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# By Don Nelson

When I sit down to write a column, I sometimes don't know whether I'll bore you or actually strike a chord. I have to wait for the feedback.

The feedback this week has been good.

So, you like bikes, too.

Verbie and I have a lot of twowheeler soulmates among the mature set, it turns out.

Don and Betty Acker have ridden a pair of Schwinns for years.

Edd Waggoner of Lubbock, who grew up here, rides a Schwinn Cruiser which he has outfitted to suit his own personal preferences, beam width, etc. He and his 8-year-old son, Joseph, "spend a lot of quality time together" on the road now that Joseph has soloed.

In fact, Edd still has the Schwinn Black Phantom that he found under the Christmas tree in 1952.

Quite a few people have told me they have a notion to get their old bikes out and start pedaling again. Come on!

In Corpus Christi Friday, Norman Hays bought a Caller-Times and, as serious readers do, eventually turned to the op-ed page.

One opinion piece was by Dale McFeatters, a Washington, D.C.based columnist for the Scripps-Howard News Service. McFeatters' column was headed, "Computers-R-Us, But Maybe Not in Next Century."



FEEDING THE DUCKS-Carle Thomas, 5, daughter of Julia and Jimmy Thomas, feeds bread crumbs to Tom and Jerry, two partly tame ducks that were released at South Park Lake in Dimmitt back in May

by John and Doris Waite. Also feeding the ducks on Friday were Carle's brother, Dustin, 8, and their cousins, Bryan Hall, 10, and Brittany Allen, 9.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

# The great duck rescue'

#### **By LINDA MAXWELL** Did you ever watch those "Tom and Jerry" cartoons where a cat and mouse duo often ended up in trouble?

though awkwardly, and he was certainly eating his share of the bread the children were spreading around.

Leaving the park, I took the children home and made a phone call to Well, Dimmitt has its own "Tom John and Doris Waite, the Dimmitt and Jerry" duo, only they are ducks, couple who had released Tom and and they live at South Park Lake. But Jerry at the park back in May. I figured if anyone could get the injured duck to surrender, they would be the ones. John called law enforcement officers to see if a net was available that he could use to corner the duck. He said dispatcher Tana Young contacted animal control officer Chris Fuentes and others to help with the effort. A boat and motor were borrowed from the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept., and reserve firefighter Dan Matthews came along to help. A volunteer first tried luring the injured duck to shore by offering more bread crumbs, but the bird was leery of getting in range of the net the man held. Matthews and Fuentes paddled the boat out on the lake to encourage the bird back onto the shore, but Tom and Jerry just swam out of reach. When Waite and his wife and granddaughter arrived, the duck duo

swam close to shore again, but were getting "gun shy" and stayed out of reach. Waite joined the other two men in the boat, which now had a motor on board, and the three quickly caught up with the two mallards at the far end of the lake.

# County will get \$160,000 in initial 'tobacco payment'

trict will receive \$160,186 next January as the first local dividend from the state's multibillion-dollar settlement with the tobacco industry.

House Speaker Pete Laney announced the amounts Monday that would be distributed to the counties and hospital districts within House District 85.

Joe Sloan, chief executive officer of the local hospital district, said the money will go a long way toward offsetting the losses from indigent care.

The hospital district has the legal responsibility to provide \$200,000 patients.

"The money will be greatly appreciated," Sloan said. "We can apply it to the amount we're required to provide for indigent care."

precedent-setting settlement that Texas Attorney General Dan Morales won against the nation's major tobacco companies to help pay the cost of treating tobacco-related illnesses. These first allocations will come

from an initial lump-sum payment of \$300 million that will be distributed

The Castro County Hospital Dis- tion to their amount of unreimbursed health care expenditures for indigent health care.

Sloan said this allocation plan will favor Castro County.

"We have a high Medicaid population," Sloan explained.

The "Medicaid population" is the number of low-income residents within the county who qualify for federally subsidized medical care.

"The trust account will provide a substantial, perpetual source of revenue to help offset the cost of providing health care," Laney said. "This approach to managing the funds will ensure that the payments we receive per year of unpaid care to indigent today will provide lasting benefits for future Texans."

The distribution agreement was reached Saturday when legislative leaders met with attorneys for the counties and hospital districts that The money is part of a huge, intervened in the tobacco settlement and Judge Jim Meyers, a court-appointed mediator.

> Here are the estimated amounts that the counties within House District 85 will receive in January:

Bailey: \$124,758. Briscoe: \$34,810. Castro: \$160,186.

His topic was the impending Year 2000 (Y2K) crisis involving the world's computer programs.

(In a year and a half, instead of making a smooth transition to Jan. 1, 2000, many computers will go the other way-back to 1900 [their builtin 00]. Unless all of our high-tech geniuses can head off the crisis at the pass, the existing programs will declare all of us overdue or deceased, and may delete us, compute 99 years' interest on our balances due, zap the world markets, and Bill-Gates-onlyknows what else.)

Halfway through McFeatters' column, Norman did a double-take:

"With the possibility that tens of millions of Social Security checks may all be mailed to the same grain and feed store in Dimmit, Texas, President Clinton has joined Gore in the Y2K fracas. The administration says Y2K is one of the greatest technological challenges in history." Really.

Remember, this column was syndicated out of Washingon, D.C.

(Okay, so I misspelled Washington. But if he can leave a t out of my town's name, I can leave one out of his.)

Now, considering the scenario that McFeatters describes, this Y2K crisis may not be such a doomsday deal after all.

In fact, send those millions of Social Security checks right on. They might keep us farming around here for another year!

Speaking of scary computer facts: For \$495, any business can buy a compact disc that will give them your name, your address, your phone numbers, your age range, your approximate household income, the estimated value of your home, whether you own or rent, how long you've lived at your present address, who your neighbors are, and much more information about you.

This same compact disc can give them the same details on 5,758,627 other Texas households. And the marketing company, InfoUSA, offers a CD-ROM for every state.

So, that guy in New York or



just like their cartoon counterparts, one of Dimmitt's duo did end up in trouble Friday.

One of the mallard drakes had two fishing hooks embedded in him, hampering his ability to swim or walk.

The duck's condition was discovered Friday afternoon by a group of children who had agreed to be photographed feeding the ducks. Bryan Hall, Brittany Allen and Dustin and Carle Thomas began feeding the ducks, when one of the boys first noticed a fishing line trailing from one of the birds. On closer inspection, we saw that a fishing hook was embedded in the duck's right wing and a line from the hook was wrapped around his neck, where it looked like there was another hook.

We didn't try to catch the duck, because we were afraid he might panic and cause himself more injury. He was able to walk and swim, alMatthews was able to slip the net under the injured duck and scooped him into the boat, which headed back to shore.

All three men helped hold and "operate" on the victim, using a pocket knife and a pair of pliers. In a few minutes both hooks were removed, the fishing line was removed, and the bird was released back into the water, where he quickly swam away to join the other duck.

Waite said the hooks were embedded in such a way that he feels the injuries to the duck were done deliberately.

"Someone was using him for casting practice," Waite said. Fishing is allowed at the lake by those under age 17 or who hold a state fishing license.

As we left the park after the "rescue" was over, I felt elated knowing that volunteers are ready to help in times of trouble, even if the victim is "just a duck."

on a per capita basis by the state comptroller.

In addition to the initial lump-sum payment, a Permanent Trust Account of approximately \$1.8 billion will be established and funded over a fouryear period, Laney said. The income from this permanent fund will be distributed to the counties and hospital districts on a pro rate basis in propor-

Cochran: \$77,303 Crosby: \$128,996 Dickens: \$45,407. Floyd: \$150,066. Hale: \$612,327. Lamb: \$266,188. Motley: \$27,057. Parmer: \$174,191. Swisher: \$143,638.

# 'Hart Days' are underway

year began Wednesday with the at \$5 per plate. It is being sponsored opening of the carnival brought to Hart by Patrick Ledel of Ledel Shows. The carnival will hold Family Night today (Thursday) with an "all you can ride" special for \$10 show will feature a performance by from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

today (Thursday) with the Miss Hart Pageant set for 7 p.m. in the Hart Elementary Gym. It is being sponsored by the Hart Days Committee. Admission will be \$1 per person.

Twelve contestants will be vying for the title, with judges' interviews in the afternoon, and sportswear and formal wear competition at the pageant. The judges will select Miss Hart, but no runners-up will be named. The contestants will vote among themselves for Miss Congeniality. Those competing are Nicki Burress, Vanessa Carrasco, Brenda Diego, Geneva Finch, Stacy Finch, Valerie Key, Nikki Lee, Daisy Marquez, Miranda Marquez, Sandra Pantoja, Angelica Perales and Rachel Wall.

During the intermission of the show, "Simply Irresistible" will be directed by Gayla Myrick. Proud parents are invited to call Myrick to make arrangements for their children to appear on stage.

"This is not a contest, just an opportunity for parents to 'show off' their children in their most adorable. outfits," Myrick said. Children of all ages are welcome, but arrangements must be made in advance. There is no charge for participation.

The celebration of Hart Days this from 6:30 to 8 in the school cafeteria by the Hart Days Committee.

The Variety Show will start at 8:30 p.m. in the elementary gym, with admission set at \$1 per person. The students under the direction of Dana Hart Days activities will continue Black, elementary physical education instructor.

> Saturday activities will begin at 9 a.m., with the opening of the Hospitality Room at Hart City Hall by the Good Neighbor Club, offering cookies and lemonade to those who stop by.

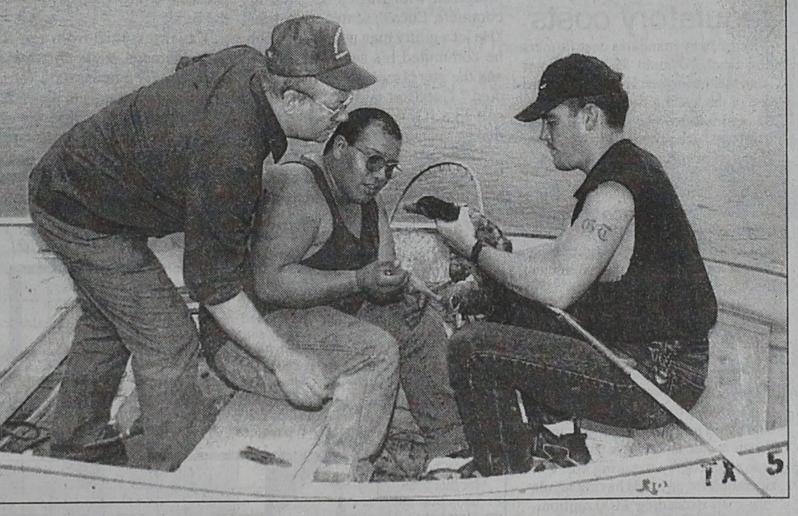
The Doll Parade will start at 9 a.m., with Darla Davis directing the event. Last minute entries are welcome.

The Hart Lions are sponsoring the annual parade, which will have the theme of "Hart of Agriculture" this year. Honored Pioneers and Parade Marshals will be Loyd and Augusta Farris. Parade chairman is Alan Birkenfeld.

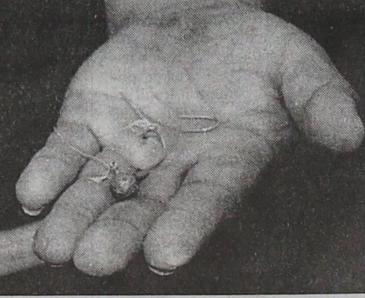
Following the parade, the Lions Club Horseshoe Tournament will be held at the fire station. Martin Earley, chairman of the event, said the entry fee has been set at \$20.

A Pedal Tractor Pull contest will begin at 1 p.m. in the parking lot east of the bank. The annual Duck Race, sponsored by the W.I.T.H. Association, also will start at 1 p.m. south of the fire station.

Also on Saturday, the Hart Student Council is sponsoring a basketball shooting contest at the new 4-H basketball court, the Junior High Cheer-Friday, there will be a Homemade leaders will be doing face painting, and a Kite Show will be held in the grassy area north of Avenue A, with a demonstration by Buffalo Beano of Lubbock.









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July Moisture ..... 0.78 1998 Moisture ..... 6.76

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



THE RESCUE EFFORT-(ABOVE, from left) John Waite, Chris Fuentes and Dan Matthews "operate" on a duck Friday afternoon at South Park Lake in Dimmitt. The bird had two fish hooks embedded in him. Fuentes is the animal control officer for the Dimmitt Police Dept., Matthews is a reserve firefighter for the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept., and

Waite and his wife are the ones who released the duck, and another one, at the park back in May. (BE-LOW, LEFT)-The injured duck swims happily the "operation." (BELOW, away after RIGHT)-Fuentes shows the two hooks that were removed from the duck. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Ice Cream Contest at the school cafeteria, with entries due at 6 p.m. and judging starting at 6:15 p.m. The entry fee is \$10 per freezer, with four divisions in the competition: men, women, boys under 17, and girls under 17. The winners will be announced at the Variety Show later in

the evening. Following the judging, samples of the entries will be sold for 50 cents a scoop or all you can eat for \$1.50. The winner in each division will win an ice cream scoop. A meal of barbecue sandwiches and all the trimmings will be served

Saturday at 8:30 p.m., a dance will be held in the parking lot east of the bank with Johnny Vick of Dimmitt as the D.J.

Food vendors will include the Lions Club selling Lionsburgers on Saturday; the Pentecostal Church and the Catholic Church selling Mexican

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#### By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS America is becoming a "nation of abstaining from sex. Crime rates, spectators," according to a report that says too many people have disengaged from government and community work and calls on citizens to from the early 1980s.

nurture civic life back to health. National Commission on Civic Renewal, which spent 11/2 years studying the state of citizenship in American life. The 18-member commission is one of several groups monitoring the nation's civic and moral condition.

"Too many of us have become passive and disengaged," said the commission, chaired by William Bennett, former Republican education secretary, and former Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga. "Too many of us lack confidence in our capacity to make basic and civic judgements, to join with our neighbors to do the work of community, to make a difference."

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Bennett said the report is tough on Americans because "it holds them responsible for many of these problems. Much of what has gone wrong has not been done to us; we have done it to ourselves.'

The report contends: "Never have we had so many opportunities for participation, yet rarely have we felt so powerless. In a time that cries out for civic action, we are in danger of becoming a nation of spectators."

In May, the Council on Civil Society released a report that said familyhour TV, fewer commercials, no lotteries and strengthened divorce and tax laws would be good starting places to bolster the family, revive rate has declined and more teens are while higher than a generation ago, are falling. And student performances, though far from stellar, is up

"This report confirms statistically The report was released by the as well as anecdotally one of our greatest suspicions-the United States is experiencing an unprecedented weakening of self-government and personal responsibility," Bennett said.

> The report, which calls on every American to become active in school, church or community organization, makes these recommendations:

-Adults, whenever possible, should commit themselves to raising children in two-parent families. More must be done to stem teen pregnancy and out-of-wedlock births. Absent fathers should be reunited with their families. Barriers to adoption should be erased and foster care should be reformed.

-Citizens should get involved in neighborhood crime watches; cleaning, repairing and patrolling public parks; and providing escorts for children walking to school.

-Pupils should be given more responsibility for cleaning up and maintaining discipline. They should be encouraged to do more community work and demonstrate civic knowledge as a condition of getting a high school diploma. A voluntary national testing system should be developed.

-The entertainment industry should be held as "accountable for civic harm as the tobacco industry is for physical harm."



### Part 5 in a series If you want to practice monogamy

By RON TRUSLER Executive Director **Central Plains** Center the first few

practicing monogamy were: (1) Don't marry people other's point of view first. People who do not like you, (2) Forget every- who need to prove they are right are thing you ever thought you knew not trying to be understood. They about the opposite sex, (3) Be clear may feel inadequate, and may see about the agreement between you and your spouse regarding what is and what is not infidelity, (4) Being faithful is a decision, and (5) Honesty is the central factor in intimacy. Here are more suggestions: 6. Sharing a secret with someone else, and keeping the secret from have the tendency to believe that we your partner, is dangerous. A secret produces a bond between those who share it and puts distance between those from whom it is being kept. Your alliances with other people young people, "I am different. I will must not be kept a secret from your spouse. Your loyalties must be to is not the case. No one is immune to your marriage over opposite-sex or same-sex friendships-no secrets. 7. If you are doing something you feel you should lie about, your guilt "How a relationship can heal from an is telling you to stop it. It works best if you stop doing things before you think you should lie Counselor, Marriage and Family Therapist, and about them. It really isn't hard to avoid those things that would make you feel shame and guilt. But once

Texas, Pop.100

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you have done something that makes you feel uncomfortable, and you begin to cover it up, it is hard work to keep up the deception.

8. The purpose of marital conflict should be to understand the issues In part four, and the emotions, rather than determine who is the winner. suggestions for

The real winner in a marital conflict may be the one who understands the



Speak out!

Bush's decision on Lucas. Mauro said he agrees with the jury that found Lucas guilty and sentenced him to death and 23 appellate judges who reviewed the case and let the jury's decision stand.

At the sheriffs association meeting, Bush also said he would seek:

 Automatic jail time for minors who commit crimes with a firearm or are caught unlawfully carrying handguns.

 Additional funds for juvenile probation officers.

 Expansion of regional gang databases to a statewide database. Funds Available for Crime Victims

lated deaths this year. Sixteen of those deaths have occurred in Dallas since June 1.

Criteria for determining whether a death is heat-related:

A person is found dead from stroke, emphysema or heart attack in a hot, closed area.

 A person's body temperature is above 104 degrees at the time of death, or immediately thereafter.

Fire Preventing Crops OK'd

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has approved a waiver in 49 Texas counties allowing farmers to grow one cutting of hay on their **Conservation Reserve Program** land. The waiver for having on the fallow land, requested in May by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry, is meant to remove a source of fuel for wildfires. Perry said the waiver will provide a source of forage when hay supplies are dangerously low because of drought in many areas of the state. The waiver expires Aug. 31, or earlier if the USDA deems the having is no longer necessary.

civil society and proclaim a public moral philosophy.

The new study, however, isn't entirely gloomy. It shows stirrings of new community action. They have uncovered cases where neighborhoods are organizing to bring back jobs, more young people are volunteering and civic entrepreneurs using the Internet to organize.

Some negative trends are reversing course. The report says the divorce

Woodpeckers "peck" not only for food but to communicate with other woodpeckers.

Together We Can

marriage as a threat to themselves. Someone said, "You can't be right and be married at the same time."

9. Know that affairs can happen, they can threaten your well-being, and they must be taken seriously.

They are not to be taken lightly. We can "flirt" around with emotions and play dangerously close to marital boundaries and get away with it. A person may tend to think like many get away with acting this way." That having an affair. An affair is never anyone else's fault.

The last article in this series will be affair."

Ron Trusler is a Licensed Professional Chemical Dependency Counselor. He may be reached at 806-293-2636.

### Bill may control regulatory costs

Regulatory mandates cost farmers and ranchers about \$20 billion per year, making private sector regulations one of the leading financial pressures on agriculture, according to Chris Cogburn, president of the Castro County Farm Bureau.

That's why the American Farm Bureau Federation recently testified before a Senate committee that legislation is needed to prevent Congress and regulatory agencies from making unfunded regulatory decisions that result in heavy added costs to state and local governments.

According to Cogburn, an unfunded mandates bill adopted in 1995 did not apply to the private sector. However, legislation introduced recently in the Senate would amend that act and provide a remedy by requiring cost consideration for any bills having regulatory costs exceeding \$100 million.

"The bill, SB 389, would create a speed bump, urging Congress to proceed slowly and carefully before im-" posing any new mandates on the private sector," Cogburn said. "It will not impose a roadblock on congressional action when there is a consensus to act."

AUSTIN - A defendant's guilt or innocence is the key to his decisions in death-penalty appeals, Gov.

George W. Bush said last week. "Of all the death penalties we've had in our state, I am confident that those who have been put to death have been guilty under the eyes of the law," Bush said while speaking to the Sheriffs Association of Texas.

Following a recommendation from the Board of Pardons and Paroles, Bush recently commuted the death sentence of Henry Lee Lucas to life in prison. Lucas recanted testimony claiming responsibility for hundreds of murders, including the "Orange Socks" murder for which he was sentenced to death.

Bush also followed the board's recommendation against clemency for convicted murderer Karla Faye Tucker, who did not claim innocence and was put to death Feb. 3.

Lee County Sheriff Joe G. Goodson, head of the association, disagreed with Bush's decision to commute Lucas' sentence to life. "He let a guilty man not go free, but he commuted his sentence to life and the guy is evil. He should have died," Goodson said, but added, "I still like (Gov. Bush). Everybody makes mistakes."

Garry Mauro, a Democrat challenging Bush in the upcoming gubernatorial race, also disagrees with

Texas counties in 1997 collected \$61.5 million in court fees that went to the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Fund.

In fiscal year 1997, \$23 million was paid to victims in those counties, the office of the Texas attorney general reported.

"Even though we've done a lot to make it known across Texas that this money is available, there is still more money coming into the program than going out," Ron Dusek, spokesman for Attorney General Dan Morales, told the Associated Press last week.

At the end of last fiscal year, there was \$140.8 million in the fund created in 1979.

The main requirement for a person to be eligible to receive money from the fund is that the crime be one in which the victim died or suffered physical or emotional harm. Sources such as health insurance benefits and Medicaid must be exhausted before money is given from the fund.

Expenses paid from the fund have included medical treatment, counseling, compensation for loss of support payments to dependents of a deceased victim, loss of wages, funeral expenses and child care.

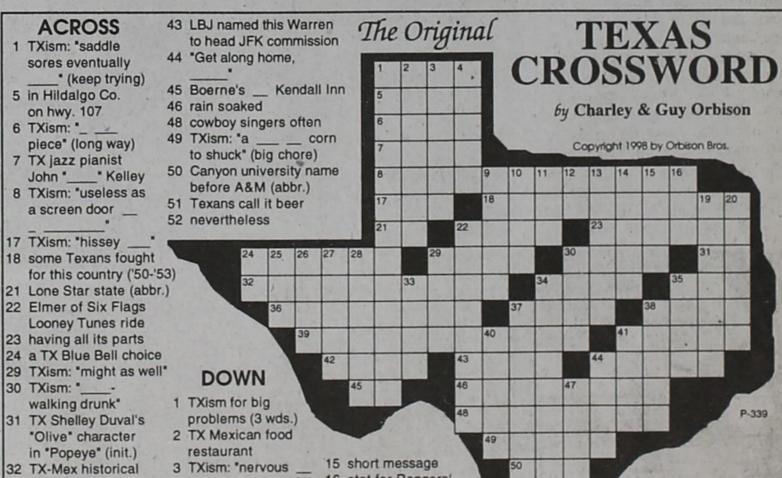
23 Die From Oppressive Heat Record-high temperatures across the state have caused 23 heat-re-

#### **Other Capital Highlights**

Last week, Garry Mauro reported he had about \$222,000 in his Democratic gubernatorial campaign account. Incumbent Republican Gov. Bush said he had about \$13 million in his campaign account. About \$2 million of Bush's money came from out-of-state supporters.

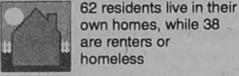
 A New Jersey police officer who won a \$10.4 million Lotto Texas jackpot settled last week for \$3.2 million. He sued in 1995 to collect the entire prize after the Lottery refused to honor his claim. His lawyer will receive \$1.2 million of the settlement.

The U.S. House of Representatives voted last week to name the federal office building in downtown Austin in honor of retired Rep. Jake Pickle, a Democrat who served in Congress for 31 years.



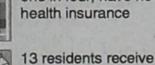
#### If Texas were a town

If you could create a small town, population 100, with all the diversity of the state of Texas, the town would look like this:



homeless 24 residents, or almost one in four, have no health insurance

own homes, while 38



are renters or

food stamps, and 17 live below the poverty level



Two children were born in the past year

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, U.S. Bureau of the Census, and other state and federal agencies.

Keeping an eye on Texas



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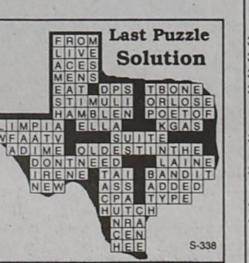




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# Berlin Airlift 50th anniversary is marked by widow of aviator

Last month was the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Berlin Airlift, a humanitarian aid effort initiated to help the citizens of West Berlin. Begun by Gen. Lucius Clay, it is still considered one of the greatest air feats of all time.

The city was partitioned following World War II and Russia set up a blockade around the western part of the city in an attempt to effect a total Soviet takeover of the city. Food, fuel and other supplies were delivered to West Berlin's 2.2 million inhabitants by a stream of Allied planes. Over a 15-month period from June 1948 to September 1949, planes flew 377,248 missions to deliver 1.8 million tons of relief supplies.

Participating in nine months of that effort was the late J.G. Davis Jr. of Dimmitt, who was in the US Air Force. He served in the European theater during World War II and won the Distinguished Flying Cross, a Purple Heart, and other citations, according to his widow, Aural Davis of Dimmitt.

Davis said she still remembers the things Jay told her about the Airlift, or "Operation Vittles" as it was sometimes called. She said he flew on deliveries from January of 1949 until the blockade was lifted.

"He came home with coal dust still in his ears," Davis said. Coal for heating homes was one of the items transported.

"If he had stayed a little longer, I would have been able to join him overseas with our three little girls," Davis said. She said she was disappointed in a way that she didn't get the opportunity to see Europe, but she was glad the blockade ended and Jay got to come home.

According to Wes Izzard, airlift planes would take off from Rhein-Man Airbase in Frankfurt and cover a 110-mile stretch held by the Russians. The planes were required to fly rigidly within prescribed corridors and report their exact position at specified control points. Outgoing planes from Rhein-Man would head eastward for perhaps 50 miles, then turn abruptly north. They would fly at altitudes measured in even thousands-four, five or six thousand feet, depending on the weather, Coming back, they would fly another corridor, roughly 50 miles to the west, and at altitudes 500 feet either way from outgoing schedules. Izzard, who was editor-in-chief of the Amarillo Globe-News at the time. participated in one of the mercy flights and wrote about it for his newspaper. Parts of that story were reprinted in the June 26, 1998, issue of the Globe-News in an article by Earl Moseley. Davis said Jay flew in C-54 cargo planes. He told her they did a lot of instrument flying and used GCA landings (ground control approach)



FOND MEMORIES—Aural Davis of Dimmitt recalls stories told by her late husband, Jay( in photos). He served nine months in the Berlin Airlift, which stretched from June 1948 through September of 1949. He was a spray pilot after his return to the US. Photo by Linda Maxwell

heroes."

1966."

and causing him to trigger the bomb

load unexpectedly. The plane had a

camera that would come on when

bombs were dropped to record the

target and any damage They were

the only ones to make a direct hit

that day, making them "accidental

"Jay always said that the only

dangerous thing about flying is the

drive to the airport," Davis said. "He

died in a car accident in May of

Some information for this story was

taken from an article by Earl Moseley in

due to the weather conditions in the area. If a plane was unable to land, for whatever reason, they couldn't circle around and take another try at it. The stream of planes were spaced at intervals that made a second try impossible, so the plane would just have to go on to its scheduled landing spot.

The planes would usually make the circuit three times a day, Davis said. She said that many times they would be fired upon by the Russians, mainly in an attempt to discourage them, not really to shoot them down.

+ Davis said Jay really loved airplanes. After he got back to the states, he bought a PT6 trainer plane that didn't have a top. He used it to take people for rides and often did aerobatics. He kept it until a tornado took it away. Quite a while after that, he went into the crop spraying business. Jay was very civic minded, Davis said. He was instrumental in getting the Dimmitt airport established. He had been a member of the school board and was active in civic organizations.

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

A farewell party was held recently at the home of Denny and Dolores Heiman for Joey, Stephanie and Spencer Waldo. Hosts of the evening were members of the 19th Hole softball team. Everyone enjoyed golf, horseshoes, bocci ball, and grilled hamburgers. The Waldos will be leaving soon for Bridgeport, where Joey will be teaching math at the high school. We hate to see them leave our community, but wish them well.

The Ball family reunion was held recently in Platte Center, Neb., hosted by the Dreifurst, Hartman and Sueper families, with 120 cousins attending from Texas, Missouri, Kansas, California and Nebraska. Attending from Nazareth were Kyle, Fed and Urban Ball, Carl and Mary Kleman, Esther Braddock of McKinney, Jim and Evelyn Ball of Plainview and Odetta Ball Robison of Amarillo.

Carl, Mary and Esther also drove to Norwalk, Iowa, and visited with Lavern and Karen Kleman.

About half of the Albert Gerber family gathered at Lake Kemp this weekend for our annual get-together. A big thanks to Kevin and Malinda Gerber for sharing their spacious cabin with us. The heat was terrible, but the water was wonderful. With three boats, skis, a knee board, a paddle boat, fishing and tubes everyone had something to do. Television, reading, cards and lots of good food at the cabin made for a great weekend. Monty Hoelting was credited with catching the largest fish!

A report on the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Francis and Betty Wilhelm:

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When Sister Norbert asked the 500 people at the church of the Holy Family at Nazareth not to stifle the song that God has begun in us, in the front bench was an example of a song that has become a symphony.

Francis Wilhelm came back from the war and married Betty Ramaekers in 1948. This was the start of a love story that has blossomed, a story of love with roots strong enough to break through hard, stony patches, love happy enough to rejoice and again rejoice, a love tender enough to cry with the heartbroken.

Five decades later their 13 children, 30 grandchildren, one greatgrandchild and hundreds of relatives and friends came together from all over Texas (Dallas, Houston, Austin, and Wichita Falls), and from other states, too (Ohio, Illinois, Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas).

Every single one of the hundreds of people who came to the church and to the dinner reception dance afterwards had reason to be grateful for the love of Betty and Francis. Their grandchildren read the readings, sang well-loved hymns like Consider the Lilies and The Ones I Love. Betty's brothers led the singing and her sisters gave out communion. Melissa Reed, accompanied by Betsy Wilhelm, summed things up with The Keeper of the Stars. We left the church with Sister Norbert's reflections on hospitality in our hearts and a realization of how deeply Christian this marriage is, rooted and founded

\* Brooms

in love.

A weekend where the core event is the renewal of commitment after 50 years of faithfulness before so many children and grandchildren is a moving event. After 50 years the words are really made flesh-"for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health."

Over dinner and during the dance that followed (led by Charlie Phillips) and for the rest of the next day or two, people talked and talked, and sang and sang (some until 4 a.m.!). It was clear that reverberations from one love story have strengthened, cautioned, and encouraged other love stories. Francis drove Betty in the "Hoopie" up the Nazareth wedding hill and then led her in the first dance to the strains of Let Me Call You Sweetheart.

The "boats" that have been launched by Betty and Francis know there is a safe harbor to come back to-sometimes physically, more often as a voice in the head and the heart as messages from home: be honest, trust God, work hard, success is not measured in dollar bills-these are the legacies of Betty and Francis to their children.

The threads of family, music, hospitality and tradition ran through all the events of the weekend. We were all refreshed by a fountain of love, stabilized by tradition, warmed by hospitality and uplifted by music.

Indeed, Betty and Francis Wilhelm could sing with justifiable and great pride, "If you want to see love, just look at us.'



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Davis said Jay always liked to tell the story of the World War II incident that earned his unit the distinguished flying cross. A complete overcast in the weather made it difficult for their crew to see anything,. including their intended target. As the lead plane of a 36-plane squadron, they encountered flak during their run. A piece of flak penetrated their plane, striking the bombardier,

# Muleshoe musical set for Aug. 7-10

tion of "Keepers of the Legend," a edge of Muleshoe. Parking is promusical by Paula Paul, Aug. 7-10.

An outdoor event, "Keepers of the Legend" will be performed at the scenic and historical Muleshoe Heritage Center.

"Keepers of the Legend" is a fictional account based on early 20th Century Bailey County and its settlers. The history is portrayed through song, dance and dramatic performances by local and area actors and musicians.

Performances will begin each evening at approximately 8:30. The 272-5612 or 806-272-5262.

Muleshoe Production Company Muleshoe Heritage Center is located will stage the fourth annual produc- just north of Highway 84 on the west vided next door at the Bailey County Coliseum.

> Tickets are \$10 for adults at the gate, \$8 in advance. Children 12 and under are \$5. Lap children are free. A season pass may be purchased for \$25. Groups may call for special. discounts and accommodations.

Those wishing to purchase tickets in advance, or to obtain more information about "Keepers of the Legend," may do so by contacting Mule-Plex Production Company at 806-







the Panhandle!!

# **Amarillo Area Foundation** scholarships awarded to locals

recently announced scholarship winners for the 1998-99 academic school year, with seven Castro County residents among the recipients.

People

Zachary Bell and Casey J. Hoelting were listed among those who received renewals of their A.A, and Hattie Mae Bush Scholarships. Those eligible must be accounting majors attending Amarillo College, Texas Tech University or West Texas A&M University and must be a resident of one of the 26 counties of the Panhandle. Bell is attending WTAMU and Hoelting attends Tech.

Amy D. Matthews, a 1998 graduate of Dimmitt High School, has been named a recipient of a Senator Grady and Andrine Hazlewood Scholarship. She plans to attend Tech. Also, Hazlewood Scholarships were renewed for Marjorie Durbin, Denia Durbin and Angela Fortenberry, students at WTAMU; and for Robin Schulte, who attends Tech.

Those eligible must be from the 26 counties of the Panhandle and may attend AC, WTAMU or Tech. The 193 scholarships awarded by

The Amarillo Area Foundation the foundation totaled over \$198,000, according to Sandra Gilliland, chairman of the foundation's scholarship committee.

# Shower fetes Vanessa Hill

Vanessa Hill, bride-elect of Barry Hill, was honored with a bridal shower recently in the home of Sandy Baker.

Special guests included Vicki Hill, mother of the bride-elect; Sara Hill, mother of the prospective groom; and Geraldine Cox, grandmother of the groom-to-be. The future bride and groom also both attended.

The serving table had a beautiful cut-work tablecloth, and was accented with crystal and mirrored appointments. Refreshments of ham balls, fruit and dip, mock cheesecake, and punch were served to guests.

The hostesses presented the couple with a contribution toward a bedroom suite.



SALVATION ARMY CAMP-Five local youths attended Camp Hoblitzelle at Midlothian June 19-24 through the sponsorship of the Castro County Unit of the Salvation Army. Shown are (from left) Jason Corlis, camper; Polly Simpson, unit chairman; and Sharette Johnson, camper. Others attending were Tony Lopez, Heath Lunsford and Natasha Williams.

Others involved in this year's camp included Jerry Alexander, Lubbock area supervisor; Sue Howell, junior high counselor, and Krystal Nelson, unit treasurer. The trip was made possible by generous donations to the Salvation Army in care of the First United Bank throughout the year. Photo by Linda Maxwell

# **NISD** Clinton is named principal

mentary, according to NISD Supt. N. versity in 1996. She obtained her rooms.

Deborah Clinton has been named tained her mid-management certifi- and language arts, and fourth and

the new principal for Nazareth Ele- cation from West Texas A&M Uni- sixth grade self-contained class-

## Levelland sets music festival

Levelland will hosting the first annual GTE Hot Burrito and Bluegrass, a music festival, July 31 and Aug. 1.

The festival will begin with a jam session and a burrito supper at the Mexiteria Restaurant from 7 to 10 p.m. on College Avenue in Levelland. Admission for the music is free.

At 9 a.m. at the downtown Gazebo, musicians will line up to enter the contest of the day. From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., the banjo and fiddle contest will take place.

The afternoon performance will be from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature Acoustic Plus, Camp Bluegrass Graduates, and Joe Carr and Alan Munde. The afternoon will continue with the best band contest. The evening showcase concert will begin at 7 p.m. with bluegrass bands.

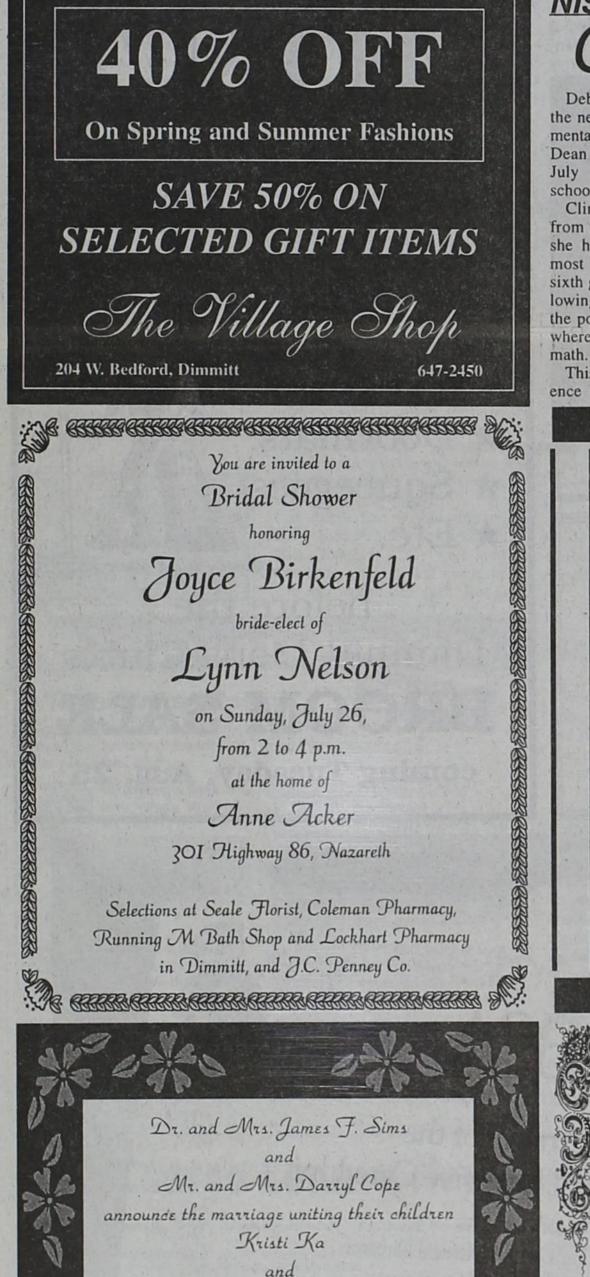
# **Girl Scouts** set Fun Day

The Caprock Girl Scout Council has set a Summer Fun Day for local girls for next Thursday (July 30) at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office at 115 W. Bedford.

Girls who are in kindergarten through third grade are invited to "Ducktail Adventure" from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. They will participate in songs, games, crafts and making new friends, according to Shani Shofner of Plainview, membership specialist of the Caprock Girl Scout Council.

Girls who are in fourth through sixth grade are invited to "Science Challenge" from 2 to 5 p.m. They will participate in fun and easy science projects, crafts, songs and games. Participants are asked to pay a \$5 fee to cover the cost of supplies. However, no one will be turned away because of inability to pay. "Caprock Girl Scout Council has been trying to get a Girl Scout Troop started in Dimmitt for the past few years," Shofner said. "Unfortunately, we have not been very successful. We have seen an interest from the girls in the area, but we have only been able to start one small troop due to a lack of adult leaders." Shofner said anyone interested in the scouting program may call her at 1-800-530-4823, or for more information on the Fun Day activities.

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Dean Johnson. She was hired at the July 15 meeting of the Nazareth school board.

Clinton is coming to Nazareth from the Hart school system, where she has taught the past 23 years, most recently serving as fifth and sixth grade math teacher. She is following Joey Waldo, who resigned the position to move to Bridgeport, where he will teach high school

This will be Clinton's first experience as an administrator. She obmaster's degree in education with reading specialist certification from Texas Tech University in 1988, after earning her bachelor's in elementary education in 1974 from WTAMU.

"We hated losing Joey," Johnson said. "But there's lots of excitement with Deborah coming. She has lots of varied teaching experience that she will be able to call upon to perform her administrative duties."

She has experience with Migrant Title I students, junior high reading

Clinton will start her duties Aug. 3, according to Johnson.

Clinton said her experience as a teacher "gives me insight into teachers' problems and the new techniques and new curriculum developments. It will help me see the teachers' side of issues and will make a real workable situation."

"I'm really excited about starting this job. It will be a really good place to work.

Clinton is married to Kenney Clinton, who is the assistant manager at the Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. in Plainview. They have a son, Berry, 9. Clinton said that Berry will attend at Nazareth.

The family are members of the Earth Methodist Church, and Clinton is a member of Xi Mu Iota, a service organization of Beta Sigma Phi sorority.



# Springlake's **First Baptist** sets celebration

All past members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Springlake are invited to participate in the church's 50th Anniversary Celebration this weekend.

The festivities will start Saturday at 7 p.m. with entertainment by Country Six and a time of visitation. Sunday morning's activities will begin with visiting in the fellowship hall at 9:30 a.m., followed by a joint adult Sunday school class at 10 a.m., led by Pastor Tim Pruit.

Everyone is invited to stay for a noon meal which will be provided by the church. After lunch there will be a time of visiting and remembering led by several early day members of the church.

Avie, Kerry and Tami Lewis and Patrick and Ronna Traylor would like to thank the people of Dimmitt for their loving support during the long illness and death of our Mother and Nana. Your prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, letters and food encouraged each of us to face each hour with the knowledge we were being uplifted with continual love and prayers.

To those of you who generously sat with Geneva to give relief to Avie ... thank you.

To the Hospice and hospital staffs ... thank you. To those who sang in the choir Geneva hoped for .. thank you.

To those who joined our family in celebraton at her service ... thank you.

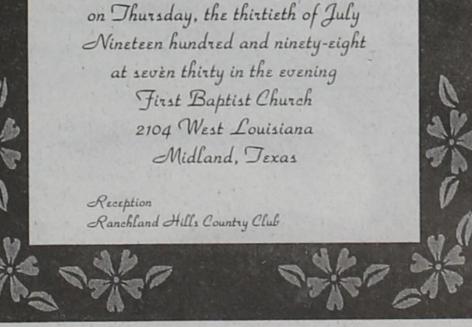


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**CHECK IT OUT—Kathlene Schnitzer of Dimmitt** was the winner of a Caribbean cruise for four in a contest sponsored by Sierra Spring Water. She was the only winner named for all of West Texas. She said she is looking forward to the trip and plans to take her parents and a friend with her. Presenting her with the prize "check" is Kevin Drake of Amarillo, Sierra branch manager.

# **Bush seeks disaster designation** House eyes drought relief

On Friday, Gov. George W. Bush asked the federal government to grant disaster status to an additional 176 counties stricken by drought. If the US Dept. of Agriculture grants the request, all 254 Texas counties will be under a drought disaster declaration.

culture Dan Glickman, Gov. Bush ducers have started liquidating their describes the economic emergency caused by above normal temperatures and severe drought conditions. If the request is granted, Texas farmers and ranchers will be eligible for emergency loans to cover losses suffered under the drought. The Texas Agriculture Extension Service estimates total losses will be \$1.5 billion statewide. "I'm asking the federal government to expedite the declaration for all Texas counties because Texas needs immediate assistance," Gov. Bush said. Two counties-Terrell and Glasscock-had already been designated as disaster areas by the federal government and requests from 76 counties were pending as of Friday. The Governor said he also is concerned about the risk of fire and the ability of volunteer firefighters to do their jobs. He has written to the heads of each state agency, urging them to grant paid leave to volunteer firefighters who respond to rural emergencies. "I encourage all agencies to support their personnel who take on this vital community service role," Bush said. "Their response to ongoing fires helps to protect the lives and property of all Texans."

ducers need whatever help they can get.

"Now it's time for the federal government to cut through the red tape and speed up these declarations. Many farmers across the state have been watching their crops dry up under the relentless heat and record In a letter to US Secretary of Agri- high temperatures. Livestock proherds because they have no pastures

proposals being discussed."

drought has reached \$1.8 billion, according to figures from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The losses may climb even higher if sufficient rain doesn't fall. They have already surpassed the 1996 levels when agriculture last felt the impact of severe drought.

# Schnitzer wins Caribbean cruise

Kathleen Schnitzer of Dimmitt has a new appreciation for her water cooler now that she is a winner of Sierra Spring Water's "Passport to Family Health" Crossword Puzzle sweepstakes. As a winner, Schnitzer received a four-day Carnival Cruise Caribbean vacation for four.

Over the course of six weeks, she collected clues accompanying her bottled water deliveries. Schnitzer used the clues to correctly complete a crossword puzzle on the benefits of water. That qualified her to participate in a random drawing of correctly complete entries.

Schnitzer said she is looking forward to the cruise, which she may take anytime in the next 12 months. She plans to take her parents and a friend along with her.

# Littlefield Festival booths available

Crafts Festival, to be held

8X10, \$35 for a larger or corner booth, \$5 per table (one table per booth). There is no extra charge for additional exhibitors in the same booth. Electrical outlets are free but limited. Backdrops must be supplied by exhibitor. One table is available upon request for \$5.

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Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry has praised Bush's efforts on behalf of farmers and ranchers.

"I applaud Gov. Bush on his push for disaster declarations for every Texas county. Our farmers and ranchers are facing unprecedented economic losses this year because of the drought and many of these pro-

or forage supplies."

US Rep. Mac Thornberry joined Congressman Larry Combest and House Agriculture Committee Chairman Bob Smith in introducing legislation Friday that would provide farmers with some relief from the drought by making \$5.5 billion available to them on Oct. 1.

"I think we're finally getting through in convincing people how serious the situation is," Thornberry said. The bill is called "The Emergency Farm Financial Relief Act. The plan would make %5.5 billion available to farmers as much as one year early to help them cope with the cash shortage they are now experiencing due to the drought.

Farmers currently receive contract payments twice a year-in December or January and again in September-as part of the Agriculture Market Transition Act (AMTA). The proposed legislation would change that by letting farmers collect their 1999 payment in one lump sum as early as Oct. 1, which is also the beginning of the next fiscal year. Farmers could opt to get the entire payment in October rather than waiting three months to get half of the AMTA payment, and a full 12 months to get the remaining half.

"In effect," ' Thornberry said, "What this plan will do is provide farmers with an interest-free cash loan of up to a year. Clearly, it's not everything we need. But it is a good start, and something that gets money in farmers' pockets sooner than other



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# AB Agriculture, Business & Industry

# Sustainable agriculture is topic of weekend program in Nazareth

featuring creative agricultural pracbration of rural arts, themes and exand Nazareth July 31 and Aug. 1.

Sponsored by the Promised Land Network, the sixth annual "Sustaining Agriculture Weekend" is designed for farmers, ranchers, urban gardeners, rural women, ag service educators and more.

Center at 2 p.m.

After an overview of the Promised from Austin. Land Network's El Hormiguero project, a program on "Building slated to begin at 10:50 a.m. Sustainability from the Ground Up" Stevenson of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

A panel discussion will follow at 3:10 p.m. featuring Mike Everett, a member of ATTRA technical support staff; Forest Corville of Shallowater, an Extension specialist; Ronnie Peek of Slaton, a furniture builder; Lydia Villanueva; and Nancy Roe of Stephenville, Extension specialist; and Bill Stocker, a biology teacher in Canyon.

Topics the panel is expected to address including "Growing Great Gardens Bio-Intensively," "Showing a Profit: Marketing for Small-Scale gage-Straw Bale 'Con-struction,"

A two-day "summer classroom" Challenges of Dryland Agriculture," by Dr. Clay Robinson, West Texas tices and techniques, education A&M University Division of Agriworkshops for the family and a cele- culture; "Growing Great Gardens Bio-Intensively," by Everett and periences will be held in Hereford Nazareth students; "Involving Youth in Small Livestock Projects," presented by Benny Martinez, Castro County Extension Service and Heifer Project International; "Grazing or Cropping? Post-CRP Acreage Management," by Dr. Thanh Dao with professionals, community leaders, the US Dept. of Agriculture Experiment Station in Bushland; and The weekend starts in Hereford on "Learning the Lay of the July 31 with an introduction and Land-Middle Tule Creek Tour," by welcome at the Hereford Community historian Mike Harter of Amarillo and Geoff Cunfer, a graduate student

A second session of workshops is

Bill Stocker of Canyon High will be presented by Dr. Steve School and Dick Richardson of the University of Texas-Austin, will talk about "Caring for Nature Through Classroom Teaching."

"Knowing our Place on the Llano Estacado" will be discussed by Harter and Cunfer.

Stevenson will discuss "Passing on the Family Farm: Key Issues." "Using Futures Options as a Marketing Tool" will be the topic of Monte Winders of Financial Freedom and Futures of Amarillo.

Tomas Villanueva of Hereford will give skills for outdoor grilling and barbecue.

Participants will enjoy a mesquite-Farmers," "Build Without a Mort- grilled beef, chicken and lamb lunch at 12:15 p.m. Also on the menu will "Small Livestock Options for Youth be Llano Estacado wine jelly mariand Adults," "Rural Women: Farm- nade and locally-grown potatoes and vegetables. After the lunch break, Stevenson will give the keynote address, "Sus-The program moves to Nazareth tainable Agriculture: Social and Spiritual Stakes," The third workshop session, begin-The day's activities start at 6:30 ning at 2:45 p.m., will feature talks a.m. with a bike tour-a 5-8 mile on "Rural Schools: Centers for Community Sustainability" by Tim Walters of Aspen Institute in Washington, D.C.; "Passing on the Family Farm: Communicating and Planning' by Richard and Peggy Sechrist of A children's educational tour of Fredericksburg; "CAFOs: Legislative, Environmental and Social Iswill be held from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. sues" by Promised Land Network staff, members of the Texas Legisla-Outdoor workshops will begin at ture and livestock industry represen-

Are We?" by Nancy Roe of Stephenville, Extension specialist.

At 4 p.m., a group of local people will perform an historical dramatization, "A Llano Estacado Reunion." Those featured will be Mike Harter, portraying Father Joseph Reisdorff; Keith Birkenfeld, portraying T.P. McCormick; Faye Spencer as Wilhemina Their; Tony Martinez as Casimero Romero; and David Olvera as Agapito Sandoval.

A hamburger dinner with all the trimmings will be served at 5:15 p.m. The Promised Land Network will have a benefit auction at 6:30 p.m. Music and dancing will end the day's activities.

# TBC checkoff visits food show

The spotlight was shining on new beef products at the Southwest Foodservice Expo and Southwest Supermarket & Convenience Store Expo June 28-30 in Houston, thanks to funds from the Texas Beef Council's \$1 per head beef checkoff program.

The exhibit at the expo was a step in changing the beef industry's focus from commodity beef products to branded beef products. The council's goal is to introduce these products to key foodservice and retail decision makers so beef better meets consumer requirements for convenience while also adding value to beef sales.

The TBC also used the forum of



**IMPROVEMENT PROJECT—Six new check stands** with monitors viewable by the consumer and faster scanning equipment, designed to read bar codes more easily, were installed July 14 at Dimmitt Thriftway.

New grocery carts also were added. The old equipment was moved to Dimmitt Market. Here, Donna Reinart is checked out by Lupe Alaniz. Photo by Linda Maxwell

New housing funds available to low-income rural residents

for Texas USDA Rural Development, has announced that federal funds are available for direct and guaranteed rural housing loans.

"In fact, there are more funds available today than last year," said Carriker. "We anticipate that fiscal year 1999 will be a banner year for housing funds in rural Texas."

Loans are available depending on repayment ability and the location of the home or building site.

There are several programs available to provide assistance, including direct and guaranteed housing loans and home repair loans and grants.

Steven A. Carriker, state director associated with an urban area. Under \$20,000, and grant assistance may certain conditions, loans can be made in towns and cities between 10,000 and 25,000 population.

The guaranteed rural housing loan may be used to finance new homes or existing homes that are structurally sound and have certified heating, electrical, plumbing and insulation systems. The interest rate is set by the lender for an amount not to exceed the Fannie Mae 30-year fixed rate plus .6 of 1%. The loan may be for up to 100% of the market value. All loans must be secured by a first deed of trust on a residential prop-

erty. Home repair loans and grants may be used to pay for needed repairs and improvements to dwellings of eligible very-low-income families. Grant funds are available for homeowners 62 and over who cannot repay a loan, and must be used to remove health and safety hazards such as repairing roofs, heating, electrical and plumbing systems, water and waste disposal, installing, screens, windows, insulation and other steps to make the home safe. Home improvement loans may include similar purposes but may also be used to modernize and bring a home up to standards, make changes for convenience, add a room, remodel and make overall improvements to the home. The home must be owner-occupied. The loan amount cannot exceed

not exceed \$7,500.

There are a number of restrictions, including using funds to move a mobile home, make off-site improvements or refinance existing debts. Loans under this program are made with the interest rate of 1% and have a maximum term of 20 years.

All applicants must meet basic eligibility requirements such as being unable to obtain a loan from other conventional lending sources on terms they can afford, being without ownership of decent, safe and sanitary housing, have sufficient income for loan repayment, taxes, insurance, living expenses and other existing debts, possess the legal capacity to incur debt, and have an acceptable credit history. There are other criteria that must be met depending on the type of program the applicant is interested in. Currently there are 26 local offices throughout Texas. To find the office of a particular county, contact the Single Family Housing section at (254)742-9770. Rural Development, as an equal opportunity lender, makes loans or grants to individuals or groups and guarantees to approve lenders without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or handicap. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., 20250.

ers, Homemakers and More," and "Tierra Blanca Watershed: Where Do We Go From Here?"

on Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Nazareth Community Hall.

ride on country dirt roads.

Registration for the Saturday portion of the program will be \$10 and participants can register beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the hall.

the Bob and Theresa Birkenfeld farm and cost is \$5 per child.

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the show to highlight foodservice recipes featuring chuck and round cuts, which make up 66% of beef carcasses by weight.

## Cannon Fest has spaces open

Cannon Fest, the largest summer event in the Eastern New Mexico/West Texas area, has flea market spaces available.

This event features three bands, rides, car and motorcycle shows and more. It attracts approximately 8,000 people.

The festival is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 29. If interested in selling goods, call (505) 784-6381.

The direct home ownership loan is designed to provide very-low and low-income families with financing to build, purchase, repair or refinance homes and building sites that meet local codes and provide adequate affordable housing. Funds may also be available for up to 100% of appraised market value, which can include the closing costs. The loan term is 33 years. The interest rate is fixed for the life of the loan and is currently 6.75%. Payment assistance is available based on family size and income, which may reduce the full note payment to as low as 1%.

To be eligible for financing, direct or guaranteed, the home must be located in a rural community with less than 10,000 population, on a farm or in open country not closely

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Farm Bureau is sponsoring contest

Applications for the 1998 Outstanding Young Farmer and Rancher Award Program are now available from the Castro County Farm Bureau, according to Chris Cogburn, president of the organization.

"Young farmers and ranchers 35 years of age and under are eligible to apply for the program, which is aimed at preparing participants for future leadership rules in agriculture," said Cogburn.

Thirteen Farm Bureau district winners will be selected from the entries. From the 13 district winners, three finalists will be selected.

The three finalists will be awarded transportation, lodging and meals to the Texas Farm Bureau Convention in Lubbock, Nov. 28-Dec. 2. The two runner-ups will receive custom belt buckles and the complimentary use of

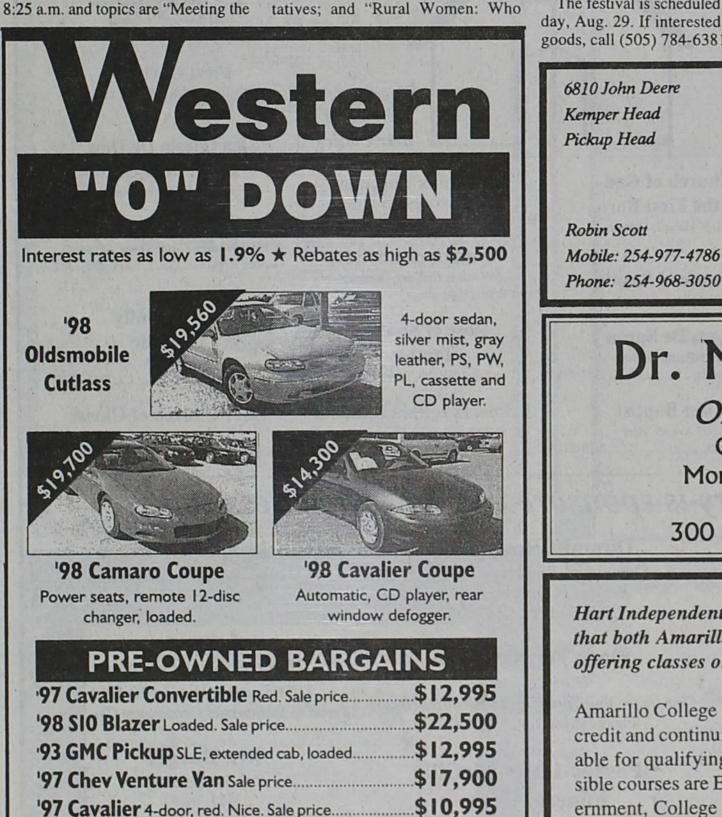
a 1999 Ford Ranger pickup.

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Entry forms for the Outstanding Young Farmers and Ranchers Award Program must be received before September 4. Faxed copies will not be accepted. Applications are available at county Farm Bureau offices.

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# Minding Your Own Business Knowing your numbers: What's

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**Don Taylor** 

#### **By DON TAYLOR**

(Last of a two-part series)

financial management. I concluded that accounting is the language of accountants and that most small-business owners don't care to learn the dialect.

However, if you're going to be successful in business, you must understand the role accounting plays in financial management. Accounting is a process of recording financial transactions and summarizing the numbers into useful, easy-to-understand statements.

Unfortunately, most small-business owners don't find financial statements easy to understand. Some choose to ignore their statements altogether. Many people are too embarrassed to ask questions about their statements. Numerous others consider financial matters boring and simply focus their efforts on other areas of their businesses.

Problems often surface when the business comes up short on cash and no one can understand why. Panic ensues, and someone gets a call. The calling trade status. process may begin with an accountant, move quickly to a banker and finally involve a business consultant or turnaround specialist.

Perhaps studying the remainder of this article will help. If you need more sent to the Secretary of Agriculture guidance, send for the free information offered at the end of this column.

#### **Financial statements**

Every business should generate three financial statements every month. These are a balance sheet, a cash flow statement and an income statement. The balance sheet is a summary of business assets, liabilities and the owner's equity or net worth. The total amount of assets (what the business owns) must equal liabilities (debt of the business) plus the owner's equity. The balance sheet reflects the financial condition of the business at a given point in time.

The cash flow statement measures the changes in the cash position of the firm from one period to the next. The cash flow statement is the easiest statement to produce, but is the least common statement to find in small businesses.

If you were to establish a single business checking account as I advised in part one, and if you conducted every business transaction through that account, you would have everything you need to produce a cash flow statement. Start with your beginning balance, add in cash receipts (deposits) and subtract out cash disbursements (checks) and you create the ending cash balance.

The last statement is the income statement, also commonly called the "profit and loss" statement. The income statement measures sales (revenues), expenses and the resulting earnings (loss) for a period.

The income statement has five main categories: sales, cost of sales, gross profit, operating expenses and net income. This is one statement I want to see each month. Small changes in income statement performance can make big differences on the bottom line.

#### Three good tools

Common sizing. This tool converts the dollar amounts of your income statement and balance sheet to percentages. You use one element from the statement as a base value and compare all other elements to it.

Growers, Inc.'s board of directors approved a 1998-99 operating budget during a recent meeting.

The budget will total \$501,179.50 Last week I introduced the topics of accounting and and covers expenses supporting the organization's research, legislative and promotional activities for the coming year.

Also during the meeting, the board participated in a question and answer session with Con. Larry Combest (R-Lubbock) about current agriculture issues. Combest noted that several efforts are being stepped up as work will resume to initiate fast track trade negotiating authority, International Monetary Fund (IMF) funding and China's Most Favored Nation (MFN)

Combest also noted that a letter was being drafted at this time to be concerning cotton Step 2 funds and options when that funding is depleted faster than projected in the 1996 Farm Bill.

The PCG Board also took positions on several other important issues and approved moving on to the next step in reorganizing the PCG Board structure. Under the structure being formulated, the board would changed to include one be representative from each member gin as well as retaining representation getting addition funding for the IMF. from the business and allied industry segments.

The board also voted to support the recommendation of the National Cotton Council Producer Steering Committee for modification of the current HVI color calibration chart

# **VBOB** plans annual reunion

The Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge (VBOB) has set its annual reunion for Sept. 3-7 in San Fran-

# **Cotton Talks**

the 1998 crop to provide industry an opportunity to evaluate the accuracy of the HVI color measurement with the modification.

The board agreed to support full exports int he future. implementation of HVI color and the official measurement by the 1999 crop year.

Citing the importance of issues such as fast track negotiating authority, the funding of the International Monetary Fund and fixing problems in the area of ag credit, Combest made the most of his July 8 stop in Lubbock.

Combest reported on current activities in Washington and other issues.

Combest noted that cotton is on the front lines when it comes to feeling the effects of the current drought as well as pressures from the world market place. He added that the landscape surrounding several important trade issues supported by the cotton industry had changed for the better over the past few weeks.

Combest explained that a renewed effort should be coming to approve Fast Track Trade negotiating authority for President Clinton, reaffirming China's Most Favored Nation (MFN) designation and Combest noted after studying the IMF that he had been converted from opponent to advocate for the IMF program. He likened it to a bank which has deposits from member



Members of Plains Cotton and to use the revised chart during nations and then uses that money to guarantee various economic programs and transactions. He concluded that the IMF could have very positive impacts on US cotton

Combest also went over a series of recommendations from the House Ag Credit Subcommittee, which he chairs, to fix problems with the ag lending programs administered through the Farm Service Agency of USDA.

He noted that the proposed changes, especially in regard to the emergency loan provisions, would be beneficial to producers trying to make it through the economic crisis brought on by the drought.

Combest also noted that preliminary work was being done to set the stage for future action regarding the cotton program and especially the Step 2 provisions and the projected depletion of Step 2 funds over the remainder of the year.



Trend analysis. This tool lets you spread your numbers (lay them out side by side in columnar format) and look for patterns or trends. For example, a three-year trend analysis of your income statement might indicate that sales are increasing, but gross profit margin is decreasing.

Financial ratios. Ratios compare one number to another. Miles per hour, miles per gallon and cost per square foot are all ratios. Financial ratios compare one factor of your financial statements to another.

As promised, I'll send more information that will help you understand your numbers. Please follow these instructions carefully: To receive our free "Numbers Game" guide, send a 9x12 inch, self-addressed envelope with \$1.01 postage attached. Mail your request to: The Numbers Game, P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105. Please allow three weeks for delivery.

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

cisco, Calif.

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# Kids, Inc. announces baseball standings

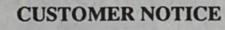
The Dimmitt Kids, Inc., baseball program announced league winners last month at the conclusion of season play.

At an end of season ceremony, winners were announced for raffle prizes. Taylor Bradley won a certificate for \$100-worth of gasoline from West Texas Gas. The ticket was sold by Beau Bradley. Garrett Kleman sold the winning ticket to Dwayne Kleman for a trampoline. The top ticket seller was Dustin Venhaus, who sold 215 tickets.

Team standings in the Major League resulted in the Braves, sponsored by Smothermon Ditching, first; Pirates, Cerestar, second; A's, third; Astros, Roy's Plumbing, fourth; Tigers, Red X, fifth; and Giants, Wright & Sons, sixth.

In the Minor League, first place went to the Astros, sponsored by Terra; Yankees, Cornett Equipment, second; Royals, Novartis Seed, third; Expos, Lane Dirt, fourth; Twins, Sonny's Irrigation, fifth; and Mets, First Bank, sixth.

For the T-ball League, the Padres, sponsored by Dimmitt Consumers, won first; Cubs, North Gin, second;



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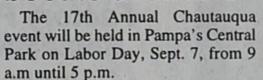
Indians, Big M & One Bullet, fifth;

Angels, C&S Battery, sixth; and

Cardinals, Pancake House, seventh.

Babe Ruth League.

Results were unavailable for the



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# Direct federal spending here jumps by 10.4%

#### By T.P. CRUMP

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Total direct federal spending in in Texas during the fiscal year. Castro County increased by 10.4%, amounting to \$37,411,000 during fiscal 1997, according to a report recently issued by the Dept. of Commerce.

Total direct federal spending in Castro County had amounted to \$33,883,000 during fiscal 1996. Direct federal spending in Castro County had declined slightly by 0.2% from fiscal 1995 through fiscal 1996.

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Total direct federal spending nationally had increased by only 2.4% from \$1,398.2 billion during fiscal 1996 to \$1,431.1 billion during fiscal 1997. This is the second smallest increase in national direct federal spending for more than a decade.

Direct federal spending had increased by 2.2% from fiscal 1995 through fiscal 1996, which was the smallest year-to-year increase.

Total direct spending in Texas had increased by 2.4% from \$86.8 billion in fiscal 1996 to \$88.9 billion during fiscal 1997. From fiscal 1995 through fiscal 1996 direct federal spending in Texas had increased by 3.5%.

Direct federal spending does not include federal loans or federally guaranteed loans, interest payments on the national debt, or foreign aid. Additionally, direct federal spending figures provided by the Commerce Dept. do not include expenditures made by the Central Intelligence Agency or the Postal Service.

Per capita (average per person) direct federal spending in Castro County amounted to \$4,383 during fiscal 1997.

Per capita direct federal spending in Texas was \$4,647 during that year

Nationally, per capita direct federal spending was \$5,395 during fiscal 1997.

Direct payments to individuals is by far the largest of these categories, and has been since 1971. During fiscal 1997, direct payments to individuals nationally were slightly less than \$793.0 billion and accounted for 55.4% of direct federal spending in the US.

Direct payments to individuals in Castro County were \$17,656,000 during fiscal 1997, which was 47.2% of local direct federal spending.

Direct payments to individuals in Texas were \$48,379,388,000 during fiscal 1997, or 54.4% of direct federal spending in the state during the fiscal year.

Total direct payments to individuals in Castro County were 2.6% more during fiscal 1997 than those of fiscal 1996.

Nationally, total direct payments to individuals had increased by 4.2% during the period while total direct payments to individuals in Texas had increased by 4.3%

Retirement and disability benefits make up the majority of direct payments to individuals. These include the Social Security program, pensions for retired federal civilian and military employees, and various other federal retirement and disability programs.

Federal retirement and disability payments in Castro County were \$10,132,000 during fiscal 1997, having increased slightly by 0.6% over the previous year.

Nationally, total federal retirement and disability payments were just under \$489.0 billion in fiscal 1997, having increased by 4.4% since fiscal 1996. Federal retirement and disability benefits in Texas were \$28.88 billion, having increased by 4.7% since fiscal 1996.

Other direct payments to individu-

and 98.0% of direct federal spending lion, having increased by 3.9% since 1996. Expenditures in Texas were \$19.5 billion, having increased by 3.7% over the period.

> Expenditures by the Defense Dept. in Castro County were \$248,000 during fiscal 1997. Local defense spending had increased very sharply by 83.7% since fiscal 1996.

Total national defense spending was just under \$218.1 billion during fiscal 1997, having declined by 6.0% since fiscal 1996. Defense spending in Texas was \$15.268 billion, having fallen by 12.9% over the period.

Expenditures through federal grants in Castro County were \$5,848,000 during fiscal 1997. Local grant spending had increased by 8.3% since fiscal 1996.

Nationally, expenditures through grants were \$251.9 billion, having increased by 4.3%, compared with those of fiscal 1996. Grant spending in Texas was \$14,644,099,000, having increased by 5.1% over the period. Grants have become the second largest category of direct federal spending.

a number of programs administrated or local funding participation.

by state and local governments but partially and sometimes largely funded by the federal government. Among the largest of these programs during fiscal 1997 was the Medicaid program (\$95.6 billion), Aid to Families with Dependent Children (\$9.7

billion), \$27.1 billion in grants made by the Dept. of Transportation, and \$23.0 billion in grants through the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

These figures represent only federal expenditures made through these Grant awards include spending for programs. They do not include state

The Dept. of Commerce report showed that all other direct expenditures by the federal government in Castro County amounted to \$12,831,000 during fiscal 1997, having increased by 25.8% since fiscal 1996. Programs administered by the Depts. of Agriculture and Transportation usually account for much of this spending.

Nationally, spending for all other programs was \$27.1 billion during fiscal 1997 or 6.2% more than during fiscal 1996. In Texas, all other district expenditures had increased by 24.0% to \$1,694,898,000 during fiscal 1997.

# Federal credit activity here is up also

#### By T. P. CRUMP

Federal credit activity in the form of direct federal loans, federally guaranteed loans, and liabilities under federal insurance programs increased in Castro County from fiscal 1996 to fiscal 1997.

According to the Dept. of Commerce, total federal financial activity in Castro County had grown from \$48,757,000 during fiscal 1996 to \$50,374,000 during fiscal 1997, or by 3.3%.

Federal credit activity has a definite impact on the local economy.

These sums were not included in any totals of direct federal expenditures in Castro County. However, they were equal to 134.7% of total direct federal spending during fiscal 1997.

Nationally, federal loans and guaranteed loans and liabilities under federal insurance programs amounted to \$599.3 billion during fiscal year 1997

Federal credit activity was equal to 41.4% of total direct federal spending during this same period. These had increased significantly by 9.2% als in Castro County were from \$548.8 billion during fiscal

The federal government provides a source of credit for almost every sector of the economy, according to the Office of Management and Budget. Those borrowing money through the federal government include students, homeowners, small businesses, utilities, exporters and state and local governments, among others.

During fiscal 1997, total direct loans made by the federal government were slightly under \$21.0 billion, while federally guaranteed loans and federal insurance liabilities were \$578.4 billion.

Direct federal loans in Castro County were \$14,082,000 during fiscal 1997, while federally guaranteed loans and federal insurance liabilities were \$36,292,000 during that year. Direct federal lending in Castro County had increased sharply by 31.3% from \$10,729,000 during fiscal 1997, while federally guaranteed loans and insurance liabilities had declined by 4.6% from \$38,028,000 during fiscal 1996.

Direct federal loans in Texas had declined by 34.8%, from \$929,986,000 during fiscal 1996 to At the same time there were significant fluctuations in the level of federal loans and guarantees.

Changes in local and national levels of federal credit activity are often strikingly different, sometimes even more so than differences in local and national economic conditions.

Most federal disaster relief programs are funded through direct loans and guaranteed loans. Also, many federal insurance programs are specifically designed to insure against natural disasters.

Federal financial activity, whether direct or indirect, is clearly responsible for a significant amount of economic activity nationally, in Texas, and in Castro County.

Some of the better known direct federal loan programs include commodity loans to support farm prices, rural housing loans through the Farmers' Home Administration and housing loans for the elderly and handicapped. These programs accounted for \$9.5 billion during fiscal 1997 up by 13.1% from \$8.4 billion in fiscal 1996.

However, federally guaranteed or insured loans and federal insurance

provides a direct guarantee against loss. Totally, federal guarantees of this type amounted to \$456.1 billion during fiscal 1997, up by 11.4% from \$409.4 billion during fiscal 1996.

Federal flood insurance guarantees were \$422.5 billion during fiscal 1997, having increased by 14.3% from \$369.5 billion during fiscal 1996. The Federal Flood Insurance Program accounts for 92.9% of direct federal insurance guarantees.

The total volume of loans guaranteed by the federal government was \$117.9 billion during fiscal 1997, down slightly by 1.0% from \$19.1 billion during fiscal 1996.

Federally guaranteed loan programs include mortgage insurance for homes, various veterans' loan programs, guaranteed student loans, Small Business Administration loans, Farmers' Home Administration loans, and Rural Electrification and Telephone loans.

Federally guaranteed mortgage loans for homes increased by 3.5%, from \$59.8 billion during fiscal 1996 to \$61.9 billion during fiscal 1997. Veterans' home loan guarantees declined by 18.1%, from \$10.5 billion during fiscal 1996 to \$8.6 billion during fiscal 197. Guaranteed student loans increased by 8.1%, from \$19.7 billion during fiscal 1996 to \$21.3 billion during fiscal 1997, while Small Businesses Administration loans fell by 5.8%, from \$7.2 billion during fiscal 1996 to \$6.9 billion during fiscal 1997.

#### The overwhelming majority of di-

rect federal spending falls into three categories: direct payments to individuals, federal grants, and defense spending. These accounted for 65.7% of direct federal spending in Castro County during fiscal 1997. These

three categories accounted for 98.1% of direct federal spending nationwide

\$7,524,000 during fiscal 1997. These encompass a number of federal programs including Medicare, housing assistance, Supplemental Security Income, and various veterans' benefits. Spending for these programs in Castro County had increased by 5.5% since fiscal 1996.

Nationally, expenditures for this group of programs were \$304.0 bil-

1996.

Federal loans and federally guaranteed loans and liabilities insured by federal insurance programs in Texas were \$42,232,591,000 during the period or equal to 48.0% of total direct federal expenditures in the state during fiscal 1997. These had increased by 8.5%, from \$38.85 billion during fiscal 1996.

\$606,893,000 by fiscal 1997, while federally guaranteed loans and insurance liabilities had increased by 9.8% from \$37,925,186,000 during fiscal 1996 to \$41,626,498,000 during fiscal 1997.

The national total of federal credit activity was greater during fiscal 1997 than it had been in fiscal 1996.

programs are responsible for the overwhelming majority of federal financial activity. These programs do not necessarily involve any outright federal expenditures. Instead, the federal government agrees to guarantee payment of these loans in the event that the borrowers fail to repay them. In the case of federal insurance programs, the federal government



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The PRCA Rodeo performance each evening will be followed by a dance featuring "Redneck The Band" on Thursday, "Exile" on Friday and "The Great Divide" on Sunday.

There will also be free stew on Thursday, a free watermelon feed on Friday and a free barbecue on Saturday.

Saturday will also include a parade beginning at 10:30 a.m.

If interested, contact the Dalhart Chamber of Commerce at P.O. Box 966, Dalhart, TX., 79022, phone 806-249-5646, fax 806-249-4945.

### Red Cross gives tips for coping with heat wave

According to the National Weather Service, much of the United States will continue its prolonged heat wave. In response to this, the Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross has provided these tips to endure the fight with the sun:

- · Slow down and avoid strenuous outdoor activities.
- · Stay indoors as much as possible. · Wear lightweight, light colored
- clothing. · Drink plenty of water regularly
- and often. · Eat small meals and eat more of-
- ten. Avoid foods high in protein,



MIXED FAITH, a popular local gospel quartet, performs at the American Cancer Society benefit gala, "A Taste of Castro County," Saturday evening at the Senior Citizens Center. From left are Wayne Proffitt, Tami Griffitt, Susan Coleman and Jim

Hardwick. Mixed Faith was among several musical soloists and groups that performed during the benefit dinner. The event raised more than \$4,000 for the American Cancer Society, according to chapter president Chaun Gunstream. Photo by Don Nelson

# Castro County Child Welfare Board experiencing difficulties

has put the Castro County Child people dedicated to children and Welfare Board in a difficult position, determined to see that the kids are according to board member Paula well cared for and are doing well." Graham.

Graham said that the resignation of local Child Protective Services were put in the best placement for worker David Trevino, the illness of a CPS supervisor, and the resignation of two board presidents has made it difficult for the board to continue meeting the needs of children in foster care from Castro County.

presidents who have resigned quit being replaced yet. There is no local because of moving away from the community. She said Trevino resigned for personal reasons. The CPS supervisor from Plainview has been unable to meet with the board due to illness.

CPS," Graham said. "Usually the supervisor comes with the local worker to our board meetings and tells us how many children are in care and where and what their status is, but since there is no local worker and the supervisor is sick, we don't know anything." Graham said board members discussed disbanding at the July meeting, although not very many were in attendance. that leave the kids?" she asked. Irene Miller.

A combination of circumstances "They are still there. They need some

She said the initial purpose of the board was to see that foster children them and that they were doing as well as possible. However, she added that it seems the work of the board is being reduced to just furnishing the material needs of the children.

Cases here are being handled out Graham said that the two board of the Tulia office and Trevino is not person to call.

"The CPS department has decided it is more cost effective to house a worker in Tulia, Hereford or Plainview rather than in Dimmitt," Graham said. "With the new changes "The board has had no input from in the department even if Dimmitt does get a new worker that does not mean they will be called to investigate local reports."

Graham said that a demonstration of community support for the board would be beneficial, as well as continued support of the board's efforts to raise money for the foster children.

Graham said the board receives \$1,000 per year from the County Commissioners. Additional funds are solicited through mail-outs placed in local bank statements.

A major change in foster care that has come about from recent restructuring and legislation is that cases have to be resolved within a year, Graham said.

"It used to take too long," Graham said. "Now if a family situation is not resolved within a year, steps will be taken toward termination of parental rights. The child will be evaluated to see if they are suitable for adoption or placement in a permanent foster home."

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# Hart 4-H to raffle 'Princess'

Members of the Hart 4-H Club are selling chances on a Princess Beanie Baby to benefit the 4-H Basketball Court Project.

Chances are priced at \$1 each for the popular stuffed animal, which was donated by Louise Jones, owner of Kosy Korner in Hart, a local retailer for Beanie Babies. The Princess Beanie Baby is a purple bear with a small white rose embroidered over its heart.

The winner of the bear will be drawn during Hart Days activities on Saturday.

Chances may be purchased at The Company Store in Hart or Hart City Hall, as well as from any Hart 4-H member.

For more information, contact Neoma Williams, Hart 4-H parent leader, at 938-2640.

# **DOT** requests applications for grants

The Texas Dept. of Transportation has issued a request for applications to nonprofit organizations which provide transportation services to elderly persons or those with disabilities.

Applications are being requested for the Section 5310 Grant Program, which provides eligible expenses to include the replacement of buses, vans and other vehicles used to transport elderly or disabled persons.

This grant program provides up to 80% of the cost of purchasing vehicles. The applicant provides the balance with local non-federal matching funds. The funding is appropriated by the Federal Transit Administra-



**RENISE BLAIR sings "You're** Getting to Be a Habit" during Saturday night's "Taste of Castro County" gala to benefit the American Cancer Society. With Bill Sava as the emcee, the dinner program also included songs by Jaci Hardwick, Margaret Echevarria, Julie May, Greg and Glenda Birkenfeld and children, and the ensemble, Mixed Faith (Susan Coleman, Tami Griffitt, Jim Hardwick and Wayne Proffitt). The gala also featured a festive dinner, auction and raffle, and raised more than \$4,000 for the Cancer Society. Photo by Don Nelson



#### OUT OF TOWN

Chad and Alice Thompson of Columbia, S.C., are the parents of a baby boy, Truman Jack, born June 24 at 7:42 a.m., weigning 9 pounds and 2 ounces and measuring 191/2 inches long. He has a big sister, Tara, 5, and a big brother, Tanner, 2. Grandparents are Jack and Carolyn Thompson of Dimmitt and Charles and Pat Carothers of Longview. Great-grandmothers are Bertha Thompson of Dimmitt, and Fayee Carothers and Edna Jones, both of Longview.

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Hear **The First United Methodist Church** Morning Worship Service Sundays - 10:45 a.m. On KDHN 1470 AM

Members of the Child Welfare Board include Graham, Bobbie Bruegel, Darlene Walters, Jackie Smothermon, Gloria Hernandez, Verbie Nelson, Connie Wilhelm, and Joe Josselet, as well as ex-officio members Christine Acker, a foster parent, and County/District Attorney "But if we just quit, where does Jerry Matthews and County Judge

If someone suspects a child is being abused, the law requires that person to report it.

There is a state-wide hot-line number for reporting suspected abuse. It is listed in the phone directory.

tion. Applications may be picked up through Aug. 21 at the Dept. of Transportation Lubbock District offices at 135 Slaton Highway. For more information, call Anne Polk at 806-748-4480.



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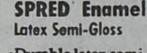


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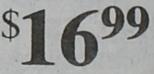
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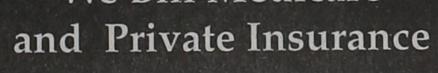




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# 15—Recreational Vehicles

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### 25—Legal Notices NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CASTRO

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of Castro County in the following cases on the 1st day of July, 1998, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 11 a.m. on the 4th day of August, 1998, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said CASTRO County, in the City of DIMMITT, Texas, the following described property located in CASTRO County, to-wit:

Cause No. A7020-TX-1295 CASTRO COUNTY VS. GONZALES, ABELARDO. All of the West Half (W/2) of Lots Seven (7), Eight (8) and Nine (9), Block One (1), Clifton Heights Addition to the Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

Levied on the 2nd day of July, 1998, as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, together with interest at 10 per cent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of CITY OF DIMMITT, DIMMITT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CASTRO COUNTY EDUCATION DISTRICT FOR DIMMITT ISD AND CASTRO COUNTY. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 2nd

day of July, 1998. CD FITZGEARLD, Sheriff

Castro County, Texas

BY JERRY W. JANSA, DEPUTY 25-14-4tc

#### CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK

Sealed proposals for Tree Trimming and Removal in Hale County, etc., covered by Project No. 6029-16-001, will be received at the Texas Dept. of Transportation, PO Box 771, Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771 until 3 p.m. on July 29, 1998, then publicly opened and read.

A list reflecting the highways and limits along with applicable specifications relative to the Contract is available for inspection by contacting JoAn Gilley at the District Headquarters located at 135 Slaton Rd., Lubbock, Texas.

Bidders questionnaires for prequalification may be requested from the Construction Division, (512) 416-2496. The estimated cost for this project is \$81,275 and includes work in five counties: Hale, Swisher, Castro, Hockley and Terry

A guaranty check for the amount of \$1,700 shall be required when bidding. The proposal guaranty shall be payable to the Texas Transportation Commission and shall be a cashler's check, money order or teller's check drawn by or on a state or national bank or a savings and loan assoclation, or a state or federally chartered



#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Castro County Commissioners court is now accepting bids for the construction of a six-person minimum security living area on the second floor of the Castro County Jail. Construction must conform to the rules of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. Bid specifications can be picked up from the Sheriff Monday-Friday 8-5 p.m. Bids should be submitted to the County Judge, Castro County Courthouse, Dimmitt, TX 79027, on or before August 7, 1998

Bids will be opened August 10, 1998, at 10:00 a.m.

Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities.

> C.D. FITZGERALD **Castro County Sheriff** 25-16-2tc

#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Castro/Swisher County Juvenile Board, Dimmitt, Texas, will receive sealed bids for:

A: Secure long term residential detention and bootcamp services.

B: Secure short term detention services in a bootcamp setting.

C: Electronic monitoring services.

Until 5:00 p.m., August 21, 1998. The bids will be presented to the Castro County Commissioner's Court at it's regular meeting scheduled to be held at the Castro County Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas, 79027, at 10:00 a.m., August 24, 1998. At this time the sealed bids will be opened and awarded.

Requirements may be obtained from Dena Berry, Director of Juvenile Probation, Swisher County Courthouse, Tulia, Texas, 79088.

The Castro/Swisher Juvenile Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all formalities for the best interest of the Castro/Swisher County Juvenile Probation Department.

**DENA BERRY Director**, Juvenile Probation 25-16-2tc

#### LEGAL NOTICE

The undersigned hereby gives notice of application to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Austin, Texas, for a Private Club Permit Renewal to be located at 208 SE 4th, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas. Said business to be operated under the name of Gerry's First

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event also featured music by local soloists and groups, an auction of many donated prizes, and a raffle for trips to the Albuquerque Balloon Festival. More than 100 attended and the event raised more than \$4,000 to benefit local cancer patients, according to Chaun Gunstream, chapter president.

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TO: LENORE E. WOODLEE AND MIL-DRED WOODLEE and if either or both of the above named parties be deceased, their heirs, unknown heirs and legal representatives of such or both of them as might be deceased, and to all persons, firms or corporations which may claim any interest in the property described below, hereinafter called Defendants, in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause:

"You and each of you as Defendants are hereby commanded to appear before the 242nd Judicial District Court of Castro County, Texas, to be held at the Courthouse of said County in the City of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, at or before 10 a.m. on Monday next after expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance hereof. That is to say, at or before 10 a.m. on Monday, the 10th day of August, 1998, and answer the petition of DIMMITT READYMIX AND CONSTRUCTION COM-PANY, Plaintiff, in Cause No. 98-068-7313CV, styled "DIMMITT READYMIX AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. LENORE E. WOODLEE AND MIL-DRED WOODLEE, et al, Defendants," which petition was filed in said Court on the 24th day of June, 1998, and the nature of which suit is as follows:

"TRESPASS TO TRY TITLE for title and possession of the following described real estate situated in the County of Castro, State of Texas, to-wit:

All of Lot Ten (10), Block Six (6), of the Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof of record in the Deed Records of Castro County, Texas.

Plaintiff also claims title by virtue of the five, ten and twenty-five year statutes of limitation, as more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

WITNESS the hand and seal of office of the District Clerk of Castro County, Texas, at offices in the City of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, this the 24th day of June,

> JOYCE M. THOMAS Clerk of the District Court of Castro County, Texas

> > BY: Ronda M. West, Deputy 25-13-4tc

The cricket hears with its front legs.



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### Farm Bureau says biodiesel is alternative fuel

Biodiesel, a renewable fuel derived from sources such as soybean and vegetable oil, is a clean-burning alternative to diesel fuel, according to local Farm Bureau leaders.

In a statement filed with the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the American Farm Bureau said SB 1141, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPACT), would properly recognize biodiesel as an alternative fuel. The bill would amend EPACT to designate 20% (B20) or higher blends of biodiesel as alternative fuels and provide new opportunities to promote the commercialization of biodiesel in the United States.

"Scientific studies show that B20, in unmodified diesel engines, can substantially reduce harmful diesel emissions," said Chris Cogburn, president of the Castro County Farm Bureau.

Biodiesel is derived from renewable resources that recycle carbon as part of their natural growing cycles, reducing carbon dioxide, a "green-house gas."

"Policy makers in Washington have said that agriculture must play a



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greater role in achieving environmental goals," Cogburn said. "B20 looks like a winner in terms of a renewable, clean, burning fuel, the production of which could help, rather than hurt, US agriculture."

Adoption of SB 1141 would help "the administration meet its clean air policy goals without disrupting agriculture through regulation," AFBA said.

Officials at the AFBF Washington office said congressional action is needed due to the Energy Department's failure to move decisively on biodiesel.



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# Obituaries

### **Marilyn Edwards Monnie Edwards**

Marilyn Kay McDonald Edwards, 46, and Monnie Wayne Edwards, 46, both of Canyon and former residents of Dimmitt, died Tuesday, July 14. Joint services were held at the First Baptist Church of Canyon with Dr. Charles Price officiating. Mrs. Edwards' burial was at Levelland City Cemetery in Levelland. Mr. Edwards' burial was at Wheeler Cemetery. Arrangements for both were by Holley Funeral Homes Inc. of Hereford.

Mrs. Edwards was born in Levelland. She graduated from West Texas State University.

She married Monnie Wayne Edwards in Levelland in 1973. They lived in Littlefield, Stanton, Dimmitt, Temple and Spearman before moving to Canyon.

She worked as a personal assistant in the personnel office at West Texas A&M University.

Mr. Edwards was born in Pampa. He graduated from West Texas State University. He worked for the US Department of Agriculture for 26 years as a district consultant.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards belonged to First Baptist Church of Canyon, where she sang in the choir and directed the children's choir.

The couple's survivors include three sons, Micah Wayne Edwards, Mason James Edwards and Mendell Brady Edwards, all of the home.

Mrs. Edwards' survivors include a brother, Caroll McDonald of Wolfforth; and her mother, Earline McDonald of Levelland.

Mr. Edwards' survivors include his father and mother, Wayne and Joyce Edwards of Wheeler; and a brother, Marty of Burkburnett.

### **Pauline Haschke**

Pauline Mary Haschke, 75, of

On January 17, 1945, she married Leander Haschke in Umbarger. She was preceded in death by a daughter, JoAnn Haschke.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Umbarger. She belonged to St. Mary's Altar Society, DCCW and was active in the Rosary MakeGuild. Mrs. Haschke was a homemaker and enjoyed square dancing, fishing and the senior citizens of Umbarger.

Survivors include her husband; three daughters; Peggy Morris of Amarillo, Celine Jones of Nazareth and Angeline Reinhart of Hereford; four sons; Ronald Haschke of Dalhart, Thomas E. Haschke of Amarillo, Samuel J. Haschke of Umbarger and Eugene Paul Haschke of Amarillo; 26 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

### More about

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Thanks to John Brooks, formerly of Dimmitt and now of Seattle, for sending this along on the Internet:

#### THE WORLD'S EASIEST QUIZ

1. How long did the Hundred Years War last?

2. Which country makes Panama hats?

3. From which animal do we get catgut?

4. In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution? 5. What is a camel's hair brush

Assault/family violence was the charge listed against two Dimmitt people who were jailed at 9:50 p.m. Friday. A 27-year-old man and a 21year-old woman assaulted each other in the 100 block of Northwest 11th.

An incident of assault/family violence was reported to police Sunday at 8:48 p.m. at the Azteca Complex. A 54-year-old woman said that a suspect pushed her down.

Sunday night, three women were jailed for disorderly conduct after they were involved in a fight at the Azteca Complex. They were a 26year-old from Dimmitt, a 27-yearold from Friona and a 35-year-old from Amarillo.

Alcohol-related arrests during the past week included:

Saturday: At 12:11 a.m., an 18year-old Dimmitt man, public intoxication; at 12:24 a.m., a Dimmitt man, 18, for driving under the influence, no driver's license and no insurance; at 5:26 p.m., DWI, first offense, for a Dimmitt man, 18; at 9:25 p.m., a 40-year-old Dimmitt man for public intoxication; at 9:47, a 25-year-old man for public intoxication and disorderly conduct; and at 10:30 p.m., DWI, first offense, for a Dimmitt man, 53.

Sunday at 11:46 p.m., a 36-yearold Earth man for DWI, first offense (breath test refused).

Those jailed on warrants or violation of probation included:

-1:04 a.m. on July 13, a 41-yearold Sudan man for a Lamb County warrant for theft by check.

**Booth spaces** available are for craft show

# Police Calls

-A 29-year-old Dimmitt man July 15 at 9:35 p.m., violation of probation stemming from charges of deadly conduct/discharge of a firearm at a habitation.

-Saturday at 6:30 p.m., a Dimmitt woman, 21, on a Potter County warrant for theft.

-Sunday at 2:08 p.m., a 22-yearold Dimmitt man on a warrant for bond surrender, criminal mischief.

-A Nazareth man, 35, Monday at 4:39 p.m. for violation of probation stemming from DWI.

Saturday, a 28-year-old Sunnyside man was jailed for display of fictitious registration and inspection certification.

Early Sunday, A Dimmitt man, 27, was jailed for driving with license suspended and failure to identify.

Juan Rodriguez of Dimmitt told police July 14 at 9:13 p.m. that someone broke the glass parts of a stove at a residence in the 500 block of West Bedford.

Jesus Sepeda told police July 15 that someone took a blunt object and damaged the siding of a barn in the 500 block of Southwest Sixth.

Rachel West of Dimmitt told police last Thursday that a suspect kicked a door and broke the door knob at the Colonial Inn Motel.

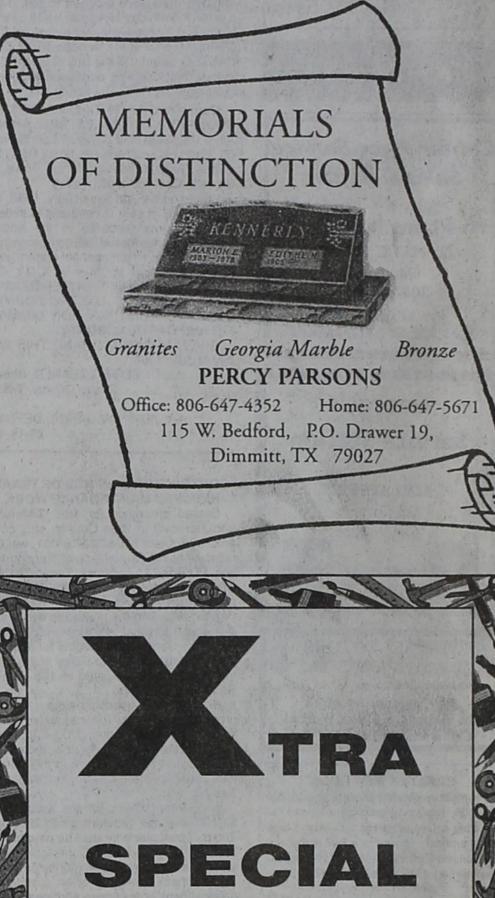
Miguel Velasquez, manager of the Azteca Complex, told police Tuesday that someone broke a window on a door at the complex. He estimated the cost of repairs at \$80.

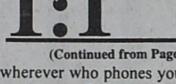
The Allsup's Convenience Store in Dimmitt reported Monday that someone drove off without paying for \$10.01-worth of gasoline.

A one-vehicle accident Sunday at 4:30 p.m. 10.3 miles north of Nazareth on FM 168 resulted in moderate damage to a 1988 Ford Crown Victoria driven by Meliza Rivera, 20, of Hart. She told a DPS officer that she had been driving south on FM 168 when a north-bound vehicle entered the south-bound lane and she steered off the roadway in order to avoid a collision. She said she attempted to steer back onto the roadway but couldn't and her vehicle struck a concrete culvert in the west bar ditch. The unidentified vehicle did not stop and continued north-bound. Rivera and her passenger, Claudia Guzman, 19, of Hart, both described the other vehicle as either a light gray or light blue four-door older

model vehicle. They said the driver was wearing a red cap.

Reports were unavailable from the Sheriff's office.





(Continued from Page 1) wherever who phones you and calls

Canyon, died Saturday in Amarillo. A rosary was held Monday at the Holley Funeral Home Chapel of Canyon. Services were held Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Umbarger with the Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Oby Afunugo officiating. Burial was at St. Mary's Cemetery under the direction of Holley Funeral Home, Inc.

She was born May 3, 1923, in Randall County, to Ernst Friemel and Emilie Kristke.

### More about Hart Days . . .

#### (Continued from Page 1)

Friday; the Zealot Club with homemade ice cream Saturday morning; and the Methodist Women with homemade pie and iced tea on Saturday.

made of? 6. The Canary Islands are named

after what animal? 7. What was King George VI's first

name? 8. What color is a purple finch?

9. Where are Chinese gooseberries from?

10. How long did the Thirty Years War last?

#### Answers

- 1. 116 years, from 1337 to 1453.
- 2. Ecuador.
- 3. From sheep and horses.
- 4. November. The Russian calendar
- was 13 days behind ours. 5. Squirrel fur.
- 6. The Latin name was Insularia Canaria-Island of the Dogs.

7. Albert. When he came to the throne in 1936, he respected the wish food on Saturday and possibly on of Queen Victoria that no future king should ever be called Albert. 8. Distinctively crimson. 9. New Zealand. 10. Look it up!

Reservations are being accepted from exhibitors who wish to display arts, crafts, commercial items or educational exhibits at the Harvest Days Arts and Crafts Show to be held Sept. 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Arts and Crafts Show will be

a part of the annual celebration that includes a parade, a fiddler's contest, rodeo, street dance and more.

Each booth is 10 ft. wide and 12 ft. deep. The cost is \$30 for a space within the Expo building and \$25 for spaces outside or in the quonset barn. Spaces within the Expo are very limited and are offered on a firstcome, first-served basis, according to

the show's planners. One table and two chairs will be furnished to each exhibitor. All display equipment must be brought by the exhibitor.

Those who wish to reserve booths should contact the Dimmitt Chamber Commerce at 806-647-2524.

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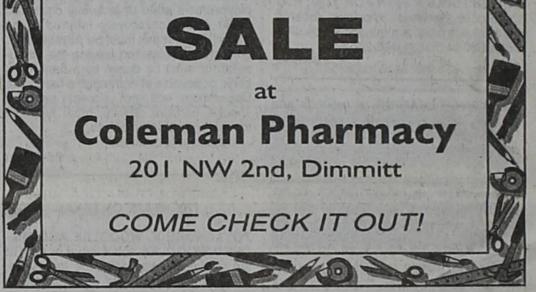
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