniel 13. L — Kim Thomas 14, Dolores Dimas 12.

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Southwest Outdoors

By Mel Phillips

Worm Fishing

It happens every summer. After several months of great bass fishing, the easy fishing on our local lakes comes to a screeching halt. The aggressive shallow-water bass have been eaten or educated. Anglers continue pounding the shoreline cover with an assortment of crankbaits, spinnerbaits and noisy lures of all description.

If you want to catch more summer fish, it is time to put down those lures and pick up a plastic worm. Studies by Dr. Loren Hill of the University of Oklahoma Research Station at Lake Texoma have documented that bass do learn to avoid many lures but not a plastic worm.

My favorite catch and release "worm lake" is Lake Childress just east of Baylor Lake near Childress. Lake Childress is loaded with eager two-pound bass and an occasional eight pounder will keep you honest on the hook set.

The basics of worm fishing

Colors: Manufacturers make them in every color of the rainbow but local experts like Darrell Balades of Canyon recommends several basic colors that should be in your arsenal. Basic black, black with fire (red) tail, black/chartreuse start your collection. Next you need some purple, purple/firetail and purple/white tail. Veteran basser Joe Mack Millican of Pampa includes pumpkin with green glitter. A good tackle store follows the color preference on a lake-by-lake basis and can be a real help when you are going to a new lake.

Size: The six inch variety with a hook tail work just fine. Many anglers like Mike Harber of Borger include a four inch ringworm in the above-suggested colors to round out the basics.

Line size: It depends on the type of cover you are fishing, but for most lakes in our area a good brand

name line in the 12 to 14 lb. class will work. Keith Frost of Plainview prefers 14 to 17 lbs. He is after big bass and break offs are less likely to happen with stronger line.

Hooks: Worm hooks in the 1/0 to 3/0 size depending upon the diameter of your worm, not the length. I prefer a straight shank. Arguments about hooks are never settled so try several styles until you have confidence in one.

Sinkers: Worm sinkers are molded pieces of lead that cause your worm to fall in front of Mr. Bass. They come in various weights from 1/16 up to 3/4 oz. The best rule of thumb is to use the lightest weight lead that allows you to feel your worm. The 3/16 size is very popular when fishing less than five foot.

We'll cover more on worms in Part Two, in our next column.

Remember, it is less than 60 days until opening day of dove season. A trip to the gun range will really pay off on Sept. 1.

Baseball Schedule

T-BALL

JULY 7: 6 p.m. Mariners vs. Angels; 7:15 p.m. Cardinals vs. Rangers.

JULY 8: 6 p.m. Cubs vs. Rangers; 7:15 p.m. Mariners vs. Blue Jays.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL

JULY 7: 7 p.m. Orioles vs. Falcons.

MINOR LEAGUE

JULY 7: 5:30 p.m. Royals vs. Expos.

MAJOR LEAGUE

JULY 7: 8:30 p.m. Pirates vs. Rockies.

JULY 8: 6 p.m. Tigers vs. Braves; 8 p.m. Rockies vs. Giants.

DFN LEAGUE

JULY 7: 7 p.m. Nazareth at Reds.

JULY 8: 6 p.m. Cattle Town at Dodgers; 8 p.m. Bi-Wize at Reds.

There will be an end of season tournament the week of July 11-15.

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Jamey Ray Davis and Lisa Kathleen Bizzell

Bizzell, Davis to wed

Gail and Elizabeth Bizzell of Olton announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lisa Kathleen, to Jamey Ray Davis, son of Jimmy Ray and Greta Davis of Hart.

The couple will marry August 27 in the First United Methodist Church in Olton at 3 p.m.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Gerald and Mabel Bizzell of Olton and John and Rosanel Payne of Happy. Delphia Davis of Hart is the prospective groom's grandmother.



Who's New?

McDaniel inducted into honor society

Shad McDaniel of Dimmitt has been inducted into Phi Eta Sigma, a national freshman honor society, at Texas A&M University.

McDaniel, an agricultural engineering major, was one of more than 450 Aggies inducted this spring. Students are invited to join Phi Eta Sigma if they have received at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale by the close of their freshman year. Society members are eligible to apply for undergraduate and graduate scholarships.

PLAINS MEMORIAL
Keith and Kim Birkenfeld of Nazareth are the parents of a daughter, Haley Ann, born 12:10 p.m. on June 23. She weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz., and was 20 1/2 inches long. She has two older siblings: Kyle, 3, and Ryan, 2. Her grandparents are Herman and Marilyn Birkenfeld of Nazareth and Neil and Judy Harmon of Springfield, Colo.

OUT OF TOWN
Roy and Laura Ethridge of Colorado Springs are the parents of a girl, Kerri Lynn, born 10:51 p.m. on June 28 in Colorado Springs. She weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz. Her grandparents are Ray and Faye Ethridge and Don and Mae Hargrove, all of Dimmitt. Her great-grandmother is Annie Laura Hargrove, also of Dimmitt.



The Book Shelf

By CINDY POTTORFF
Rhoads Memorial Library

Bookmark contest winners for this summer are Erica Abrego, 8, and Taryn Hays, 12. The bookmarks will be printed up and distributed at the library late this summer or early next fall.

Summer readers, the jellybeans will be distributed at the Summer Reading Party on July 30. So far, nobody has guessed the exact number of jellybeans but some guesses have been very close.

Guesses range from 5 to 1,500. Besides giving away the jellybeans, the party will include some fun things to do, such as knee painting. (No, that's not a typographical error: there really will be knee painting at the Summer Reading Party.)

Meanwhile, summer readers need to bring in their time sheets and pick up their prizes. And yes, that includes extra prizes generously donated by businesses here in Dimmitt. Just read 15 minutes per day or more if you can read by yourself. Kids too young to read by themselves listen to someone else read to them 5 or more minutes per day.

Read-to-me's or beginning readers may enjoy the following books purchased for the library by Book Club. All of these books include read-along cassette tapes.

Beat the heat. Go to fantasy land by reading *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats. This is the simple tale of a little boy and how he plays in the snow.

Go to exotic places by reading *Tikki Tikki Tembo*, retold by Arlene Mosel. This folk tale tells why the Chinese name their children with short names. In addition to a story any child with siblings can relate to, this book includes a delightful rhythmic name, Tikki tikki tembono sa rembo-chari bari ruchi-pip peri pembo; repeated throughout the book.

For a twist on a familiar folktale, read *Goldilocks and The Three*

Bears, retold and illustrated by James Marshall. It is the old familiar tale... but all the trouble is caused by the naughty Goldilocks, who was warned by her mother not to take the shortcut through the forest. So much for doing an errand for her mother. This is classic James Marshall and if you don't know what that means, you owe it to yourself to read this book.

Schulte is picked for scholarship

Royce Schulte, son of Lester and Beth Schulte of Dimmitt, will receive a Mesa Scholarship for Academic Excellence from West Texas A&M University.

Thirty-seven WTAMU students will receive Mesa Scholarships. The awards for the 1994-95 school year total \$24,750 and will be made in increments of \$250, \$500 or \$1,000.

Established from funds provided by Mesa Limited Partnership, the scholarships were first awarded in 1987 and are given to reward and recognize freshmen and continuing undergraduate students who promote and exemplify high academic standards.

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

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

"These students were chosen because of their high academic performance as well as the continuing student's contribution to the University and the community," Gary Barnes, selection committee member and WTAMU associate vice president and controller, said.

Griffitt wins scholarship

The West Texas A&M University T. Boone Pickens College of Business recently announced Tami Jo Griffitt of Dimmitt as one of the scholarship winners for the 1994-95 school year.

Griffitt, a junior accounting major, was awarded a Texas Panhandle Petroleum Accounting Scholarship.

"The general overall criteria for the scholarships was academic excellence and involvement in departmental activities," Sue Taylor, chairman of the scholarship selection committee and instructor of computer information systems (CIS), said.

Bradley named to Dean's List

Halley Bradley of Dimmitt has been named to the Dean's Academic Honor List at Baylor University.

To be eligible for the list, students must have a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 and be enrolled for 15 or more semester hours. Bradley was one of 780 students making the list at Baylor.



KENT AND WHITNEY KIRBY
She is the former Whitney Crum.

Crum and Kirby wed

Kent and Whitney Kirby are home in Dimmitt after their June 11 marriage in Las Vegas, Nev.

The bride is the daughter of Don and Carlie Warren of Dimmitt. She graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1987, and graduated from West Texas State University. She is a teacher at Bluebonnet Elementary in Hereford.

The groom is the son of Troy and Billie Kirby of Dimmitt. He is a 1982 graduate of Dimmitt High School, and graduated from WTSU. He is employed at Hyman Farm Service in fertilizer sales.

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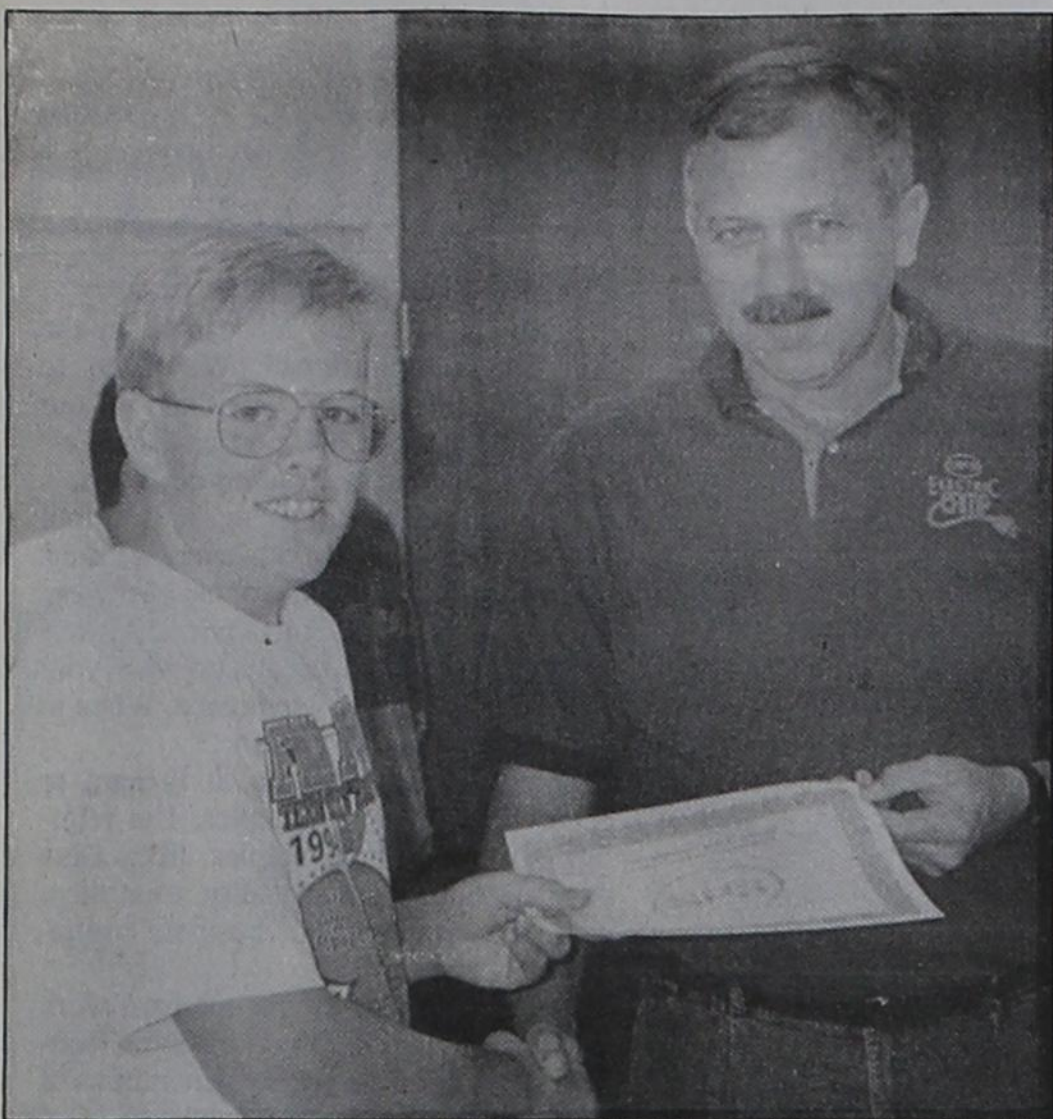
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B.J. KERN, a student at Nazareth High School, receives a second place award from Greg Boggs, agricultural marketing specialist for Southwestern Public Service Co. Kern was the runner-up in the Motors class at the annual FFA Electric Camp, sponsored by SPS. *Courtesy Photo*

Three attend FFA electric workshop

Three students from Nazareth High School were among 61 Future Farmers of America members who participated in the recent 32nd annual FFA Electric Workshop sponsored by Southwestern Public Service Co. in Amarillo.

The students were Malcolm

Jones, B.J. Kern and Jayson Burnam. The three-day workshop featured demonstrations, videos and lectures, in part, on wiring farm buildings, assembly of electric controls and electric safety.

"The young people who attend this workshop are able to take the skills they learn here and use them on the farm or at home," said Dave Krupnick, SPS manager of agricultural and wholesale marketing. "However, safety is the key lesson taught here," he said.

Southwestern Public Service Co. is a regional electric utility that primarily provides electric service to a population of about one million people in a 52,000-square-mile area comprising eastern and southeastern New Mexico, the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas, the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwestern Kansas. Corporate headquarters is in Amarillo.

July Jubilee winners named

Friday, Dimmitt chamber merchants held community activities to jump start the July 4th weekend. The activities all took place on the courthouse square and gazebo.

The drawing for the Dimmitt dollars was provided by Tots & Teens, First State Bank, Video Magic, Cowser Abstract, Higginbotham Bartlett, Sheffy Western Wear, Merle Norman, Jones - Rawlings, Lockhart Pharmacy, Castro County News, and the First Bank of Muleshoe. Two winners were named to receive \$100 each. Congratulations to Janie Martinez who registered at the hot dog stand and Doris Flynt who registered at Tots & Teens.

Ron and Kathy Gruhlke with Alco were prepared for a big crowd of kids for the bicycle rodeo. As it turned out, the Griffith boys made a clean sweep and each received a \$10 gift certificate for their talents.

The musical talents of Max Ellison, Bill Sava, Vince Moss, Valerie Moss, and "Scratch" entertained a light crowd for over an hour at the gazebo.

During the day, 482 hot dogs were served. At a price of 25 cents each, you can understand the renewed interest in hot dogs and cokes. Walt Hansen, Ron Gruhlke, and some of their employees, along with the Dimmitt High School cheerleaders, kept the public served.

The Dimmitt fire truck arrived at 12:30 and stayed until about 2:30. The dunking board was used a lot to dunk Kiwanians, Lions, Rotarians, and other individuals. With the hot weather, some wanted to pay to get dunked.

The D.A.R.E. van from Hereford, with officer Robert Holberg, was on hand to give out t-shirts, frisbees, and bumper stickers with the frisbee toss.

Church Happenings

Christian Church

Dimmitt's First Christian Church will host a special speaker at the morning and evening services Sunday and all members are urged to attend.

Prospective minister Jim Hardwick of Oklahoma will preach, and he will be interviewed following the morning message.

Also, a potluck dinner is planned for the noon meal.

The public also is invited to come out and hear Bro. Hardwick speak.

Sen. Gramm is honored

Sen. Phil Gramm was honored recently by the US Chamber of Commerce for consistently voting to support American business.

The Chamber presented the Spirit of Enterprise Award to Sen. Gramm for compiling a pro-business voting record of at least 70%, based on 11 key votes cast in 1993.

"We are pleased to honor Sen. Gramm for consistently supporting those policies that strengthen US businesses and help them become the most competitive in the world," said Richard L. Leshner, US Chamber president.

"Sen. Gramm's support of the business community has helped businesses—both large and small—prosper and create the jobs all Americans need," Leshner added.

The Chamber presented the award to 44 senators and 177 representatives.



NEW EQUIPMENT AT HOSPITAL — Plains Memorial Hospital has a new piece of life-saving equipment, thanks to a contribution from the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. The Physio-Control LifePak 9 is capable of cardiac monitoring, defibrillating and external pacing, according to

(from left) Rick Hunter, EMS director; Linda Rasor, director of nursing; and Jim McMaster, paramedic and respiratory technician. The LifePak will be used in the emergency room; a portable unit formerly in the ER is now in the hospital's main ambulance. *Photo by John Brooks*

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By DON TAYLOR

The welding shop

One of my early memories as a young farm boy was the wonder of Edison Raney's welding shop. I loved to go there and watch him work.

Mr. Raney's shop was located on the northwest corner of the square in Humphreys, Mo. It served as a repair shop for farmers from miles around. When our machinery needed repair, we took it to Mr. Raney.

The shop was filled with interesting machines and tools. Later, I would know them as welders, torches, grinders, drill presses, vices and clamps. But until I watched Mr. Raney use them, I had no idea what most of the machines would accomplish.

Mr. Raney was a hardworking, honest business man. He wore a funny little welder's cap that had no brim or bill. His work was hot and dirty. As each day progressed his skin and clothing gradually took on the various hues of the greasy and grimy equipment he repaired. Even

his face would change color as he wiped away the sweat of honest labor.

The most fascinating part of the shop was one wall where Mr. Raney had tacked up several signs, postcards and articles. When we went to pick up completed repairs, I always read the items on that wall, if time permitted.

There were simple truisms like, "It is better to wear out than rust out" and "The best way to kill time is work it to death." One little card always caught my attention. It was the story of a hot dog vendor. Though it's been nearly 30 years since I was last in Mr. Raney's shop, I can still remember most of it.

The hot dog stand

A man lived by the side of the road ... and sold hot dogs. He was hard of hearing, so he had no radio. He had never learned to read, so he read no newspapers. But he sold good hot dogs.

He had a sign put on the highway, telling folks how good they were. He

stood by the side of the road and cried, "Buy a hot dog, folks!" And people bought.

He increased his meat and bun orders and he bought a bigger stove to take care of his trade. He asked his son to come home from college to help him. But then, something happened.

His son said, "Father, haven't you heard? The federal government just raised interest rates. The international situation is terrible, and the domestic situation is even worse." Whereupon the father thought, "Well, my son has been to college. He listens to the radio, reads the papers and watches television—he ought to know."

So the father cut down his bun order, took down his advertising signs and no longer bothered to stand by the highway to sell hot dogs. His hot dog sales fell almost overnight.

"You were right, son," the father said to the boy. "We are certainly in the middle of a great depression."

Proven principles

Sometimes, we all are caught in the trap of the uninformed. We listen to others when we should continue on our successful path. It often occurs when we listen to the educated, but un-informed.

Now don't get me wrong, only a fool ignores wise counsel. However, we must remember that not all counsel is wise. Not all advice is good advice. Always temper the advice of others with your own knowledge and experience. When in doubt, get a second opinion.

In any small business, it is hard to better time-proven principles. I'm referring to business principles like: Give your customers good quality, treat them well, and promote your business continually.

Thanks, Mr. Raney, for the hard work and good example. Your business principles are still working for generations of business men and women today.

You may write to Don Taylor in care of "Minding Your Own Business," PO Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105



SPLASHDOWN!—Ron Gruhke, manager of the Dimmitt ALCO Store and general chairman of the July Jubilee activities Friday in Dimmitt, reacts after getting dunked on the dunking board. Several

other dignitaries rode the dunking board. Other activities included live music, a Frisbee toss, soft drinks and hot dogs and a bicycle rodeo.

Photo by John Brooks



Cotton Talks



By SHAWN WADE

Lots of boll weevils survived the Southern High Plains' fourth mild winter in a row and according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) boll weevils may be a significant problem in some areas this year.

With most of the cotton acreage in the Southern High Plains now squaring, some cotton fields in Gaines and Dawson counties have already received boll weevil treatments. PCG officials say the possibility of weevil control should be foremost on everyone's mind.

"Early treatment decisions should be based on the 'trap index' using pheromone traps," said PCG Boll Weevil Program Coordinator Roger Haldenby. "At this time we are advising producers to talk to their crop consultant, entomologist or Extension personnel for advice on weevil treatments."

Haldenby adds that producers in the following counties should be especially watchful: Andrews, Borden, Briscoe, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Hall, Howard, Kent, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Motley, Scurry, and Terry.

"The Fall Diapause Boll Weevil control Program is going to have a hard time addressing widespread weevil infestations in this newly infested area with the limited funds that are available," says Dr. James F. Leser, Extension Entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "This program needs your help. If weevil numbers run two to four per trap the week prior to the appearance of match-head sized squares, definitely consider spraying."

The PCG-run boll weevil program has been very successful for 30 years because of help from the environment, mainly in the form of cold winters which compliment the program's goal of reducing the number of weevils entering overwintering habitat. Without this help the last few years, the weevil has made a major push into normally weevil-free areas of the High Plains.

Producers in these areas are also being encouraged to look further down the road in order to manage this year's crop so that the highest level of weevil control possible is achieved.

"It may seem a long time to harvest when we haven't even seen blooms, but producers in high weevil areas need to give some thought now to early termination of this crop," says Dr. Don Rummel, Research Scientist and boll weevil expert from the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Lubbock. "Regulating growth later in the season, knocking off squares and terminating a mature crop can possibly do as much good (for boll weevil control) as a pesticide application."

For more information about the status of weevil populations producers can contact their county Extension personnel or look for the "High Plains Boll Weevil Report" in the

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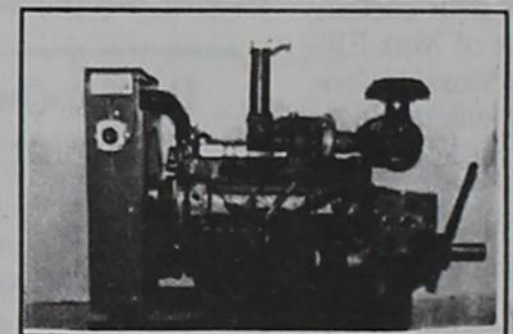
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Soil tests should reveal underground flow patterns

Chemicals traveling through soil toward groundwater are like travelers without maps, clocks and speedometers: there's no telling when they'll arrive.

Texas Agricultural Experiment Station researchers, however, are developing a method they hope will help predict just how chemicals reach groundwater from the soil surface.

Using a unique grid of collecting cells buried at different levels in various soil types, the researchers have been able to confirm that water moving through clay soils tends to converge in fissures and cracks, said Dr. Kevin McInnes, an experiment station researcher.

The new method eventually may be usefully integrated with other knowledge and methods to make predictions about chemical movements. That's because it can help researchers understand how water moves through soil at varying rates.

"Soil scientists have been collecting soil descriptions from all over the United States for more than 100 years," said McInnes, who is also an assistant professor of soil and crop sciences at Texas A&M University. "But we don't always know how fast water moves from the surface through soil to groundwater."

Part of the problem, McInnes said, is that soil samples have often been taken in cores of two to four inches in diameter. Such cores may not reveal the fissures and cracks

that channel water toward groundwater, just as rivers merge and run toward the sea.

"It is traditionally assumed that heavy clays don't transmit water and solutes very quickly, but that's because the samples have been from small cores, which might miss the channels that tend to move water more quickly," he said.

To learn more about the process, McInnes and a team of experiment station researchers tested the method in two different Brazos Valley soils—Ships clay and Silawa sandy loam. The clay is what is called a "highly structured" soil with cracks, fissures and pores; the Silawa has a finer, less pronounced structure.

The team also includes Drs. Larry Wilding and Tom Hallmark, both professors in A&M's soil and crop sciences department, and departmental graduate research assistant Willem Heuvelman. The team conducted the research for the Texas Water Resources Institute, a special unit of the experiment station headquartered on the Texas A&M campus.

The device they developed was a grid of 7 by 14 inches made up of 98 individual cells. The cells collected water and bromide—a harmless, nondegradable and easily measured tracer applied to the soil surface.

As water percolated through the soil, it was collected in varying rates in each cell. The grids were

buried in three different depths in each soil.

Most agricultural chemicals degrade naturally in soils, so the nondegradable bromide in each collection cell was expected to give some idea of the rate at which a solute could move with surface water through soil and into the groundwater.

The cells were actually connected to a complicated device that included secondary collection jars and a vacuum system. A series of statistical equations was used to analyze relationships between the amount of water and bromide found in collection jars from each depth of soil type.

McInnes said the team found the method revealed useful information about how surface water converges with depth toward groundwater in clay, but did not yield as much information about how water flow is related to solute "travel time" in the soil.

The relationship between water flow, solute travel time and soil structure is a complicated one that will require much more study, both with the experiment station device and through other methods. McInnes said the team will continue working with the method to determine its viability as a research tool; the team will also focus on learning more about the chemical and physical characteristics of water flow paths in different types of soil.

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Fortin will take away more than memories

By NICOLE KLEMAN

Dominic Fortin will live with the memory of his year in Nazareth with the J.C. Pohlmeier family in "his heart as well as on his face."

Dominic, the American Field Service exchange student of Montreal, Quebec, had an accident during his stay which left a scar over his right eye.

"I went to a party on a Saturday night, and saw a trampoline and said 'Oh, I'll go make a flip,'" Dominic said. "Well, I flipped too much and hit the bar. I got stitches on my forehead and eye. I was messed up."

Despite the scar, Dominic had a year full of new and different changes, and will miss it all tremendously.

"It was kind of hard in the beginning with all those people and trying to remember their names," Dominic said. "But now it's just like I fit here."

His host mother and father agreed.

"I was nervous at first," Jocelyn, Dominic's host mother said. "I hoped we'd make him comfortable, and feel like he fit in. The second day he was here he started school so it put him in a routine right away."

"It was a new challenge whether we could make him feel at home,"

J.C., Dominic's host father, said. "We tried to give him all the opportunities to start out on the right foot."

During his stay, he participated in many sports and organizations.

"I played football, but not very long," Dominic said. "I got killed a couple times so I decided it was not my sport."

He competed in J.V. basketball, and golf—where he won district. He was involved in FFA, CYO, and the One-Act play.

"Sports are a lot different here," Dominic said. "Like basketball, everybody goes to the games, and in Canada the students don't care. Just the parents go. It's more competitive."

The school was not the only difference Dominic faced. He also had to deal with a change in the size of the family.

Dominic has one sister, and in Nazareth he had two brothers and two sisters. Jill, who started her first year at Texas Tech University, Colby, 17, Amy, 14 and Daryl, 10.

"It was different having a little brother," Dominic said. "Also waking up in the morning and waiting on Jill and Amy to get out of the bathroom to get a shower."

Dominic simply became part of the family

"It's one more to question what

they did wrong at the end of the day," J.C. said with a grin. "I try to guide him just like I do the rest of them, whether they like it or not."

Dominic went from a perfect stranger to being an older brother to all three of the children at home.

"When Dominic got here, he and Daryl got really close," J.C. said.

"In fact," Jocelyn added, "Daryl asked what would happen if we just didn't bring him to the airport."

Colby also will have to readjust to not having Dominic there.

"He was always there to talk to," Colby said, "like an older brother. Well—a little, older brother. It was different at first bringing someone else with me up-town, but now after he's gone it will be weird going out by myself."

While Dominic will be missed by his host family, friends and community, he too will "miss everything."

"I'll miss Sunday morning," Dominic said. "Everybody sitting here eating breakfast and talking—I'll miss it. Also Friday nights, parties, and dances because we don't have country dances in Canada, and I'm in the groove now."

Even though he will be miles from his host family, they will always have the memories, and each time he looks in the mirror he will be reminded of his experience of being an AFS student.



THE J.C. POHLMEIER FAMILY hosted the 1993-94 AFS Exchange student, Dominic Fortin, the exchange student at Nazareth. Family members include (from left) Amy, Jocelyn, Colby, J.C., Daryl, Dominic Fortin and Jill. Photo by Nicole Kleman



THE TERRY HILL FAMILY hosted Phillip Michler of Germany, an AFS exchange student. Family members include (from left) Belinda, B.J., Phillip Michler, Beau, and Terry. Photo by Nicole Kleman

Hill family helps Michler adjust to 'country style'

By NICOLE KLEMAN

A sudden change in lifestyle and family would be difficult for anyone to overcome, but coming from a foreign country can make the transition even harder.

However, Phillip Michler of Germany who stayed in Dimmitt with the Terry Hill family, took the process in stride, and is now almost used to "country style."

"It was a change to a complete different lifestyle," Phillip said. "But the fact that it was different made it unique and special."

When Phillip learned he would

be living in Texas for a year he began researching what life would be like.

"I knew I was coming to Texas so I read a lot about it," Phillip said. "I talked to someone and he told me lots of stuff and what to expect."

Even though he was given an idea of what life would be like, living in the United States gave him a little shock.

"At the beginning everything was new, the family, language, school, but after a while it became part of my life," Phillip said. "A part that I will miss back in Germany."

For Phillip the biggest obstacle he had to overcome was getting used to living in a small town.

"Stock shows played a big role in my host family life: boots, cowboy hats, rodeos and country music," Phillip said. "I had a show pig, and when I told all my friends back in Germany they just laughed."

The Hills also had to become used to someone new in the family.

"I thought it was going to be kind of hard, but I knew I was going to like it," B.J., Phillip's youngest host brother, said.

"I hadn't had any children in high school," Belinda, Phillip's host mother said. "I really didn't know what to expect, what he'd be involved in."

While in school Phillip became involved in many activities and organizations. He belonged to Interact, Future Homemakers of America, Student Council, 4-H and TSA. He also competed in football, which took a while to figure out the rules, basketball and baseball.

"In Germany I probably won't have the opportunity to ever play

sports like football and baseball again, because it is just not common and popular."

Belinda added that she enjoyed watching him do something he'd never done before.

Life at home became normal for both Phillip and the Hills.

"We've got a close relationship because we've lived together for a year," said Terry, Phillip's host father. "We hate to see him go. He's more like a son, but he's still our guest."

"He gets treated kind of like mine do," Belinda added. "He's just a part of us."

Now that Phillip has grown accustomed to the lifestyle and family he has had a great time, and will never forget his experience here in Texas.

"It was exciting to get to know a new country and new culture," Phillip said. "I think it's a great experience and everyone should try it."

His leaving will be difficult on both Phillip and the Hills as well.

"I'm not sure I'm ready to go back," Phillip said. "I'm ready to see my friends and family, but I'd also like to stay here."

Beau, Phillip's oldest "brother", admits he's not ready to see Phillip go.

"I'll hate it when he's gone," Beau said. "I'll miss him a lot; he helps out a lot around here."

Both Phillip and the Hills hope to visit each other soon.

"I plan to come back and do a trip through the United States," Phillip said.

Although Phillip is returning to his family in Germany, he will always remain a part of the Hill family.



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PAT ROBBINS, Route 2, Box 53 A, Hereford, Texas 79045 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (Commission) for a permit (Proposed Permit No. 03657) to authorize the disposal of wastes and wastewater from a feedlot. The feedlot will consist of a maximum of 4,000 head. Wastewater will be retained in one (1) storage pond. Wastewater from the pond is to be disposed of by evaporation and/or irrigation on 30 acres of agricultural land. Manure and/or solids are to be removed from site by a contract manure hauler. No discharge of pollutants into the waters of the State is authorized by this permit.

The feedlot is on the west side of Farm - to - Market Road 1055, approximately 5.3 miles south of the Deaf Smith/Castro County line in Castro, Texas. This location is in the drainage area of the Upper Prairie Dog Town Fork Red River in Segment No. 0229 of the Red River Basin.

The Executive Director of the Commission has prepared a draft permit based on the application submitted by the applicant and other information presently available.

Legal Authority: Section 26.028 of the Texas Water Code and 30 TAC Chapter 305 of the Rules of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

This application is subject to a Commission resolution adopted August 18, 1993, which directs the Commission's Executive Director to act on behalf of the Commission and issue final approval of certain permit matters. The Executive Director will issue this permit unless one or more persons file written protests and/or a request for a hearing within 30 days after publication of this notice.

If you wish to request a public hearing, you must submit your request in writing. You must state (1) your name, mailing address and daytime phone number; (2) the permit number or other recognizable reference to this application; (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing;" (4) a brief description of how you, or the persons you represent, would be adversely affected by the granting of the application; (5) a description of the location of your property relative to the applicant's operations; and (6) your proposed adjustment to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for hearing. If one or more protests and/or requests for hearing are filed, the Executive Director will not issue the permit and will forward the application to the Office of Hearings Examiners where a hearing may be held. Commission public hearings are evidentiary legal proceedings similar to civil court non-jury trials. Although general comments from the public may be submitted either in writing prior to the hearing, or orally at the start of the hearing, the law requires that the Commission's decision about whether to approve or deny the application be based on evidence and testimony submitted during the public hearing, presented under oath and subject to cross-examination by the other parties. Public comments are not evidence and cannot be the basis for the Commission's ultimate decision. In the event a hearing is held, the Office of Hearings Examiners will submit a recommendation to the Commission for final decision.

If no protests or requests for hearing are filed, the Executive Director will sign the permit 30 days after publication of this notice or thereafter. If you wish to appeal a permit issued by the Executive Director, you may do so by filing a written Motion for Reconsideration with the Chief Clerk of the Commission no later than 20 days after the date the Executive Director signs the permit.

Requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted in writing to the Chief Clerk's Office, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711, Telephone (512)463-7899. Information regarding hearing procedures may be obtained by contacting Kerry D. Sullivan, Assistant Chief Hearings Examiner at the same address or by telephone at (512) 463-7875. Information concerning any technical aspect of this application can be obtained by writing Desi Mora, R.S., Wastewater Permits Section, at the same address or by telephone at (512) 463-8201.

Issued this 3rd day of June, 1994.
Glona A. Vasquez, Chief Clerk
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission
25-12-11c

LEGAL NOTICE

A public auction of the below described abandoned motor vehicles will be held at the Castro County Courthouse on Tuesday, July 12, 1994, at 10 a.m.:

1981 Oldsmobile passenger car, VIN/1G3AX69Y8BM237679, '94 TX LIC/261MSX.

1981 Buick passenger car, VIN/1G4A-J47A4BZ123818, '93 TX LIC/JKM98V.

1979 Dodge pickup, VIN/D13J59S203276, '94 TX LIC/8479TF.

1985 Cadillac passenger car, VIN/1G6DW6980F9702502, '94 TX LIC/HXV10Z.

1985 Chevrolet passenger car, VIN/1G1BN47H2FX129783, '94 TX LIC/897VZH.

1978 Chevrolet passenger car, VIN/1-237U8R442499, '91 NM LIC/HPC788.

1981 Chrysler passenger car, VIN/2-C3BJ52E3BR100280, '94 TX LIC/DGH47J.

1976 Ford passenger car, VIN/6P635142452.

These vehicles are stored at Stanford Body Works, located at 322 SE 2nd Street in Dimmitt, Texas, telephone (806)647-4426, and may be inspected there on the day of the public auction.

CD FITZGERALD, Sheriff
Castro County, Texas
By Jerry W. Jansa
Deputy
25-13-11c

25—Legal Notices

NOTICE

Sealed bid proposals will be received by the Nazareth Independent School District for MEAT, CONDIMENT, MILK PRODUCTS, MISCELLANEOUS FOOD ITEMS, and NON-DISPOSABLE PRODUCTS for Aug. 10, 1994—May 30, 1995. All bids will be received until 3 p.m. July 20, 1994. Any proposal received after that time and date will be returned unopened and not considered. Bidders are invited to be present at the bid opening. Please mail or deliver all bids to: Mona Brockman, NISD Cafeteria Mgr., P.O. Box 189, Nazareth, TX 79063. Please mark your envelope as follows: SEALED BID—FOOD SERVICE PRODUCTS, OPEN 3 p.m., July 20, 1994. All bids must be submitted on the "Bid Sheet" available and provided at the Superintendent's Office at the above address. The district reserves the right to reject any bid and/or all bids, to make awards as they may appear to be advantageous to the district and to waive all formalities in bidding. 25-13-21c

LEGAL NOTICE

The Dimmitt Independent School District Food Service is accepting sealed bids for the purchase of bread items for the first semester of the 1994-95 school year. Information may be obtained from the Administration Office at 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. All bids must be returned to Neal Bryan, Business Manager, or Charles Ketchum, Food Service Director, at 608 West Halsell by 2 p.m. on July 11, 1994. Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to reject any or all bids. All bids must be for the full semester. 25-12-21c

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LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS

Nazareth ISD is accepting proposals for IBM or IBM compatible computers for a 25 station computer lab at the Nazareth School Buildings. Said bids will be opened at 1 p.m. July 13, 1994, at the Superintendent's Office located at Nazareth Schools, Nazareth, Texas. Specifications and installation specifications for the project can be obtained from the office of Superintendent N. Dean Johnson, 101 S. First St.; P.O. Box 189; Nazareth, TX 79063-0189; Phone (806) 945-2231. Nazareth ISD reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted. 25-12-21c

Kids' safety seminar set in Plainview

A seminar to stress farm safety for children will be held July 16 at the Plainview Country Club.

The Farm Safety 4 Just Kids program will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration fee is \$15 and sign up is available by calling 1-800-423-5437.

FmHA meeting today in Hart

A meeting to discuss housing loans, farm loans and other Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) programs will be held today (Thursday) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the community room of the Hale County State Bank-Hart Banking Center.

The morning session, from 10 a.m. to noon, will cover housing loans for purchase of existing homes, building and improving homes, and repair loans and a grant program for senior citizens.

The afternoon session, from 1 to 2 p.m., will cover farm, business and industry loans. The meeting is open to the public.

Youth loan program set

A meeting for all students involved in ag projects will be held July 12 at 7 p.m. in the Castro County Courthouse basement. Financing projects for 4-H, FFA and any other related ag projects will be discussed.

The program will explain what projects are eligible for financing and how the loan system works.

Personnel will be available to answer any questions and to help those interested to complete their application packet.

Funds will be limited; students are urged to attend the meeting and file an application for the '94-95 school year early so that funding will be available.

For more information, contact the Farmers Home Administration at 647-5141.

More about . . . Soil tests

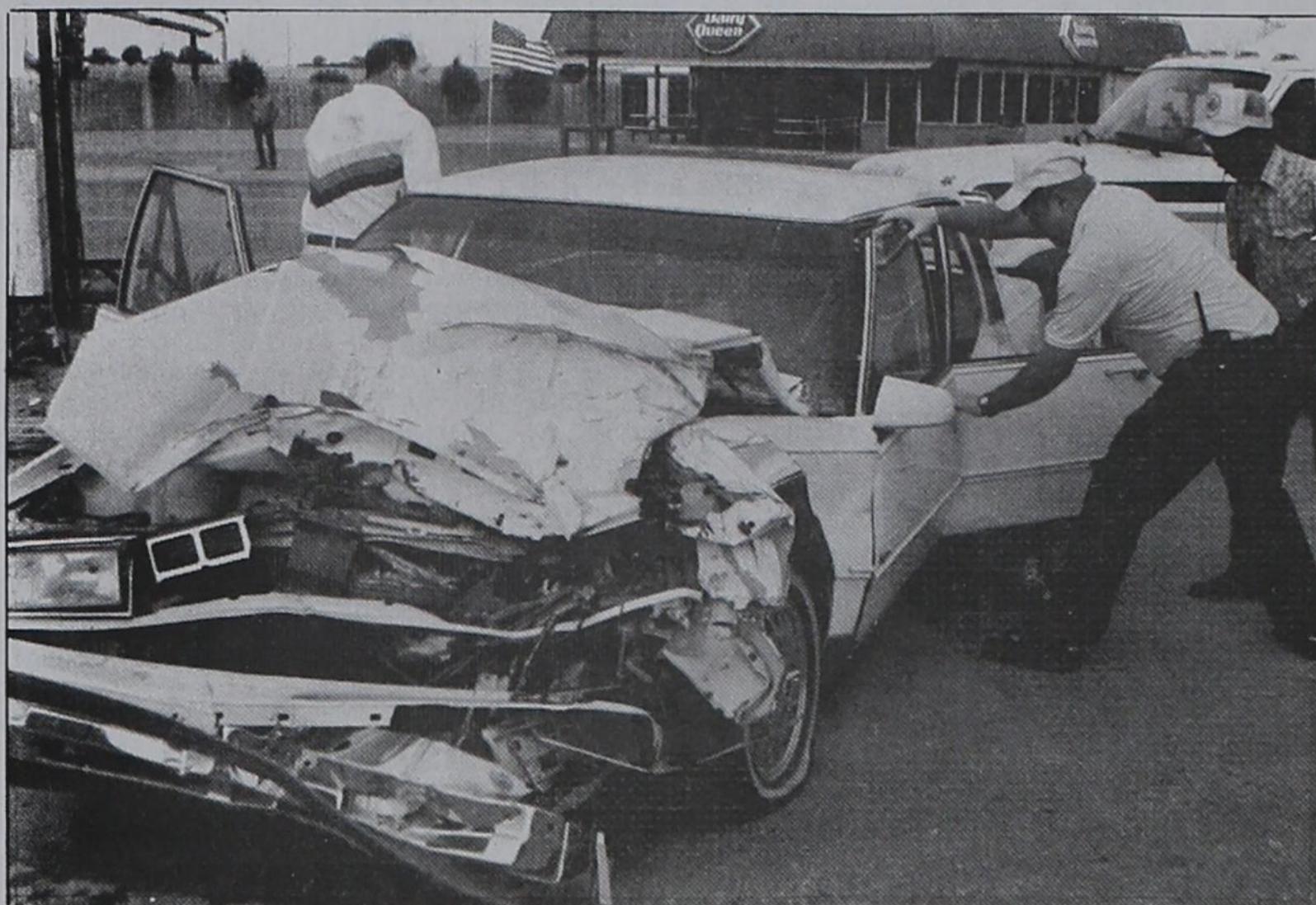
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He suspects the method and the information it yields will be very useful in geographic information systems. Those systems use many kinds of data (weather, soil and chemical characteristics, water-depth tables and other information) in computer models to solve various problems, including how certain chemicals reach groundwater in a given area.

That problem is a puzzle whose pieces have continued being collected by many scientists for many years. Many pieces must still be found and put together, McInnes said.

"You can't go dig up all the soil everywhere to figure out what will happen," McInnes said. "This method may really help when used with soil descriptions and other research."

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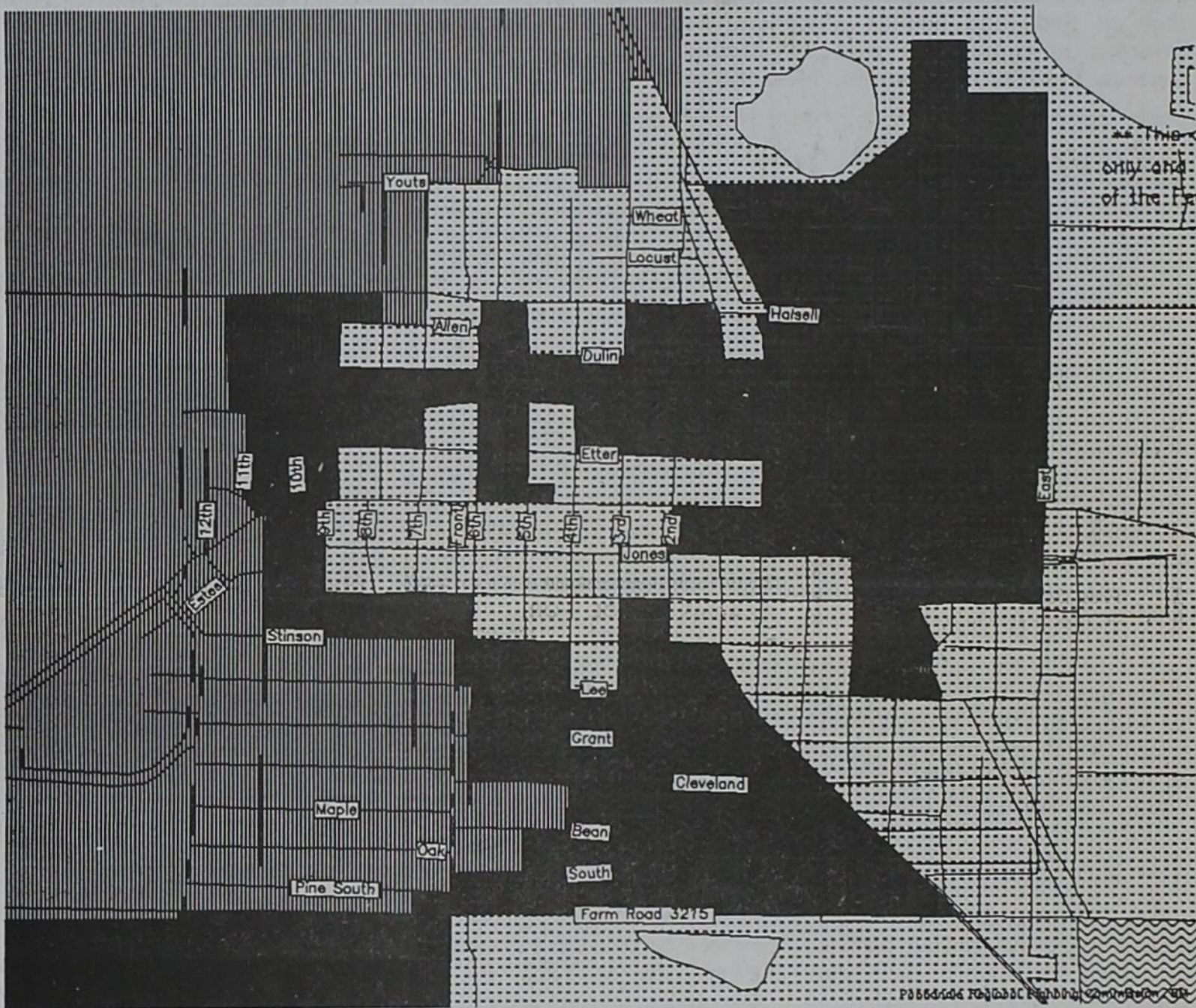


TWO INJURED IN MONDAY ACCIDENT — Emergency workers and volunteers try to free Millicent Davis, 80, of Dimmitt, after an accident Monday morning in south Dimmitt. Davis struck the rear of a pickup driven by Ray Bain of Dimmitt





and was trapped inside her car for about 20 minutes. She was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital for treatment of injuries; Bain was treated at PMH and released.

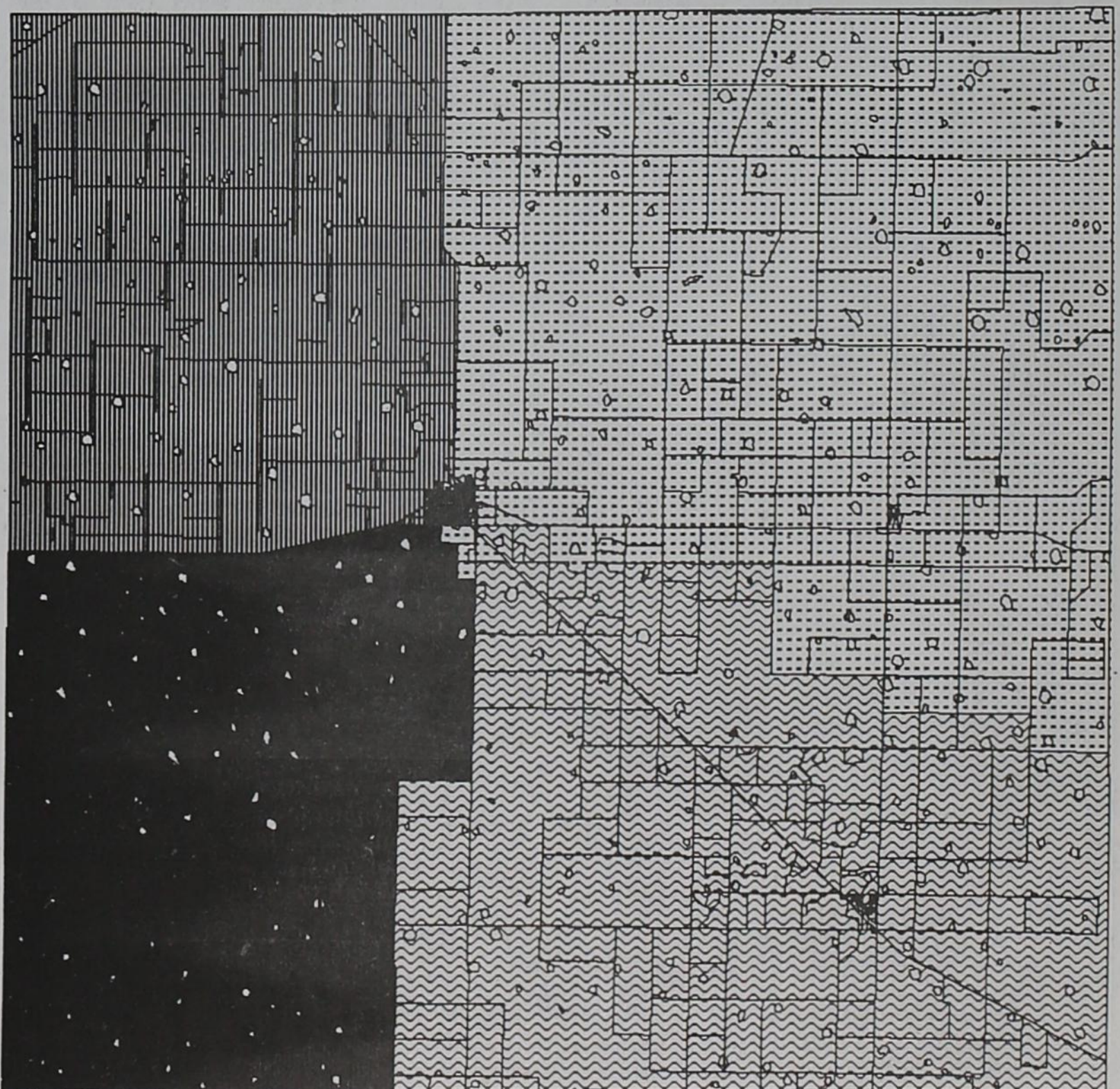
Photo by John Brooks

New commissioners precincts for county



These are the new precinct lines for commissioner precincts in Castro County. The lines received preclearance June 29 from the US Dept. of Justice. The top map shows the lines as they cut through Dimmitt. The bottom map shows the new alignment throughout the county. Precincts are represented by the following symbols:

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-  Pct. 3
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Armadillos on road to success

The fourth time the Smokin' Armadillos played in public—in March of 1993—they opened for Steve Wariner and received two standing ovations.

That, of course, is an unheard of accomplishment; it's rare that any opening act can generate that kind of fan excitement, let alone a group just getting started. This, though, is no ordinary young band. There's the youth, an infectious on-stage

energy and hunk appeal. But the Smokin' Armadillos have much more backing up the surface attraction.

They are top-flight musicians, bringing a range of influences (members site heroes ranging from George Strait to Van Halen, from Mark O'Connor to Rush) to bear on their music. They write nearly all of their own material and perhaps most impressively they have carved

a distinct, unique musical style, mixing a youthful, rock-tinged edge with a feel for the best of the classic country sound.

All this is particularly noteworthy when you learn that the six members of Smokin' Armadillos range in age from 17-24. Most of the band members, in fact, met at Bakersfield, Cal. North High School where they were students;

fiddle player Jason Thieste is still a student there.

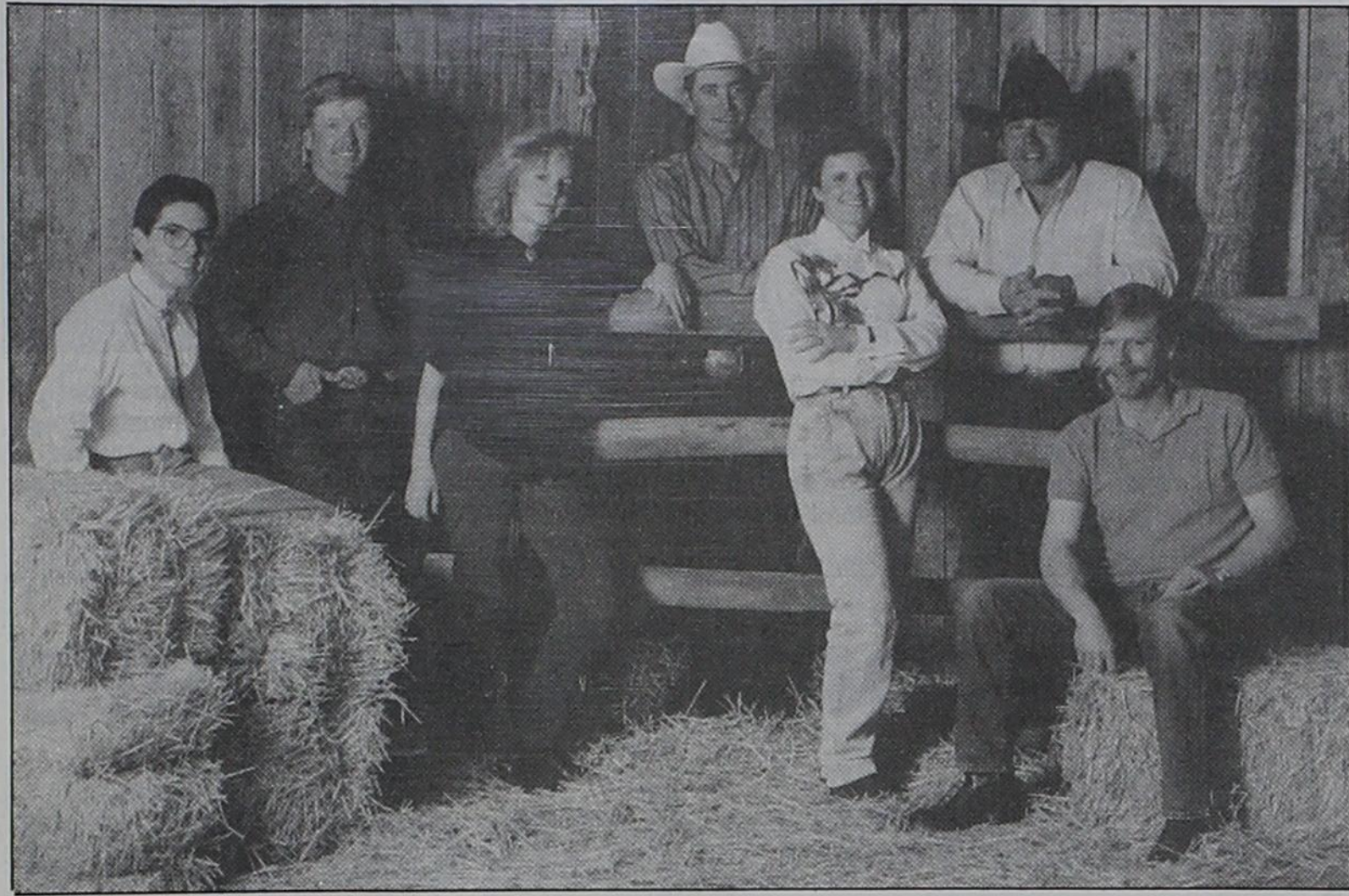
The Smokin' Armadillos first two gigs packed friends and family into two of Bakerfield's pizza places, and their third drew 800 people to the ballroom of a local inn. A demo tape they cut helped land them the slot opening for Steve Wariner, and they were off and running. They have since opened for other name acts including Willie Nelson, Sawyer Brown, John Michael Montgomery, Chris LeDoux and Toby Keith.

Fan reaction to their talent, showmanship and appeal has gained them label attention in Nashville a rapidly growing fan club and the support of Wrangler jeans, which turned its admiration for the boys' wholesome approach into merchandising support.

The release of their first single, *My Girlfriend Might*, from their five-song CD *Out of the Burrow*, helped put the Armadillos on the map throughout California's Central Valley, got them airplay across the US (supported by a radio tour), and hit #4 on the national Mac indie chart.

A second single and accompanying video, *Red Rock*, chronicles the legendary battles between the late World Champion Bull Rider Lane Frost and the 1987 Bucking Bull of the Year, Red Rock.

For all their growing familiarity with the recording studio, it is on stage that the Smokin' Armadillos are most at home.



THE ROUGH RIDERS ARE BACK for one more show at Suds and Sounds which will be held Saturday in conjunction with the 22nd annual German Festival in Nazareth. Members include

(from left) Raymond Falcon, Dwayne Kleman, Marcia Hoelting, Greg Birkenfeld, Glenda Birkenfeld, David Bownds, and Bruce Ehly. Courtesy Photo

More about

... Estes medal

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stayed with me, filed somewhere to memory, until it came rushing back at the thought of attending the D-Day ceremonies. Also, there was the small chance that I might be able to acquire for Greer's hometown and Castro County the medal paid for so dearly 50 years ago.

I made contact with Bob Estes, Greer's brother and only surviving family member in 1994. Bob and his wife, Jinny, live in Plano and agreed to meet me, my wife, Teresa, and my mother for lunch in Fort Worth. Bob had saved letters and copied for me letters from members of Greer's unit, Headquarters and Hdq. Co., 313th Infantry, 79th Division. They had responded to the request made by grieving parents concerning the death of their son, Greer.

On a whim a couple of weeks before we left, I remembered the letter written by one of the soldiers to Greer's parents. His name is John B. Mathews and the address was 47 years old, but I picked up the phone and called information for Riverton, N.J., the city on the

envelope, not really expecting to get a working number.

I did. My jaw dropped when the line began to ring and a soft feminine voice answered. Surprised, I stuttered and stammered and finally explained that I was looking for a man who had fought in Normandy with the 79th in 1944.

"Yes," she said, "That's my husband." I asked to speak with him. John Mathews' voice was strong but friendly, and as soon as I said "I'm calling from Texas regarding ..." he finished the sentence "Greer Estes."

Mr. Mathews was Greer's XO (executive officer), also a captain, and was with him when he died.

"It never should have happened," said Mathews, 72, in a quiet voice. "We were just too close to the front lines and Greer and I knew it."

An officers meeting had just broken up and regimental headquarters was only a few hundred yards behind the front lines.

"Our division was gung-ho," Mathews said, "and since the capture of Cherbourg the division commanders insisted on headquarters being close to the front."



ACCEPTING ESTES MEDAL—Andy Kemp (second from left) prepares to accept a medal in the name of the late Capt. Greer Estes during ceremonies June 5 in France. The medal was presented by Kemp to the Castro County Historical Museum on Saturday.

Courtesy Photo

The fight was in the second of a three-day battle for two key hills, the highest points between the Douve and Vire Rivers, at the hamlet of Mountgardon about two miles southeast of La Haye-du-Puits. This was the Hedgerow or Boucage country and fighting was like the jungles of Vietnam.

The Germans had an excellent field of fire and saw the men of the 79th clustered in the small apple orchards.

"Suddenly a huge barrage of artillery began, 88's and heavy mortars," Mathews explained. "That's when Greer got hit. I was just five feet away in another shallow foxhole and the explosion and resulting concussion killed him and another captain instantly."

"After that day we called hill 84 Bloody Hill."

Mathews said he became company commander of Greer's unit and led them through Germany until the defeat of Hitler.

"Greer taught me to care for the men first, make sure the men had a hot meal when possible and to be firm but fair when making decisions," Mathews said.

Mathews gave me the name of Patrick A. Reilly, a member of Greer's 313th unit, as we concluded our talk. Mathews said a group of the 79th was going back to France for the D-Day celebrations to receive their special medals.

He gave me Reilly's phone number, and I later talked to him. It's safe to say that without Pat, I would not have gotten this medal which I received and have given to Castro County in the name of Greer Estes.

Reilly wrote letters on my behalf to the French government, and invited me, my wife and my mother to share in the ceremonies and luncheon for the veterans, sponsored by the citizens of La Haye-du-Puits. A city park has been renamed the 79th Division Park. A beautiful granite monument not un-

like the one that once stood at the Dimmitt Cemetery now stands proudly in the village that still remembers the deadly sacrifices made by American youth 50 years earlier.

Veterans of the 79th Division stayed in the homes of French villagers in the areas surrounding where the battle took place. On June 5 we all gathered in the La Haye-du-Puits community center to be presented with these special gold medals, and to be toasted with champagne and wine by the liberated French. At first I felt uneasy standing next to men who had matured in blood and fire, for there is a strong bond between men who have shared this experience. After explaining what I wanted to accomplish for Greer, there were hardy handshakes and warm smiles from these aged warriors. Tears would well up in the eyes of veterans as they recalled training and fighting and suffering heavy losses those three bloody days in July.

Some Americans back home say the French are rude and forgetful of their past, but I found them to be sincere and have a better appreciation for liberty than many Americans.

After the medal ceremony we sat down to enjoy a delicious five-course lunch with adults and young people from the surrounding villages.

There was a song composed by the Frenchman Henri Belhomme and sung by the choir of La Haye-du-Puits that day. I believe the last verse conveys what everyone was thinking that special day:

Since we have these souvenirs of Normandy,
Let us pass them on to our children and friends;
Fifty years time has not erased them,
Memory has not forgotten,
We worship the combatants of Normandy.

Police Calls

Two Castro County men are free on bail after an aggravated assault near Easter on June 27.

A woman reported to deputies that her husband had been attacked by two men two miles north of Easter. The husband was able to break free and escape to a house, and was taken from there to Plains Memorial Hospital for treatment of stab wounds and head injuries.

One of the men was apprehended at Hereford Regional Medical Center, where he was receiving treatment for wounds he suffered in the fracas. His alleged cohort was arrested when he returned to the hospital to see about his friend, officers said.

Other reports include \$325 taken from a man's pocket at a local motel; an unlawful weapon taken from a Dimmitt resident; criminal trespass; public intoxication; theft of fuel from a convenience store; shoplifting; driving while intoxicated; minors in possession of alcohol, and someone furnishing beer to minors; an attempted burglary in the 100 block of NW 11th; a firecracker was thrown at a Hereford woman in the 700 block of W. Etter.

Obituary

Randall Leavitt Jr.

Randall James Leavitt Jr., infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Leavitt of Happy, died Tuesday.

Graveside services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Rose Hill Cemetery with Paul Stevenson, minister of the Happy Church of Christ, officiating. Arrangements are by Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

The child was born in Amarillo. Survivors include his parents; a sister, Emily Leavitt of the home; maternal grandparents, Hugh and Barbara Asher of Leander; paternal grandparents, Loyd and Omega Leavitt and J.M. and Dorathy Mixon, all of Happy; and his great-grandmothers, Catherine Duke and Blanche Asher, both of Shelbyville, Ind.

More about

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meeting Tuesday, the commissioners lodged a formal objection to a MALDEF motion filed in Washington to recoup legal fees there. Mathews said MALDEF did not file its motion to reopen the case within the time constraints set by Castro County and the Justice Dept., original parties in the suit in the nation's capitol.

Along with approving realignment of the county's commissioner precincts, approval was granted for changing most of the voting boxes in the county.

New voter registration cards will be issued before the election, said County Tax Assessor - Collector Billy Hackleman. Hackleman said Friday he still had not been officially notified of the preclearance, but would begin working on new cards for voters moving to new precincts once he gets official notification. After his staff begins working on the cards, it takes about 30 days to get them compiled, checked and mailed.

"We'll have them out in plenty of time before the election," Hackleman said.

EPA adopts rule on ethanol fuels

US corn farmers could be in for a \$1.5 billion bonanza thanks to formal rules adopted Thursday by the Environmental Protection Agency.

EPA ruled that 15% of all of the oxygenates in reformulated gasoline (RFG) must come from renewable resources such as ethanol in 1995. In January 1996, the figure jumps to 30%.

"This ruling could mean a market for an additional 250 million bushels of corn nationwide," said Carl King, executive director of the Texas Corn Producers Board. "Additional production of ethanol and ethanol biproducts, such as ETBE, can help boost corn prices. They are clean-burning fuels which should go far in helping clean up the air in the nation's most polluted cities."

Oil companies had fought the use of renewable resources in RFG since the time of the proposed rulemaking last winter, but dozens of groups came together to help push the renewable resource rule through. The only concession made to oil companies was the 15% figure for next year. That could

cost corn producers several million dollars next year, compared to what they might have gotten if the full 30% had been in place for 1995.

The boost in ethanol could push corn prices up from 8 to 10 cents, according to corn industry sources. It could also create new jobs as ethanol production facilities that have been dreams for many years could become reality very quickly.

"We are hopeful that Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen takes action to make existing income tax credit available to producers of ETBE," King said. The national Clean Fuels Development Coalition, of which TCPB is a member, is pushing for the ETBE tax break.

"This would help open the doors to ethanol production in our state," King said.

RFG is mandated in many large metropolitan areas of the county; most cities must use it in the summer, while some (Arizona, California and Florida) use it in the winter. Some very heavily polluted areas use RFG year-around. RFG burns much cleaner than current regular and unleaded gasolines, causing less pollution.



MONUMENT DEDICATED TO VETERANS—A monument is dedicated to the 79th Division in the village of La Haye-du-Puits, France. Courtesy Photo

Foskey Funeral Home

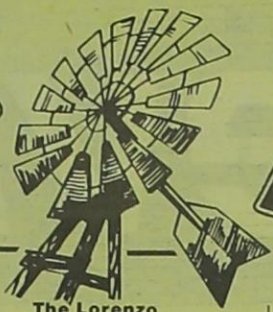
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Eye on the Panhandle

Leisure time profile...

By GORDON ZEIGLER

AgReview Writer

With summer less than two weeks old, travel opportunities still abound across the Texas Panhandle/South Plains region.

Today, Country Trader focuses on some of the outstanding tourist attractions of Amarillo:

Amarillo Civic Center: A 270,000 square-foot multi-purpose facility. In Nov. each year the Civic Center hosts one of the world's largest farm and ranch shows. "Old West Days," a tribute to our Western heritage, is hosted each August.

American Quarter Horse Heritage Center and Museum:

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Summer fun opportunities abound across the Texas Panhandle/South Plains region...

AgReview

Fireworks nightly
Fireworks for the Fourth faded into history this week, but more will explode nightly during the musical TEXAS in Palo Duro Canyon. The fireworks are part of the colorful pageantry and fun available by attending the long-running attraction.



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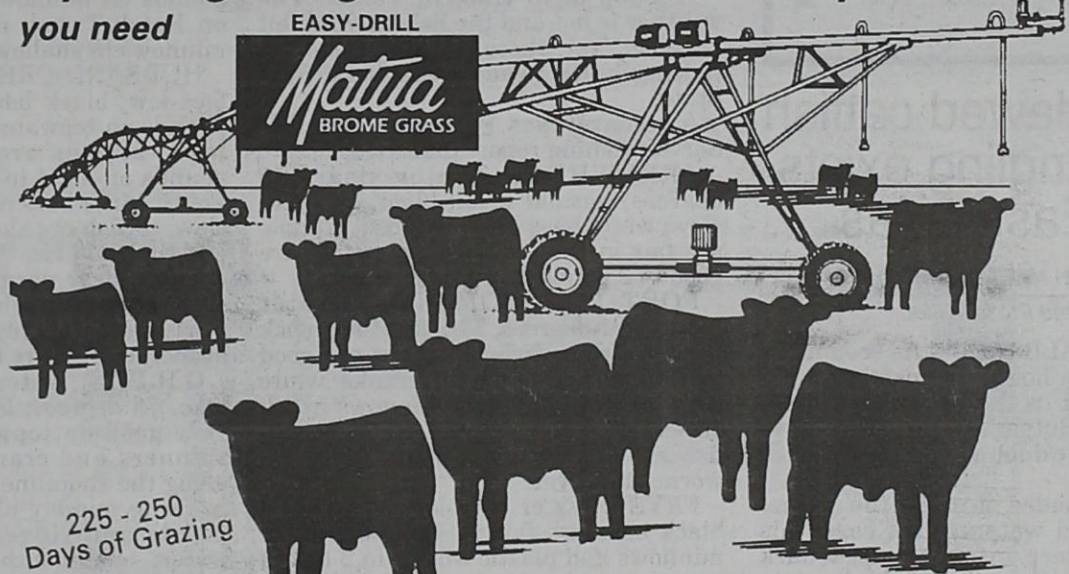
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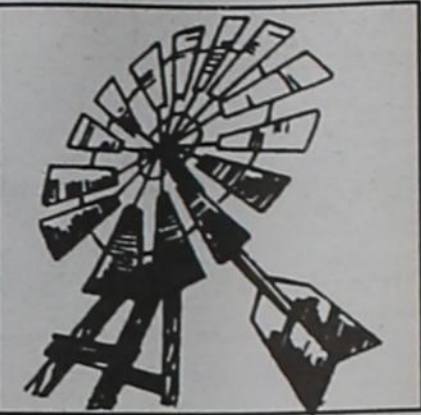
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July 16

TULIA'S SWISHER COUNTY PICNIC — Traditional picnic celebration features noon barbecue meal.

July 28

OKLAHOMA STATE TWO-CYLINDER SHOW — One of the major tractor shows in the Southwest, to be held in Fairview, Okla.

Aug. 4-8

PLAINS ANNUAL CELEBRATION & RODEO — Days of celebrating and fun, with old tractors to be displayed.

Aug. 17-18

CARGILL SEED ANNUAL SEED DEMONSTRATION — Akin farm will be host to crop demonstrations and fun. Texas Plains Chapter of the Two-Cylinder club will provide display of old tractors.

City of Dimmitt industrial effort succeeds; new pepper plant scheduled for fall opening

By JOHN BROOKS

Castro County News

A major pepper processor, packager and retailer will relocate in Dimmitt Before Sept. 1, civic leaders here have announced.

Maximo Foods, which will process 2.3 million pounds of jalapenos and chiles between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, will move its pepper processing and packaging operations from Vega to Dimmitt before Sept. 1.

Next winter, the company plans to process carrots until the pepper production season begins the following Sept. 1.

Maximo will hire about 50 persons on at least a part time basis beginning this fall. That work force could expand, and most workers

would probably be full-time within two years. Several Dimmitt residents are already working for Maximo at its facility in Vega.

"We feel optimistic about Maximo Foods," said Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins. "We feel like it can be an asset to the community. It not only creates jobs but should give an opportunity for local growers for peppers and carrots.

"Maximo has a marketing plan in place and they have good prospects for growth which would increase the number of jobs available. They have even more long range projections that would provide for even more jobs and opportunities here."

Maximo has been running peppers at the Vega facility for three years. It also makes guacamole, but will keep the guacamole operation in Vega for at least another year. The company has a large cold storage facility in Vega to store the avocado-based product.

Jalapenos and the peppers would be individually quick frozen (IQF) after being washed and sorted, according to Lee and Ralph Hilpert of Maximo. The company has signed several wholesale contracts with Nobel-Sysco, a large food distribution company, and grocery distributors. The company already has a deal with Affiliated Foods in Amarillo, which is the grocery supplier for Dimmitt Thriftway. The Hilperts said they are negotiating contracts with other grocery suppliers including Fleming Foods, the supplier for IGA Foodliner here.

Maximo also is packaging some of its products for direct retail sale, the Hilperts said.

negotiations are almost complete for the company to assume control of the former LaMantia, Cullum and Collier vegetable processing facility just off E. Halsell in northeast Dimmitt. The facility was last used about six years ago to process watermelons.

The company has secured a \$50,000 loan from First State Bank of Dimmitt to help fund the move and relocation here. The loan was

guaranteed by the City of Dimmitt, and the company has pledged about \$68,000 worth of equipment as collateral to the city in exchange for guaranteeing the loans.

"The council has to weight the risks against the benefits, and we are getting, for guaranteeing the loan, Maximo's agreeing to move its pepper operation to Dimmitt," Collins said. "We feel this would benefit the business community and agricultural community as well as being an ideal project for Dimmitt. The council thought the risk involved was worth the reward and voted unanimously to support the project."

Meanwhile, community leaders are stilling working with a Fortune 500 company which is looking to expand operations.

The company is being offered an incentive package worth \$22 million, including a 10-year, 100 percent abatement on property taxes. A loan package, land offering, utility extensions, help with obtaining permits and other incentives are being offered.

Officials are working with another company that plans to make a proposal next week to the city council. The company could add up to 50 jobs almost immediately to the city if the company moves here. The company would be ag-oriented, Collins said.

Heat sends fish deeper, but angling still good

It's dog days time in Texas. The weather is hot and the fish maybe a bit sluggish. Yet, there are still some hot fishing holes around the Lone Star State.

A recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Service fishing report indicated:

ARROWHEAD: Water clear, 79 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; white bass are very good; crappie are fair in the deep water; catfish are good to 3 pounds.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water muddy, 81 degrees, 11/2 feet low; black bass are slow; hybrid striped are good to 8 pounds downrigging cranks; white bass are good on ghost minnows in 12-15 feet of water; crappie are slow; catfish are good in the 2 pound range on worms and liver.

FRYER: Water off color, 1 foot high; black bass are fair to 4 1/2 pounds on minnows and plastic worms in 3 feet of water; crappie are slow with some to 3 pounds caught on minnows; channel catfish are fair to 6 pounds on shad and minnows.

GRANBURY: Water murky, 80 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 4 pounds in 4-12 feet of water; striped are fair to 8 pounds on live shad in 20 feet of water; white bass are fair to 13 inches on white jigs in 20 feet of water; crappie are good to 11/2 pounds on small minnows in 20 feet of water; catfish are good drifting shrimp.

GREENBELT: Water clear, 71 degrees, 4 feet low; black bass are good to 7 pounds on minnows and artificials in 6 feet of water; smallmouth bass are fairly good to 4 1/2 pounds on minnows; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs in 28 feet of water; catfish are good to 7

pounds on minnows; walleye are good on Rat-L-Traps, night crawlers and minnows in shallow to 20 feet of water.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear, 2 feet low; black bass are good to 6 1/2 pounds on topwaters early in the shallows; striped are fairly good to 8 pounds on shad in off the Tanglewood Point; white bass are slow; crappie are slow; catfish are slow.

MEREDITH: Water clear, 72 degrees, near normal level; all fishing slow except for white bass which are fairly good; walleye are fair but are deeper; catfish are fairly good.

O.H.IVIE: Water clear in the main lake, 78 degrees; largemouth bass are very good on topwaters, buzz baits, spinners and cranks early and late along the shoreline with plastic worms working midday along the main lake points and ridges in 20-35 feet of water; smallmouth bass are good and mixed with the largemouth near the rocky areas; white bass are fair with some nice catches in the main lake surface schools; crappie are poor; channel catfish are fairly good over the baited holes in 15-30 feet of water at numerous locations on all types of baits; yellow catfish are fair on trotlines using large baits along the rocky ledges; walleye are poor.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, normal level, 84 degrees; black bass are slow with some schooling early at the lower end of the lake; striped are good but running small in the surface schools early at the lower end; white bass are fair in the schools but are running small with some caught trolling in 15 feet of water; crappie are fair in 20 feet of water under the docks using live minnows; catfish are fair to

4 pounds on trotlines on various baits including blood bait.

SPENCE: Water clear, 78 degrees, 27 feet low; black bass are fairly slow due to the lack of fishermen; striped are good to 24 pounds in the surface schools early; catfish are good over baited holes.

THEO: Water clear, low levels; all fishing slow due to lack of fishermen except for catfish which are fair to keeper size on cheesebait off the banks.

TWIN BUTTES: Water clear, low levels; all fishing is slow due to lack of fishermen and low levels except for bass which are fair in 30 feet of water on 10 inch red shad and tequila sunrise Power Worms.

WHITE RIVER: Water clear, 73 degrees, 7 feet low; black bass are fair to 5 pounds in the grass; crappie are slow; channel catfish are fair to 7 pounds; yellow catfish are slow; walleye are fairly good to 7 pounds.

BELTON: Water clear, 82 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 7 pounds in 20 feet of water and deeper; crappie are fairly slow; white bass and hybrids are fairly good trolling and using live shad; catfish are good on shad and prepared bait.

BROWNWOOD: Water clearing, normal level; black bass are good to 6 pounds; crappie are fair to 15 per stringer on live minnows and jigs; channel cats are very good on trotlines at night.

BUCHANAN: Water clear, 83 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are good to 5 1/2 pounds on chartreuse worms at the upper end of the lake in the deeper areas and near the docks; striped are good to 17 pounds on live shad.

Outlawed catfish wrangling exists in East Texas

By JOHN McFARLAND

Associated Press Writer

DeKALB (AP) — As soon as he saw the hollow log partially submerged in the brownish waters of the Sulphur River, Brice Love knew he'd found a perfect catfish den.

He waded through the snake-infested waters, then eased his hand deep inside the log's dark cavity. When he couldn't quite reach the 54-pound flathead with his hand, Love tried his foot. Big mistake.

"I had to drive my foot up to where he was, then he just swallowed it," said Love, recounting one of his many violent battles with catfish over the years.

Love, a 64-year-old outdoorsman outfitted in camouflage pants, shirt, hat and boots, says he's caught more catfish than he can count — including the leg swallower.

And for many years, Love didn't use hooks, poles or nets to

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CATFISH

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wrangle the shark-looking beasts. He grabbed them. That is, he thrust his hand deep inside their mouths, then yanked them from the murky river.

Grabblers generally wade into creeks and rivers, then feel along the muddy bottoms or stab their hands into fallen logs in search of nesting flathead catfish — some weighing more than 100 pounds.

Unsuccessful grabblers may run into water moccasins, snapping turtles or even alligators. Successful grabblers don't fare much better: They get their fish, but they don't often leave the water with their arms unscathed.

"I've had mine peeled up to where it was nearly solid scab all the way up to my elbows," said Byron "Tycobb" Pynes, 78, whose grabblin' exploits are legendary in the DeKalb area.

"They can just plain tear into the meat," Love added, displaying his still-scarred knuckles.

Now illegal in Texas, grabblin' (the "g" on the end is never pronounced) still is practiced in parts of East Texas and the southeastern United States.

In Texas, grabblin' was mostly practiced in creeks and the Red, Sabine, Neches, Angelina, Trinity,

Brazos and Sulphur rivers, wildlife officials say.

Obviously, a sport in which participants want giant, slimy creatures to chew on their hands isn't going to have mass appeal.

"It's not a sport for the faint of heart because your natural tendency when a big fish bites is to pull your hand out," said Dr. Donald Jackson, a wildlife professor at Mississippi State University.

"They've established nesting spots and they're going to defend that," he said. "The thing to remember is that they attack you. You've got to plunge your hand deep into the fish's mouth and hold on for dear life."

Catfish don't have the razor-sharp teeth. Their bite feels like extremely coarse sandpaper.

"They can scratch you really, really bad, and have very powerful jaws that can clamp down on you very hard," Jackson said. "It looks like you've been in a fire at the end of the hand-grabbing season."

Legal in Mississippi, grabblin' has been against the law in Texas for about 20 years. But some East Texans say grabblin' continues.

"There are still some that do it," said Bob Sinclair, a longtime East Texas sporting goods distributor who lives in Tyler.

"I don't know anyone specifically who still does it. I just recognize their faces from around East Texas and listen to their tales when I see them," Sinclair said.

However, Sinclair says grabblin' just isn't what it used to be.

"It used to be a big deal — you know, with good old redneck boys," he said. "On July 4th or other holidays, back when everybody in a family lived in the same area, they'd all get together down by the river, and the boys would all dive in buck naked to feel for catfish."

There aren't many grabblers left like Tycobb Pynes and Brice Love — both of whom insist they haven't grabbed since it was outlawed.

"Most of the older fellows who used to do it are dead now," said Scottie Norrell, who runs a combination convenience store-archery shop in Paris, about 90 miles northeast of Dallas.

Phil Durocher of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department says grabblin' is illegal because it is extremely effective, and could deplete the catfish population.

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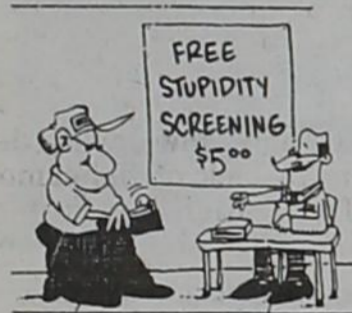
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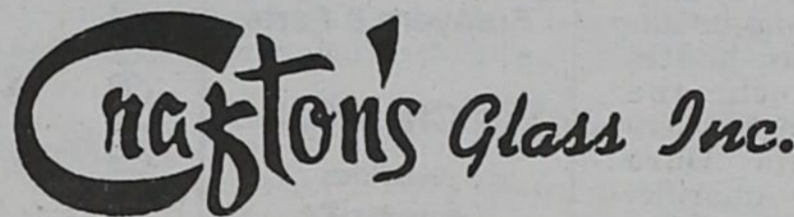
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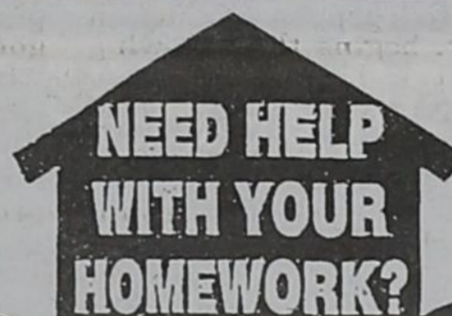


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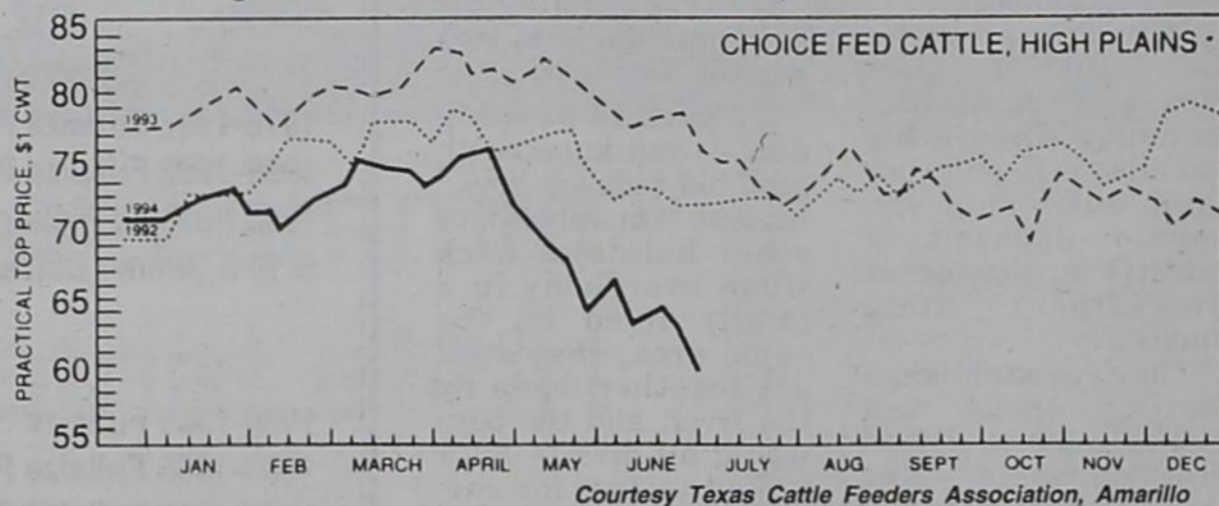
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YOUR HEALTH

Millions of Americans Live With Kidney Stones

By George A. Porter, M.D.

(NU) - If you or a loved one has ever suffered an episode of kidney stones, it's an experience you're unlikely to forget.

It's estimated that 1.4 million Americans are affected by kidney stones. While kidney stones are often a lifetime condition, not everyone with stones experiences painful symptoms. Nevertheless, it is estimated that stones account for one out of every 1,000 persons hospitalized yearly in the United States.

Kidney stones can damage the kidneys. They are solid chemical masses which can be as small as a grain of sand or as large as a golf ball. During their formation, kidney stones seldom cause problems. But when they move in the kidney(s) or in the urinary tract, extreme pain and bleeding usually occurs. Sometimes a stone may become lodged in a ureter or the urethra, causing excruciating pain and danger of infection. This situation requires immediate medical attention. Fortunately, most stones pass out of the body through the urinary tract without becoming lodged.

Kidney stone patients are often given large amounts of water to help "flush out" the stone as it passes through the kidneys or urinary tract.

Medications may also be effective for dissolving certain kinds of stones. In cases where the stones are too large to pass, or infections are present, stones may be broken up and extracted through a technique using shock waves, called lithotripsy. Surgical operations for kidney stones are required rarely.

For years, kidney stone patients have been advised to restrict calcium in their diets to help control a recurrence. But a new study led by American Kidney Foundation clinical scientist Gary C. Curhan, M.D., and reported in the March 1993 New England Journal of Medicine, suggests that calcium-rich foods may actually ward off kidney stones rather than cause their formation. Further studies are needed to confirm Dr. Curhan's research.

In the meantime, your best bet for controlling kidney stone recurrence is to establish your care with a physician trained in the treatment of kidney stones and urinary tract infections, and to heed your doctor's advice.

George A. Porter, M.D., is president of the American Kidney Fund. 1-800-638-8299.

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Comet taking aim at largest planet

By TONY KNIGHT

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LOS ANGELES — When fragments of comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 slam into the planet Jupiter later this month, they could cause explosions that are either as large as a million atomic bombs or as small as a mild atmospheric "burp."

Even the best scientific minds don't know what the great comet collision is going to look like. Such an event has never been recorded before.

Only one thing is certain: when that first fragment smacks into the solar system's largest planet on July 16, many eyes on Earth will be watching.

"The scientific world will be training everything they have on this event. That means ground-based telescopes, the Hubble Space Telescope, the Galileo spacecraft and everything else," said Susan Lendroth, a spokeswoman for the Pasadena-based Planetary Society.

"Everybody who has been working in the field wants to find a telescope where they can watch this," she said. "I've heard of people going all over the world trying to find a telescope where the viewing is better."

The world's astronomers have been buzzing about the impending comet crash since the discovery of the object in March 1993 by astronomers Eugene and Carolyn Shoemaker and David Levy.

Scientists say the collisions should provide important data on the composition of Jupiter's atmosphere as well as insights on how the solar system was formed. They also could shed new light on the theo-

ry that Earth's dinosaurs were wiped out by a cosmic collision 65 million years ago.

"This is a unique event in human history," said Stephen J. Edberg, an astronomer at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. "There has never been a predicted collision between a planet and anything else."

Only the telescope on the Jupiter-bound Galileo space probe, which is about 150 million miles from the planet, will record the actual impact sites, because the fragments will crash into Jupiter's cloud tops on the night side of the planet.

But the crash sites will roll into Earth view in anywhere from nine to 23 minutes and into the Jovian daylight 10 to 20 minutes after that.

"It's unlikely that we'll see anything directly of the impacts," said Anthony Cook, an astronomical observer with Los Angeles' Griffith Observatory. "But it is possible that there might be disturbances in the cloud patterns of Jupiter where the impacts took place. A lot of spectacular things might be just out of sight as far as light shows."

During the five-and-a-half days that the impacts are expected to occur, every major telescope on Earth and most of the minor ones will be trained on Jupiter, 477 million miles away.

But the planet — which is large enough to engulf

1,300 Earths — is so bright and so well positioned in the night sky this summer, that amateur astronomers should have no trouble getting a relatively good view with their backyard telescopes.

Professional astronomers advise amateurs to spend plenty of time familiarizing themselves with Jupiter's cloud patterns before the impacts, so that they will be able to recognize tiny changes.

Members of the general public also will have a chance to study the planet during and after the impacts.

Griffith Observatory will have its 12-inch and 9-inch tele-

scopes trained on Jupiter throughout the entire period. The instruments will be hooked up to a video camera so the images can be viewed on TV monitors at various places at the observatory.

The Los Angeles Astronomical Society will have an array of amateur scopes set up on the observatory lawn for members of the public to take a look each night from July 16 through the 21.

The comet impacts will coincide with the Griffith's planned celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Apollo 11 landing on the moon, and six telescopes on the lawn will be aimed at

the six Apollo lunar landing sites.

At Mt. Wilson Observatory, astronomers will train their large telescopes on Jupiter with the optics hooked up to a video feed for those invited to watch in the observatory auditorium.

The general public is not invited to Mt. Wilson, said spokesman Bob Eklund. But efforts are being made to allow television news cameras to patch in so home audiences can get a live picture, he said.

The question that none of the scientists seem able to answer is what is everybody going to see?

"The reality is we don't

know what's going to happen. We just don't," Edberg said. "It's pure exploration. The reality is that it could turn out to be flat and nothing happens. But we'll still learn something about what happens when something big goes into a planet."

The hesitancy of the experts has left the field wide open for some non-scientists who have circulated fliers claiming that the explosions will unleash the wrath of the God.

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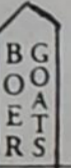
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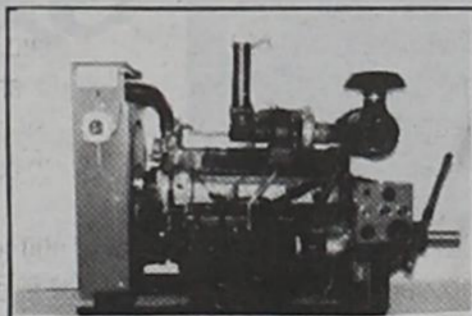
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The Rough Riders Band of Nazareth and the Smokin' Armadillos of Bakersfield, Calif., will highlight Suds 'n Sounds from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Nazareth Community Center Ballpark on the east side of Nazareth. Admission is \$15, with proceeds going to the Nazareth Community Center and the Texas Deaf Program, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

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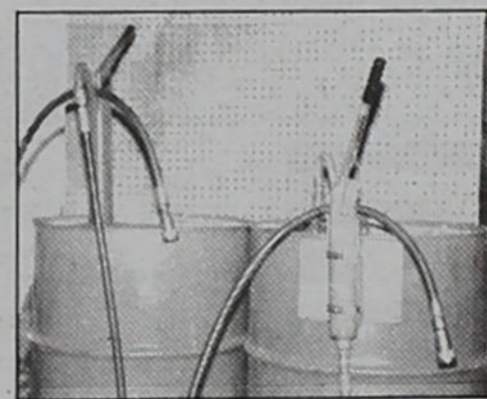
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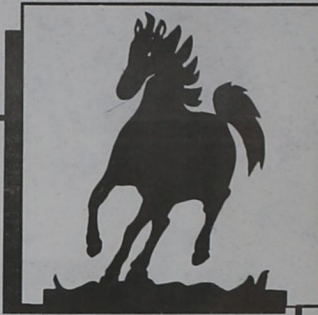
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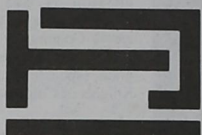
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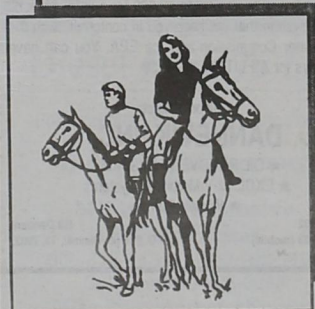


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